



Weekly Economic Update

In this week's recap: Stocks pushed higher, the mood changed in the trade saga between U.S. and China, and quarterly earnings reports arrived.

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THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

Stock prices pushed higher last week, as investors remained hyper-focused on any new developments with the U.S. trade negotiations with China.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average picked up 0.91%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 rose 0.62%. The Nasdaq Composite index gained 0.93% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, added 2.28%.^{1,2}

TRADE WINDS

For nearly two years, investors' moods have seemed to swing with each twist in the ongoing trade saga between the U.S. and China. Last week was no different.

On Tuesday, stock prices fell sharply on concerns that U.S.-China trade tensions had escalated. The White House announced the addition of 28 new Chinese companies to its list of firms that are banned from doing business in the U.S. Later in the day, White House officials confirmed that they had implemented travel bans on selected Chinese officials.^{3,4}

But prices bounced back Thursday and surged higher Friday on White House reports that suggested the trade talks between the two countries were "going really well." Near the close Friday, the White House confirmed the U.S. has come to a "very substantial phase one deal" with China.^{5,6}

QUARTERLY EARNINGS

Investors may start to get a better glimpse into third-quarter earnings this week, as more than 150 companies are expected to report on their operations.⁷

As “earnings season” gets underway, some attention may shift from the U.S.-China trade negotiations and toward company reports.

WHAT'S NEXT

Some U.S. financial markets will be open, and some will be closed, on Monday, October 14, in observance of the federal holiday Columbus Day. The U.S. bonds markets and most banks will be closed. But the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ will be open for regular hours.

TIP OF THE WEEK



A mental trick you can use to encourage consistent retirement saving – think of your monthly retirement contribution like a bill you need to pay.

THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

Wednesday: September Retail Sales are reported before the markets open.

Thursday: Housing Starts for September are released. A “start” is defined as the beginning of excavation of the foundation for the building. Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook Survey. The survey can provide insights into the manufacturing sector.

Source: Econoday, October 11, 2019

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THE WEEK AHEAD: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

Tuesday: Netflix (NFLX), Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), The Goldman Sachs Group (GS)

Wednesday: Abbott Laboratories (ABT), United Rentals (URI), Winnebago Industries (WGO)

Thursday: Morgan Stanley (MS), PayPal Holdings (PYPL), Intuitive Surgical (ISRG)

Friday: Coca-Cola (KO), Schlumberger Limited (SLB), American Express (AXP)

Source: Zacks, October 11, 2019

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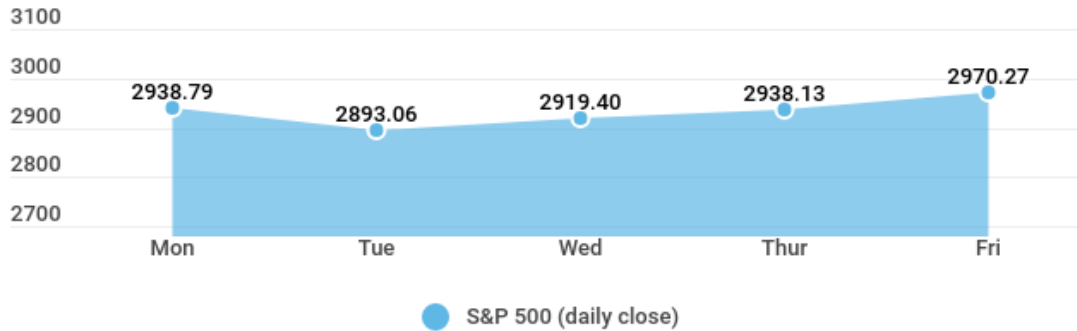
QUOTE OF THE WEEK




“Employ thy time well, if thou meanest to get leisure.”

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	26,816.59	+0.91%	+14.96%
NASDAQ	8057.04	+0.93%	+21.43%
MSCI-EAFE	1,896.65	+2.28%	+10.28%
S&P 500	2,970.27	+0.62%	+18.49%



	Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
	10-Year Note	1.76%	+0.24%	-0.93%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, October 11, 2019; Treasury.gov, October 11, 2019

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THE WEEKLY RIDDLE



In terms of date and time, what was so significant about 3,661 seconds past midnight on January 1, 2001?

LAST WEEK'S RIDDLE: Tamara donated \$1 million to a charity. After she donated all that money, she was a millionaire. Can you explain this?

ANSWER: She was worth at least \$2 million when she made the donation.

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