



WEEKLY ECONOMIC UPDATE

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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.

QUARTERLY EARNINGS

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.

WHAT'S NEXT

The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, added 2.28%.

Weekly Tip

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

Weekly Quote

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

– BENJAMIN
FRANKLIN

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 mil to a charity. After she donated all that money, she was a millionaire. Explain this?

ANSWER: She was worth at least \$2 mi when she donated.



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.

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.

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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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.

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