

In this week's recap: solid gains following a short trading week; economic reopening inspires optimism.

Weekly Economic Update

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THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

The shortened week, which began with a powerful two-day rally of trading, was enough to drive the markets into another week of solid gains.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 3.75%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 advanced 3.01%. The Nasdaq Composite Index climbed 1.77% for the week. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed stock markets overseas, gained 6.18%.¹⁻³

RISING OPTIMISM

Returning from Memorial Day weekend, stocks surged on rising optimism over economic reopening, declines in new infections, and progress in the development of a vaccine.

Stocks continued their march higher, lifted by signs that the White House and Congress may be working together to put together another stimulus package. But the momentum lost steam, in part due to news of China's vote to override Hong Kong's autonomy. Comments by President Trump on the last day of trading eased concerns.^{4,5}

ROTATION IN LEADERSHIP

The recovery from the March lows has been powered by large-cap growth stocks, especially the mega-cap technology names. However, this week saw new sectors leading the market higher, notably the financials and industrials, while the technology and health care sectors lagged.

This leadership rotation is being referred to by some market commentators as the "re-opening trade." If these sectors are to remain leaders, it may hinge on a steady economic recovery and escaping a second wave of COVID-19 infections.

TIP OF THE WEEK



Spammers love to create emails that mimic ones from your bank or credit card issuer. How can you be safe? Never use a “click here to log in” link. Always go directly to the website address for your bank or credit card provider and log in there.

THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

Monday: Purchasing Managers Manufacturing Index (PMI). Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Manufacturing Index.

Wednesday: Automated Data Processing (ADP) Employment Report. PMI Services Index. ISM Non-Manufacturing Index.

Thursday: Jobless Claims.

Friday: Employment Situation Report.

Source: Econoday, May 29, 2020

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THE WEEK AHEAD: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

Tuesday: Dick’s Sporting Goods (DKS), Tiffany (TIF), Zoom Video (ZM), Crowdstrike (CRWD).

Wednesday: Cloudera (CLDR), Campbell Soup (CPB).

Thursday: Broadcom (AVGO), Docusign (DOCU), Slack Technologies (WORK).

Source: Zacks, May 29, 2020

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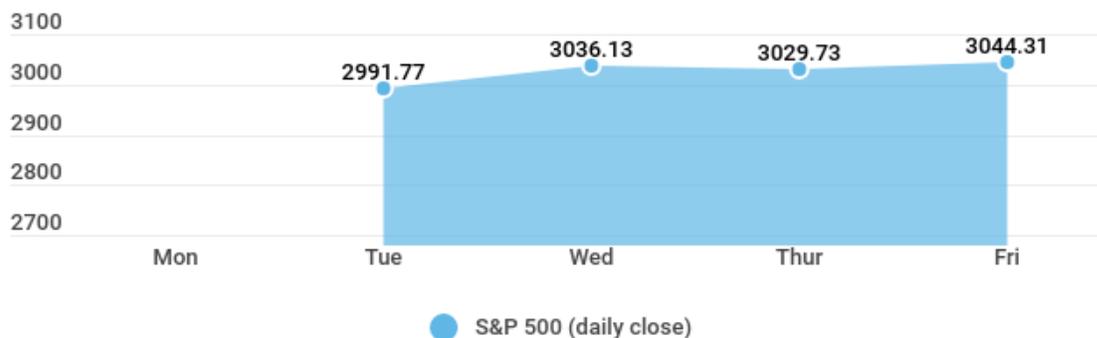
QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“Nothing can stop the man with the right mental attitude from achieving his goal; nothing on earth can help the man with the wrong mental attitude.”

THOMAS JEFFERSON

Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	25,383.11	+3.75%	-11.06%
NASDAQ	9,489.87	+1.77%	+5.76%
MSCI-EAFE	1,743.06	+6.18%	-14.43%
S&P 500	3,044.31	+3.01%	-5.77%



	Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
	10-Year Note	0.65%	-0.01%	-1.27%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, May 29, 2020; Treasury.gov, May 29, 2020

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THE WEEKLY RIDDLE



Can you name two English words (longer than two letters) that both begin and end with the letters “he” (in that order)?

LAST WEEK’S RIDDLE: What animal could become extinct worldwide, yet reappear about a year later?

ANSWER: A mule, the offspring of a male donkey and a female horse.

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