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# Full Market Commentary

#### The Week on Wall Street

Stocks ended the week with a strong gain as traders continued to focus on tariff talks while appearing to overlook upbeat news on inflation.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index rose 5.70 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index gained 7.29 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average picked up 4.95 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, increased by 0.72 percent.<sup>1,2</sup>

### Stocks Rebound

Stocks rallied on Monday after a report surfaced that the administration was considering a 90-day pause on tariffs. But when the White House clarified its position, sellers stepped in.

On Tuesday, prices jumped at the next opening bell after the Treasury Secretary said the U.S. was open to tariff negotiations with trading partners. The rally stalled and reversed on news the administration was adjusting tariffs on Chinese imports.<sup>3</sup>

After the White House announced a 90-day pause on specific tariffs on Wednesday, markets pushed higher. The S&P 500 gained 9.5 percent, its largest one-day increase in 17 years.<sup>4</sup>

Stocks fell again Thursday morning, appearing to overlook an upbeat Consumer Price Index report showing that core inflation (excluding food and energy) rose at a 2.8 percent annual rate—the best number in more than four years. Stocks finished the week with a powerful rally, capping a volatile trading week.<sup>5,6</sup>

## Watching The Bond Market

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The yield on the 10-year Treasury rose more than 50 basis points for the week, marking one of the most significant moves on record. (When bond yields increase, bond prices tend to move lower.)

The week's action was unexpected. In the past, investors have turned to U.S. bonds during market turbulence. However, the ongoing tariff talks have, at least temporarily, influenced how some overseas investors view U.S. bonds.<sup>7,8</sup>

The bond market activity influenced the mortgage market, where the average rate on the popular 30-year fixed mortgage closed Friday at 7.1 percent, its highest level in two months.<sup>9</sup>

Best Regards,



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## THIS WEEK: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

Monday: Philadelphia Fed President Patrick Harker and Atlanta Fed President Bostic speak.

Tuesday: Import Price Index.

**Wednesday:** Retail Sales. Industrial Production. Business Inventories. Home Builder Confidence Index. Cleveland Fed President Hammack speaks.

Thursday: Housing Starts. Building Permits.

Friday: San Francisco Fed President Mary Daly speaks.

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## THIS WEEK: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

**Monday:** The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (GS)

Tuesday: Johnson & Johnson (JNJ), Bank of America Corporation (BAC), Citigroup Inc. (C)

Wednesday: Abbott Laboratories (ABT), Prologis, Inc. (PLD)

**Thursday:** UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (UNH), Netflix, Inc. (NFLX), American Express Company (AXP), Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (MMC), The Blackstone Group (BX), Infosys (INFY)

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