

*In this week's recap: the Dow and S&P 500 extend their winning streaks, even with conflicting messages emerging about U.S.-China trade negotiations; a gauge of U.S. business activity improves.*

# Weekly Economic Update

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## THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

Domestic and international stocks rose last week. Risk appetite outweighed concerns about the state of U.S.-China trade discussions.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average, Nasdaq Composite, S&P 500, and MSCI EAFE all ended the week with gains. Blue chips led the way, as the Dow added 1.22%. The Nasdaq improved 1.06%; the S&P, 0.85%. The EAFE, tracking developed stock markets away from North America, was up 0.76%. The Dow recorded its third straight weekly gain; the S&P, its fifth.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

## WILL TARIFFS PHASE OUT OR REMAIN?

Thursday, a spokesman for China's commerce ministry said that U.S. and Chinese trade representatives had "agreed to remove" existing tariffs in "phases," while working toward a new trade deal.

On Friday morning, President Trump told the media that he had not agreed to any such condition. President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping are still expected to sign off on "phase one" of a new bilateral trade agreement.<sup>4</sup>

## SERVICE SECTOR ACTIVITY PICKS UP

A closely watched index of U.S. business activity posted an October gain. The Institute for Supply Management's Purchasing Managers Index for non-manufacturing firms rose nearly two points last month to 54.7. ISM also noted an increase for new orders in October.

As most U.S. companies provide services rather than manufacture products, this news is encouraging and suggests more momentum in that sector.<sup>5</sup>

## FINAL THOUGHT

Monday is Veterans Day; the stock market will be open, but the bond market, plus all federal government offices, will be closed.

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## TIP OF THE WEEK



*An **emergency fund** should be thought of as just that: a **cash reserve** for **handling sudden sizable expenses**. While it may be tempting to dip into it for other circumstances, its definition and purpose must be respected.*

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## THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

**Wednesday:** Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell begins two days of testimony on the country's economic outlook in Congress, and the Bureau of Labor Statistics presents new inflation data in the October Consumer Price Index.

**Friday:** October retail sales figures arrive from the Census Bureau.

Source: Econoday, November 8, 2019

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## THE WEEK AHEAD: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

**Tuesday:** Praxair (LIN), Tyson Foods (TSN)

**Wednesday:** Cisco (CSCO)

**Thursday:** Applied Materials (AMAT), Nvidia (NVDA), Walmart (WMT)

Source: Zacks.com, November 8, 2019

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

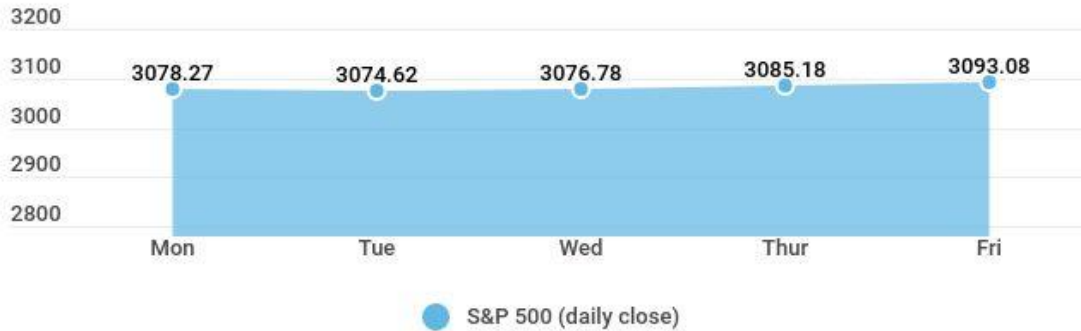


*“It is our **responsibilities**, not ourselves, that we should **take seriously**.”*

*PETER USTINOV*

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Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	27,681.24	+1.22%	+18.66%
NASDAQ	8,475.31	+1.06%	+27.73%
MSCI-EAFE	1,981.56	+0.76%	+15.22%
S&P 500	3,093.08	+0.85%	+23.39%



	Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
	10-Year Note	1.94%	+0.21%	-0.75%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, November 8, 2019; Treasury.gov, November 8, 2019

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## THE WEEKLY RIDDLE



*I float when I am born, lay down when I am alive, and run when I am dead. What am I?*

*LAST WEEK'S RIDDLE: Jennifer is 20 years old, yet why has her birthday occurred only five times in her life?*

*ANSWER: She was born on February 29 during a leap year.*



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