

WEEKLY COMMENTARY

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U.S. Equities

The upward momentum for stocks continued this week with earnings remaining solid and economic data moderating. The S&P 500 rose 1.4% for the week to close above 5000 for the first time. The Nasdaq Composite posted a weekly gain of 2.3% while the Dow Jones remained unchanged.

Treasuries

A small adjustment to the CPI on Friday closed out a week of economic data that reinforced the likelihood the Fed will not change interest rates any time soon. The 2-year note yield rose 11.8 basis points, the 10-year note yield advanced 15.6 basis points and the 30-year yield climbed 15.4 basis points in the week.

Dollar

The US Dollar index posted a 0.2% gain in the week, recording its fourth consecutive weekly advance.

Gold

Gold prices fell slightly (-0.68%) in a quiet trading week for the precious metal.

Oil

Oil prices scored five straight days of gains as traders continue to watch developments in the Middle East. WTI was up 6.3% in the week and Brent surged 6.3%.

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TICKER	LAST	%WEEKLY	%YTD
INDICES			
AMERICAS			
S&P 500 Index	5026.61	1.371	5.3834
DOW JONES INDUS	38671.69	0.045	2.6059
NASDAQ COMP INDX	15990.66	2.314	6.5238
EMEA			
Euro Stoxx 50 Pr	4715.87	1.317	4.3002
STXE 600 (EUR) Pr	484.83	0.186	1.2192
FTSE 100 INDEX	7572.58	-0.564	-2.0775
CAC 40 INDEX	7647.52	0.728	1.3832
DAX INDEX	16926.5	0.049	1.0438
IBEX 35 INDEX	9896.6	-1.649	-2.0342
UAE INDEX	9344.05	-1.187	-2.441
EGYPT HERMES INDEX	3466.593	-0.836	16.0139
TADAWUL INDEX	12202.78	2.421	1.9669
ASIA/PACIFIC			
NIKKEI 225	36897.42	2.045	10.2595
HANG SENG INDEX	15746.58	1.371	-7.6306
S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	7644.841	-0.709	0.7117
SHANGHAI SE COMPOSITE	2865.903	3.435	-3.665
S&P BSE SENSEX INDEX	71595.49	-0.680	-0.8925

BONDS

US BENCHMARK			
US 2 Year	4.4799	2.6605	5.4119
US Generic Govt 5 Yr	4.1367	3.8719	7.5277
US Generic Govt 10 Yr	4.1754	3.8683	7.6384
UK BENCHMARK			
UK Gilts 2 Year	4.602	4.094	15.512
UK Gilts 5 Year	4.1	4.886	18.3945
UK Gilts 10 Yr	4.086	4.288	15.5216
EU BENCHMARK			
EURO 2 Year	2.716	5.722	12.9784
EURO 5 Year	2.336	7.849	19.9179
EURO 10 Year	2.382	6.292	17.6877
JP BENCHMARK			
Japan Govt 2Y Simple Yield	0.113	28.409	113.2075
Japan Govt 5Y Simple Yield	0.326	14.386	57.4879
Japan Govt 10 Yr	0.726	8.036	18.241
COMMODITIES			
ENERGY			
WTI CRUDE FUTURE Mar24	76.84	6.30879911	6.9599
BRENT CRUDE FUTR Apr24	82.19	6.28475365	6.8652
GOLD			
GOLD 100 OZ FUTR Apr24	2038.7	-0.7303891	-2.5385

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