

# THE DAY AHEAD

## MARKET RECAP at 4 pm ET

**Wall Street** closed higher, boosted by optimism over trade talks between the U.S. and China. **Treasury yields** rose as risk sentiment improved. The **dollar** benefited from **sterling's** slide. **Gold** prices were up. **Oil** prices rose as U.S. sanctions against Iran and Venezuela as well as OPEC-led supply cuts overshadowed concerns over a slowing global economy.

STOCKS	Close	Chng	%Chng	Yr-high	Yr-low
DJIA	25928.68	211.22	0.82	26951.81	21712.53
Nasdaq	7729.32	60.16	0.78	7850.11	6457.13
S&P 500	2834.41	18.97	0.67	2860.31	2443.96
Toronto	16102.09	-53.40	-0.33	16586.46	13776.88
FTSE	7279.19	44.86	0.62	7370.61	6599.48
Eurofirst	1492.10	8.37	0.56	1515.87	1308.86
Nikkei	21205.81	172.05	0.82	21860.39	19241.37
Hang Seng	29051.36	276.15	0.96	29486.15	24896.87

TREASURIES	Yield	Price
10-year	2.4033	-4 /32
2-year	2.2640	-2 /32
5-year	2.2313	-4 /32
30-year	2.8120	-1 /32

FOREX	Last	% Chng
Euro/Dollar	1.1216	-0.04
Dollar/Yen	110.81	0.17
Sterling/Dollar	1.3022	-0.16
Dollar/CAD	1.3360	-0.57
TR/HKEX RMB	95.86	0.24

COMMODITIES (\$)	Price	Chng	% chng
Front Month Crude /barrel	60.18	0.88	1.48
Spot gold (NY/oz)	1292.04	1.89	0.15
Copper U.S. (front month/lb)	0.0294	0.0007	2.11
CRB Index Total Return	191.54	0.45	0.24

S&P 500	Price	\$ Chng	% Chng
<b>GAINERS</b>			
Carmax Inc	69.75	6.07	9.53
Celgene Corp	94.34	6.89	7.88
Micron Technology Inc	41.33	1.99	5.06
<b>LOSERS</b>			
PVH Corp	121.96	-5.30	-4.16
Helmerich and Payne Inc	55.55	-1.32	-2.32
Take-Two Interactive Software Inc	94.37	-2.12	-2.20

## Coming Up - On Monday

A Commerce Department report will probably show **retail sales** rose 0.3 percent in February, after rising 0.2 percent in January. In another report, the department might point to a 0.3 percent rise in **business inventories** in January, compared to 0.6 percent

increase in December. **Construction spending** probably dipped 0.3 percent in February, following a 1.3 increase in January. Also, Institute of Supply Management's (ISM) **national factory activity index** likely to show a reading of 54.2 in March.

## Coming Up - Week Ahead

China's Vice Premier **Liu He** will lead a delegation in trade talks with top U.S. officials in Washington on Wednesday, as the world's two largest economies try to resolve a bitter, nearly nine-month trade war.

On the U.S. economic calendar, the Labor Department is expected to release its closely-watched **employment report** on Friday, for the month of March. Economists polled by Reuters expect **non-farm payrolls** to

have risen by 170,000 after rising by 20,000 in February. The **unemployment rate** is seen unchanged, while average hourly earnings probably rose 0.2 percent. Meanwhile, the ADP National Employment Report will release **private payrolls** numbers on Wednesday. On the same day, the Institute of Supply Management's report is likely to show its non-manufacturing **Purchasing Managers Index (PMI)** coming in at 58 for the

## KEY ECONOMIC EVENTS

Events	ET	Poll	Prior
Retail sales ex-autos mm for Feb	0830	0.4 pct	0.9 pct
Retail sales mm for Feb	0830	0.3 pct	0.2 pct
Retail ex gas/autos for Feb	0830	--	1.2 pct
Retail control for Feb	0830	0.4 pct	1.1 pct
Retail sales YoY for Feb	0830	--	2.28 pct
Markit Manufacturing PMI Final for March	0945	--	52.5
Business inventories mm for Jan	1000	0.3 pct	0.6 pct
Construction spending mm for Feb	1000	-0.3 pct	1.3 pct
ISM Manufacturing PMI for March	1000	54.2	54.2
ISM Manufacturing Prices Paid for March	1000	52.5	49.4
ISM Manufacturing Employment Index for March	1000	--	52.3
ISM Manufacturing New Orders Index for March	1000	--	55.5

month of March, down from 59.7 in February. Commerce Department's **factory goods** data is on the radar for Tuesday. The report is likely to show orders for **core capital** goods declined 0.1 percent in February, following a 0.8 percent rise in January. On Friday, the U.S. Federal Reserve is expected to report **consumer credit** for March having risen to \$18 billion, up from \$17.05 billion in February.

Dallas Federal Reserve Bank President **Robert Kaplan** gives his latest views on the economic outlook and appropriate monetary policy on Tuesday. On Wednesday, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta President **Raphael Bostic**, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond President Thomas Barkin and Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City President **Esther George** will participate in a panel before the American Bankers Association Washington Summit, in Washington. On the same day, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis President **Neel Kashkari** will participate in a Town Hall hosted by the North Dakota State University College of Business, in Fargo, North Dakota. On Thursday, Federal Reserve Bank of New York will release text of the welcome remarks of President **John Williams** delivered before the Community Bankers Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Later, in Columbus, Ohio, Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland President **Loretta Mester** is expected to speak before an Ohio Bankers Day event hosted by the Ohio Department of Commerce. Meanwhile, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia President **Patrick Harker** will speak on the economic outlook before the

Monetary Policy Outlook hosted by the Philadelphia Council for Business Economics. At an event hosted by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and the Fiscal Research Center at Georgia State University in Atlanta on Friday, Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta President **Raphael Bostic** will deliver a lecture followed by a discussion on "Disruption and Opportunity: Shaping Policy in a Digital World".

**Constellation Brands Inc** is expected to report a fall in fourth-quarter sales on Thursday. Beer sales are likely to soften hurt by cold weather. Sales of wines are also expected to decline weighed by weak performance of brands including Clos du Bois, Arbor Mist & Mark West. Investors will keep an eye on the wine category, after the company said it would sell or discontinue underperforming wine brands that retail at under \$11 a bottle.

**Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc**, the largest drugstore chain in the U.S., is expected to post a drop in second-quarter earnings on Tuesday due to falling prices of generic drugs. Investors will look out for the 2019 forecast as the company faces reimbursement pressures at its pharmacies, and for comments on the status of Walgreens' partnerships.

On Tuesday, **GameStop Corp** is expected to report a fall in fourth-quarter revenue and profit due to stagnating sales in its core video game retail business with increasing consumer shift to downloading video games.

Canada's **Corus Entertainment** is expected to post a rise in second-quarter revenue on Friday, helped by its investments in developing original TV content and its video-on-demand platform. Investors will be looking forward to the media company's strategies to better compete in a market dominated by rivals such as Netflix and Amazon.

Canadian department store chain **Hudson Bay Co** is expected to report higher fourth-quarter profit on Wednesday as it works on reforming its business and tries to monetize the value of its real estate holdings. Investors will look out for comments on growth plans to boost efficiency as consumers shift away from department stores to e-commerce.

Statistics Canada is scheduled to report **Canadian jobs data** on Friday, while Ivey Purchasing Managers Index data is due on Thursday.

**Mexico's** national statistics agency is expected to report **consumer confidence data** for March on Thursday. Brazil's industrial output data for February is scheduled for release on Tuesday. Also, **Chile's** central bank releases its **economic activity index** data for February on Friday.

### LIVECHAT - FINTECH TALK

Reuters financial news correspondent Anna Irrera will discuss cyber currencies and the technology disrupting the global financial industry. (1100 ET/1500 GMT on Monday) To join the conversation, [click here](#)

## KEY RESULTS

No major S&P 500 companies are scheduled to report.

# Market Monitor

**Stocks** ended the final trading day of the first quarter on a strong note, and the S&P 500 registered its best quarterly gain since 2009, boosted by optimism over trade talks between the United States and China. Trade-sensitive **industrials sector** rose 1.01 percent. The **Dow** rose 0.82 percent to 25,928.68, the **S&P 500** gained 0.67 percent to 2,834.41 and the **Nasdaq Composite** added 0.78 percent to 7,729.32. For the week the Dow rose 1.67 percent, the S&P 500 rose 1.20 percent and the Nasdaq gained 1.13 percent. For the month the Dow rose 0.05 percent, the S&P 500 rose 1.79 percent and the Nasdaq gained 2.61 percent. For the quarter the Dow rose 11.15 percent, the S&P 500 rose 13.07 percent and the Nasdaq rose 16.49 percent.

**Treasury yields** rose as risk sentiment improved into quarter-end, boosting stocks and reducing demand for safe haven bonds. "After days of letting stocks fall just for lack of a better story we're seeing some bidding into quarter-end, and that reduces the enthusiasm to rush to buy Treasuries," said Jim Vogel, an interest rate strategist at FTN Financial in Memphis, Tennessee. The yield curve between three-month bills and 10-year notes turned slightly positive, after being inverted for a week. **Benchmark notes** fell 4/32 to yield 2.433 percent.

**Oil prices** rose, posting their biggest quarterly rise in a decade, as U.S. sanctions against Iran and Venezuela as well as OPEC-led supply cuts overshadowed concerns over a slowing

## Russia, Saudi & Rest of OPEC crude oil production

Russia is officially part of a group led by OPEC (known as OPEC+) that has been cutting back oil supply in 2019, but their participation seems nominal rather than measurable. Instead, the cuts have been led by restraint from Saudi Arabia as well as cutbacks in Iran and Venezuela due to U.S. sanctions, and because of supply disruptions in Libya.

### OUTRIGHT CRUDE OIL OUTPUT

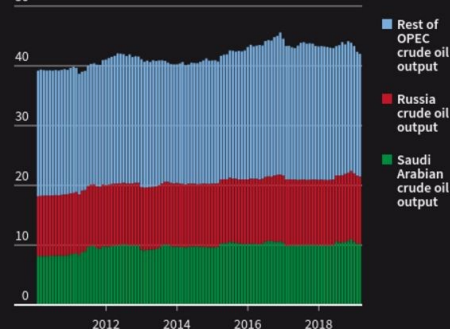
25 million barrels per day



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### STACKED CRUDE OIL OUTPUT

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global economy. The **May Brent crude oil futures contract** gained 0.84 percent to \$68.39. The more-active **June contract** rose 0.76 percent to \$67.61 a barrel. **U.S. West Texas Intermediate futures** rose 1.48 percent to \$60.18 a barrel.

The **dollar** benefited from **sterling's** slide after parliament for the third time rejected Prime Minister Theresa May's proposed deal to pull Britain out of the European Union. With May losing again - albeit by a smaller margin than the previous two votes - sterling is set to remain under pressure on fears no Brexit deal will be reached before the April 12 deadline. The **pound** fell 0.15 percent to \$1.3023. The **dollar index** was higher 0.05 percent to 97.25, helping it recover from an earlier drop on the weaker-than-expected report of U.S. inflation data.

**Gold** gained, while palladium snapped three straight sessions of sharp losses, ending the quarter on a positive note.

**Spot gold** was up 0.15 percent at \$1,292.03 per ounce. **U.S. gold futures** were 0.16 percent higher at \$1,291.90 per ounce. "The dollar is pulling back a little bit," said Josh Graves, senior commodities strategist at RJO Futures. "Personal spending has declined, so investors are looking to place money in more safe-haven assets, like gold." **Palladium** gained 2.23 percent to \$1,378.00 per ounce. "I don't think the correction in palladium is done yet. Once we had the first \$100 down day, that was the first red flag. You saw more investors unwind their long positions and take whatever profits they can," said RJO's Graves.



# Top News

## Regulators knew before crashes that 737 MAX trim control was confusing in some conditions – document

U.S. and European regulators knew at least two years before a Lion Air crash that the usual method for controlling the Boeing 737 MAX's nose angle might not work in conditions similar to those in two recent disasters, a document shows. The European Aviation and Space Agency (EASA) certified the plane as safe in part because it said additional procedures and training would "clearly explain" to pilots the "unusual" situations in which they would need to manipulate a rarely used manual wheel to control, or "trim," the plane's angle. Those situations, however, were not listed in the flight manual, according to a copy from American Airlines seen by Reuters. The undated EASA certification document, available online, was issued in February 2016, an agency spokesman said. Separately, an anti-stall system at the centre of a probe into the crash of a Boeing 737 MAX jetliner in Indonesia five months ago was also at play when an identical aircraft crashed in Ethiopia earlier this month, three people briefed on the matter said. To read more [click here](#)

## Lyft shares soar on Nasdaq debut, setting stage for Uber

Lyft's shares opened up in their market debut, giving the ride hailing startup a market value of more than \$27 billion, amid strong investor demand that bodes well for larger rival Uber Technologies. Lyft's IPO sets the stage for other Silicon Valley unicorns seeking to debut in the stock market this year. The success of the IPO came despite Lyft's steep losses, criticism of its dual-class share structure and some concerns over its strategy for autonomous driving, for fear of missing out on the company's strong revenue growth. "There's money

that wants to be invested into tech. This is a new area and people are definitely interested in exploring it," said Catherine McCarthy, an Allianz research analyst. The company's share closed up 8.74 percent at \$78.29.

## Starboard abandons campaign to scuttle Bristol-Myers-Celgene deal

Activist hedge fund Starboard Value abandoned a campaign to convince Bristol-Myers Squibb shareholders to vote down the drugmaker's proposed \$74 billion takeover of biotech Celgene after the two leading proxy advisory firms backed the deal. The firms, Institutional Shareholder Services (ISS) and Glass Lewis, said that Bristol-Myers shareholders should vote in favor of the deal. "Despite the substantial swell of support against this transaction, it is extremely difficult for shareholders to prevail without a supportive recommendation from ISS and Glass Lewis to vote against the transaction," Starboard said. The hedge fund said it still plans to vote its shares against what it believes is a bad deal, but it will withdraw its proxy

solicitation to get other shareholders to vote against it. Bristol-Myers' shareholders are set to vote on the acquisition on April 12.

## Goldman's China-backed fund bucks trade tensions to buy U.S. firm

Goldman Sachs invested money from China's sovereign wealth fund in a California-based industrial company and is looking for more U.S. deals, three sources familiar with the matter said. The Wall Street bank is managing a private equity fund called China-U.S. Industrial Cooperation Partnership LP. The fund invested alongside Goldman to buy Boyd Corp for \$3 billion last September, the sources said. Chinese efforts to invest in U.S. companies have been tripped up over the past year by Washington's concerns the Chinese were gaining control of sensitive technology or companies that played key roles in the economy.

## Magellan Health bows to Starboard pressure, names four to board

Magellan Health said it reached an



Lyft President John Zimmer and CEO Logan Green applaud as Lyft lists on the Nasdaq at an IPO event in Los Angeles, California, U.S., March 29. REUTERS/Mike Blake

agreement with hedge fund Starboard Value to add four new independent directors to the board, including the former chief executive officer of the U.S. healthcare plan and pharmacy benefits manager. Starboard has agreed to withdraw its slate of alternate directors and vote in favor of all of the board nominees, the company said. The new independent directors include Starboard's nominees, its head of research Peter Feld, attorney Leslie Norwalk, turnaround expert Guy Sansone and Steven Shulman, former CEO of Magellan, bringing the total board to 10. Feld, Shulman and two standing Magellan directors - former portfolio manager Michael Diamant and Scott Mackenzie, CEO of a healthcare documentation company - will serve on the committee.

### Facebook looks to place restrictions on who can go live after Christchurch attack

Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg said the company was looking to place restrictions on who can go live on its platform based on certain criteria in the aftermath of the Christchurch massacre. The company will monitor who can go "Live" on Facebook depending on factors such as prior community standard violations, Sandberg said in a blog post. A lone gunman killed 50 people at two mosques in New Zealand on March 15, while livestreaming the massacre. Facebook has identified more than 900 different videos showing portions of the 17-minutes of carnage and has used its existing artificial intelligence tools to identify and remove hate groups in Australia and New Zealand, the blog said.

### Outsider CEO won't be an instant fix for Wells Fargo -analysts

Wells Fargo's plans to bring in an

outsider as its next chief executive could give the scandal-plagued bank a much needed fresh start, but a turnaround will not be easy for whoever takes the helm, analysts said. "Reforming decades of past mistakes at an institution as large as Wells is a difficult and time-consuming endeavor," said Morningstar analyst Eric Compton. It remains unclear what exactly triggered Tim Sloan's abrupt departure. Sloan said he made the decision because the focus on him had become a distraction and a hurdle to helping the bank recover. "It does seem that Wells Fargo management has lost the confidence of regulators," Minneapolis Federal Reserve President Neel Kashkari told Reuters. To help alleviate the impact of the asset cap, Wells Fargo has been offloading parts of its business.

### Versum opens books, begins to warm to rival suitor Merck KGaA

Versum Materials has opened its books to suitor Merck KGaA, saying the German group's unsolicited \$5.9 billion offer might be sweetened and could edge out an agreed merger with Entegris. "Merck's proposal could reasonably be expected to result in a superior proposal," Versum cited its board as saying in a statement. However, the U.S. company again urged its shareholders to snub the hostile all-cash bid that Merck launched on Tuesday, adding its support for the tie-up with Entegris was unchanged for now. The board "has authorized Versum's management and its advisers to engage in further discussions with, and provide non-public information to, Merck," the statement added. The moves by Merck and Entegris are viewed by some analysts as an effort to seize on beaten down stock prices in the volatile semiconductor industry after demand for mobile devices

slowed and prices for memory chips sank.

### Mondelez in advanced talks for Campbell's international business - Bloomberg

Mondelez International is in advanced talks to buy international brands of U.S. food company Campbell Soup, Bloomberg reported. Mondelez is negotiating final terms of purchase of the business, which includes Australian cookie brand Arnott's and Danish baked snacks maker Kelsen Group, the report said, citing people familiar with the matter. The report said the companies have been discussing a price of around \$2.5 billion for the assets, but no final agreement has been reached, and talks could fall apart or another buyer could emerge.

### Chinese EV car maker NIO restricts its IPO banks from working for rivals

Chinese electric vehicle (EV) maker NIO Inc has blocked the eight top investment banks that did its IPO from working for rivals by tying them up in rare year-long non-compete clauses, several people with direct knowledge of the matter said. The move highlights the fierce competition between China's EV makers as they seek the capital needed to survive in a fast-growing market, also the world's largest. The non-compete clause prevents them from helping NIO's rivals raise public or private funds for 12 months following the IPO, the sources said, declining to be named as they were not authorized to speak publicly on the matter. The list of rivals covered by the restrictions included up to 10 names, although it may have varied between the individual agreements, the people said. Xpeng Motors and WM Motor were on that list, three sources said. A separate source said the list included those two and Byton, among others.





Britain's Prince Charles laughs with Peter, a blue iguana, at the Queen Elizabeth II Royal Botanic Park in Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands, March 28. Chris Jackson/Pool via REUTERS

## Insight and Analysis

### A tax on a tax: U.S. customs demands bigger bonds as trade tariffs rise

Stephen Wang is counting the costs of President Donald Trump's trade war. He had to put down 12 times more cash as a guarantee to U.S. customs that he would pay the bill for tariffs on the Chinese-made pumps, valves and motors he imports. The cost of the guarantee - a U.S. customs bond - has shot up, an additional hit to importers already facing steep customs bills adding up to tens of billions of dollars for tariffs imposed by the Trump administration on incoming Chinese goods, as well as steel and aluminum imports.

### POLL-Oil supply cuts to outweigh U.S. shale boom, economic woes

Analysts have turned cautiously optimistic on crude oil prices this year, predicting that production cuts by OPEC and its allies along with U.S. sanctions on Iran and Venezuela will defy headwinds from robust U.S. output and a dampening global economy, a Reuters poll showed. A monthly survey of 32 economists and analysts forecast Brent crude would average \$67.12 a barrel in 2019, about 1 percent higher than the previous poll's \$66.44. While this is the first time in five months that analysts have lifted their outlook, the 2019 price view is still below the \$67.32 projected in January.

### Women running the money? Rarely at hedge funds

Generous salary and juicy bonus? Check. Client meetings at private members' club? Check. Swanky Mayfair office? Check. Company maternity scheme? Maybe, we'll get back to you. In the competition for talent, the hedge fund industry still has an edge over many other areas of finance, except, it would seem, when it comes to employing women. Women are in the minority across the financial industry when it comes to top jobs. A Reuters analysis of regulatory filings shows the proportion is especially low among British hedge funds.



# CANADA

## Market Monitor

Canada's main stock index ended lower, with the **Toronto Stock Exchange's S&P/TSX composite index** falling 0.33 percent to 16,102.09.

The **energy sector** fell 0.49 percent and the **financials sector** slipped 0.49 percent. Shares of **BlackBerry** rose 13.10 percent to C\$13.47.

The **U.S. dollar** fell 0.58 percent against its **Canadian counterpart** to C\$1.3359.



### COMING UP - ON MONDAY

Research firm Markit is slated to release its Canada **Manufacturing Purchasing Managers Index** data for the month of March.

TSE's S&P/TSX composite	Price	C\$ chng	% chng
<b>GAINERS</b>			
BlackBerry Ltd	13.47	1.56	13.10
Hudbay Minerals Inc	9.55	0.26	2.80
First Quantum Minerals Ltd	15.15	0.41	2.78
<b>LOSERS</b>			
CannTrust Holdings Inc	10.36	-0.54	-4.95
Bombardier Inc	2.57	-0.12	-4.46
BRP Inc	37.08	-1.46	-3.79

## Top News

### Canada economy posts surprise growth in Jan; reverses 2 monthly declines

The Canadian economy grew by a surprise 0.3 percent in January, reversing recent declines as the construction and manufacturing sectors picked up, and likely leaving the Bank of Canada on the sidelines over the coming months. Canadian gross domestic product expanded by 0.3 percent in January from December, fully offsetting back-to-back 0.1 percent declines in the last two months, Statistics Canada said. The expansion beat analyst forecasts of a flat month. The stronger-than-expected month put the first quarter on the path of modest growth and temporarily quashed fears of a looming recession, analysts said, though it was unlikely to change the Bank of Canada's cautious stance on rate hikes. "While we are still concerned about some of the other headwinds swirling around the outlook

at the moment... this result clearly displays some serious underlying resiliency in the economy," said Doug Porter, chief economist with BMO Capital Markets, in a note.



### BlackBerry forecasts higher revenue as bets on new tech pays off

BlackBerry beat estimates for quarterly profit and forecast fiscal 2020 revenue above analysts' expectations on Friday as its focus on fast-growing markets like autonomous cars and cybersecurity pays off. The company forecast revenue growth of 23-27 percent for the year, implying total

revenue of between \$1.13 billion and \$1.16 billion. BlackBerry, which dominated the smartphone market nearly a decade ago before losing out to Apple's iPhones and Android devices, has switched to selling software to corporations and government agencies under Chief Executive Officer John Chen. "This was the first time in many years ... that (we) overcame the quarter-to-quarter decline in handset revenue and services fee," Chen said on a call with analysts, indicating the transformation was now complete. Revenue from BlackBerry's technology and solutions segment rose nearly 20 percent in the quarter, supported by the company's focus on QNX, a software used by carmakers to provide infotainment and other services to customers. QNX is used in more than 120 million cars worldwide.

# WEALTH NEWS

## ECONOMIC REPORT

### U.S. consumer spending soft, inflation benign as economy slows

U.S. consumer spending barely rose in January and income increased modestly in February, suggesting the economy was fast losing momentum after growth slowed in the fourth quarter. Consumer spending edged up 0.1 percent as households cut back on purchases of motor vehicles. In February, personal income increased 0.2 percent after dipping 0.1 percent in January. Excluding the volatile food and energy components, the personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index ticked up 0.1 percent in January. The core PCE price index increases 1.8 percent year-on-year. In February, personal income increased 0.2 percent after dipping 0.1 percent in January.



A file photo of shoppers carrying bags of purchased merchandise at the King of Prussia Mall in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, U.S., December 8, 2018. REUTERS/Mark Makela

## TRADE TALKS

### U.S., China hold 'candid and constructive' trade talks in Beijing

The United States and China said they made progress in trade talks that concluded in Beijing that Washington called "candid and constructive" as the world's two largest economies try to resolve a bitter, nearly nine-month trade war.

## POLL

### Fed done raising interest rates; significant chance of cut in 2020

The U.S. Federal Reserve is done raising interest rates until at least the end of next year, according to economists in a Reuters poll who gave a 40 percent chance of at least one rate cut by end-2020.

## WALL STREET WEEK AHEAD

### U.S. investors seek comfort in flood of data

Wall Street will be watching next week's economic data with a laser focus after a dismal February jobs report and recessionary warning signals from U.S. Treasury yields.

## FED POLICYMAKERS SPEAK

### Fed policymakers do not want rate cuts, not even the doves

Barely a week after the U.S. Federal Reserve called a halt to interest rate hikes, policymakers are now battling a view growing in financial markets, and embraced by the Trump administration, that the Fed will need to cut rates before long.

## MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

### Global M&A slides in first quarter as Brexit weighs on Europe

Global mergers and acquisitions (M&A) sank 17 percent in the first quarter of 2019, as concerns about an economic slowdown and fears of a no-deal Brexit in Europe spooked chief executives and corporate boardrooms from pursuing big tie-ups.

## JOINT VENTURE

### JP Morgan, Nomura get nod for China brokerage JVs as market access expands

JP Morgan and Nomura have won Chinese regulatory approval to set up majority-owned brokerage joint ventures, in China's latest move to open its financial sector up to foreign firms.



## ON THE RADAR

Events	ET	Poll	Prior
<b>Tue:</b> Durable goods for Feb	0830	-1.2 pct	0.3 pct
Durables ex-transport for Feb	0830	0.2 pct	-0.2 pct
Durables ex-defense mm for Feb	0830	--	0.7 pct
Nondefense cap ex-air for Feb	0830	-0.1 pct	0.8 pct
ISM-New York Index for March	0945	--	860.7
ISM New York Business Conditions for March	0945	--	61.1
Domestic car sales for March	1530	--	3.65 mln
Total vehicle sales for March	1530	16.73 mln	16.57 mln
 <b>Wed:</b> ADP national employment for March	0815	170,000	183,000
Markit composite final PMI for March	0945	--	54.3
Markit Services PMI Final for March	0945	--	54.8
ISM N-Manufacturing PMI for March	1000	58.0	59.7
ISM N-Manufacturing Business Activity for March	1000	--	64.7
ISM N-Manufacturing Employment Index for March	1000	--	55.2
ISM N-Manufacturing New Orders Index for March	1000	--	65.2
ISM N-Manufacturing Price Paid Index for March	1000	--	54.4
 <b>Thu:</b> Challenger layoffs for March	0730	--	768,350
Initial jobless claims for 30 March, w/e	0830	219,000	211,000
Jobless claims 4-week average for 30 March, w/e	0830	--	217,250
Continued jobless claims for 23 March, w/e	0830	--	1.756 mln
 <b>Fri:</b> Non-farm payrolls for March	0830	170,000	200,000
Private payrolls for March	0830	170,000	250,000
Manufacturing payrolls for March	0830	11,000	4,000
Government payrolls for March	0830	--	-5,000
Unemployment rate for March	0830	3.8 pct	3.8 pct
Average earnings mm for March	0830	0.3 pct	0.4 pct
Average earnings yy for March	0830	3.4 pct	3.4 pct
Average workweek hours for March	0830	34.5 hrs	34.4 hrs
Labor force participation for March	0830	--	63.2 pct
U6 underemployment for March	0830	--	7.3 pct
Consumer credit for Feb	1500	18.00 bln	17.05 bln



A view shows the clocks of the artwork "L'Heure de tous" (Everybody's Time) by French artist Arman (Armand Pierre Fernandez) in front of the Saint-Lazare railway station in Paris, France, March 29. REUTERS/Christian Hartmann

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