

THE DAY AHEAD

MARKET RECAP at 4 pm ET

Gains in industrials and strong U.S. retail sales data supported **Wall Street's major indexes**. **Treasury yields** fell on concerns about a global slowdown. The **dollar** rose against a basket of major currencies. **Crude** prices rose after a drop in crude exports from OPEC's de facto leader, Saudi Arabia, and a draw in U.S. oil inventories. **Gold** was little changed.

STOCKS	Close	Chng	%Chng	Yr-high	Yr-low
DJIA	26559.75	110.21	0.42	26951.81	21712.53
Nasdaq	7998.06	1.98	0.02	8052.40	6457.13
S&P 500	2905.03	4.58	0.16	2918.00	2443.96
Toronto	16612.81	68.57	0.41	16586.46	13776.88
FTSE	7459.88	-11.44	-0.15	7485.93	6599.48
Eurofirst	1534.11	3.54	0.23	1534.04	1308.86
Nikkei	22090.12	-187.85	-0.84	22345.19	19241.37
Hang Seng	29963.26	-161.42	-0.54	30280.12	24896.87

TREASURIES	Yield	Price
10-year	2.5596	9/32
2-year	2.3802	1/32
5-year	2.3692	5/32
30-year	2.9587	21/32

FOREX	Last	% Chng
Euro/Dollar	1.1230	-0.57
Dollar/Yen	111.95	-0.09
Sterling/Dollar	1.2982	-0.47
Dollar/CAD	1.3380	0.31
TR/HKEX RMB	96.10	-0.03

COMMODITIES (\$)	Price	Chng	% chng
Front Month Crude /barrel	64.00	0.24	0.38
Spot gold (NY/oz)	1274.71	0.97	0.08
Copper U.S. (front month/lb)	0.0293	-0.0005	-1.43
CRB Index Total Return	195.32	0.57	0.29

S&P 500	Price	\$ Chng	% Chng
GAINERS			
United Rentals Inc	136.07	10.31	8.20
Snap-On Inc	167.99	10.15	6.43
Union Pacific Corp	176.79	7.51	4.44
LOSERS			
Genuine Parts Co	105.45	-7.13	-6.33
Mattel Inc	12.49	-0.57	-4.36
Schlumberger NV	45.57	-1.84	-3.88

Coming Up - On Monday



The administrative entrance at the Whirlpool plant in Clyde, Ohio, U.S. October 3, 2017. REUTERS/Aaron Josefczyk

U.S. home appliances group **Whirlpool Corp** is expected to post a rise in first-quarter profit as it benefits from strong demand in North America - its largest business. Investors will look for updates on its financial forecast.

The oilfield services provider, **Halliburton Co**, is expected to post a fall in first-quarter profit as demand and prices for its equipments and service remained muted in North America. Investors will be keen on any comments on a recovery in the market for pressure pumping services after a drop in crude prices in the fourth

quarter hurt activity.

The National Association of Realtors release **existing home sales** for March. Home sales are expected to have dropped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.31 million units in the month, from 5.51 million units in February.

LIVECHAT-FIN TECH

Reuters correspondent Anna Irrera talks bitcoin, cryptocurrencies regulation and other E-money innovations. (0930 ET/1330 GMT) To join the conversation, [click here](#)

KEY ECONOMIC EVENTS

Events	ET	Poll	Prior
National Activity Index for Mar	0830	--	-0.29
Existing home sales for Mar	1000	5.31 mln	5.51 mln
Existing home sales percentage change for Mar	1000	-2.3 pct	11.8 pct

Coming Up - Week Ahead

The world's biggest planemaker and Dow 30 company, Boeing Co, is expected to report lower first-quarter profit and sales on Wednesday, hurt by the groundings of its best-selling 737 MAX jets. Investors will look for comments on the impact of the groundings on Boeing's full-year financial forecast.

Other Dow components reporting results next week include Verizon Communications Inc, Coca-Cola Co, Procter & Gamble Co and United Technologies on Tuesday; Microsoft Corp, Caterpillar Inc and Visa Inc on Wednesday; 3M Co, Intel Corp on Thursday; and Chevron Corp and Exxon Mobil Corp on Friday. Verizon is expected to report a rise in first-quarter revenue as the largest U.S. wireless carrier added more net new phone subscribers who pay a monthly bill. Coca-Cola will likely report growth in first-quarter sales as its signature Coca-Cola soda, Diet Coke and new flavors of the drink gain popularity in North America. P&G will likely report a rise in third-quarter revenue, boosted by demand for its beauty products. Microsoft's third-quarter revenue is also expected to rise, as more businesses sign up for its Azure cloud computing services. Visa is expected to report a rise in second-quarter profit, helped by higher spending by consumers using the World No 1 payments processor's network.

Amazon.com Inc is expected to post a rise in its first-quarter revenue and profit on Thursday, helped by a rise in the world's biggest online retailer's ad sales and the success of its cloud business Amazon Web Services. Investors will look out for the company's sales forecast after it gave a lighter guidance in the past two quarters.

Facebook Inc, the world's largest social network, will announce its first-quarter



A file photo of a Boeing 737 MAX 8 sitting outside the hangar during a media tour of the Boeing 737 MAX at the Boeing plant in Renton, Washington, December 8, 2015. REUTERS/Matt Mills McKnight

results after market close on Wednesday. On Tuesday, Twitter Inc is expected to report a rise in first-quarter revenue helped by growth in its video advertising business. Also, on Tuesday, photo-messaging app Snapchat's parent Snap Inc is expected to post flat daily active users in its first quarter.

On Wednesday, Tesla Inc will announce results for its first quarter, which saw a major drop in deliveries of its vehicles to customers. Elon Musk is expected to answer questions on the earnings call about 2019 profitability, delivery targets and the need for any capital raise. The no. 2 U.S. automaker, Ford Motor Co, reports first-quarter results after market on Thursday.

A relatively light U.S. economic calendar is scheduled for next week, with GDP numbers on Friday, durable goods and weekly jobless claims on Thursday and new home sales on

Tuesday. According to a Reuters survey of economists, the U.S. economy likely increased at a 1.8 percent pace in the first three months of 2019. Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, a closely watched proxy for business spending plans, is expected to have rebounded 0.1 percent in March from a similar percentage of drop in the month before. Overall orders for durable goods, items ranging from toasters to aircraft that are meant to last three years or more, is likely to have increased 0.7 percent in March, from a fall of 1.6 percent in February. The Labor Department's report is expected to show the number of Americans filing applications for unemployment benefits rising 8,000 to a seasonally adjusted 200,000 for the week ended April 20. Sales of new U.S. single-family homes are likely to have dropped to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 650,000 units in March from 667,000 units February.

AT&T Inc is expected to report a rise in first-quarter revenue on Wednesday as the third largest U.S. wireless carrier added more net new phone subscribers who pay a monthly bill.

On Thursday, Comcast Corp is expected to report a rise in first-quarter revenue as the communications company saw a rise in high-speed internet customers.

AbbVie Inc will report first-quarter earnings on Thursday, when investors will watch for comments on the drugmaker's cancer drug Venclexta, after U.S. regulators placed a partial clinical hold on trials testing it in multiple myeloma patients. The company is also likely to answer questions about pricing policy going forward, with lawmakers criticizing the costs associated with its rheumatoid arthritis drug Humira, the world's top-selling prescription medicine. Biogen Inc is expected to report a year-over-year increase in first-quarter profit before markets open on Wednesday. Investors will focus on the drugmaker's plans after the recent clinical failure of its experimental Alzheimer's treatment aducanumab. Bristol-Myers Squibb Co reports first-quarter results before markets open on Thursday.

Anthem Inc is expected to report higher first-quarter earnings on Wednesday. Investors will watch for comments from

the health insurer on Senator Bernie Sanders' proposed Medicare-for-all plan and the Trump administration's proposal to end rebates from drugmakers.

Starbucks Corp reports second-quarter results on Thursday. The world's biggest coffee chain is expected to post a rise in second-quarter same-store sales, banking on a loyal fan base across geographies, especially in the United States. Starbucks' is also expected to grow its closely monitored digital membership program, while sales at its fastest growing market - China - is also expected to benefit from the rapid expansion in delivery. Investors and analysts will be looking out for management commentary on their forecast for 2019. On Wednesday, Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc is expected to report higher first-quarter same-restaurant sales and profit, driven by CEO Brian Niccol's push for new menu items and a marketing campaign focused on fresh food.

Harley-Davidson Inc is expected to report lower first-quarter earnings on Tuesday, hurt by higher-tariff costs as well as a continued slide in sales in the United States. Investors will watch out for comments on the measures to mitigate the impact of President Donald Trump's trade wars. The motorcycle maker is also expected to provide an update on the launch of its first electric

bike, LiveWire.

Hasbro Inc is expected to report a fall in first-quarter sales on Tuesday due to the loss of a major retailer in Toys 'R' Us. However, investors will pay more attention to the company's outlook for its toys based on big movie franchises, with this year promising multiple Disney blockbusters in new Avengers, Star Wars and Frozen films. Mattel Inc too is expected to report another decline in first-quarter sales on Thursday, with demand for the company's Barbie dolls expected to slow this year.

U.S. Federal Reserve Board holds open meeting on Tuesday, to discuss a proposal to simplify and increase the transparency of the Board's rules for determining control of a banking organization.

Bank of Canada releases its interest rates decision on Wednesday. The central bank is expected to hold interest rates steady again amid a slowing global and domestic economy. It will also release its highly anticipated quarterly forecast, which will give markets an indication if future hikes still remain on the table. Other economic events, including February wholesale trade numbers on Tuesday and budget balance data for February on Friday, are also scheduled for release.

KEY RESULTS

Company Name*	Quarter	ET	Smart Estimates	EPS Estimates**	Year Ago	Rev Estimates (mln)
Cadence Design Systems	Q1	AMC	\$0.49	\$0.49	\$0.40	\$569.24
Halliburton	Q1	BMO	\$0.23	\$0.22	\$0.41	\$5,526.13
Kimberly-Clark	Q1	BMO	\$1.54	\$1.54	\$1.71	\$4,534.66
Whirlpool	Q1	16:10	\$2.74	\$2.86	\$2.81	\$4,831.93
W W Grainger	Q1	08:00	\$4.44	\$4.45	\$4.18	\$2,882.58

*Includes companies on S&P 500 index. **Estimates may be updated or revised; release times based on company guidance or past practice.

/B/E/S EPS and revenue estimates, and StarMine Smart Estimates, provided by Refinitiv.

Market Monitor

Industrials led the S&P 500 and the Dow moderately higher in the wake of robust U.S. economic data and a string of healthy corporate earnings reports. With reporting season in high gear, January-March S&P 500 profits are expected to have dropped 1.7 percent year-on-year, which would mark the first decline in quarterly earnings since 2016. Of the 77 S&P 500 companies that have posted thus far, 77.9 percent have beaten consensus, compared with the 65 percent average beat rate going back to 1994. First quarter earnings are beating estimates, "but not by enough to be a catalyst for significantly higher stock prices," said Paul Nolte, portfolio manager at Kingsview Asset Management in Chicago. "You'd have to hit the ball out of the park to push stocks significantly higher." **Industrial sector** rose 1.11 percent to 659.70. **Honeywell International** rose 3.78 percent and **Travelers Companies** gained 2.21 percent. **Schlumberger's** shares slipped 3.9 percent. Online scrapbook company **Pinterest** closed 27.84 percent higher at 24.29 for the day. The **Dow Jones** rose 0.42 percent, to 26,559.75, the **S&P 500** gained 0.16 percent, to 2,905.03 and the **Nasdaq Composite** added 0.02 percent, to 7,998.06. For the week, the Dow added 0.56 pct, the S&P fell 0.08 pct, the Nasdaq gained 0.17 pct

Treasury yields fell, undermined by weak manufacturing surveys around the world that boosted concerns about a global slowdown. Treasury yields overall have been supported by generally solid U.S. data. However, it was offset by sluggish French and German surveys of purchasing managers in the manufacturing sector for April, which showed contraction in activity. "The U.S. data were really strong. The retail sales report was great, but they seem to be focused on the fact that the data are struggling out of Europe," said Mary Anne Hurley, vice president of fixed income trading



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York, April 8. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

at D.A. Davidson in Seattle. "The problem in Europe would likely keep the Fed on hold." **Benchmark notes** were up 3/32 to yield 2.5596 percent and **30-year bonds** were up 21/32 to yield 2.9587 percent. Short-dated **2-year notes** rose 1/32, yielding 2.3802 percent.

The **dollar** gained against the euro as data pointed to a sturdy U.S. economy, while the euro was dented by weak manufacturing activity in Europe. The picture was less bullish in the euro zone as data showed that activity in Germany's manufacturing sector shrank for a fourth straight month in April, while a similar survey from France also painted a bleak picture. The **euro** fell 0.58 percent against the dollar at \$1.1228. The **dollar index** was 0.45 percent up, at 97.45.

Oil futures edged higher, as a drop in crude exports from OPEC's de facto leader, Saudi Arabia, and a draw in U.S. oil inventories supported prices., while a strengthening dollar kept futures in check. Saudi Arabia's crude oil exports fell by 277,000 barrels to just under 7 million bpd in February from the month before, according to data from the Joint Organizations Data

Initiative. "Although we viewed yesterday's EIA guidance as bullish on balance, the market's response to the data has thus far been muted," Jim Ritterbusch, president of Ritterbusch and Associates, said in a note. "As a result, we are maintaining a view that WTI will need to see some fresh highs within the next 2-3 sessions if this year's bull move is to prove sustainable." **Brent futures** rose 0.4 5 percent to \$71.94 a barrel. **U.S. light crude** was down 0.36 percent at \$63.99 a barrel.

Gold held steady as gains in dollar driven by data showing robust U.S. retail sales offset support for the metal from weak manufacturing data out of Europe, which kindled some concerns over global growth. **Spot gold** was slightly up 0.08 percent at \$1,274.81 per ounce. **U.S. gold futures** was unchanged to \$1,276.70 an ounce. "Gold is up slightly on short-covering for the weekend and on weak manufacturing news from the euro zone, but it's barely holding today because the dollar index is over the 97 mark and retail sales were uninflationary," said George Gero, managing director at RBC Wealth Management.

Top News

Pinterest, Zoom shares surge in market debut after IPOs

Shares of Pinterest surged 25 percent in their debut, giving the online scrapbook company a market capitalization of \$15.8 billion and signaling increased investor appetite for new tech listings. Its shares opened at \$23.75, well above the \$19 they were priced at, and touched a high of \$24.99 in its first hour of trading. The successful debut bodes well for the U.S. IPO market as it readies for the much-awaited listing of ride-hailing giant Uber Technologies, particularly after smaller rival Lyft's struggles to hold onto its gains since its flotation earlier this month. The day also saw a successful debut by U.S. video conferencing firm Zoom Video Communications, which soared 80 percent above its IPO price of \$36. In 2018, the company recorded a net loss of \$63 million on revenues of \$756 million. It expects to report 291 million global monthly active users as of March 31, an increase of 22 percent from a year earlier.

Schlumberger posts profit drop, sees international spending rising

Schlumberger forecast rising international and offshore exploration spending this year, after posting a 20 percent drop in first-quarter profit due to weak North American demand. The oilfield services sector bellwether said it expects a 7 to 8 percent increase in investments by oil producers in markets outside North America, citing a 20 percent increase last quarter in offshore rig counts and growing exploration activity in Latin America, Africa and Asia. Second-quarter earnings per share will be 35 cents, in line with the Wall Street consensus estimate, said Chief Executive Officer Paal Kibsgaard. He cautioned seasonal factors would preclude the potential for exceeding that figure. Net income declined to \$421 million in the three months ended March 31, from \$525 million a year earlier. Earnings per



Pinterest, Inc. Community Manager Enid Hwang rings the opening bell near the Chairman, Co-Founder, President and CEO Ben Silbermann and Co-Founder, Chief Design and Creative Officer, Evan Sharp as they celebrate the IPO of Pinterest Inc. at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, April 18. REUTERS/Brendan McDermid

share of 30 cents were in line with analysts' average estimate, while revenue of \$7.88 billion beat estimates of \$7.81 billion, according to IBES data from Refinitiv.

Blackstone to switch from a partnership to a corporation

Blackstone Group said it would convert from a partnership to a corporation, in a bid to get more investors into its stock. Blackstone is hoping the move, which will take effect July 1, will boost its share price, which has traded at a discount to traditional asset managers such as BlackRock for more than a decade. Under the so-called C-Corp structure, Blackstone will pay corporate taxes on all its revenue, in exchange for enabling investors such as mutual funds and index trackers to buy the stock. Blackstone also announced first-quarter earnings, reporting distributable earnings of \$538 million in the first quarter, up from \$502 million a year earlier. Blackstone said its assets under management reached \$512 billion at the end of March, up 14 percent from a year ago. Blackstone declared a first-quarter dividend of 37 cents per share.

AmEx profit beats as rewards program boosts customer spending

American Express' quarterly profit beat analysts' estimates, as it spent more on its rewards program boosting customer spending. Total expenses in the quarter went up 11 percent at \$7.6 billion, while the company spent \$2.46 billion on card rewards, up 4 percent from last year. AmEx also expects its marketing expenses to rise by \$200 million in the year on Delta partnership, as it tries to combat stiff competition for customers from big rival banks, including JPMorgan and Citigroup. The company missed quarterly revenue estimates for a second straight quarter even though total revenue, excluding interest expense, rose 7 percent to \$10.36 billion. Revenue was hurt by flat growth in its global merchant and network services unit, compared to a year ago, the company said. Meanwhile, net income fell to \$1.55 billion, or \$1.80 per share, in the first quarter, from \$1.63 billion, or \$1.86 per share, a year earlier.

U.S. antitrust scrutiny tests T-Mobile's \$26 billion bet on Sprint

T-Mobile's \$26 billion deal to buy Sprint banked on changes in wireless

technology and media streaming to win U.S. antitrust approval, but the bet now looks precarious. Growing skepticism from the U.S. Department of Justice's antitrust staff over the impact of the merger on competition in the market will test the resolve of the companies to complete the deal that would see the top U.S. wireless carriers shrink to three from four. While the Department of Justice has yet to reach a decision on whether to approve the deal, it is pushing Sprint and T-Mobile for evidence that the merger would be in the interest of U.S. consumers, people familiar with the matter said this week. The deal would be the third major attempt in less than a decade to consolidate the U.S. wireless market, after AT&T's \$39 billion deal to buy T-Mobile in 2011 was blocked, and Sprint and T-Mobile abandoned a previous attempt to negotiate a merger in 2014 following regulatory opposition.

Hudson News chief James Cohen to buy National Enquirer

American Media said it is selling its tabloid the National Enquirer to James Cohen, chief executive officer of Hudson Media. The National Enquirer had admitted to paying hush money to help U.S. President Donald Trump get elected and been accused of attempting to blackmail Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. The weekly tabloid, along with two of its sister publications, will be purchased by the head of Hudson Media, which is known for its airport newsstands. This comes a week after AMI said it was looking at "strategic options" for the National Enquirer as well as for the Globe and the National Examiner brands. The sale is expected to reduce AMI's debt to \$355 million.

Honeywell evaluating revenue potential from Boeing's next aircraft launch -CFO

Honeywell International is evaluating the revenue potential from supplying parts to Boeing's next major aircraft program, which is likely to be finalized by late 2019 or early next year, Chief

Financial Officer Greg Lewis told Reuters. Boeing has signaled that the proposed new mid-sized jetliner, known as NMA, will accelerate its drive to diversify beyond airframes and into services such as repairs and maintenance, where parts suppliers make much of their revenue. The trend by Boeing and other planemakers to encroach on the business models of their suppliers has already fueled an industry power battle that analysts say could reach a critical point during supplier negotiations for the NMA. Lewis also said Honeywell remained interested in China's C919 passenger jet program, manufactured by Commercial Aircraft Corp of China Ltd (COMAC), as the company was already supplying parts to the upcoming narrowbody jet.

U.S. Senate leader calls for raising minimum age to buy tobacco products to 21

U.S. Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell said he plans to introduce legislation to raise the minimum age for buying tobacco products, including vaping devices, to 21 from 18 to curb their "epidemic" use among teens. McConnell said the bill would be introduced in May. McConnell's proposal comes as states and cities across the United States have moved to raise the legal age for purchasing tobacco in an effort to prevent addiction at young ages. A 2015 study from the National Academy of Medicine found that among adults who became daily smokers, about 90 percent started using cigarettes before they were 19. The study found that raising the minimum legal age to 21 would prevent 223,000 premature deaths. So far 12 states have enacted laws to raise the minimum age to 21, including New Jersey and California. Lawmakers in New York state and Maryland have also approved legislation.

Union Pacific operational overhaul gains traction

Union Pacific reported better-than-expected quarterly profit as price

increases and cost controls offset the impact of severe winter weather and record flooding that damaged rails in the Midwest. The second-largest U.S. railroad's operational overhaul survived its first stress test. Efforts to streamline operations and create surge capacity helped railway crews reroute the 50-60 daily trains that use the east-west main line that flood waters severed for almost two weeks, Chief Executive Lance Fritz told Reuters. Net income at Union Pacific, which serves the western two-thirds of the country, rose 6.2 percent to \$1.4 billion, or \$1.93 per share, in the first quarter. Union Pacific's first-quarter operating ratio increased 1 point to 63.6 percent, largely due to the weather disruptions. The railroad is working to get that key performance metric below 60 percent by 2020 and said "everything is on the table" as it works toward that end.

Google lets Android users in Europe choose rival browsers, search engines

Users of Android devices in Europe will be able to choose rival browsers and search engines from five options starting, a senior Google executive said, as the company tries to quell EU antitrust concerns and stave off fresh penalties. Hit with a record 4.34 billion euro fine last year for using the market power of its mobile software to block rivals in areas such as internet browsing, Alphabet unit Google was also ordered to come up with a proposal to give its rivals a fair chance. The European Commission said Google had an unfair advantage by pre-installing its Chrome browser and Google search app on Android smartphones and notebooks. The company last month said it would let Android users choose their browser and search engine but did not provide details. Android users in Europe who open Google's app store Google Play will now see new screens with an option to download different search apps and browsers, Paul Gennai, its product management director, said in a blog.



U.S. Attorney General William Barr, flanked by Deputy U.S. Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, speaks at a news conference to discuss Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report on Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential race, in Washington, April 18. REUTERS/Jonathan Ernst

Insight and Analysis

COLUMN-U.S. economy hits soft patch, putting Fed on alert: Kemp

The U.S. economy hit a soft patch during the first three months of the year with manufacturing output up only slightly compared with the same period a year earlier and freight movements mostly down. U.S. manufacturing production was up by just 1.8 percent from January to March compared with the first quarter of 2018, down from 3.5 percent growth in the July-September period. Road freight volumes were up 4.6 percent year-on-year in December-February, down from 8.3 percent growth in April-June last year, according to figures compiled by the American Trucking Associations.

POLL-Bank of Canada to hold rates until at least early 2020

The Bank of Canada is expected to hold policy steady for the rest of this year, with calls for the next hike in early 2020 resting on a knife's edge, a Reuters poll showed, the latest dulling of rate expectations for a major central bank. Just last month, a majority of economists said the overnight rate would rise to 2.0 percent in the third quarter of this year, followed by another rise next year. The findings from the April 12-16 poll of over 40 economists brings expectations for the BoC in line with those for the U.S. Federal Reserve and other major central banks, which are now forecast

to stay on the sidelines this year.

EXPLAINER-Betting on the past? Europe decides on connected car standards

The European Commission's push to implement a Wi-Fi standard for connected cars has won the support of lawmakers in a victory for Germany's Volkswagen, although competitor BMW and other backers of a rival technology still hope to overturn the decision. Advocates of the alternative C-V2X standard - which stands for Cellular Vehicle to Everything - say their technology is already viable and will only improve as next-generation 5G mobile networks are rolled out.

CANADA

Coming Up - On Monday

No major events are scheduled.

TSE's S&P/TSX composite	Price	C\$ chng	% chng
GAINERS			
Ero Copper Corp	17.86	1.70	10.52
Canopy Growth Corp	59.64	2.53	4.43
Martinrea International Inc	13.85	0.49	3.67
LOSERS			
Hudbay Minerals Inc	9.71	-0.40	-3.96
Kinross Gold Corp	4.33	-0.15	-3.35
Fortuna Silver Mines Inc	4.08	-0.14	-3.32

MARKET MONITOR

Canada's main stock index closed higher, with the **Toronto Stock Exchange's S&P/TSX Composite index** ending up 0.41 percent, at 16,612.81. **Rogers Communications** shares fell 2.9 percent. **Canopy Growth** shares jumped 4.4 percent after it announced a deal with Acreage Holdings.

The **U.S. dollar** was up 0.31 percent against its **Canadian counterpart** at C\$1.3379.

Top News

Canopy Growth to buy Acreage in \$3.4 billion deal

Canopy Growth said it had secured a right to buy Acreage Holdings for \$3.4 billion once the United States legalizes the production and sale of cannabis. The two companies said the deal value was at a premium of 41.7 percent over the 30-day volume weighted average price of Acreage subordinate voting shares ending April 16. The companies said they would also execute a licensing agreement granting Acreage access to Canopy Growth's brands, including Tweed and Tokyo Smoke, along with other intellectual property. Once Canopy exercises its right to buy Acreage, it will have access to Canopy's markets beyond the United States, the companies said, adding that they operate independently until then.

Canada adds 13,200 jobs in March - ADP

Canada added 13,200 jobs in March, led by job growth in manufacturing, which posted its strongest gains in a

year, according to a report from ADP released. "Leading job growth was manufacturing...Construction and professional services rebounded while natural resources and mining, trade, information and financial services continued to struggle," said Ahu Yildirmaz, vice president of the ADP Research Institute, in a statement.

Rogers Communications quarterly profit misses estimates

Rogers Communications reported a quarterly profit that missed estimates on lower revenue from its media business. Total media revenue fell 12 percent to C\$468 million. The year-ago quarter had recorded a distribution from Major League Baseball to the Toronto Blue Jays. Excluding one-time items, Rogers earned 78 Canadian cents per share during the first quarter, while analysts on an average had estimated a profit of 94 Canadian cents, according to IBES data from Refinitiv. The company's net income fell to C\$391 million, or 76 Canadian

cents per share, in the first quarter, from C\$425 million, or 80 Canadian cents per share, a year earlier. Total quarterly revenue fell to C\$3.59 billion from C\$3.63 billion.

Canada extends deadline for Trans Mountain pipeline decision to June 18

Canada has extended the deadline for a decision on whether to push forward with the expansion of the Trans Mountain oil pipeline to June 18 from mid-May, the Natural Resources Ministry said. Amarjeet Sohi, Canada's minister of natural resources, said the delay would give the government more time to consult with indigenous groups impacted by the pipeline. "The Government has consistently said that a decision would only be made on the project once we are satisfied that the duty to consult has been met," he said. Sohi said the government was making "real progress" in consultations with indigenous groups, who have also said more time is needed.



WEALTH NEWS

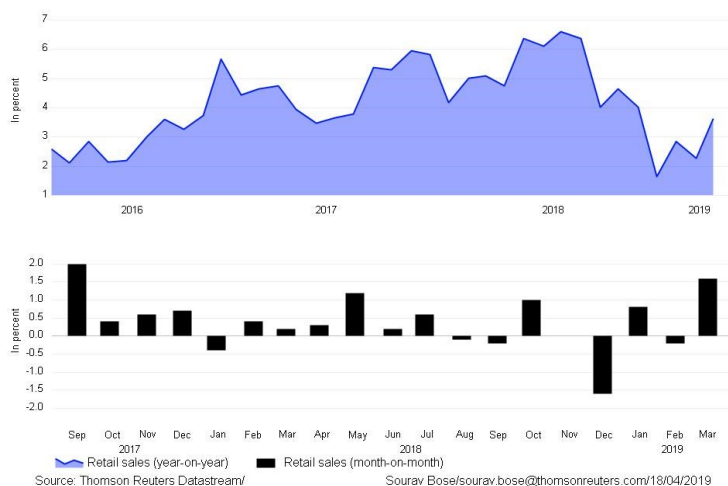
ECONOMIC DATA

U.S. retail sales, labor market data paint upbeat economic picture

U.S. retail sales increased by the most in 1-1/2 years in March as households boosted purchases of motor vehicles and a range of other goods, the latest indication that economic growth picked up in the first quarter after a false start. The Commerce Department said retail sales surged 1.6 percent in March after dropping 0.2 percent in February. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast retail sales accelerating 0.9 percent last month. The economy's enduring strength was reinforced by other data showing the number of Americans filing applications for unemployment benefits dropped to the lowest in nearly 50 years last week. The Labor Department showed initial claims for state unemployment benefits dropped 5,000 to a seasonally adjusted 192,000 for the week ended April 13. Economists had forecast claims rising to 205,000 in the latest week.

US retail sales

Retail sales increased by the most in 1-1/2 years in March



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SEARS SUES LAMPERT

Sears sues Lampert, claiming he looted assets and drove it into bankruptcy

Sears Holdings sued longtime former chairman Eddie Lampert, his hedge fund ESL Investments and others like Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, claiming they illegally siphoned billions of dollars of assets from the retailer before it went bankrupt.

INTERVIEW

EXCLUSIVE-New U.S. consumer watchdog chief to continue review of complaints database, fair lending

The new director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will continue with reviews, begun by her predecessor, of its public complaints database and how the agency enforces discriminatory lending laws, she told Reuters.

CARIGE RESCUE PLAN

BlackRock's plan for Italy's Carige sees higher cash call - sources

Troubled Italian bank Carige could need a larger-than-expected cash injection of at least \$791 million under a rescue plan put forward by U.S. asset manager BlackRock, two sources familiar with the matter said.

NAFTA ANALYSIS AWAITED

U.S. lawmakers to get long-awaited analysis of new NAFTA deal

U.S. lawmakers and economists are awaiting a key analysis of the economic impacts of the new North American trade deal, expected to be published late on Thursday and to show minimal gains at best for the United States.

U.S. WINS RULING AGAINST CHINA

U.S. wins WTO ruling against China grain import quotas

The United States won a World Trade Organization (WTO) ruling against China's use of tariff-rate quotas for rice, wheat and corn, which it successfully argued limited market access for U.S. grain exports.

CONOCO TO SELL ASSETS

Conoco sells UK North Sea oil assets to Chrysaor for \$2.7 billion

U.S. energy group ConocoPhillips has agreed to sell its oil and gas assets in the British North Sea to private equity-backed Chrysaor for \$2.68 billion, Conoco said, making Chrysaor the biggest producer in the region this year.



ON THE RADAR

Events	ET	Poll	Prior
Tue: Monthly home price mm for Feb	0900	--	0.6 pct
Monthly home price yy for Feb	0900	--	5.6 pct
Monthly Home Price Index for Feb	0900	--	272
New home sales-units for Mar	1000	0.650 mln	0.667 mln
New home sales change mm for Mar	1000	--	4.9 pct
Rich Fed Composite Index for Apr	1000	--	10
Rich Fed, Services Index for Apr	1000	--	5
Rich Fed Manufacturing Shipments for Apr	1000	--	2
 Thu: Durable goods for Mar	0830	0.7 pct	-1.6 pct
Durables ex-transport for Mar	0830	0.2 pct	-0.1 pct
Durables ex-defense mm for Mar	0830	--	-1.9 pct
Nondefense cap ex-air for Mar	0830	0.1 pct	-0.1 pct
Initial jobless claims	0830	--	192,000
Jobless claims 4-week average	0830	--	201,250
Continued jobless claims	0830	--	1.653 mln
KC Fed Manufacturing for Apr	1100	--	17
KC Fed Composite Index for Apr	1100	--	10
 Fri: GDP advance for Q1	0830	1.8 pct	3.4 pct
GDP sales advance for Q1	0830	--	1 pct
GDP cons spending advance for Q1	0830	--	3.5 pct
GDP deflator advance for Q1	0830	1.5 pct	1.5 pct
Core PCE prices advance for Q1	0830	--	1.6 pct
PCE prices advance for Q1	0830	--	1.6 pct
U Mich Sentiment Final for Apr	1000	97	96.9
U Mich Conditions Final for Apr	1000	--	114.2
U Mich Expectations Final for Apr	1000	--	85.8
U Mich 1 year inflation final for Apr	1000	--	2.4 pct
U Mich 5-year inflation final for Apr	1000	--	2.3 pct



U.S. President Donald Trump reacts as he speaks at the Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride event after the release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's report, in the East Room of the White House in Washington, U.S., April 18, 2019. REUTERS/Carlos Barria

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