



Weekly market overview

Week ahead

- Large energy and retail sector companies are scheduled to publish their earnings this week.
- The UK will release its Consumer Price Index on Wednesday. Also, S&P Global's US services and manufacturing PMI and HCOB Composite PMI will be released on Friday.

*For exact dates please check page 6 of the document

Commentary

US stocks climbed toward record highs, with the Nasdaq Composite gaining 2.58% for the week. Growth stocks outperformed value stocks, while small caps fell behind. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq ended the week less than 1% below their highest closing levels ever. Markets rallied Thursday after President Trump delayed new global tariffs, allowing room for negotiations. Inflation came in higher than expected, with January CPI rising 3.0% from a year ago and core CPI increasing 0.4% from the previous month. The data led investors to push back expectations for a Fed rate cut from September to December. Fed Chair Powell said inflation is still too high, so policymakers will keep interest rates restrictive for now. Treasury yields jumped after the inflation report, with the 10-year yield reaching 4.66% before pulling back. Municipal bonds struggled, while investment-grade corporate bonds saw strong demand. High-yield bonds remained stable.

European stocks climbed, with the STOXX Europe 600 gaining 1.78% and hitting a record high. Optimism over a possible end to the Ukraine-Russia conflict and strong earnings boosted sentiment. The UK economy unexpectedly grew 0.1% in Q4, defying forecasts of a contraction. Eurozone industrial output fell 1.1% in December, mainly due to declines in capital goods production. However, Q4 GDP was revised up to 0.1% growth, and the Eurozone economy expanded 0.7% in 2024.

EQUITIES	Level	W/W % change	M/M % change	YTD % change
United States				
S&P 500	6,115	1.5	4.7	4.0
Nasdaq 100	22,115	2.9	6.5	5.2
Dow Jones 30	44,546	0.5	4.8	4.7
Russell 2000	2,280	0.0	2.7	2.2
Global				
S&P Europe	2,246	1.8	8.7	8.9
S&P China	2,697	3.9	9.9	6.1
S&P Japan	2,578	0.7	2.5	-1.1
S&P Global	4,269	1.8	6.0	5.1
FIXED INCOME	Yield, %	1-week ago	1-month ago	31-Dec-2025
United States				
2y US Treasury	4.26	4.28	4.37	4.24
10y US Treasury	4.48	4.49	4.79	4.57
US IG Credit	5.24	5.28	5.49	5.31
US HY Credit	7.32	7.33	7.55	7.50
Europe				
2y German Bund	2.11	2.06	2.32	2.09
10y German Bund	2.42	2.38	2.62	2.36
Europe HY Credit	5.01	5.06	5.47	5.20

W/W performance of US stocks by style, %

Large-cap	1.0	1.5	2.2
	-0.1	0.3	0.2
	-0.2	0.0	0.2
Mid-cap			
Small-cap			
	Value	Total	Growth

Source: Bloomberg

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S&P 500 sector highlights







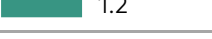
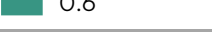




Analysts expect Communications and Financial sectors to outperform market in the following twelve months. Meanwhile, Consumer Discretionary is expected to underperform the broader market.

In Communications, Omnicom Group Inc. (OMC), The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. (IPG) and Warner Bros. Discovery, Inc. (WBD) are expected to deliver the best results. In Financials, Arch Capital (ACGL), MarketAxess Holdings Inc. (MKTX) and Global Payments Inc. (GPN) are considered potential outperformers.

In Consumer Discretionary, the worst performance is expected from eBay, Inc. (EBAY), Garmin (GRMN), and Starbucks Corporation (SBUX).

*For detailed information on sectors please check page 7 of this document

S&P 500 sector review: last week performance

Sector	ETF Ticker	Price, \$	W/W, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12 months outlook
S&P 500	SPY	609.7	 1.5	4.0	493.6	611.0	Positive
Technology	XLK	240.0	 3.1	3.2	190.7	242.6	Neutral
Communications	XLC	105.3	 2.5	5.8	76.5	105.6	Positive
Materials	XLB	89.9	 1.8	6.8	83.0	97.9	Neutral
Energy	XLE	90.1	 1.7	5.1	82.8	99.0	Neutral
Staples	XLP	80.6	 1.6	2.5	72.8	84.5	Neutral
Utilities	XLU	79.1	 1.2	4.5	60.6	83.4	Neutral
Discretionary	XLY	227.0	 0.6	1.2	166.5	240.3	Negative
Real Estate	XLRE	42.1	 0.3	4.4	35.6	45.6	Neutral
Industrials	XLI	137.6	 0.2	4.4	117.3	144.5	Neutral
Financials	XLF	51.8	0.0 	7.2	39.3	52.3	Positive
Health Care	XLV	144.8	-1.1 	5.3	135.9	159.6	Neutral

Source: Galt & Taggart Research, Bloomberg, Tipranks, Charles Schwab
 *Percentage price changes given in parentheses indicate w/w changes

Global equities

Last week's strongest performers in S&P 500

#	Ticker	Name	Price, \$	W/W, %	M/M, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12M price target, \$*	12M upside potential, %
1	SMCI	Super Micro Computer, Inc.	47.9	32.1	56.9	57.2	17.3	122.9	47.5	-0.8
2	INTC	Intel Corporation	23.6	23.6	22.9	17.7	18.5	46.6	22.1	-6.4
3	CVS	CVS Health Corporation	65.8	21.9	27.7	46.6	43.6	80.8	70.7	7.4
4	ABNB	Airbnb, Inc.	161.4	19.6	26.5	22.8	110.4	170.1	153.2	-5.1
5	MGM	MGM Resorts International	39.8	15.2	20.3	14.9	31.6	48.2	49.0	23.1

Last week's weakest performers in S&P 500

#	Ticker	Name	Price, \$	W/W, %	M/M, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12M price target, \$*	12M upside potential, %*
1	WST	West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.	214.7	-33.2	-34.7	-34.4	197.0	400.9	305.8	42.4
2	BIO	Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc.	277.2	-19.0	-19.0	-15.6	262.1	388.0	372.8	34.5
3	FIS	Fidelity National Information Services, Inc.	69.0	-17.3	-12.0	-14.6	62.2	92.0	85.3	23.6
4	GDDY	GoDaddy Inc.	182.2	-13.8	-7.7	-7.7	108.0	216.0	219.8	20.6
5	ZBRA	Zebra Technologies	318.4	-12.4	-19.3	-17.6	266.8	427.8	400.1	25.7

Last week's 10 most traded stocks globally

#	Ticker	Name	Price, \$	W/W, %	M/M, %	YTD, %	52-week low, \$	52-week high, \$	12M price target, \$*	12M upside potential, %
1	INTC	Intel Corporation	23.6	23.6	22.9	17.7	18.5	46.6	22.1	-6.4
2	NVDA	NVIDIA Corporation	138.9	6.9	5.4	3.4	66.2	153.1	171.9	23.8
3	SMCI	Super Micro Computer, Inc.	47.9	32.1	56.9	57.2	17.3	122.9	47.5	-0.8
4	TSLA	Tesla, Inc.	355.8	-1.6	-10.2	-11.9	138.8	488.5	343.6	-3.4
5	AAPL	Apple Inc.	244.6	7.5	4.9	-2.3	164.1	260.1	252.2	3.1
6	AMD	Advanced Micro Devices, Inc.	113.1	5.2	-2.6	-6.4	106.5	227.3	148.3	31.2
7	AMZN	Amazon.com, Inc.	228.7	-0.2	5.0	4.2	151.6	242.5	266.5	16.5
8	MRK	Merck & Co., Inc.	83.0	-4.9	-16.7	-16.6	82.1	134.6	116.4	40.2
9	CSCO	Cisco Systems, Inc.	64.9	4.2	9.3	9.6	44.5	66.5	68.5	5.7
10	MSFT	Microsoft Corporation	408.4	-0.3	-1.7	-3.1	385.6	468.4	508.1	24.4

*Price targets represent the average price forecasts made during past three months by the highest ranked analysts (primarily from Wall Street). A positive 12 month return target implies an overall "Buy" recommendation by analysts

*Upside potentials for stocks with negative short-term performance may be biased. This is because analysts may take time to reflect in their forecasts any unfavorable information regarding the stock.

Source: Bloomberg, Tipranks

Georgian corporate bonds

Issuer	Currency	Amount, mn	Coupon	Issue date	Maturity date	Ratings (Fitch/S&P/Moody/Scope)	Mid price	Mid yield, %
USD								
Bakhvi Hydro Power	USD	1.2	9.40%	Nov-17	Nov-27	-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Geo. Renewable Power Oper.	USD	80	7.00%	Oct-22	Oct-27	-/-/-	100.00	7.00%
Geosteel	USD	15	9.00%	Apr-23	Apr-25	-/-/-	99.99	9.00%
Silk Real Estate	USD	20	9.00%	Apr-23	Apr-26	-/-/-	99.99	9.00%
Tegeta Motors	USD	20	8.50%	Apr-23	Apr-25	-/-/BB-	99.77	8.75%
Energy Development Georgia	USD	10	8.50%	Jun-23	Jun-25	-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Georgia Capital	USD	150	8.50%	Aug-23	Aug-28	-/BB-/	101.08	8.13%
Silk Real Estate	USD	20	9.25%	Sep-23	Sep-26	-/-/-	100.91	8.63%
Prime Concrete	USD	7.5	10.50%	Sep-23	Sep-27	-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Austrian-Georgian Development	USD	15	9.00%	Oct-23	Oct-25	-/-/-	n/a	n/a
MFO EuroCredit	USD	10	9.50%	Dec-23	Dec-27	-/-/-	n/a	n/a
Geosteel	USD	5	8.50%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/-	99.63	8.75%
IG Development	USD	20	8.50%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/-	99.61	8.75%
Tegeta Motors	USD	5	8.50%	Jun-24	Jun-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	8.63%
Tegeta Motors	USD	3.3	8.50%	Jun-24	Jun-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	8.63%
IG Development	USD	19.5	8.50%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/-	n/a	8.63%
Tegeta Motors	USD	5	8.50%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MP Development	USD	5	8.75%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/-	n/a	8.75%
JSC BasisBank	USD	20	7.00%	Aug-24	Aug-27	-/-/-	n/a	7.00%
Georgia Real Estate	USD	25	8.50%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/-	n/a	8.50%
Chavchavadze 64B	USD	10	8.75%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/-	n/a	8.75%
Tegeta Motors	USD	5	8.25%	Dec-24	Dec-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a

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 Source: Bloomberg, Galt & Taggart

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EUR								
Tegeta Motors	EUR	5	7.00%	Apr-23	Apr-25	-/-/BB-	99.77	7.25%
Tegeta Motors	EUR	4	7.00%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	99.63	7.25%
Tegeta Motors	EUR	7	6.75%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	100.37	6.15%
IG Development	EUR	5	7.00%	Jan-24	Jan-26	-/-/BB-	99.60	6.15%
Tegeta Motors	EUR	10	6.75%	May-24	May-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MP Development	EUR	3	7.75%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	7.75%
Silk Real Estate	EUR	7	7.00%	Aug-24	Aug-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	7.00%
Chavchavadze 64B	EUR	3	7.75%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	7.75%
GEL								
Nikora	GEL	35	TIBR3M + 3.50%	Nov-22	Nov-25	-/-/BB-	100.00	11.58%
Tegeta Motors	GEL	150	TIBR3M + 3.50%	Dec-22	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MFO Crystal	GEL	25	TIBR6M + 4.75%	Feb-23	Feb-25	B-/BB-	100.00	13.22%
MFO Rico Express	GEL	130	TIBR1D + 2.00%	Mar-23	Mar-26	-/-/BB+	n/a	n/a
TBC Leasing	GEL	100	TIBR3M + 3.00%	Mar-23	Mar-26	BB-/BB-	n/a	n/a
TBC Leasing	GEL	15	TIBR3M + 2.75%	Jun-23	Jun-26	BB-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Tegeta Motors	GEL	20	TIBR6M + 3.50%	Jun-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Tegeta Motors	GEL	20	14.5%	Dec-23	Dec-25	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Cellfie	GEL	65	TIBR6M + 3.50%	Dec-23	Dec-26	-/-/BB-	100.00	12.33%
Tegeta Motors	GEL	10	13.50%	Jul-24	Jul-26	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
Tegeta Motors	GEL	15	13.50%	Aug-24	Aug-26	-/-/BB-	100.00	13.50%
Nikora Trade	GEL	60	TIBR3M + 3.25%	Oct-24	Oct-29	-/-/BB-	n/a	n/a
MFO MBC	GEL	30	TIBR3M + 4.25%	Dec-24	Dec-26	-/-/BB+	n/a	n/a

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Week ahead calendar

Macroeconomic releases

Company earnings

	Time (GMT +4)	Country	Event	Company	Ticker	Time
Monday 17 February	19:20	US	Fed's Bowman Speech	BHP Group	BHP	After Market
			Bridgestone	BRDCY	N/A	
Tuesday 18 February	11:00	UK	Employment Change, Dec	Arista Networks	ANET	After Market
	13:30	UK	BoE's Governor Bailey Speech	Medtronic	MDT	Premarket
Wednesday 19 February				Cadence Design	CDNS	After Market
				Occidental Petroleum	OXY	After Market
	11:00	UK	Consumer Price Index, Jan	HSBC Holdings	HSBC	Premarket
Thursday 20 February	23:00	US	FOMC Minutes	Rio Tinto	RIO	N/A
				Analog Devices	ADI	Premarket
	17:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Walmart	WMT	Premarket
Friday 21 February				Alibaba	BABA	Premarket
				Booking Holdings	BKNG	After Market
				Schneider Electric SE	SBGSY	Premarket
	11:00	UK	Retail Sales, Jan	Air Liquide	AIQUY	Premarket
				Constellation Energy	CEG	N/A
				Trip.com Group Ltd.	TCOM	N/A
	13:00	EU	HCOB Composite PMI, Feb			
	13:30	UK	S&P Global/CIPS Composite PMI, Feb			
	18:45	US	S&P Global Services PMI, Feb			

1. Central bank interest rates have significant impact on equity valuations. Higher rates result in lower discounted values of future earnings, which naturally bring down the stock prices.
2. Inflation is currently a very closely watched macroeconomic statistic, as central banks respond to high inflation by raising interest rates. Generally, developed economies target a 2% annual inflation rate, which is less than current inflation levels in both the US and Eurozone.

Descriptions of key sectors

Communications	Includes companies that produce communication technologies and services. Major industries are internet content & information, telecom services, entertainment, electronic gaming & multimedia, advertising agencies, broadcasting, and publishing. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Alphabet, Meta Platforms, Netflix, T-Mobile, and Walt Disney.
Technology	Includes companies that produce technological goods or services. Major industries are software, semiconductors, consumer electronics, IT services, computer hardware, electronic components, and scientific & technical instruments. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Apple, Microsoft, NVIDIA, Cisco, and IBM.
Discretionary	Includes companies that produce non-essential or luxury goods and services (aka Consumer Discretionary or Consumer Cyclical). Major industries are general and internet retail, auto manufacturing & dealership, apparel, restaurants, travel services & resorts, and gambling. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Amazon, Tesla, Nike, Alibaba, and McDonald's.
Staples	Includes companies that produce goods essential to life (aka Consumer Staples or Consumer Defensive). Major industries are discount stores, household & personal products, beverages, tobacco, packaged foods, confectioneries, farm products, and grocery stores. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Walmart, Procter & Gamble, Coca-Cola, Philip Morris, and Costco.
Health Care	Includes companies that produce health-related products and services. Major industries are drug manufacturing, biotechnology, healthcare plans, medical devices, instruments & supplies, diagnostics & research, and medical care facilities. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Eli Lilly, UnitedHealth Group, Johnson & Johnson, AstraZeneca, and Pfizer.
Financials	Includes companies related to finance and investing. Major industries are banks, insurance, credit services, asset management, capital markets, and financial data & stock exchanges. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Berkshire Hathaway, Visa, JPMorgan, Bank of America, and Goldman Sachs.
Industrials	Includes companies that mainly produce capital goods for manufacturing and construction. Major industries are aerospace & defense, industrial machinery, railroads, farm & heavy construction machinery, freight & logistics, and building products & equipment. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Union Pacific, United Parcel Services, FedEx, General Electric, and Boeing.
Materials	Includes companies that produce raw materials mostly for manufacturing purposes. Major industries are chemicals, industrial metals & mining, precious metals & mining, building materials, agricultural inputs, paper & paper products, and lumber & wood products. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Linde, BHP Group, Rio Tinto, and Dow.
Energy	Includes companies relating to oil, gas, and consumable fuels. Major industries of the sector are oil & gas: exploration & production, midstream, equipment & services, refining & marketing, drilling, uranium, and thermal coal. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Shell, Occidental Petroleum, and BP.
Utilities	Includes companies that provide basic utilities, such as gas, water, and electricity. Major industries include regulated electric, renewables, regulated gas, regulated water, and independent power producers. Examples of leading companies in this sector are NextEra Energy, Southern Company, and Duke Energy.
Real Estate	Mainly includes Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). Major industries are REIT: specialty, industrial, residential, retail, healthcare facilities, diversified, office, mortgage, hotel & motel, and real estate services. Examples of leading companies in this sector are Prologis, American Tower, and Equinix.

Source: S&P Capital IQ, Corporate Finance Institute

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