

The Market Week in Review

For Week Ending March 10, 2018

THE MARKETS

Stock markets rebounded over 3.00% from last week's drawdown as investors' worries over steel and aluminum tariffs diminished on strong economic data. Interest rates also rose slightly higher on positive economic data with the 10-year Treasury yield rising to 2.90%, 4 basis points higher from the prior week. Gold remained virtually unchanged for the week despite a strong jobs report. Crude oil prices rose higher closing at \$62.07 a barrel, 1.09% higher from last week. The U.S. dollar index also continues to linger near the 90 level.

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Index	Started Week	Ended Week	Change	% Change	YTD %
DJIA	24,538.06	25,335.74	797.68	3.25%	2.49%
Nasdaq	7,257.87	7,560.81	302.94	4.17%	9.52%
S&P 500	2,691.25	2,786.57	95.32	3.54%	4.22%
Russell 2000	1,533.17	1,597.14	63.97	4.17%	4.01%

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

- The U.S. trade deficit increased for the month of January to \$56.5 billion, the largest deficit since 2008. Much of the increase in the deficit came from a 1.3% drop in exports, whereas imports were unchanged from the previous month.
- Jobless claims increased to 231,000 for the week ending March 3rd, 21,000 more claims than the prior week. Despite the increase in jobless claims, unemployment still remains historically very low.

- The U.S. added 313,000 jobs in February, indicating that the labor market remains strong. However the growth in average hourly earnings cooled down to a 2.6% year-over-year rate, 0.3% lower than January's reading.
 - Factory orders decreased by 1.4% for the month of January after coming off consecutive increases the prior two months.
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TIDBITS

Gary Cohn announced his resignation as Trump's top economic adviser as he opposed the Trump administration's plans to impose tariffs on steel and aluminum imports.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Put not your trust in money, but put your money in trust."
- Oliver Wendell Holmes

We hope you have found the information in this week's market summary informative. If you would like to comment on any of the information found in this week's Market Week in Review please email us at firm@estatecounselors.com. If you would like to discuss how current market conditions could impact your investments, please feel free to call us at the number listed below.

Best regards,

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