

Before the Bell

An Ameriprise Investment Research Group Publication

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Starting the Day

- U.S. equity futures indicate a slight decline at the open.
- European markets are 0.3% to 0.4% lower at midday.
- Markets across the Asia /Pacific ended lower overnight.
- Tariff uncertainty still a significant overhang.
- · Fed's preferred inflation gauge remains hot.
- 10-year Treasury yield at 4.32%.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil is trading at \$69.91.
- Gold is trading at \$3,032.40

Market Perspectives Russell T. Price, CFA Chief Economist

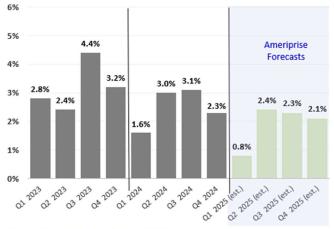
Trump tariffs could lower 2025 GDP by 0.5% to 1.0%, or more. Recent auto-import related tariffs announced by the Trump administration (25% on non-domestically produced autos and certain auto parts) would likely reduce U.S. economic growth this year by 0.5% to 1.0%, or more, in our view. New auto prices are likely to see a material rise. We estimate import vehicle prices could rise by \$4,000 to \$8,000 on average (much more for premium brands), thus reducing overall demand. As a point of clarification, the White House's recently issued Fact Sheet specifies that the tariffs will apply only to the foreign <u>content</u> of vehicles, apparently not the full cost.

Domestic vehicle prices and resulting demand will also be negatively affected depending on the number of auto parts and components affected by the tariffs. According to the White House, such components would include engines, transmissions, powertrain parts and electrical components. Over the near-term, many prospective new car buyers may delay their purchase decision to see if the tariffs are reduced, eliminated or allowed to expire. Further, the administration has scheduled another round of tariff announcements for next Wednesday (April 2nd), which should be expected to have a negative impact on near-term real growth.

As seen in the graph at right, we currently believe real growth should remain generally positive over the next few quarters, but our estimates have come down materially. Our current estimates also very likely have downside risk from the yet unknown tariffs to be released next week.

While we believe the U.S. economy is on a sound foundation given what we see as strong consumer and business balance sheets, the administration could yet push it into a recession via overly aggressive tariff implementations. Some notable questions remain to be answered, however, such as: will producers be given credit for vehicles produced here in the U.S. but exported for sale elsewhere?

In making the announcement, the president said the tariffs could generate revenue of nearly \$100 billion for the U.S. government. Our initial calculations suggest that the tariff



Ameriprise Quarterly Real GDP Forecast



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revenue generated would be materially lower (about \$50 to \$70 billion) and the added cost would likely reduce auto sales, increase prices, and negatively affect profit margins for producers and parts suppliers.

According to the New York Times, nearly half of all U.S. autos sold in the U.S. are imported. In 2024, the U.S. imported approximately 8 million autos with a total value of \$220 billion, per the Commerce Department. The U.S. also exported 1.65 million autos (2023) with Canada being the top destination.

In our base case outlook, we continue to see such announcements as negotiation tactics. We believe some tariffs on imported autos will likely be implemented and maintained, particularly those affecting units made in China. However, a 25% tariff with no warning or time allowed for manufacturers to make adjustments would very likely cause serious disruption in the industry with little purpose. Tariffs are primarily intended to alter domestic sourcing. Implementing them with little to no warning defeats that intention.

WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS

Foreign Exchange (In

Euro (€/\$) British Pound (f/S)

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% chg.	% YTD	Value	Europe (Intra-day)	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Asia/Pacific (Last Night)	% chg.	%YTD	Value
-0.3%	-2.9%	5,693.3	DJSTOXX 50 (Europe)	-0.4%	10.0%	5,360.6	Nikkei 225 (Japan)	-1.8%	-6.1%	37,120.3
-0.4%	-0.2%	42,299.7	FTSE 100 (U.K.)	0.2%	7.3%	8,679.8	Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	-0.6%	17.6%	23,426.6
-0.5%	-7.7%	17,804.0	DAX Index (Germany)	-0.5%	13.4%	22,574.2	Korea Kospi 100	-1.9%	7.8%	2,558.0
-0.4%	-7.1%	2,065.7	CAC 40 (France)	-0.5%	8.0%	7,952.3	Singapore STI	-0.2%	5.3%	3,972.4
0.5%	10.7%	133,149	FTSE MIB (Italy)	-0.2%	14.2%	39,039.3	Shanghai Comp. (China)	-0.7%	0.0%	3,351.3
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-0.4%	-3.2%	3,238.4	MOEX Index (Russia)	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#N/A N/A	S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	0.2%	-0.7%	7,982.0
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Global	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Developed International	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Emerging International	% chg.	%YTD	Value
MSCI All-Country World Idx	-0.3%	0.7%	843.2	MSCI EAFE	-0.2%	10.1%	2,470.2	MSCI Emerging Mkts	-0.1%	5.7%	1,130.5

Value

150.75

0.63

Note: International market returns shown on a local currency basis. The equity index data shown above is on a total return basis, inclusive of dividends.

Japanese Yen (\$/¥)

Australian Dollar (A\$/\$)

S&P 500 Sectors	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Equity Income Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Communication Services	-0.8%	-2.7%	331.6	JPM Alerian MLP Index	-0.2%	10.9%	326.
Consumer Discretionary	0.1%	-10.7%	1,631.6	FTSE NAREIT Comp. TR	-0.3%	1.7%	25,533.
Consumer Staples	1.0%	4.0%	882.5	DJ US Select Dividend	-0.1%	2.9%	3,602.4
Energy	-0.8%	9.5%	711.3	DJ Global Select Dividend	-0.4%	10.1%	243.1
Financials	-0.2%	4.2%	835.4	S&P Div. Aristocrats	0.4%	2.9%	4,706.3
Health Care	0.2%	5.9%	1,691.7				
Industrials	-0.5%	1.2%	1,125.6				
Materials	0.0%	3.5%	545.7	Bond Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Real Estate	-0.3%	2.6%	260.6	Barclays US Agg. Bond	-0.1%	2.0%	2,232.4
Technology	-0.7%	-10.5%	4,118.8	Barclays HY Bond	-0.2%	1.3%	2,718.8
Utilities	0.0%	3.0%	393.6				

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1.08

1.29

Commodities			
Futures & Spot (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value
CRB Raw Industrials	0.1%	6.0%	573.5
NYMEX WTI Crude (p/bbl.)	0.0%	-2.5%	69.9
ICE Brent Crude (p/bbl.)	0.0%	-0.8%	74.1
NYMEX Nat Gas (mmBtu)	-0.9%	7.1%	3.9
Spot Gold (troy oz.)	0.6%	17.2%	3,075.1
Spot Silver (troy oz.)	0.1%	19.2%	34.4
LME Copper (per ton)	-0.8%	13.3%	9,800.2
LME Aluminum (per ton)	-1.5%	0.9%	2,549.0
CBOT Corn (cents p/bushel)	-1.1%	-4.4%	445.3
CBOT Wheat (cents p/bushel)	-1.6%	-6.9%	523.8

	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)	-0.1%	0.4%	1.43
Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)	-0.1%	2.8%	0.88

3.3% Data/Price Source: Bloomberg. Equity Index data is total return, inclusive of dividends, where applicable

% YTD

4.0%

% chg

-0.3%

-0.2%

Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC)

U.S. Equity Sector - 1	Tactical V	/iews							
	S&P 500 Index <u>Weight</u>	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical <u>Overlay</u>	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>		S&P 500 Index <u>Weight</u>	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical <u>Overlay</u>	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>
Financials	13.5%	Overweight	2.0%	15.5%	Energy	3.0%	Equalweight	-	3.0%
Consumer Staples	5.5%	Equalweight	-	5.5%	Utilities	2.3%	Equalweight	-	2.3%
Information Technology	32.8%	Equalweight	-	32.8%	Materials	1.9%	Equalweight	-	1.9%
Industrials	8.1%	Equalweight	-	8.1%	Real Estate	2.0%	Equalweight	-	2.0%
Communication Services	9.4%	Equalweight	-	9.4%	Consumer Discretionary	11.5%	Equalweight	-	11.5%
As of: January 2, 2025					Health Care	10.0%	Underweight	- 2.0 %	8.0%

6 chg

0.2%

-0.2%

% YTD

4.3%

1.7%

Index weightings represent the respective market capitalization of each sector in the S&P 500 as of 12/19/2024. The GAAC Tactical Overlay, as well as Recommended Tactical Weights, is derived from the Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC). Views are expressed relative to the Index and are provided to represent investment conviction in each region. Tactical Allocations are designed to augment Index returns over a 6-12 month time horizon. Numbers may not add due to rounding

Global Equity	Global Equity Regions - Tactical Views											
	MSCI All-Country World Index Weight	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical <u>Overlay</u>	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>		MSCI All-Country World Index Weight	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical Overlay	GAAC Recommended Weight			
United States	66.1%	Overweight	3.2%	69.3%	United Kingdom	3.0%	Equalweight	-	3.0%			
Europe ex U.K.	11.3%	Equalweight	-	11.3%	Asia-Pacific ex Japan		Underweight	- 1.0 %	9.2%			
Latin America	0.8%	Equalweight	-	0.8%	Canada	2.7%	Underweight	-1.0%	1.7%			
Japan as of: January 2, 2025	4.7%	Equalweight	-	4.7%	Middle East / Africa	1.2%	Underweight	- 1.2 %	0.0%			

as of: January 2, 202

Index weightings are based on the regional market capitalizations of the MSCI All-Country World Index as of 12/26/2024. The GAAC Tactical Overlay, as well as the Recommended Tactical Weights, are derived from the Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC). Views are expressed relative to the Index and are provided to represent investment conviction in each region. Tactical Allocations are designed to augment Index returns over a 6-12 month time horizon. Numbers may not add due to rounding.

Economic News and Views:

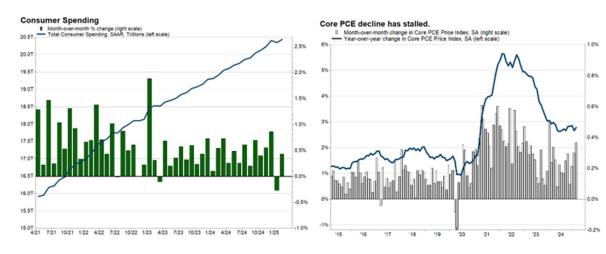
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Releases for Friday, March 28, 2025			All times Eastern. Consensus estimates via Bloomberg						
Time	Period	Release	<u>Consensus Est.</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Prior	Revised to			
8:30 AN	M FEB	Personal Income	+0.4%	+0.8%	+0.9%	+0.7%			
8:30 AN	M FEB	Personal Spending	+0.5%	+0.4%	-0.2%	-0.3%			
8:30 AN	M FEB	PCE* Deflator (MoM)	+0.3%	+0.3%	+0.3%				
8:30 AN	M FEB	Core PCE Deflator (MoM)	+0.3%	+0.4%	+0.3%				
8:30 AN	M FEB	PCE Deflator (YoY)	+2.5%	+2.5%	+2.5%				
8:30 AN	M FEB	Core PCE Deflator (YoY)	+2.7%	+2.8%	+2.6%	+2.7%			
10:00 A	M Mar. F	U. of M. Consumer Sentiment	57.9		57.9				
*PCF =	Personal Consi	imption Expenditures							

PCE = Personal Consumption Expenditures

Commentary:

- Fed's preferred inflation measure remains "hot" as personal income and spending see sound growth.
- · Personal income and spending both grew at fairly solid rates last month but the Federal Reserve's preferred measure of inflation, the Core Personal Consumption Expenditure (PCE) Price Index, came-in "hotter" than expected.
- Personal spending was a tenth weaker than expected and January's decline was revised a tenth deeper.
- The personal income numbers were not as good as the headline numbers would suggest. Wage and salary income, the most important component of the report, in our view, were much more subdued, growing just 0.2% in January and 0.4% in February. On a year-over-year basis, wage and salary income decelerated from +5.0% in December down to +3.5% in February.
- Spending, meanwhile, was stronger than it looked. On a year-over-year basis, total spending was a strong 5.4% higher and the pace of spending (on a 3-month annualized basis) was a similar 5.4%.
- The charts below are sourced from FactSet and HAVE been updated to reflect today's releases.



Ameriprise Economic Projections

Forecast:		Full-year				Quarterly						
	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Est.	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>Q1-2024</u>	<u>Q2-2024</u>	<u>Q3-2024</u>	<u>Q4-2024</u>	Q1-2025	<u>Q2-2025</u>	<u>Q3-2025</u>	
Real GDP (annualized)	2.9%	2.8%	2.4%	2.1%	1.6%	3.0%	2.8%	2.3%	1.0%	3.2%	2.9%	
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	
CPI (ΥοΥ)	3.4%	2.9%	2.5%	2.2%	3.5%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%	
Core PCE (YoY)	2.9%	2.8%	2.3%	2.1%	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%	

 $Sources: \ Historical \ data \ via \ FactSet. \ Estimates \ (Est.) \ via \ American \ Enterprise \ Investment \ Services \ Inc.$

YoY = Year-over-year, Unemployment numbers are period ending. GDP: Gross Domestic Product; CPI: Consumer Price Index

PCE: Personal Consumption Expenditures Price Index. Core excludes food and energy.

All estimates other than GDP are period ending.

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Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee Targets and Views

Targets			
	Favorable	Base-Case	Adverse
2025 Year-end Targets:	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
S&P 500 Index:	7,000	6,500	5,500
10-Year U.S. Treasury Yield:	5.00%	4.25%	3.00%
Fed Funds Target Range:	4.25% to 4.50%	3.75% to 4.00%	3.25% to 3.50%

Estimates (Est.) via American Enterprise Investment Services Inc.

Please see latest Quarterly Capital Market Digest for more information.

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Global Asset Allocation Committee Views

AMERIPRISE GLOBAL ASSET ALLOCATION COMMITTEE TACTICAL ASSET CLASS VIEWS

2025 Year-end S&P 500 Target: 6,500 2025 Year-End 10-year Treasury Target: 4.25%

as of 12/30/2024

	Overweight	Equalweight	Underweight
Equity	 U.S. Large Cap Growth U.S. Large Cap Value 	 U.S. Mid Cap Value U.S. Mid Cap Growth U.S. Small Cap Value U.S. Small Cap Growth 	 Developed Foreign Equity Emerging Foreign Equity
S&P 500 Sectors	• Financials	 Communication Services Consumer Discretionary Consumer Staples Energy Industrials Information Technology Materials Real Estate Utilities 	• Health Care
Global Equity Regions	 United States 	 Europe ex U.K. Japan Latin America United Kingdom 	 Middle East/Africa Asia-Pacific ex Japan Canada
Fixed Income	 U.S. High Yield Bonds 	 U.S. Government U.S. Inv. Grade Corporates Developed Foreign Bonds 	 Emerging Foreign Bonds Municipal Bonds
Alternatives		 Real Assets Alternative Strategies	
Cash		CashCash Investments	

Note: Our Tactical Allocations are designed to augment a Strategic portfolio over a 6-12-month time horizon. Asset Allocation and diversification do not ensure or guarantee better performance and do not eliminate the risk of investment losses. Investors should note that rising interest rates could have a detrimental effect on bond prices. Please consult with your financial advisor. Cash generally refers to assets, securities and/or products low in risk and highly liquid. For asset allocation purposes, instruments can include Treasury bills, certificates of deposit, money market funds and high quality bonds whose maturities are less than 3 months. Outside of asset allocation purposes, cash investments can also include illiquid cash held in a mutual fund or pledged as collateral for derivatives. You can only access this cash by redeeming the fund using it, subject to fees or time constraints associated with redemptions.

As of December 31, 2024		Rolling	Returns	
Major Market Indices	QTD	1-year	3-years	5-years
Russell 3000 [®] Index (U.S. Equity)	2.63%	23.81%	8.01%	13.86%
MSCI ACWI Ex USA Index - net (Foreign Equity)	-7.60%	5.53%	0.82%	4.10%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Bond Index (Fixed Income)	-2.73%	2.04%	-1.95%	0.06%
Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index (Alternatives)	-1.87%	4.33%	1.50%	2.48%
FTSE Three-Month Treasury Bill Index (Cash)	1.23%	5.45%	4.05%	2.54%

Past performance is not a guarantee of future performance. Performance calculations use FactSet data and are as of Date.

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