

Before the Bell

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Starting the Day

- U.S. equity futures point to a positive open.
- Most major European markets are modestly lower.
- · Asian markets ended mixed overnight.
- The Q1 earnings release season gets underway.
- · March producer prices see a drop.
- 10-year Treasury yield at 4.40%.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil is trading at \$60.15.
- Gold is trading at \$3,239.90

Market Perspectives Russell T. Price CFA Chief Economist

Was Trump's tariff pull-back too little, too late? Markets cheered on Wednesday when the President announced a pause in the implementation of most of his recently announced reciprocal tariffs. The S&P 500 surged a historic 9.5%, while the NASDAQ Composite gained a remarkable 12.2%.

Some of those gains were given back yesterday as investors re-did the tariff math to see that the picture had not changed materially. While the added reciprocal tariffs on all countries except China were delayed 90 days, the tariff rate on China ballooned to 145%. This significant increase on Chinese-made goods largely equals the reduction that would have flowed from the reciprocal tariffs on all others. The economic cost of the tariffs in this case might not matter much, however, as tariffs of that magnitude (on China) could bring our trade with China to a near halt.

At the end of the day, the S&P 500 ended down 3.5% yesterday, the Dow Jones Industrial Average was off 2.5% and the NASDAQ Composite dropped 4.3%. On a year-to-date basis, the moves of the last two days leave the S&P 500 off by 10.4%, the Dow down 6.9% and the tech-heavy NASDAQ down 15.1%.

In our view, yesterday's sell-off was partially fueled by a perceived loss of U.S. status due to this situation. Foreign travel to the U.S. is reportedly off considerably and volatility in the Treasury auction market has raised questions about international demand for U.S. debt (and this at a time that the debt ceiling is precluding the issuance of any new debt — other than that which is being refinanced). In the same vein, the value of the U.S. dollar has been moving lower under concerns that the current situation may dent foreign perceptions of U.S. financial assets being the investment safe-havens they've been known as for decades.





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U.S. Premarket Indicators / Overnight International Market Activity

United States:

The tariff soap opera continued yesterday as concerns over a potentially lasting pall over the U.S. global status in the world gained steam. Typically, periods of global uncertainty would bring global capital to the perceived safety of U.S. financial assets, particularly U.S. Treasuries. For the most part, that has not been seen in this situation. Treasury yields have posted modest gains over the last few weeks and the value of the U.S. dollar has been declining, implying less demand for U.S. goods and financial assets.

With tariffs still at centerstage, financial markets completely looked past the good news offered yesterday via the March inflation report. The Labor Department's Consumer Price Index (CPI) came in considerably weaker than expected with a 0.1% decline in headline prices for the month. The Core rate, which excludes food and energy, was also two tenths below forecasters consensus expectations. Possibly most important was a further deceleration in the shelter costs component of the Index. This one component, which accounts for just over a third of the headline measure, was up 0.2% in the month, its weakest gain since 2021. Notably, CPI minus just the Shelter component slipped to just 1.5% - its lowest level since 2021 as well.

Europe:

At mid-day, most major European equity markets are lower by about 0.5% to 1.25%. London's FTSE Index is currently the lone major market in the green, showing a gain of 0.5%. Germany's DAX, meanwhile, is leading things to the downside, looking at a loss of 1.4%. The Trump administration's tariff on all auto imports would hit Germany especially hard due to its heavy concentration of premium autos that are mostly made in-country. We note that while President Trump has delayed the implementation of reciprocal tariffs, his administration left in place the 25% tariff on imported automobiles and parts (other than those specifically covered under the USMCA trade agreement with Mexico and Canada).

Asia-Pacific:

Markets were decidedly mixed in overnight trading across the Asia /Pacific. Japan's main Nikkei 225 Index was down a rather heavy 2.3% but stocks in China were higher on the perception of further government support. Earlier in the week, China's central government arranged for the People's Bank of China (PBOC) to provide financing for state-linked wealth funds to purchase more shares. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index was 1.1% higher on the session while the mainland's Shanghai CSI 300 was up 0.4%.

1.39

0.81

WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS

Euro (€/\$)

British Pound (£/\$)

4/11/2025	As of: 8	8:30 AM	ET								
Americas	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Europe (Intra-day)	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Asia/Pacific (Last Night)	% chg.	%YTD	Value
S&P 500	-3.5%	-10.1%	5,268.1	DJSTOXX 50 (Europe)	-1.0%	-2.0%	4,770.3	Nikkei 225 (Japan)	-3.0%	-15.1%	33,585.6
Dow Jones	-2.5%	-6.5%	39,593.7	FTSE 100 (U.K.)	0.3%	-1.7%	7,935.1	Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	1.1%	5.1%	20,914.7
NASDAQ Composite	-4.3%	-15.0%	16,387.3	DAX Index (Germany)	-1.6%	1.6%	20,235.1	Korea Kospi 100	-0.5%	2.4%	2,432.7
Russell 2000	-4.3%	-17.6%	1,831.4	CAC 40 (France)	-0.7%	-3.9%	7,079.1	Singapore STI	-1.8%	-6.5%	3,512.5
Brazil Bovespa	-1.1%	5.0%	126,355	FTSE MIB (Italy)	-1.1%	-0.9%	33,884.2	Shanghai Comp. (China)	0.5%	-3.4%	3,238.2
S&P/TSX Comp. (Canada)	-3.0%	-6.1%	23,014.9	IBEX 35 (Spain)	-0.1%	7.1%	12,296.3	Bombay Sensex (India)	1.8%	-3.6%	75,157.3
Russell 3000	-3.6%	-10.7%	2,985.1	MOEX Index (Russia)	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#N/A N/A	S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	-0.8%	-4.9%	7,646.5
Global	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Developed International	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Emerging International	% chg.	%YTD	Value
MSCI All-Country World Idx	-0.8%	-6.9%	779.3	MSCI EAFE	5.9%	2.4%	2,293.2	MSCI Emerging Mkts	3.6%	-3.7%	1,028.9
Note: International market returns	shown on a	local curren	cy basis. The	equity index data shown abou	ve is on a	total retu	rn basis, incl	usive of dividends.			
S&P 500 Sectors	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Equity Income Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Commodities			
Communication Services	-4.1%	-9.7%	307.3	JPM Alerian MLP Index	-3.3%	-5.0%	279.8	Futures & Spot (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Consumer Discretionary	-4.1%	-17.8%	1,503.2	FTSE NAREIT Comp. TR	-2.1%	-6.2%	23,543.5	CRB Raw Industrials	0.3%	4.6%	565.8
Consumer Staples	0.2%	3.1%	874.3	DJ US Select Dividend	-2.7%	-6.0%	3,291.7	NYMEX WTI Crude (p/bbl.)	0.0%	-16.3%	60.0
Energy	-6.4%	-9.0%	591.1	DJ Global Select Dividend	0.8%	3.7%	228.0	ICE Brent Crude (p/bbl.)	0.0%	-15.2%	63.3
Financials	-2.9%	-4.6%	763.7	S&P Div. Aristocrats	-1.6%	-4.4%	4,374.4	NYMEX Nat Gas (mmBtu)	-2.6%	-4.6%	3.5
Health Care	-2.8%	-1.4%	1,574.1					Spot Gold (troy oz.)	1.2%	22.4%	3,213.4
Industrials	-2.6%	-5.9%	1,045.9					Spot Silver (troy oz.)	0.7%	8.8%	31.5
Materials	-3.0%	-6.1%	494.8	Bond Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	LME Copper (per ton)	5.0%	4.1%	9,003.5
Real Estate	-2.1%	-4.9%	241.2	Barclays US Agg. Bond	-0.6%	1.3%	2,217.0	LME Aluminum (per ton)	2.5%	-7.7%	2,332.0
Technology	-4.6%	-17.3%	3,807.1	Barclays HY Bond	-0.1%	-1.5%	2,641.8	CBOT Corn (cents p/bushel)	0.3%	4.5%	490.0
Iltilities	-0.6%	0.4%	383.4					CROT Wheat (cents n/hushel)	1.6%	-2.8%	546.8

4.6% Data/Price Source: Bloomberg. Equity Index data is total return, inclusive of dividends, where applicable.

9.6%

1.14

1.31

Japanese Yen (\$/¥)

Australian Dollar (A\$/\$)

1.3%

1.0%

Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee (GAAC)

U.S. Equity Sector - 1	Factical \	/iews							
	S&P 500 Index Weight	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical Overlay	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>		S&P 500 Index <u>Weight</u>	GAAC Tactical View	GAAC Tactical Overlay	GAAC Recommended <u>Weight</u>
Financials	14.4%	Overweight	2.0%	16.4%	Consumer Staples	5.8%	Equalweight	-	5.8%
Information Technology	30.4%	Equalweight	-	30.4%	Energy	3.6%	Equalweight	-	3.6%
Consumer Discretionary	10.2%	Equalweight	-	10.2%	Utilities	2.5%	Equalweight	-	2.5%
Communication Services	9.4%	Equalweight	-	9.4%	Real Estate	2.2%	Equalweight	-	2.2%
Industrials	8.4%	Equalweight	-	8.4%	Materials	2.0%	Equalweight	-	2.0%
As of: March 31, 2025					Health Care	11.1%	Underweight	-2.0%	9.1%

1.3%

0.3%

10.3%

0.9%

142.55

0.62

Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)

Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)

0.7%

1.2%

3.6%

11.4%

Index weightings represent the respective market capitalization of each sector in the S&P 500 as of 3/31/2025. 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	Regions - Tac	ctical Views							
	MSCI All-Country		GAAC	GAAC		MSCI All-Country	1	GAAC	GAAC
	World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended
	Weight	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	<u>Weight</u>		Weight	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	Weight
Europe ex U.K.	13.2%	Overweight	2.0%	15.2%	Latin America	0.9%	Equalweight	-	0.9%
United States	62.8%	Overweight	1.2%	64.0%	Middle East / Africa	1.2%	Underweight	-1.2 %	0.0%
Japan	5.1%	Equalweight	-	5.1%	Asia-Pacific ex Japan	10.6%	Underweight	-1.0 %	9.6%
United Kingdom	3.4%	Equalweight	-	3.4%	Canada	2.8%	Underweight	-1.0%	1.8%

Index weightings are based on the regional market capitalizations of the MSCI All-Country World Index as of 3/31/2025. 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.

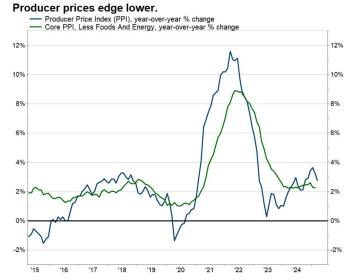
Economic News and Views:

Russell T. Price, CFA - Chief Economist

Releases	for Thurs	day, April 11, 2025 All ti	mes Eastern. Consei	nsus estimate	es via Bloom	berg	
<u>Time</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Release</u>	Consensus Est.	Actual	<u>Prior</u>	Revised to	
8:30 AM	MAR	Producer Price Index (PPI)(MoM)	+0.2%	-0.4%	+0.0%	+0.1%	
8:30 AM	MAR	Core PPI - Less Food & Energy (Mol	M) +0.3%	-0.1%	-0.1%	+0.1%	
8:30 AM	MAR	Producer Price Index (PPI)(YoY)	+3.1%	+2.7%	+3.2%		
8:30 AM	MAR	PPI – Less Food & Energy (YoY)	+3.6%	+3.3%	+3.4%		
10:00 AM	Apr. P	U. of M. Consumer Sentiment	53.5		57.0		

Commentary:

- Producer prices dropped last month. This seemingly good news, however, will very likely be overlooked by traders
 today in consideration of the sharp pending price increases coming in the months ahead due to tariff
 implementations. Still, today's data, combined with yesterday's report on weaker than expected consumer
 inflation pressures, would bode well for the outlook should we see significant resolution to the tariff picture in the
 months ahead.
- As was the case with yesterday's CPI report, lower energy prices were key in pressuring the headline inflation rate for producers. Energy prices were shown to be a sharp 4.0% lower last month and 6.7% lower relative to year-ago levels.
- More key categories than not, however, saw price declines. Finished consumer goods prices were down 3.8% in the month and 6.0% lower versus year-ago levels. The price of government procured goods were also down by a sharp 4.4% in the month which equated to a very notable 9.7% decline versus year-ago levels.
- Even the wide Services category, which accounts for 68% of the Index, saw prices drop 0.2% in the month (though still 3.6% higher versus year-ago levels).
- Food prices were particularly soft with a 2.1% m/m decline. The category was still 3.7% higher y/y however.
- The chart at right is sourced from FactSet and HAS been updated to reflect today's release.



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Ameriprise Econon	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>	Q1-2024	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025
Real GDP (annualized)	2.9%	2.8%	2.2%	2.1%	1.6%	3.0%	2.8%	2.3%	0.8%	2.4%	2.3%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%	3.8%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.2%
CPI (YoY)	3.4%	2.9%	2.4%	2.2%	3.5%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	2.5%	2.5%	2.4%
Core PCE (YoY)	2.9%	2.8%	2.5%	2.1%	2.8%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%

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

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

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

All estimates other than GDP are period ending.

<u>Please note:</u> Our economic forecasts do not yet fully reflect tariff related considerations. We anticipate making such adjustments shortly.

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.

Last Updated: January 2, 2025

When we can make more concrete forecasts about the economic and profit impacts from tariffs and have more visibility into the ultimate White House tariff objectives, we will update our S&P 500 targets and scenarios. Our next Quarterly Capital Market Digest report will be published later this month and will include adjustments to the targets and accompanying scenarios.

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 03/31/2025

	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 	Emerging Foreign
		U.S. Small Cap Growth Developed Foreign	
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. Investment Grade Municipals	U.S. Government U.S. High Yield Developed Foreign	Emerging Foreign
Alternatives		Real Assets Alternative Strategies	
Cash		Cash Cash Investments	

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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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