

Before the Bell

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Starting the Day

- U.S. equity futures point to a strong open.
- Most European markets are about 1% higher at midday.
- Markets across Asia were about 0.5% higher overnight.
- European Union files complaint with WTO against U.S.
- U.S. and the U.K. announce trade deal.
- 10-year Treasury yield at 4.30%.
- West Texas Intermediate (WTI) oil is trading at \$59.10.
- Gold is trading at \$3,350.10

Market Perspectives

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Buffett's Blueprint: U.S. equity markets were broadly positive yesterday following the Fed's widely anticipated decision to keep the Federal Funds rate unchanged. In his delivery, Chair Powell indicated the Reserve considers itself "well positioned to wait for greater clarity" on the impact of trade policy on inflation and growth while it balances its dual mandate of price stability and maximum employment. Like the Fed, many investors have a 'dual mandate,' in this case between portfolio stability and wealth maximization. The optimal balance is one that allows the investor to sleep comfortably at night, both today and, importantly, in the future. A portfolio that is too conservative may lead to feelings of lost opportunity during strong markets, while one that is too aggressive could cause stress during weaker markets. Striking the right balance helps ensure that long-term goals are not sacrificed while tending to short-term conditions in a manner relevant to the investor.

This balance between patience and action is key to successful long-term investing. Long-term investing is not just about holding onto investments; it involves making thoughtful and planned decisions along the way that align with financial planning goals. As we examine the principles of long-term investing, we turn to Warren Buffett, who recently announced that he plans to retire at the end of the year. Known affectionately as the "Oracle of Omaha," Buffett's investment insights, drawn from decades of experience, offer lessons that may be particularly relevant for investors committed to a long-term approach. In the section below, we explore some of his most famous quotes and the principles they represent.

"Our favorite holding period is forever."

- This philosophy highlights the importance of maintaining a long-term perspective. By staying invested, investors
 can benefit from the market's tendency toward growth. Time in the market beats timing the market.
- "The stock market is a device for transferring money from the impatient to the patient."
 - Patience is a virtue in investing. Emotional decisions, often driven by short-term market movements, can lead to costly mistakes. By staying disciplined and patient, investors can build wealth over time.
- "I buy stocks with the mindset that the market might shut down tomorrow and stay closed for five years."
 - Investors should focus on the long-term potential of their investments. By thinking like a long-term owner, one can maintain patience and discipline through market volatility.
- "Rule No. 1: Never lose money. Rule No. 2: Never forget Rule No. 1."
 - These rules underscore the importance of prioritizing risk management and avoiding significant losses, as recovering from large losses can be challenging, emotionally exhausting, and time-consuming.

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- * "Price is what you pay. Value is what you get."
 - Avoid following market trends and hype. Instead, focus on the intrinsic value of investments. By choosing assets that offer long-term value, investors can build a more resilient portfolio.
 - "Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago."
 - The power of compounding means that even small investments can grow into meaningful positions over time. Starting early and staying consistent can help build wealth in the long run.
- "It's far better to buy a wonderful company at a fair price than a fair company at a wonderful price."
 - Investing in high-quality companies or funds, even at a fair price can yield better long-term results than opting for lower-quality investments at a bargain.
- "Whether we're talking about socks or stocks, I like buying quality merchandise when it is marked down."
 - Market downturns can be opportunities to buy quality investments at lower prices. Instead of panicking, investors should consider increasing investments during these periods to take advantage of potential future gains.
- "Risk comes from not knowing what you're doing."
 - o The advice here is for investors to stay within their circle of competence. By focusing on investments they understand, individuals can make more informed decisions and reduce the risk of unexpected losses.
- "Be fearful when others are greedy and greedy when others are fearful."
 - This advice encourages contrarian thinking. During periods of market volatility, staying calm and sticking to one's long-term strategy can help investors avoid the pitfalls of herd mentality and take advantage of opportunities.

<u>Conclusion:</u> Buffett's concepts of patience, discipline, and a focus on intrinsic value can be valuable for long-term investors seeking to both get to retirement and get through retirement successfully. As you consider these principles and balance your own "dual mandate," we recommend having open conversations with your financial planner about your risk profile, your time horizon, and your financial goals.

U.S. Premarket Indicators / Overnight International Market Activity

United States:

Here is a quick news rundown to start your morning:

- Trade Deal. U.S. President Trump took to Truth Social last night to signal that the U.S. and the United Kingdom have reached an agreement on trade. Additional information is expected to be released later this morning. Premarket movement in U.S. stocks indicates investors continue to be optimistic that we are past peak trade pressures and returning toward a sense of normalcy.
- Al Diffusion Rule. The Trump administration announced yesterday its plans to repeal and refashion curbs on the sale
 of advanced Al chips and models set in place during the Biden administration. The rule was originally designed to limit
 or prevent certain countries' access to these technologies.

Europe:

• Bank of England. The Bank of England lowered rates by a quarter-point to 4.25%. Governor Andrew Bailey said in a statement accompanying the decision that easing inflationary pressures and the unpredictable trade environment gave the bank both the means and conditions for a cut. The looming trade announcement was not part of the discussion.

Asia-Pacific:

• India / Pakistan. Hostilities near the border between India and Pakistan continue to escalate with India targeting suspected militant sites and Pakistan claiming to have shot down Indian fighter jets. The Karachi Stock Exchange KSE30 Index was down more than 7% in trading overnight while the Indian Rupee slid 1.5% versus the U.S. dollar – it's biggest daily drop in more than three years.

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0.83

WORLD CAPITAL MARKETS

British Pound (£/\$)

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5/8/2025	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	0.4%	-3.9%	5,631.3	DJSTOXX 50 (Europe)	1.3%	10.0%	5,298.2	Nikkei 225 (Japan)	0.4%	-6.6%	36,928.6
Dow Jones	0.7%	-2.9%	41,114.0	FTSE 100 (U.K.)	0.2%	6.6%	8,580.5	Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	0.4%	14.8%	22,775.9
NASDAQ Composite	0.3%	-7.9%	17,738.2	DAX Index (Germany)	1.1%	17.4%	23,376.8	Korea Kospi 100	0.2%	8.7%	2,579.5
Russell 2000	0.3%	-10.4%	1,989.7	CAC 40 (France)	1.1%	5.9%	7,707.0	Singapore STI	-0.4%	3.7%	3,848.2
Brazil Bovespa	-0.1%	10.9%	133,398	FTSE MIB (Italy)	1.3%	13.6%	38,818.6	Shanghai Comp. (China)	0.3%	0.0%	3,352.0
S&P/TSX Comp. (Canada)	0.7%	2.7%	25,161.2	IBEX 35 (Spain)	0.0%	18.5%	13,478.8	Bombay Sensex (India)	-0.5%	3.1%	80,334.8
Russell 3000	0.4%	-4.2%	3,201.6	MOEX Index (Russia)	#VALUE!	#VALUE!	#N/A N/A	S&P/ASX 200 (Australia)	0.2%	2.1%	8,191.7
Global	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Developed International	% chg.	%YTD	Value	Emerging International	% chg.	%YTD	Value
MSCI All-Country World Idx	0.3%	1.1%	844.0	MSCI EAFE	-0.2%	13.7%	2,531.6	MSCI Emerging Mkts	0.0%	6.7%	1,137.4
Note: International market returns	shown on a	local curren	cy basis. The	equity index data shown abov	e is on a <u>t</u>	otal retu	<u>rn</u> basis, inclu	sive of dividends.			
S&P 500 Sectors	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Equity Income Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	Commodities			
Communication Services	-1.8%	-4.2%	326.2	JPM Alerian MLP Index	1.7%	-0.6%	292.5	Futures & Spot (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value
Consumer Discretionary	1.0%	-13.2%	1,586.0	FTSE NAREIT Comp. TR	0.0%	1.2%	25,400.7	CRB Raw Industrials	0.0%	4.4%	564.9
Consumer Staples	0.2%	6.4%	901.1	DJ US Select Dividend	0.3%	-0.7%	3,478.0	NYMEX WTI Crude (p/bbl.)	1.9%	-17.5%	59.2
Energy	0.1%	-4.9%	616.7	DJ Global Select Dividend	-0.4%	14.6%	251.1	ICE Brent Crude (p/bbl.)	1.6%	-16.8%	62.1
Financials	0.6%	2.8%	822.4	S&P Div. Aristocrats	0.4%	-0.9%	4,531.7	NYMEX Nat Gas (mmBtu)	2.0%	1.7%	3.7
Health Care	0.8%	-1.2%	1,576.7					Spot Gold (troy oz.)	-0.6%	27.4%	3,343.0
Industrials	0.5%	2.2%	1,135.1					Spot Silver (troy oz.)	-0.1%	12.2%	32.4
Materials	-0.5%	-0.1%	526.3	Bond Indices	% chg.	% YTD	Value	LME Copper (per ton)	-1.2%	9.1%	9,441.2
Real Estate	0.0%	2.9%	260.8	Barclays US Agg. Bond	0.2%	2.7%	2,247.3	LME Aluminum (per ton)	-2.0%	-6.8%	2,354.5
Technology	0.9%	-8.7%	4,198.4	Barclays HY Bond	0.1%	1.4%	2,721.1	CBOT Corn (cents p/bushel)	-0.1%	-4.2%	449.0
Utilities	0.3%	7.5%	410.0					CBOT Wheat (cents p/bushel)	0.3%	-5.9%	536.0
Foreign Exchange (Intra-day)	% chg.	% YTD	Value		% chg.	% YTD	Value		% chg.	% YTD	Value
Euro (€/\$)	-0.1%	9.1%	1.13	Japanese Yen (\$/¥)	-0.6%	8.7%	144.68	Canadian Dollar (\$/C\$)	-0.4%	3.6%	1.39

6.5%

0.3%

1.33 Australian Dollar (A\$/\$)

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	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%

3.7%

-0.1%

0.64

Swiss Franc (\$/CHF)

 $Index \ weightings \ represent the \ respective \ market \ capitalization \ of each sector \ in \ the \ S\&P 500 \ as \ of 3/31/2025. \ The \ GAAC \ Tactical \ Overlay, as \ well \ as \ Recommended \ Tactical \ Weights, is \ an of \ S\&P 500 \ as \ of \ S\&P 500 \ as$ 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 - Tactical Views									
MSCI All-Country		GAAC	GAAC		MSCI All-Country		GAAC	GAAC	
	World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended		World Index	GAAC	Tactical	Recommended
	<u>Weight</u>	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	<u>Weight</u>		Weight	Tactical View	<u>Overlay</u>	<u>Weight</u>
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%
as of: March 31, 2025									

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.

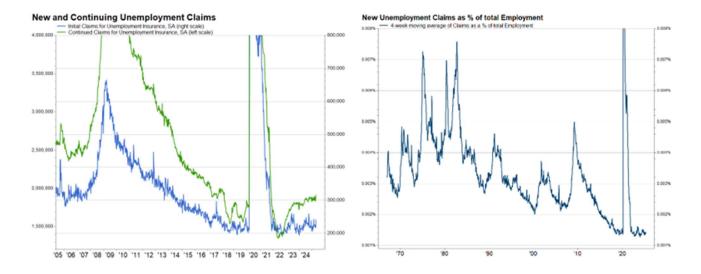
Economic News and Views:

Russell T. Price, CFA - Chief Economist

Releases for Thursday, May 8, 2025			All times Eastern. Consensus estimates via Bloomberg						
<u>Time</u>	Period	Release	Consensus Est.	Actual	Prior	Revised to			
8:30 AM	May 3	Initial Jobless Claims	245k	228k	241k	revised to			
8:30 AM	Apr. 26	Continuing Claims	1930k	1879k	1916k				
8:30 AM	Q1-P	Nonfarm Productivity	-0.8%	-0.8%	+1.5%	+1.7%			
8:30 AM	Q1-P	Unit Labor Costs	+5.1%	+5.7%	+2.2%	+2.0%			

Commentary:

- Outlook uncertainty impacting layoffs? Today's Labor Department report on new claims for unemployment insurance takes on additional scrutiny after claims jumped to a near-term high of 241,000 last week. Though well off the series' recent peaks, last week's level was still the second-highest rate in six months.
- A first step in evaluating claim levels, however, should be an evaluation of the data relative to its longer-term history. As seen in the chart at left below, although the average rate of new claims has been creeping higher in recent weeks, averages remain very close to their all-time lows.
- Additionally, though the relative level of new claims offers a somewhat encouraging picture of labor market health, looking at claims relative to total employment tells an even more encouraging, and even remarkable, story. As seen in the chart, at right below, new claims relative to total employment remain very near their all-time lows and at levels well below their averages as seen since the series began decades ago. The charts below are sourced from FactSet.



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Ameriprise Economic Projections											
Forecast:		Full-year Quarterly									
	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Est.	Est.	Est.
	2023	<u>2024</u>	2025	2026	Q2-2024	Q3-2024	Q4-2024	Q1-2025	Q2-2025	Q3-2025	Q4-2025
Real GDP (annualized)	2.9%	2.8%	0.7%	1.8%	3.0%	2.8%	2.3%	-0.3%	0.8%	0.2%	1.5%
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.1%	4.5%	4.5%	4.1%	4.1%	4.1%	4.2%	4.4%	4.5%	4.5%
CPI (YoY)	3.4%	2.9%	3.7%	2.4%	3.0%	2.4%	2.9%	2.4%	3.6%	4.0%	3.7%
Core PCE (YoY)	2.9%	2.8%	3.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%	3.5%	3.7%	3.8%

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.

Our projections currently assume an average import tariff rate of 20% over the projection period.

All estimates other than GDP are period ending.

<u>Please note:</u> The economic outlook remains highly dynamic and heavily reliant on developments related to the Trump administration's tariff policies.

Ameriprise Global Asset Allocation Committee Targets and Views

Targets			
	Favorable	Base-Case	Adverse
2025 Year-end Targets:	Scenario	Scenario	Scenario
S&P 500 Index:	6,000	5,600	4,800
10-Year U.S. Treasury Yield:	5.00%	4.00%	3.00%
Fed Funds Target Range:	3.75% to 4.00%	3.25% to 3.75%	2.75% to 3.00%

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

Please see latest Quarterly Capital Market Digest for more information. Last Updated: April 30, 2025

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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: 5,600 2025 Year-End 10-year Treasury Target: 4,00

2025 Year-End 10-year Treasury Target: 4.00% as of 04/30/2025

_	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 U.S. Small Cap Growth Developed Foreign 	Emerging 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/AfricaAsia-Pacific ex JapanCanada
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	

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 https://discretificates

As of March 31, 2025		Rolling	Returns	
Major Market Indices	Q1'25	1-year	3-years	5-years
Russell 3000® Index (U.S. Equity)	-4.72%	7.22%	8.22%	18.18%
MSCI ACWI Ex USA Index – net (Foreign Equity)	5.23%	6.09%	4.48%	10.92%
Bloomberg U.S. Universal Bond Index (Fixed Income)	2.66%	5.24%	1.01%	0.32%
Wilshire Liquid Alternative Index (Alternatives)	0.76%	2.00%	2.43%	4.49%
FTSE Three-Month Treasury Bill Index (Cash)	1.10%	5.17%	4.42%	2.69%

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

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Diversification and **Asset Allocation** do not assure a profit or protect against loss.

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There are risks associated with **fixed-income investments**, including bond funds, such as credit risk, interest rate risk, and prepayment and extension risk. In

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