

Investment Weekly

For the week ended Apr 10, 2026

Commentary

Weekly summary: Markets rallied as investors responded to shifting headlines around a U.S.–Iran cease-fire, easing near-term geopolitical risk.

Markets review

- **Equities:** Equity gains were broad during the week. Growth outperformed value across the market cap spectrum. Small caps beat large caps, and international equities led.
- **Bonds/rates:** U.S. Treasuries were choppy but broadly rangebound, with price action reacting to alternating waves of risk-on relief and renewed caution on the headlines. Later in the week, yields backed up modestly as markets weighed inflation data and questions around the durability of the truce.
- **Commodities:** Oil fell sharply over the week, including a major down-day midweek, supporting broader risk sentiment but weighing on energy performance. Gold and silver prices moved higher, reflecting demand for inflation hedging amid persistent economic uncertainty.

Economic review

- **Inflation:** Headline inflation—which includes volatile food and energy prices—picked up in March, driven largely by higher energy prices tied to recent geopolitical disruptions. Core inflation, which strips out food and energy to better capture underlying trends, was steadier. Core personal consumption expenditures (PCE), the Fed's preferred inflation gauge, remained above the central bank's target but showed less momentum, reinforcing the view that inflation pressures are uneven rather than broad-based.
- **Mortgage rates:** Mortgage rates edged lower over the week, offering modest relief, although rates remain elevated as inflation and rate uncertainty continue to weigh on housing affordability.
- **Consumer:** The preliminary reading of the University of Michigan's April consumer sentiment survey showed significant weakening, with households expressing greater concern about near-term inflation (especially fuel costs) amid global uncertainty.
- **Jobs:** Initial jobless claims for the week ended April 4 increased to 240,000, pointing to early labor-market cooling. Continuing claims for the week ended March 28 rose to 1.92 million, the highest level since late 2021, indicating longer durations of unemployment.
- **Growth:** The first estimate of 1Q26 gross domestic product showed that U.S. economic growth turned slightly negative, reflecting weaker government spending and trade effects despite resilient consumer activity.

Earnings review

- **1Q26 S&P 500 earnings season is beginning, with major U.S. banks starting to report this coming week.** Current FactSet estimates point to low-teens earnings growth for the quarter. Of the 20 companies reporting through April 10, about 80% have delivered earnings-per-share above consensus.

Market data

Index prices (\$)	04/10/2026	12/31/2025
Dow Jones Industrial Average	47,917	48,063
S&P 500	6,817	6,846

Returns (%)	1wk	QTD	YTD	3mo
Equities				
S&P 500	3.56	4.45	-0.07	-1.84
S&P Mid Cap 400	3.36	4.36	6.97	2.16
S&P Small Cap 600	3.76	4.74	8.42	3.08
Russell 1000	3.38	4.28	-0.08	-1.98
Russell MidCap	2.32	3.47	4.81	0.93
Russell 2000	3.97	5.40	6.33	0.56
Dow Jones Industrial Average	3.04	3.45	0.15	-2.80
NASDAQ Composite	4.68	6.09	-1.29	-3.09

Fixed income				
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	0.12	0.33	0.29	0.14
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	0.81	1.14	0.06	0.22
Bloomberg High Yield Bond	0.91	1.31	0.80	0.41
S&P / LSTA Senior Loan	0.30	0.39	-0.39	-0.72
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond	1.68	2.26	1.71	1.24

S&P 500 sectors				
Technology	4.82	6.80	-2.95	-3.04
Materials	3.51	4.74	14.93	7.95
Consumer discretionary	5.81	5.19	-4.47	-8.65
Health care	0.36	0.51	-4.40	-5.92
Utilities	1.28	2.32	10.77	11.23
Consumer staples	0.48	0.58	8.30	6.18
Energy	-4.07	-7.37	28.06	22.82
Financials	2.50	2.83	-6.78	-8.40
Industrials	4.69	6.02	10.91	6.19
Communication services	5.89	7.50	0.04	-1.91
Real Estate	2.93	4.85	7.74	7.25

Equity style performance				
Large cap value	2.90	3.77	5.95	2.40
Large cap growth	3.78	4.69	-5.55	-6.14
Mid cap value	2.73	3.96	7.79	3.54
Mid cap growth	0.87	1.74	-4.72	-7.51
Small cap value	3.64	5.09	10.29	4.62
Small cap growth	4.30	5.70	2.73	-3.12

International equities				
MSCI EAFE	4.67	7.45	6.25	4.13
MSCI U.K.	3.22	6.27	8.42	6.64
MSCI Europe ex-U.K.	5.16	7.78	3.44	1.28
MSCI Japan	3.94	7.23	8.85	6.33
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan	8.06	11.05	9.80	6.07
MSCI Emerging Markets	7.95	10.86	10.74	7.06
MSCI ACWI	4.25	5.78	2.49	0.47

Source: FactSet.

U.S. economic calendar

Date	Event
4/13/2026	Existing Home Sales (March)
4/14/2026	Producer Prices (March) Core Prices (March)
4/16/2026	Jobless Claims Retail Sales (March) Industrial Production (March)
4/17/2026	Housing Starts (March) Building Permits (March)

Source: FactSet.

Market data, cont'd

As of:	Last close	Prior week	Year end	3 mos ago
U.S. bond rates (%)				
U.S. federal funds target rate	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
U.S. 2yr Treasury	3.80	3.85	3.48	3.53
U.S. 10yr Treasury	4.32	4.34	4.18	4.17
U.S. 20yr Treasury	4.90	4.90	4.79	4.76
U.S. 30yr Treasury	4.91	4.89	4.86	4.82
High yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	6.55	6.67	6.42	6.39

Consumer rates (%)				
30yr mortgage rate	6.51	6.52	6.25	6.22
Prime rate	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75

Commodities				
Gold (USD/oz)	\$4,787	\$4,684	\$4,341	\$4,500
Crude oil (USD/bbl)	\$96.57	\$112.41	\$57.42	\$59.12
Copper (LME \$/mt)	\$12,660	\$12,147	\$12,504	\$13,060
Gasoline (USD/gal)	\$4.48	\$4.36	\$3.10	\$3.04

Exchange rates				
\$ per €	1.17	1.15	1.17	1.16
\$ per £	1.35	1.32	1.35	1.34
¥ per \$	159.12	159.73	156.75	157.88
U.S. Dollar Index	98.65	99.98	98.32	99.13

Source: FactSet.

Index definitions

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index measures a wide range of global government, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

Bloomberg High Yield Bond Index tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index is a bond market index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 of the largest and most widely held public companies in the U.S., adjusted to reflect stock splits and stock dividends.

FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index represents general performance trends of the equity securities of real estate companies involved in the ownership, disposition and development of income-producing properties worldwide.

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+) tracks total returns for traded foreign currency denominated debt instruments in the emerging markets which meet minimum criteria for face value outstanding and market trading liquidity.

MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world, capturing large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. & Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed European markets except the U.K..

MSCI U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in the U.K..

MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed Asian markets except Japan.

MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in Japan.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.

Municipal Bond Index is a bond index that includes investment-grade, tax-exempt fixed-rate bonds with long-term maturities (greater than two years) selected from issues larger than \$50 million.

NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization weighted index of the performance of domestic and international common stocks listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market including over 2,800 securities.

Large Growth: Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Large Value: Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Midcap Growth: Russell MidCap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Midcap Value: Russell MidCap Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Growth: Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Value: Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

S&P 500 Index is a widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, including 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

S&P 500 Sectors are defined as the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors which provide standardized industry definitions consisting of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, and 67 industries.

The S&P MidCap 400 includes 400 companies and represents almost 6% of the U.S. markets. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 3.3 billion to USD 11.8 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

The S&P SmallCap 600 includes 600 companies and represents almost 3% of the U.S. market. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 750 million to USD 3.3 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity market and includes approximately 1,000 of the largest securities based on market capitalization and representing approximately 92% of the U.S. market.

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