

Week Ahead

Trade concerns and other geopolitical worries seemed to fade last week as the major indices posted a strong +2% gain across the board. This seemed to be due to comments from both the US and China. First on Monday, Sec. Mnuchin said he does not expect a trade war to take place and President Trump suggested China would do the right thing and take down trade barriers. This was bolstered later in the week when Chinese President Xi Jinping spoke at the Boao Economics Summit. Xi promised greater intellectual property protection, reduced import duties along with overall improvements in the investment environment for international companies. These comments were definitely a welcome sign for the market but as we know things could change quickly.

Earnings season is once again here and was kicked off last week by a two of the big banks. Both JPMorgan and Citigroup reported better than expected earnings and revenues helped by increased trading volatility in the first quarter. This week earnings season really gets going with a plethora of S&P 500 companies reporting. Headlined by BofA and Netflix on Monday then Goldman Sachs, J&J and IBM on Tuesday. Earnings season will be a nice change of pace for market participants from the daily geological turmoil to actual market data. S&P 500 earnings and revenue are expected to climb 17.1% and 7% respectively according to FactSet, which would be the mark the fasted pace of growth since 2011.

Major Earnings Announcements for the Week:

Monday-	Bank of America, Charles Schwab, M&T Bank, Lam Research & Netflix
Tuesday-	Goldman Sachs, J&J, Progressive, United Health, CSX, IBM, Intuitive Surgical & United Continental
Wednesday-	Abbott Labs, Morgan Stanley, Textron, US Bancorp, Alcoa, American Express & Kinder Morgan
Thursday-	Bank of New York Mellon, BB&T, Blackstone, Danaher, Dover, Genuine Parts, Keycorp, Nucor, Pentair, Phillip Morris, PPG, WW Grainger, E*TRADE & Mattel
Friday-	Baker Hughes, GE, Honeywell, Kansas City Southern, P&G, Regions Financial, Roper Tech, Schlumberger, Stanley Black & Decker, State Street, SunTrust Banks, Synchrony Financial, TransUnion & Waste Management

Economic Calendar/ Market Moving Events:

Monday-	Empire Manf. 8:30AM, Retail Sales 8:30AM & Business Inventories 10:00AM
Tuesday-	Housing Starts 8:30AM, Building Permits 8:30AM, Industrial Production 9:15AM, Capacity Utilization 9:15AM
Wednesday-	Federal Reserve Beige Book 2:00PM
Thursday-	Leading Index 10:00AM
Friday-	