

In this week's recap: Ukrainian War impacts global economy.

Weekly Economic Update

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THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

Intensifying hostilities in Ukraine continued to unsettle markets, as investors grappled with the war's impact on the global economies.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 1.99%, while the Standard & Poor's 500 dropped 2.88%. The Nasdaq Composite index fell 3.53% for the week. The MSCI EAFE index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, gained 0.90%.^{1,2,3}

MARKETS REMAIN STRESSED

Markets gyrated last week as Russia escalated its attacks on Ukraine, the U.S. banned imports of Russian oil, and more companies announced the suspension of business in Russia. Eastern Europe has added complexity to the Fed's plans for raising interest rates to manage accelerating inflation, which has been exacerbated by a sharp rise in energy and other commodity prices.

The stock market saw brief moments of respite. Stocks rallied Tuesday on a news report that Ukraine would promise not to pursue NATO membership, but lost momentum before the close. Stocks rallied on Wednesday as oil prices tumbled, but were unable to follow-through on Thursday and then faded further into Friday's close.

A FOUR-DECADE HIGH

Consumer prices rose 0.8% in February as energy and commodity prices pushed higher. This latest monthly report showed a year-over-year inflation rate of 7.9%, the highest level since January 1982. Excluding the more volatile food and energy prices, the 12-month increase was 6.4%, a slight bump from last month's 6.0% year-over-year increase.⁴

Many economists hoped that inflation pressures would ease, but February's inflation number suggested that the impact of sanctions and supply-chain disruptions due to the invasion of Ukraine may likely feed further price increases for the foreseeable future.

TIP OF THE WEEK



What do your children know about money? There's never a wrong time to talk to your children about its value and impact.

THE WEEK AHEAD: KEY ECONOMIC DATA

Tuesday: Producer Price Index.

Wednesday: Retail Sales. Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) Announcement.

Thursday: Housing Starts. Jobless Claims. Industrial Production.

Friday: Existing Home Sales. Index of Leading Economic Indicators.

Source: Econoday, March 11, 2022

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THE WEEK AHEAD: COMPANIES REPORTING EARNINGS

Monday: Coupa Software, Inc. (COUP).

Thursday: FedEx Corporation (FDX), Dollar General Corporation (DG).

Source: Zacks, March 11, 2022

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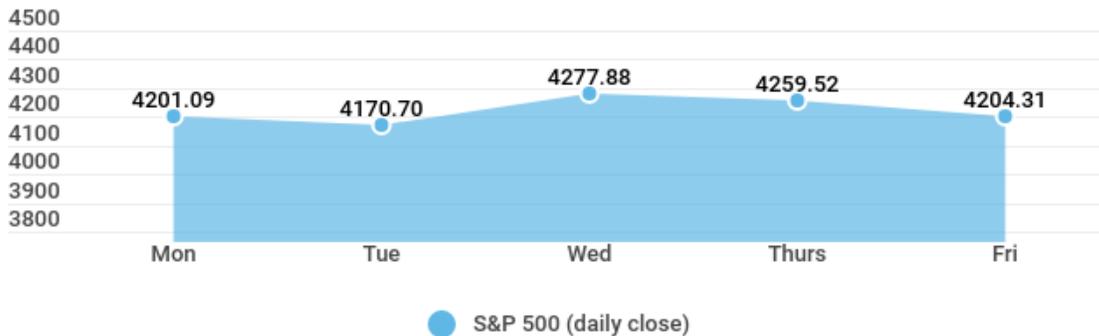
QUOTE OF THE WEEK



“The strongest of all warriors are these two — Time and Patience.”

LEO TOLSTOY

Market Index	Close	Week	Y-T-D
DJIA	32,944.19	-1.99%	-9.34%
NASDAQ	12,843.81	-3.53%	-17.90%
MSCI-EAFE	2,053.78	+0.90%	-12.08%
S&P 500	4,204.31	-2.88%	-11.79%



	Treasury	Close	Week	Y-T-D
	10-Year Note	2.00%	+0.25%	+0.48%

Sources: The Wall Street Journal, March 11, 2022; Treasury.gov, March 11, 2022
 Weekly performance for the Dow Jones Industrial Average, Standard & Poor’s 500 Index, and NASDAQ Composite Index is measured from the close of trading on Friday, March 4, to Friday, March 11, close. Weekly performance for the MSCI-EAFE is measured from Friday, March 4, open to Thursday, March 10, close. Weekly and year-to-date 10-year Treasury note yield are expressed in basis points.

THE WEEKLY RIDDLE



You are at sea, it is mid-July, and your ship has reached a unique spot on earth. If you sail north, it will be summer; if you sail south, it will be winter. If you sail east, it will be Friday, but if you sail west, it will be Saturday. Precisely where in the world are you? (Hint: your ship is in the Pacific Ocean, near the island nation of Kiribati.)

LAST WEEK'S RIDDLE: There is a word (four letters long) that begins with the letter I. If you put the letter A at the front of this four-letter word, it becomes a five-letter word which is pronounced exactly the same. Name both words?

ANSWER: Isle and Aisle.

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