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Market Recap: Week 14
(4/1/2020 – 4/7/2020)

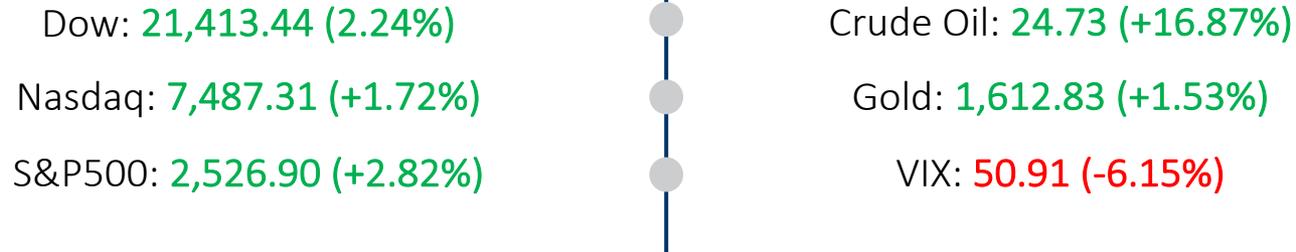
The second quarter begins on a negative note and with above average distribution.



Dow: 20,943.51 (-4.44%)	Crude Oil: 21.16 (+4.44%)
Nasdaq: 7,360.58 (-4.41%)	Gold: 1,588.60 (+0.48%)
S&P500: 2,470.50 (-4.41%)	VIX: 57.06 (+6.57%)

Investor sentiment reverses as President Trump conveys to the American people that the coming few weeks will be “very painful.” There was not a sector that did not participate in the market sell-off. Safe-havens: gold, the dollar and treasuries gained ground during the market wide decline. ADP payroll numbers surprisingly beat expectations. The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis predicted unemployment to rise to 34%.

Crazy oil volatility and jobless claims steal the spotlight from the indices gains.



New jobless claims sent the premarket for a wild ride as claims jumped 6,650,000, well above the 3,500,000 estimate before the bell. President Donald Trump enters the oil price war after stating the U.S. will intervene to stabilize the commodity's price. Even with Saudi and Russia both denying contact with the United States regarding this matter, the volatile session pushed the price of oil higher. U.S. COVID-19 numbers continue to grow exponentially as Europe and Asia show signs of stabilization. The corporate bond market contradicted the declining VIX with big swings.

Markets give back a portion of yesterdays gains on average volume.



Dow: 21,052.53 (-1.69%)	Crude Oil: 28.79 (+16.42%)
Nasdaq: 7,373.08 (-1.53%)	Gold: 1,616.94 (+0.25%)
S&P500: 2,488.65 (-1.51%)	VIX: 46.80 (-8.07%)

Global reported cases of COVID-19 top 1,000,000 with a 5% mortality rate (50,000). The S&P 500 finished the below its 8, 21, 50, and 200 day moving averages, but well above its March lows. Despite giving back some gains, the VIX (-8.07%) or Volatility Index finished the day and week significantly lower. The number of companies setting new 52-week highs is nearly 0 and stocks above their 200-day moving averages is sub 10%.

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U.S. markets shoot higher after the weekend and start the week on a positive note.



Dow: 22,679.99 (+7.73%)	Crude Oil: 26.38 (-8.37%)
Nasdaq: 7,913.24 (+7.33%)	Gold: 1,660.88 (+2.72%)
S&P500: 2,663.68 (+7.03%)	VIX: 45.24 (-3.33%)

From a technical perspective, thanks to a huge rally across the board, the S&P 500 closed above its 8 and 21-day exponential average on heavy volume. U.S. and Europe COVID-19 cases seems to have ended their exponential growth; it is still too early to tell if this is due to improving containment efforts. Treasury yields moved higher. Gold rallied in conjunction with the major indices. Postponing the Russian and Saudi talks over the weekend led to a volatile day for Energy and crude oil prices. All sectors participated in the market wide rally.

Major Indices were volatile and gave up a massive intraday rally to finish the day red.



Dow: 22,653.86 (-0.12%)	Crude Oil: 24.11 (-8.61%)
Nasdaq: 7,887.26 (-0.33%)	Gold: 1,645.68 (-0.92%)
S&P500: 2,659.44 (-0.15%)	VIX: 46.70 (+3.23%)

Volume remained high throughout the ugly intraday sell-off. Materials and Energy showed relative strength finishing the day bright green. Utilities, technology and consumer staples showed weakness dragging the broader market down. The U.S., Europe and Asia continue to show improving, or stable COVID-19 numbers; however, it is still up for debate if the global pandemic is enough to start a global recession. Credit spreads widened as treasury yields moved slightly higher and the bond market finished mixed. The Dollar also ticked lower today.

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