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Market Recap: Week 2
(1/8/2020 – 1/14/2020)

Equities finished higher while oil and gold lagged after President Trump's press conference caused escalation fear to subdue.

Dow: 28,745 (+0.56%)	●	Crude Oil: 59.58 (-4.93%)
Nasdaq: 9,129 (+0.67%)	●	Gold: 1,556 (-1.14%)
S&P500: 3,253 (+0.49%)	●	VIX: 13.45 (-2.47%)

The ADP payroll number was much better than expected. Last month's revision was also bullish for equities and pushed the dollar and treasury yields higher. Tech and Consumer Goods lead the way up. Healthcare ticked up while Utilities showed weakness and moved lower. There was stability across the market apart from Materials. While stocks finished higher, there was a sell off into the close due to the geopolitical uncertainty still apparent in the market.

Stock Markets finish green for the second day in a row as the Dow approaches 29,000.

Dow: 28,956 (+0.74%)	●	Crude Oil: 59.64 (-0.52%)
Nasdaq: 9,203 (+0.81%)	●	Gold: 1,552 (-0.31%)
S&P500: 3,274 (+0.67%)	●	VIX: 12.54 (-6.77%)

Tech, Consumer Goods, and Services were the strongest sectors while the defensive Utility sector also ticked up. Small-caps showed a slight red flag with a relative weakness to the major indices. Safe-haven assets, Gold and Treasuries, ticked lower as equities surged. The Volatility Index, commonly known as the market's "fear gauge", hit low levels seen before the airstrike last week.

Stock Markets finish the first full week of 2020 with a slight dip on light volume.



Dow: 28,823 (-0.46%)	Crude Oil: 59.16 (-0.67%)
Nasdaq: 9,178 (-0.27%)	Gold: 1,562 (+0.60%)
S&P500: 3,265 (-0.29%)	VIX: 12.57 (+0.16%)

Government jobs report came in on a bearish note compared to the previous month's blowout during the pre-market announcement. Non-farm payroll missed expectations and revised the previous month lower. Hourly wages missed as well. But, on a positive note, unemployment came in flat at 3.5% and wholesale inventories were revised lower. Despite geopolitical uncertainty earlier in the week, the technicals remain bullish with the S&P 500, Dow, and Nasdaq all above their 50 and 200 - day moving averages.

Stock markets start the week strongly with the bulls in control after the U.S. Treasury declares China is not a currency manipulator.

Dow: 28,906 (+0.29%)	●	Crude Oil: 58.07 (-1.84%)
Nasdaq: 9,273 (+1.04%)	●	Gold: 1,549 (-0.87%)
S&P500: 3,288 (+0.70%)	●	VIX: 12.36 (-1.59%)

The worrying economic release out of Europe wasn't enough to stop the bullish charge on domestic equities with Tech and Nasdaq shining the brightest. Industrials, Services, and Financials also had their time in the spotlight while Materials lagged.

Domestic equity markets finished mixed amid trade anxiety and the start of earnings season.



Dow: 28,939 (+0.11%)	Crude Oil: 58.39 (+0.59%)
Nasdaq: 9,251 (-0.24%)	Gold: 1,546 (-0.09%)
S&P500: 3,282 (-0.15%)	VIX: 12.39 (+0.73%)

Large-cap banks stole the spotlight on positive earnings releases by most in the pre-market.

The mid-day negative China tariff news caused slight volatility but stabilized by the closing bell. Semi's continued to run but the Technology sector lagged the market. Utilities and REITs continue enjoying the benefits of lower yields. Consumer Price Index (CPI) met expectations when released today.

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