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Market Recap: Week 7
(2/12/2020 – 2/18/2020)

Stocks surge to new all-time highs as Coronavirus concerns are shrugged off thanks to a slow down in new cases.



Dow: 29,551.42 (+0.94%)	Crude Oil: 51.68 (+3.55%)
Nasdaq: 9,725.96 (0.90%)	Gold: 1,565.66 (-0.12%)
S&P500: 3,379.45 (+0.65%)	VIX: 13.74 (-9.49%)

As one would expect from such an explosive rally, defensive sectors – Utilities and Healthcare – lagged the broader market. The U.S. Dollar and Treasuries joined the stock rally. Technology, Materials, and Com Services did the heavy lifting. Energy also felt a good boost thanks to the surging price of crude oil. While Coronavirus has stolen the spotlight away from political news, Bernie Sanders was officially crowned the winner of the New Hampshire Primary after hours Tuesday; if the virus remains under control, political news will have an increasing effect on Wall Street as the election heats up.

Major markets experience a healthy pause after an explosive record shattering session yesterday.

Dow: **29,423.31 (-0.43%)**
Nasdaq: **9,711.97 (-0.14%)**
S&P500: **29,423.31 (-0.43%)**



Crude Oil: **51.48 (-0.39%)**
Gold: **1,576.17 (+0.67%)**
VIX: **14.15 (+2.98%)**

The VIX remains relatively low as Utilities, a safe-haven, surge. Technology was essentially unchanged as Energy was met with pressure from the continued Coronavirus story. Industrials and Healthcare were also red as Communication Services and Financials performed decent. A Judge temporarily blocked Microsoft's (\$MSFT) Pentagon cloud contract after controversially beating out Amazon (\$AMZN). Tesla (\$TSLA) completed a \$2B stock offering at near record high levels as SEC subpoenaed information over finances. Nvidia (\$NVDA) beat on the top and bottom after hours to help the Semi subsector, \$NVDA **+5.91%**.

U.S. Indices finish the week in the green as safe havens shine bright.



Dow: 29,398.08 (-0.09%)	Crude Oil: 52.18 (+1.36%)
Nasdaq: 9,731.18 (+0.20%)	Gold: 1,584.05 (+0.50%)
S&P500: 3,380.16 (+0.18%)	VIX: 13.80 (-2.47%)

The sharp Chinese economic downturn due to Coronavirus has sent the U.S Dollar higher to a level unseen since early 2017. The high dollar has potential to harm export focused industries and companies. Small-Caps continue to lag. There is a clear increasing divergence between the

Dow and the major indices. The weekly economic releases were weaker in comparison to previous weeks domestically; however, still relatively strong in comparison to the global economic picture. Short interest is nearly unchanged from last Friday and the bullish technical picture is still intact.

Monday 2/17/2020

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~ Stock Markets closed in observance of Presidents' Day ~

Major indices start the Holiday shortened week mixed as Asian markets experienced a very bullish Monday, Shanghai Composite Index **+2.02%**.



Dow: 29,232.19 (-0.56%)	Crude Oil: 52.06 (-0.46%)
Nasdaq: 9,732.74 (+0.02%)	Gold: 1,601.69 (+1.35%)
S&P500: 3,370.29 (-0.29%)	VIX: 14.83 (+8.41%)

Over the extended weekend, Mega-cap Apple (\$AAPL) revised their revenue guidance lower for the March quarter due to constrained iPhone supply & reduced Chinese demand. Utility Sector stole the show finishing bright green as investors search for yield. Treasuries finished bright red, approaching a yield curve inversion as Gold hit a near 7 year high. Industrials, Consumer Goods, and Financials were also under pressure as Technology finished nearly flat.

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