

Stocks posted modest losses last week as tariff deals, January jobs data, and Q4 corporate reports injected volatility into markets.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index slipped 0.24 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index lost 0.53 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 0.54 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, edged ahead 0.17 percent. 1,2

## On Monday, stocks opened lower on news that tariffs on Mexico, Canada,

Tariffs, Q4 Reports, and Jobs

and China went into effect over the weekend. However, markets rebounded midmorning following news of a U.S.-Mexico deal that delayed new trade rules. News of a similar last-minute agreement with Canada followed.<sup>3</sup> Stocks continued their rally midweek, led by technology stocks from

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq rose for the third consecutive day on Thursday, while the Dow experienced a slight fall as investors digested more

companies that provided upbeat Q4 corporate reports.<sup>4,5</sup>

corporate earnings reports. The week closed on a down note as a mixed jobs report and a cautionary inflation outlook disappointed investors.<sup>6,7</sup>



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### Dow Jones Industrial 4.82% 5.26% 18.32% <u>Average</u>

5.19%

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YTD TR

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Weekly Market Insights (WMI)

### -0.35% 2.52%

Major Index Return Summary

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expected.<sup>8,9</sup> Why do the reports tell different stories? Economists point to various factors, including how January can be challenging to measure accurately, typically due to the more significant number of laid-off seasonal

### This Week: Key Economic Data **Tuesday:** Cleveland Fed President Beth Hammack and New York Fed

President John Williams speak.

workers.<sup>10</sup>

Inventories.

Source: Investors Business Daily - Econoday economic calendar; February 7, 2025 The Econoday economic calendar lists upcoming U.S. economic data releases (including key economic indicators), Federal Reserve policy meetings, and speaking engagements of Federal Reserve officials. The content is developed from sources

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**Wednesday:** Consumer Price Index (CPI). Atlanta Fed President

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Incorporated (VRTX) Tuesday: The CocaCola Company (KO), S&P Global Inc. (SPGI), Shopify Inc. (SHOP), Gilead Sciences, Inc. (GILD) Wednesday: Cisco Systems, Inc. (CSCO), AppLovin Corporation (APP) **Thursday:** Applied Materials, Inc. (AMAT), Deere & Company (DE), Palo Alto Networks, Inc. (PANW), Brookfield Corporation (BN), Moody's Corporation (MCO)

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# HEALTHY LIVING TIP

Tip adapted from IRS<sup>11</sup>

hamstrings, and hips. Hamstring Stretch. For this stretch, remain seated and extend one leg straight before you. Reach toward your toes without hyperextending, and hold the stretch for 10-30 seconds. Repeat on the other side. You'll feel this stretch in your hamstrings and lower back.

We spend so much time sitting at our desks, so getting some stretches here is good, especially after a long day. The good news is that you don't

 Hip and Knee Flexion Stretch. For this stretch, hug one knee at a time and gently pull it toward your chest. Hold the pose for 10-30 seconds and repeat on both sides. This post will stretch your quads,

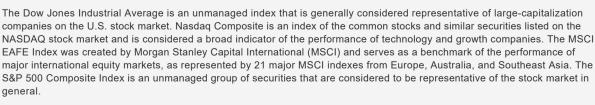
PHOTO OF THE WEEK 

Each morning, I show up at your feet, yet at midday, I nearly retreat. No

Last week's riddle: It sits when it stands. It walks in jumps. It can grow

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MSCI EAFE

## Nasdaq Composite S&P 500

## includes any dividends as well as any other cash distributions during the period. Treasury note yield is expressed in basis points.

## Mixed Signals on the Labor Market As has happened several times in recent years, two job reports told conflicting stories about the state of the jobs market. On Friday, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that 143,000 jobs had been added for the month–a four-year low. Earlier in the week, the ADP report showed the economy added 188,000 new jobs, ahead of the 150,000 economists

### **Thursday:** Weekly Jobless Claims. Producer Price Index (PPI). **Friday:** Import Price Index. Retail Sales. Industrial Production. Business

Raphael Bostic speaks. Federal budget.

This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

**Monday:** McDonald's Corporation (MCD), Vertex Pharmaceuticals

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- Eleanor Roosevelt

"Understanding is a two-way street."

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Two Leg Stretches to Try at Your Desk

have to leave your desk to get these two stretches in!

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matter how fast you move, I follow. What am I?

up to 8' tall. What is it? Answer: A kangaroo.

Plitvice Lakes National Park

Republic of Croatia, Croatia

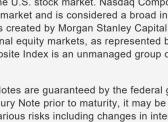
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