

# ECONOMIC UPDATE



## JOBS

PPP distributions didn't take effect until after April 15th, and so far jobs reports in April continue to hit record highs. It's expected that a positive adjustment could occur in May if PPP funding is expeditiously distributed to small businesses.



## GLOBAL

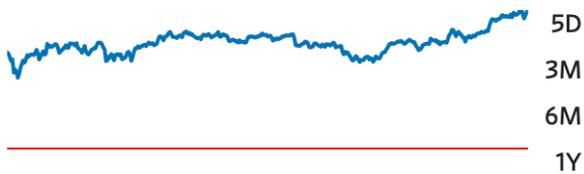
All eyes are on global economies, as investors anticipate global social distancing measures to relax as new developments are expected on the coronavirus front.



## PROFITS

Industries with the sharpest declines in profit include financials, energy, industrials and consumer discretionary. Most profitable sectors include health care, information technology, consumer staples and real estate.

## WEEK IN REVIEW



|              |                 |               |              |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>DJIA</b>  | <b>24331.32</b> | <b>455.43</b> | <b>1.91%</b> |
| S&P 500      | 2929.80         | 48.61         | 1.69%        |
| Nasdaq       | 9121.32         | 141.66        | 1.58%        |
| Russell 2000 | 1329.64         | 46.71         | 3.64%        |

Source: WSJ.com

- S&P 500 gained 1.7%, rising to 2929.80.
- 1Q GDP contracted 4.8%, seasonally adjusted annualized
- Hong Kong market jumps 2% as talks of reopening economies raises investors' hopes.
- The European Central Bank left refinance and bank deposit rates unchanged at 0.0% and -0/5%, respectively.

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# HEADLINE NEWS

## JOB MARKET, STIMULUS, CHINA AND MORE...

### Joblessness Is Soaring. Why Are Stocks Rising?

Investors knew it was coming: The April nonfarm payrolls report was the worst on record. Anticipating the numbers and bracing for their building economic impact, however, are two separate things.

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Source: *Barrons.com*

### Big Money Managers Take Lead Role In Managing Coronavirus Stimulus

The Federal Reserve's giant program of corporate bond buying is about to kick in. It will hand a critical new role in propping the struggling economy to a business with increasing clout in the financial world: money management.

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Source: *WSJ.com*

### China 'Under Pressure' To Write Off Loans As Countries Struggle to Repay Debt During Coronavirus Crisis

China could find itself having to write off massive loans as countries that owe Beijing money under its massive infrastructure project struggle with mounting debts in the coronavirus fallout, analysts say.

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Source: *CNBC.com*

## 10,000 ART SUPPLY KITS WERE DONATED TO KIDS IN QUARANTINE

Mindy Richenstein founded the nonprofit 'Supplies for Success' to provide school supplies to low-income students. The group shifted focus due to the pandemic to provide art kits to kids.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

- Key economic data reports -

### TUESDAY

Consumer price index  
Federal budget

### WEDNESDAY

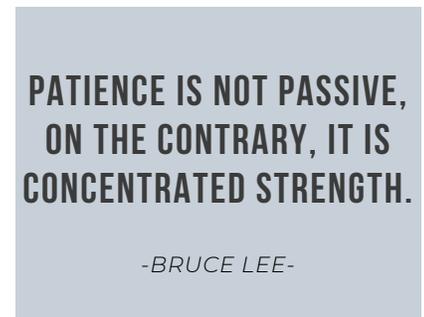
Producer price index

### THURSDAY

Initial jobless claims  
Import price index

### FRIDAY

Retail sales  
Consumer sentiment index  
Business inventories



## STOCKS ENTERING PERIOD OF SEASONAL STRENGTH

**AMERICAN STATES WATER CO.**  
NYSE: AWR

**EBAY, INC.**  
NASDAQ: EBAY

**INTUIT, INC.**  
NASDAQ: INTU

**OVERSTOCK.COM INC.**  
NASDAQ: OSTK

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