Weekly Newsletter

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This Week In Markets

Market Overview & Analysis For The Week of March 24. – March 28. 2025

Executive Summary

Last week The Fed held interest rates steady at 4.5% during its March 19 meeting. New projections signaled higher expected inflation, slower GDP growth, and rising unemployment. Uncertainty around tariffs added pressure to the Fed's outlook. Additionally, the Fed announced a \$20 billion monthly balance sheet rolloff reduction in an effort to maintain bond market liquidity. Also worth mentioning is the fact that retail sales disappointed along with NY Empire State Manufacturing signalling continued uncertainty surrounding future economic conditions.

This week attention shifts to key inflation and growth data. The market is watching PCE inflation and final Q4 GDP to assess how the Fed might proceed from here. On Thursday, the final reading of Q4 GDP is expected to show 2.3% annualized growth. Corporate profits are forecast to decline 0.9% QoQ. Pending home sales and initial jobless claims will also be released. On Friday, the focus turns to PCE. Headline PCE is expected at 2.7% YoY and Core PCE at 2.8%. Monthly figures are both forecast at 0.4%. Personal income, spending, and another Michigan Sentiment update will round out the week.

Market Moving Data of The Past Week

Date	Data Release	Forecast	Actual	Surprise
3/17	Retail Sales MoM	0.5%	0.2%	-0.3%
	NY Empire State Manufacturing Index	6	-20	-14
	Business Inventories MoM	0.2%	0.3%	+0.1%
	NAHB Housing Market Index	44	39	-5
3/18	Building Permits Prel	1.45M	1.46M	+100
	Housing Starts	1.38M	1.50M	+120K
3/19	FOMC Meeting	4.5%	4.5%	
3/20	Initial Jobless Claims	224k	223K	-1K
	Existing Home Sales	3.95M	4.26M	+310K
3/21	Fed Speak: Williams			

This Week's Market Moving Earnings

Date	Data Release	EPS Forecast
3/24	KB Homes (KBH)	\$1.58
3/25	McCormick & Company (MKC) Gamestop (GME)	\$0.64 \$0.08
3/26	Cintas Corporation (CTAS)	\$1.05

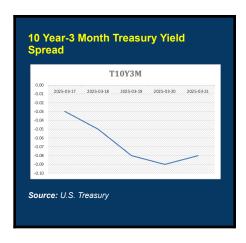


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	Dollar Tree (DLTR) Paychex Inc (PAYX)	\$2.20 \$1.48
3/27	Walgreens (WBA)	\$0.53
3/28	Lululemon Athletica (LULU)	\$5.85



The Week Ahead

Upcoming Economic Data Releases

Date	Data Release	Forecast
3/24	Chicago Fed National Activity Index S&P Global Composite PMI S&P Global Manufacturing PMI S&P Global Services PMI Fed Speak: Bostic, Barr	0.08 51.5 52.1 51.1
3/25	CB Consumer Confidence New Home Sales New Home Sales MoM Fed Speak: Kugler, Williams	94.4 660K 0.5%
3/26	Durable Goods Orders MoM Fed Speak: Kashkari, Musalem	-1.2%
3/27	Initial Jobless Claims GDP QoQ Corporate Profits QoQ Pending Home Sales YoY Pending Home Sales MoM Fed Speak: Barkin	225K 2.3% -0.9% -3.7% 2.9%
3/28	Headline PCE YoY Headline PCE MoM Core PCE YoY Core PCE MoM Personal Income MoM Personal Spending MoM Michigan Consumer Sentiment	2.7% 0.4% 2.8% 0.4% 0.3% 0.5% 57.9

Source: Trading Economics

Have a good week!