


WSJ Global Market Update

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1. Global Financial Market Pulse

Markets Stall as Tariff Anxiety Persists

Markets edged lower amid uncertainty on trade signals from Washington.

- Dow Jones: -0.4%
- S&P 500: -0.2%
- Nasdaq: flat (p. 1, B9)

Investors remained cautious, with one strategist noting: "Markets are waiting for the next tweet."

 Gold surged to \$3,218.70/oz as investors turned to safe havens (p. B9).

Germany's Economic Sentiment Tumbles

ZEW index fell to -14.0 in April — sharpest drop since the Ukraine invasion.

Major sectors affected: chemicals, autos, metals — still reeling from US tariffs on steel, aluminum, and autos (p. A14).

U.S. Inflation Data Mixed

- CPI (YoY, March): +2.4%
- Core CPI: +2.8%

Fed officials continue to monitor inflation risks stemming from rising trade frictions (p. A7).

Treasury Auction Recap

- 6-week yield: 4.245%
 - 52-week yield: 3.820% (p. A2)
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2. Emerging Markets & China Watch

China's Q1 Growth Up 5.4%, But Outlook Darkens

Boosted by exports, infrastructure, and industrial output, but dark clouds loom.

- Port traffic fell 6% last week.
- U.S. reportedly pressuring over 70 countries to constrain Chinese access to global markets (p. A18).

Sri Lanka Returns to Markets

Sri Lanka tapped global bond markets with a \$1.5B issuance under IMF-backed reforms, signaling gradual investor return (p. B8).

LatAm Stocks Diverge

- Chile IPSA: +1.43%

- Mexico IPC: +0.48%
- Brazil Bovespa: -0.16%

Global EM index now +0.95% YTD (p. B9).

3. 🏢 Corporate & Sector Highlights

✈️ Boeing Hit by China Ban

China suspended all new orders for Boeing aircraft in retaliation for US tariffs. Shares fell 2.4% (p. B1).

💊 Johnson & Johnson Faces Tariff Headwinds

The company warned of \$400M in tariff-related cost pressures; shares dropped 0.5% (p. B1).

💎 LVMH Slumps on Asia Sales Decline

Luxury giant reported a 3% organic drop in Q1 sales. Shares dropped 7.8% in Paris, hit by softer US/China demand (p. B3).

🎬 Netflix Pushes Higher on Long-Term Vision

Shares gained 4.8% as investors reacted positively to plans for \$1 trillion market cap and \$9B in ad revenue by 2030 (p. B1).

⚙️ USA Rare Earth Surges

Jumped 15% on reports Trump administration is preparing to stockpile critical minerals (p. B1).

4. 🌐 Policy & Geopolitical Flashpoints

🇩🇪 Germany Trade Warning

Berlin officials voiced concern over prolonged tariff exposure. The U.S. has now become Germany's top trade partner — surpassing China in 2024 (p. A14).

🇨🇳 China Faces Coordinated Trade Pushback

Washington officials reportedly negotiating with G7 and ASEAN partners to form a "Tariff Alignment Coalition" targeting China's market access (p. A18).

🇰🇷 South Korea Unveils Stimulus Package

Emergency fiscal package announced to support exporters hit by tariff shockwaves. Includes tax credits and energy subsidies (p. A4).

5. 📡 Market Outlook & Events

📅 Upcoming Catalysts

- Retail Sales (March): due today at 8:30 a.m.
- Fed Chair Powell's Remarks: scheduled for 1:30 p.m. ET
- Key Earnings: Abbott Labs, ASML, CSX, U.S. Bancorp (p. B9)

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