



DAILY DEBRIEF 3 (02/11/2026)



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Payrolls reprice + selective rotation: indices finish mixed as early strength fades; semis/memory, energy, machinery/rails, industrial metals/chemicals lead, while big tech (MSFT/GOOGL), software, brokers/banks, travel/leisure and retail-favorite beta lag on AI-capex scrutiny and disruption fears. Rates sell off with curve flattening after hotter Jan NFP (130K vs ~70K; UE 4.3%; AHE +0.4%), 10Y auction weak; DXY firmer. Gold/silver bid, crude higher, BTC softer. Earnings keep dispersion elevated (TDC/VRT/GFS/LSCC/NET up vs U/MAT/ALAB/ZG/LYFT/HOOD down) as focus shifts to claims, 30Y supply and Fri CPI.

Stocks

USA

Europe

APAC

S&P 500
0.00%

DAX
-0.53%

Hang Seng
+0.31%

NASDAQ
-0.16%

Euro Stoxx 50
-0.19%

Nikkei 225
+0.52%

Dow Jones
-0.13%

FTSE 100
+1.14%

CSI 300
-0.22%

As of 8:07 PM ET

Commodities

Energy

Metals

Agriculture

WTI Crude
+0.53%

Spot Gold
-0.58%

Corn
-0.29%

Brent Crude
+0.87%

Spot Silver
-1.88%

Coffee
+0.74%

HH Nat Gas
+1.96%

Cotton
+0.41%

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Market Overview

U.S. equities finished mixed after giving back early gains, with the Dow -0.13%, S&P 500 flat, Nasdaq -0.16%, and Russell 2000 -0.38%, as dispersion remained elevated beneath a relatively muted index close. The session reflected selective pro-cyclical leadership layered against growing defensive rotation, with a hotter-than-expected January payrolls report driving a backup in yields, flattening the curve, and pushing Fed cut expectations further out. Geopolitical tensions and renewed trade uncertainty added crosscurrents, keeping positioning cautious ahead of CPI and continued Treasury supply.

Equities

Leadership was fragmented, with memory and semiconductor names outperforming sharply while broader software remained under pressure amid AI disruption fears and hyperscaler capex scrutiny. Energy, machinery, rails, industrial metals, chemicals, department stores, and select housing-linked retail showed relative strength, pointing to narrow cyclical participation rather than broad risk-on. Laggards included brokers, money-center banks, credit cards, homebuilders, airlines, cruise lines, toys, China tech, and high-beta retail favorites, while big tech generally softened amid ongoing rotation away from megacaps. Earnings continued to drive outsized single-stock moves, with aggregate S&P growth tracking near 13% and clear reward/punishment dynamics around guidance and margins.

Macro & Rates

January nonfarm payrolls rose 130K versus ~70K consensus, private payrolls beat decisively, unemployment dipped to 4.3%, and wage growth surprised at +0.4% m/m, reinforcing a hawkish-at-the-margin interpretation despite modest prior revisions and benchmark adjustments. Treasury yields moved higher with curve flattening, the short end rising roughly 6 bp, and a weak 10Y auction adding upward pressure. Rate-cut odds were pushed further out, with June probabilities slipping below 50%, while Fed commentary emphasized patience and inflation vigilance. Updated CBO projections highlighting wider deficits and rising interest costs reinforced higher-for-longer rate narratives into Friday's CPI.

FX & Commodities

The dollar index edged modestly higher alongside firmer yields, while the yen strengthened, tracking U.S. rate dynamics more closely than prior narratives suggested. Commodities were mixed, with WTI up roughly 1–1.5% on Middle East tensions despite a large crude build, gold gaining ~1.3%, silver surging over 4%, and bitcoin futures down ~1.8%, reflecting elevated volatility and a cautious macro tone.

Geopolitics

Geopolitical risk remained a persistent backdrop, with President Trump signaling openness to negotiations with Iran even as reports of additional U.S. carrier deployment supported crude prices, and trade headlines around potential USMCA moves resurfacing policy friction after the House voted to end tariffs on Canada. Globally, Asia opened firmer despite softer U.S. futures and Europe emphasized reform and fiscal flexibility, but markets remain highly data-dependent with dispersion, selective cyclical, and defensive undertones defining the tape into key macro catalysts.

