



DAILY DEBRIEF 2 (02/10/2026)



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Breadth-led rotation: equal-weight and Dow at records as the market tilts defensive and broadens away from megacap/AI infra into housing, building products, utilities, chemicals, media, paper/packaging, and hotels (MAR). Big tech, AI infrastructure, banks/IBs, advisors, biotech and retail-favorite beta lag on AI-disruption fears (Altruist) and softer growth reads. Rates bid with curve flattening on weak Dec retail/control group and NFP "talk-down"; 3Y auction strong. Earnings drive sharp dispersion (SPOT/DDOG/CRDO/ICHR/ENTG/HAS strong vs UPWK/SPGI/SCHW/XYL/INCY/BP weak) as focus turns to Wed NFP and Fri CPI.

Stocks

USA

S&P 500
-0.33%

NASDAQ
-0.59%

Dow Jones
+0.10%

Europe

DAX
-0.11%

Euro Stoxx 50
-0.20%

FTSE 100
-0.31%

APAC

Hang Seng
+0.58%

Nikkei 225
+2.20%

CSI 300
+0.11%

As of 4:00 PM ET

Commodities

Energy

WTI Crude
-0.08%

Brent Crude
+0.10%

HH Nat Gas
-0.22%

Metals

Spot Gold
-0.56%

Spot Silver
-3.00%

Agriculture

Corn
0.00%

Coffee
-1.07%

Cotton
-0.03%

As of 4:15 PM ET

Market Overview

U.S. equities finished mixed after failing to hold early gains, but the broader tape stayed constructive: breadth was positive and equal-weight leadership persisted, with the equal-weight S&P and Dow setting record closes. The session marked a continued rotation away from megacap tech/AI infrastructure and toward defensives and domestic cyclicals, as rates rallied on softer data and pre-NFP positioning. Risk sentiment cooled into the close amid geopolitical headlines and White House efforts to temper expectations for Wednesday's jobs report.

Equities

Leadership skewed decisively away from big tech, with AI infrastructure, banks/IBs, advisors, financial data/exchanges, biotech, A&D, industrial metals, discounters, and retail-favorite beta all lagging. Financial advisory stocks were a notable pressure point following AI tax-planning competition concerns. In contrast, housing and housing-adjacent groups (homebuilders, building products, housing retail) led, alongside utilities, chemicals, media, paper/packaging, multis, HPCs, and hotels (MAR)—consistent with a defensive tilt layered on top of a still-broadening trade. Software continued to claw back some recent losses but ended well off highs, underscoring selective rather than wholesale risk-on. Earnings drove sharp single-stock dispersion, with strong beats/guides rewarded and guidance risk punished.

Macro & Rates

Rates rallied and the curve flattened, led by the long end, following flat December retail sales and a weaker control group, reinforcing slowdown chatter ahead of NFP. Fed speak leaned cautious: Hammack emphasized patience and a potentially extended hold; Logan reiterated policy near neutral with easing contingent on labor cooling. Treasury supply was well absorbed—the 3Y auction stopped through with solid demand—helping keep yields contained. Focus now turns to Wednesday's NFP, followed by CPI on Friday and continued heavy Treasury issuance.

FX & Commodities

FX was relatively quiet overall, with yen strength again the standout. Commodities softened on the day, consistent with the defensive equity tilt and rate rally backdrop, while crypto finished lower but off worst levels.

Geopolitics

Geopolitical risk remained a background but persistent overhang, highlighted by renewed Middle East rhetoric. Headlines contributed to defensiveness and reinforced the market's preference for quality, domestic cyclicals, and rate-sensitive leadership into key macro catalysts.

