- U.S. stock indexes dipped on Friday as fears over a trade war escalated ahead of the <u>G7</u> <u>summit</u> in Canada and shares of Apple and its suppliers fell, following a report that the <u>iPhone</u> maker was planning to produce fewer phones this year.
- Apple Inc was down 1.6 percent after a newspaper report said the company had asked its supply chain to manufacture about 20 percent fewer components for iPhones in the latter half of 2018.
- Investors were also cautious ahead of a contentious <u>G7 summit</u> in Canada, with U.S. President <u>Donald Trump</u> lashing out at Canada and the <u>European Union</u> on Friday, raising the specter of a trade war.
- "I suspect that expectations from the G7 have been reduced," said Eric Wiegand, senior portfolio manager at U.S. Bank Private Wealth Management.
- "Expectations have been very modest that there will be much of a productive nature to these meetings, the tether of the meeting will most likely mirror the heightened trade tensions."
- Trade war fears have rattled the broader market through the year as Trump's "America First" policies risk creating a schism between U.S. and its trade partners.
- Despite these worries, the S&P 500 technology index has far outperformed the broader market and went on a six-day rally before taking a pause on Thursday and Friday.
- After touching record highs in the week, the tech-heavy <u>Nasdaq</u> Composite index also fell on Friday, with investors moving money from technology and small caps to the Dow and S&P.
- "The technology sector has demonstrated tremendous leadership in the year to date, and longer, so it is not surprising to see them pause," Wiegand added.
- At 11:23 a.m. ET, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 6.89 points, or 0.03 percent, at 25,234.52, the S&P 500 was down 1.91 points, or 0.07 percent, at 2,768.46 and the Nasdaq Composite was down 11.52 points, or 0.15 percent, at 7,623.56.
- Investors are eyeing next week's U.S. Federal Reserve meeting on interest rates and an unprecedented U.S.-North Korea summit scheduled for June 12 in Singapore.
- While the Fed is widely expected to raise interest rates for the second time this year, the focus is on whether it will hint at rates being raised a total of four times in 2018.
- U.S. chipmakers Qualcomm, Intel and Broadcom were also lower, following the Apple report.
- <u>Verizon</u> was nearly a percent lower after the company named chief technology officer and former Ericsson boss Hans Vestberg as its new chief executive officer on Friday,
- <u>Philip Morris</u> shares rose 2 percent after boosting quarterly dividend by 6.5 percent to \$1.14 a share.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers for a 1.02-to-1 ratio on the NYSE and for a 1.06-to-1 ratio on the Nasdaq.