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## Stocks Slump on Trade Debacle

May 6-10, 2019 Recap

- **Trade Tensions Escalate.** Equities sank last week as China backpedaled on its previously agreed trade enforcement commitments and President Trump responded by raising tariffs from 10% to 25% on \$200B worth of Chinese imported goods. Stocks finished higher Friday, their first positive close in five days on renewed investor optimism that a full-blown trade war with China could still be averted.
- **Weekly Performance.** For the week, the S&P 500 lost 2.10%, the Dow Industrials fell 2.12% and the tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite retreated by 2.96%. Despite Friday's rebound, equities fell the most in a week since just before Christmas.
- **Consumer Prices Still Tame.** The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 0.3% in April, shy of projections for a 0.4% increase and down from a 0.4% gain in March. Core prices that exclude volatile food and energy rose just 0.1%, notably as apparel prices sank a second straight month.
- **Energy Performed Best.** All 11 major sectors posted weekly losses, with Technology (-3.45%), Materials (-2.80%) and Industrials (-2.74%) falling the most. Energy (-0.27%), Consumer Staples (-0.31%) and Utilities (-0.62%) declined the least.
- **Treasury Prices Ease.** Treasuries eased as equities rose, sending the yield on 10-year Treasury notes up 2.4 basis points to end the week at 2.468%. For the week, the U.S. Dollar Index fell by 0.19%, its first back-to-back weekly decline since February 1. WTI crude oil was little changed, down \$0.28/barrel last week to finish Friday at \$61.66.

### What We're Reading

[China Threatens New Tariffs](#)

[Price Fixing Allegations](#)

[Inflation Outlook Dips](#)

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### Week's Economic Calendar

**Monday, May 13:** No Major Releases;

**Tuesday, May 14:** Small Business Optimism, Import & Export Prices;

**Wednesday, May 15:** Retail Sales, Empire Manufacturing, Industrial Production, Business Inventories;

**Thursday, May 16:** Housing Starts, Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook, Jobless Claims;

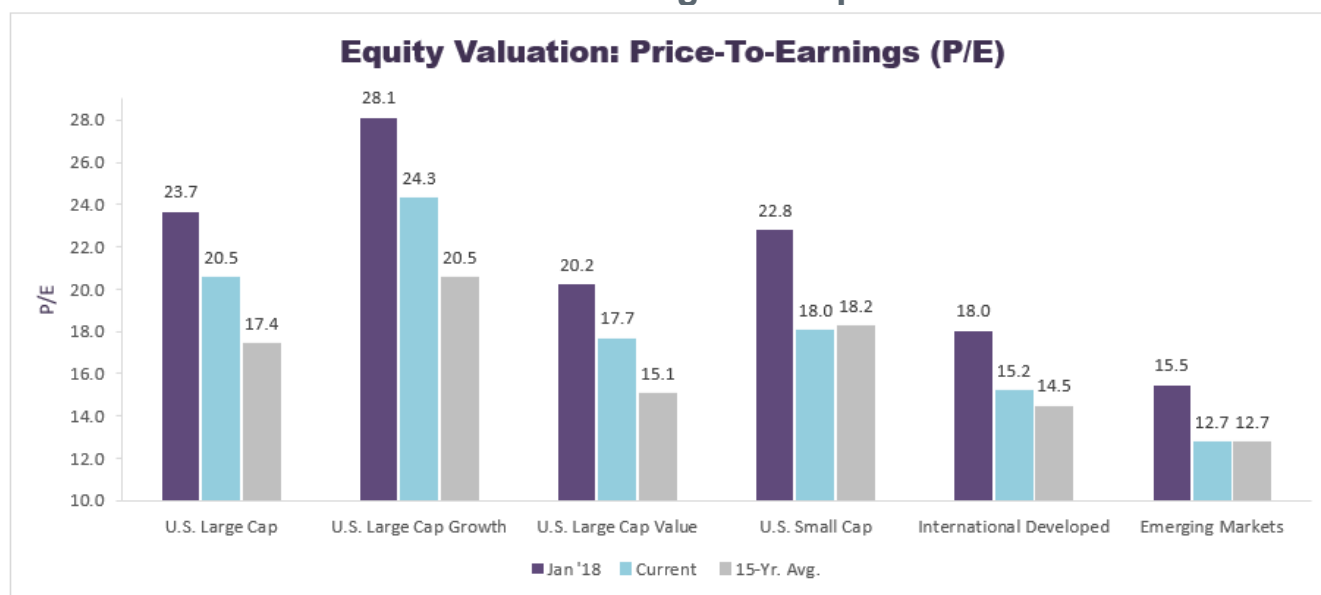
**Friday, May 17:** Leading Indicators, University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment.

## Market Watch

Stocks	1-Week	MTD	3-Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	-2.12	-2.45	3.33	11.21	4.87	13.12
S&P 500	-2.10	-2.09	6.96	15.77	7.99	13.70
NASDAQ Composite	-2.96	-2.13	8.78	19.77	8.13	19.41
Russell 3000	-2.13	-1.98	6.68	16.25	7.22	13.68
MSCI EAFE	-2.63	-2.70	4.74	10.02	-6.06	7.02
MSCI Emerging Markets	-4.52	-4.18	0.20	7.54	-8.45	11.15
Bonds	1-Week	MTD	3-Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year
Barclays Agg Bond	0.31	0.25	2.00	3.22	5.71	1.90
Barclays Municipal	0.49	0.61	2.87	3.92	6.14	2.66
Barclays US Corp High Yield	-0.51	-0.49	3.26	8.25	6.06	7.78
Commodities	1-Week	MTD	3-Month	YTD	1-Year	3-Year
Bloomberg Commodity	-1.43	-2.31	-1.15	3.43	-11.16	-0.59
S&P GSCI Crude Oil	-0.27	-3.35	16.84	36.03	-13.40	11.08
S&P GSCI Gold	0.84	0.50	-2.00	0.84	-2.66	0.68

Source: Morningstar

## Chart of the Week: Stocks are No Longer Cheap



Source: Cetera Investment Management, Morningstar, Russell Investments, MSCI. US Large Cap Equities (Russell 1000), US Growth Equities (Russell 1000 Growth), US Value Equities (Russell 1000 Value), US Small Cap (Russell 2000), International Developed Equities (MSCI EAFE), and Emerging Markets (MSCI Emerging Markets). P/E is the Price-to-Earnings Ratio. Data as of 4/30/2019.

Following the Q4 correction in equity prices, stocks entered 2019 with valuations that were at multi-year lows. Stocks are no longer as cheap as they were at the start of the year because of the strong rally in equities since the end of 2018. U.S. large cap stocks are back above their 15-year average for valuations, but still below the peak level reached in early 2018. U.S. small caps, international developed, and emerging market stocks, on the other hand, are all trading near their 15-year average valuation levels. Stocks are no longer cheap, but they don't appear to be too expensive, apart from domestic large cap growth stocks.

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The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** is a price-weighted average of 30 significant stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ.

The **S&P 500** is an index of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry grouping (among other factors) designed to be a leading indicator of U.S. equities and is meant to reflect the risk/return characteristics of the large cap universe.

The **NASDAQ Composite Index** includes all domestic and international based common type stocks listed on The NASDAQ Stock Market. The NASDAQ Composite Index is a broad based index

The **Russell 2000 Index** measures the performance of the small-cap segment of the U.S. equity universe and is a subset of the Russell 3000 Index representing approximately 10% of the total market capitalization of that index. It includes approximately 2000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership.

The **Russell 3000 Index** measures the performance of the largest 3,000 U.S. companies representing approximately 98% of the investable U.S. equity market.

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The **Bloomberg Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index**, which was originally called the Lehman Aggregate Bond Index, is a broad based flagship benchmark that measures the investment grade, US dollar-denominated, fixed-rate taxable bond market. The index includes Treasuries, government-related and corporate debt securities, MBS (agency fixed-rate and hybrid ARM pass-throughs), ABS and CMBS (agency and non-agency) debt securities that are rated at least Baa3 by Moody's and BBB- by S&P. Taxable municipals, including Build America bonds and a small amount of foreign bonds traded in U.S. markets are also included. Eligible bonds must have at least one year until final maturity, but in practice the index holdings has a fluctuating average life of around 8.25 years. This total return index, created in 1986 with history backfilled to January 1, 1976, is unhedged and rebalances monthly

The **Bloomberg Barclays US Corporate High Yield Index** measures the USD-denominated, non-investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable corporate bond market. Securities are classified as high yield if the middle rating of Moody's, Fitch, and S&P is Ba1/BB+/BB+ or below, excluding emerging market debt. Payment-in-kind and bonds with predetermined step-up coupon provisions are also included. Eligible securities must have at least one year until final maturity, but in practice the index holdings has a fluctuating average life of around 6.3 years. This total return unhedged index was created in 1986, with history backfilled to July 1, 1983 and rebalances monthly.

The **Bloomberg Barclays US Municipal Bond Index** covers the USD-denominated long-term tax exempt bond market. The index has four main sectors: state and local general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, insured bonds, and prerefunded bonds. Many of the subindices of the Municipal Index have historical data to January 1980. In addition, several subindices based on maturity and revenue source have been created, some with inception dates after January 1980, but no later than July 1, 1993. Eligible securities must be rated investment grade (Baa3/BBB- or higher) by Moody's and S&P and have at least one year until final maturity, but in practice the index holdings has a fluctuating average life of around 12.8 years. This total return index is unhedged and rebalances monthly

The **MSCI All-Country World Index** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The SMCI ACWI consists of 46 country indexes comprising 23 developed and 23 emerging market country indexes. The developed country indexes include: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The emerging market

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The **S&P GSCI Crude Oil Index** is a sub-index of the S&P GSCI, provides investors with a reliable and publicly available benchmark for investment performance in the crude oil market.

The **S&P GSCI Gold Index**, a sub-index of the S&P GSCI, provides investors with a reliable and publicly available benchmark tracking the COMEX gold futures market.

**West Texas Intermediate (WTI)** is a crude oil stream produced in Texas and southern Oklahoma which serves as a reference or "marker" for pricing a number of other crude streams. WTI is the underlying commodity of the New York Mercantile Exchange's oil futures contracts

The **Cboe Volatility Index® (VIX®)** is a key measure of market expectations of near-term volatility conveyed by S&P 500 stock index option prices.

The **U.S. Dollar Index** is a weighted geometric mean that provides a value measure of the United States dollar relative to a basket of major foreign currencies. The index, often carrying a USDX or DXY moniker, started in March 1973, beginning with a value of the U.S. Dollar Index at 100.000. It has since reached a February 1985 high of 164.720 and has been as low as 70.698 in March 2008.