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| **RESOURCE LOG – November 2019** | | | | |
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| Resilient Corporate Profits Soothe Fears of a Slowdown | Investors are breathing sighs of relief that corporate profits haven’t waned as much as feared, giving new life to a stock-market rally that had largely stalled since the summer.  Although earnings are on track to decline for the third consecutive quarter, about 75% of the 342 companies in the S&P 500 that have posted results through Thursday morning have beaten expectations, according to FactSet.  For some, the latest earnings season has highlighted the strength of the U.S. economy relative to others around the world, especially with the continuing trade battle between the U.S. and China. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/01/2019 | Gunjan Banerji |
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| Jobs, Consumers Buoy Economy, Defying Slowdown Across Globe | Employment grew by a seasonally adjusted 128,000 jobs in October…  The unemployment rate ticked up from a 50-year low to 3.6% in October…  Wage growth remained steady, up 3% from a year earlier.  Stocks climbed Friday after the October jobs figures comforted investors about growth in the U.S., with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite closing at fresh highs.  Friday’s figures also showed job growth was better in August and September than previously reported.  “The U.S. economy is in a good place,” Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Richard Clarida said in a speech Friday afternoon. “Growth has been supported by the continued strength of household consumption, underpinned, in turn, by a thriving labor market.: | The Wall Street Journal | 11/2-3/2019 | Eric Morath |
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| A Hundred Year High | U.S. field production of crude oil was an estimated 12.6 million barrels a day in October 2019, the highest single month recorded in our nation’s history based upon data maintained since January 1920 (source: Department of Energy). | By the Numbers | 11/04/2019 |  |
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| Rule Aims to Spot Recessions Earlier | Two of the biggest challenges of fighting a recession are knowing when you’re in one and deciding what to do next.  The official declaration usually comes a year or more after a recession starts.  Now, a Federal Reserve economist has come up with a simple rule based on movements in unemployment to rapidly determine when a recession is under way.  For now, the so-called Sahm rule is sending a reassuring signal: The economy may be slowing but no recession has begun. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/04/2019 | Kate Davidson |
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| Corporate Results Lift Most Stocks | Investors are sharply bidding up the shores of companies that beat earnings expectations – and appear more willing to overlook some of the misses – helping to pull the stock market out of its recent lull.  The S&P 500 set three record closes last week, its first new highs since July. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/04/2019 | Michael Wursthorn |
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| What’s News | ♦ U.S. and Chinese officials are actively considering rolling back some tariffs to clinch the partial trade deal under negotiation, according to people familiar with the talks. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/05/2019 |  |
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| Dow Hits A Record As U.S. Outpaces World  *Sound Economic data and robust earnings lift blue-chip index to first high since summer* | The Dow Jones Industrial Average climbed Monday to its first record since mid-July, the latest example of investors’ faith in the domestic economy powering U.S. stocks to fresh highs.  Buoyed by optimism about a U.S.-China trade accord and last week’s upbeat figures on third-quarter economic growth and October hiring, the blue-chip index rose 0.4% to 27462.11. The rally brought its 2019 advance to 18% in what has been a banner year on Wall Street.  After hitting another record Monday, the S&P 500 is up 23% for the year and on track for its best annual performance since 2013. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/05/2019 | Amrith Ramkumar |
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| What’s News | ♦ The Dow and Nasdaq edged up, notching records amid hopes that the U.S. and china will roll back tariffs. The S&P 500 slipped 0.1%. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/06/2019 |  |
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| Lower Imports Point to Slowdown | U.S. imports a goods such as cellphones, toys and apparel fell sharply in September, the latest sign that slowing global growth might be spilling into the domestic economy.  “It could be a sign that the U.S. consumer is possibly curtailing spending,” said Pooja Sriram, a U.S. economist at Barclays, of the drop-in consumer-goods imports. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/06/2019 | Paul Kiernan and Rebecca Elliott |
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| China, U.S. Give Mixed Signals On Trade  *Markets rise as Beijing cites progress on tariffs, but Washington offers no firm commitment* | Beijing’s statement Thursday that the U.S. and China have agreed to roll back tariffs as part of a “phase One” Trade accord lifted financial markets, but questions remained over how much ground – if any – the Trump administration had agreed to give.  Neither the White House nor the U.S. trade representative issued a public response to China’s statement… | The Wall Street Journal | 11/08/2019 | Josh Zumbrun and William Mauldin |
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| Stocks Hit New Highs As Bond Yields Rise | U.S. stocks clinched fresh records and government-bond yields notched their biggest weekly gain in a month as investors grew more confident that the economic cycle isn’t nearing its end.  The moves marked a sharp shift from much of the year, when investors bought both government bonds and stocks simultaneously in a signal that unease was underpinning the broader equity rally.  The yield on the 10-year Treasury note ended the week at 1.930%, its highest since July 31, before investors were spooked by a spate of weak economic data world-wide. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/09-10/2019 | Gunjan Banerji |
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| What’s News | ♦ The Dow eked out a gain in quiet trading to close at 27961.49, its ninth record of the year. The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq slipped. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/12/2019 |  |
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| Loan Deals Offer Bad Omen for Junk Debt | Some securities in the $680 billion market for collateralized loan obligations lost 5% in October, reflecting worries about rising risk in the complex investment vehicles.  “We think there’s more volatility coming, “ said Maggie Wang, head of U.S. CLO strategy at Citigroup.  In recent years, CLOs have bought more than 60% of newly issued leveraged loans, according to S&P Market Intelligence. That makes them a critical piece of the machinery that provides funding to businesses with lower credit ratings. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/12/2019 | Matt Wirz |
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| Investment Giants Speak Out in Debate Over Their Impact on competition | The biggest money managers are in the spotlight after enjoying a decade of rapid growth fueled by the rise of index investing. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/13/2019 |  |
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| Blue Chips, S&P Hit Record Levels | The Dow Jones Industrial Average advanced as investors parsed the latest headlines on U.S.-Chinese trade talks and Federal Reserve Interest-rate policy.  The blue-chip index gained 92.10 points, or 0.3%, to 27783.59. The S&P 500 inched up 2.20 points, or less than 0.01%, to 3094.04. The Nasdaq Composite slipped 3.99, or less than 0.1%, to 8482.10.  The Dow and S&P 500 closed at records, while the Nasdaq is within 0.1% of its record reached this week. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/14/2019 | Alexander Osipovich |
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| Bond Investors Bet on Rise in Inflation | The average inflation rate investors expect during the next 10 years-measured by the gap between the yields of 10-year U.S. government debt and Treasury inflation protected securities of similar maturity has risen to about 1.7 percentage points from roughly 1.55 percentage points at the end of last month.  Inflation expectations had fallen below 1.5%-a level analysts said was consistent with expectations for a recession – as recently as last month.  Investors said the Federal Reserve’s three interest-rate cuts this year have boosted the prospects for inflation, and few believe it will climb fast enough for policy makers to need to raise rates soon. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/14/2019 | Daniel Kruger |
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| Rising Treasury Yields Quiet Investors’ Concerns | A series of developments have combined to boost the economic outlook, spurring selling in bonds and powering a steep climb in the 10-year Treasury yield – a key benchmark that helps set borrowing costs on everything from corporate debt to mortgages. Those include the Federal Reserve’s cuts to short-term interest rates, steps toward a trade agreement by the U.S. and China and a series of economic reports that turned out better than some investors had feared.  The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note settled Thursday at 1.815%...  The yield’s climb marks a significant reversal for the bond market. At one point this summer, U.S. yields were falling so quickly that some investors and analysts wondered if they could drop below zero,…  Highlighting the turnaround in sentiment, the amount of negative-yielding bonds has dwindled by several trillion dollars. And the U.S. yield curve has almost completely uninverted…  …many investors think yields have room to rise as more people sell bonds to buy riskier assets. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/14/2019 | Daniel Krueger and Sam Goldfarb |
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| What’s News | ♦ Yields on U.S. government bonds have rebounded from near-historic lows, a signal that investors’ recent recession fears have waned. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/15/2019 |  |
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| Dow Average Hits Another Milestone  *Blue chip index jumps above 28000 in final minutes, extending long bull run* | The Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed 28000 for the first time Friday, notching a new high as fading recession fears extended the decadelong bull-market rally.  The S&P 500 and technology-heavy Nasdaq composite also closed at records, extending their weekly winning streaks to six and seven, respectively.  This week’s optimism was spurred, in part, by White House economic adviser Lawrence Kudlow who indicated progress toward a potential trade deal with China and Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell who noted strength in the economy. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/16-17/2019 | Gunjan Banerji |
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| A Slowdown | 90% of the world’s economies are projected to grow more slowly in calendar year 2019 than they did in calendar year 2018. The US economy grew by +2.9% in 2018 and to date has grown by an annualized +2.3% in 2019 (source: International Monetary Fund). | By the Numbers | 11/18/2019 |  |
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| Tech Is On Pace For Best Year in a Decade  *Shares have rallied 41% in 2019 despite regulatory scrutiny and mixed earnings* | Technology stocks are racing toward their best year in a decade, underscoring investors’ interest in companies offering everything from memory chips to social-media platforms.  Investors have favored shares of rapidly growing, relatively pricey companies over their more low-valued counterparts for much of the more-than-decadelong bull market.  …the past three months, technology stocks remain the market’s leaders: The S&P 500 technology sector’s 41% gain for the year has put the group well above the S&P 500’s 24% climb and on course for its biggest one-year advance since 2009. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/20/2019 | Akane Otani and Karen Langley |
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| U.S – China Trade Talks at Rick of Deadlock | Both sides remain divided over core issues including Beijing’s demand for removing tariffs and the U.S.’s insistence on China buying farm products – nearly six weeks after an “agreement in principle” was announced by the White House on Oct. 11. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/20/19 | William Mauldin and Josh Zumbrun |
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| Treasurys Benefit As Traders Shift to Safety | Prices of U.S. government bonds built on recent gains after new concerns arose about the prospects for a U.S.-China trade agreement.  The yield on the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury note fell to 1.737%...  Yields, which fall when bond prices rise, have been declining for nearly two weeks as concerns about trade tensions have resurfaced. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/21/2019 | Sam Goldfarb |
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| Stocks Fall as Trade Tensions Heighten  *Dow loses 112.93 points, its steepest decline this month, as China and U.S. spar* | Stocks declined globally as trade talks between the U.S. and China appeared to near an impasse, with President Trump threatening to raise tariffs further.  The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 112.93 points, or 0.4% to 27821.09, its biggest fall of the month.  Losses deepened and major U.S. indexes fell near session lows after Reuters reported that the first phase of a trade deal between the U.S. and China may not materialize by year-end. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/21/2019 | Caitlin Ostroff and Gunjan Banerji |
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| Big Companies Reduce Spending  *Trade tensions, signs of a slowdown push some projects aside and threaten growth* | Many of the biggest U.S. companies are moderating their spending on equipment and other capital investment, as an uncertain business environment prompts some to postpone or shelve otherwise promising projects. That could pose a continuing drag on economic growth. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/25/2019 | Theo Francis |
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| Stock Market Shrugs Off Bad News, Spurring Even Short Sellers to Buy | Investors are looking past weak data and trade snags that would have rolled markets just months ago, convinced that easing by central banks and a deal between the U.S. and China will keep stocks marching higher.  In recent sessions, markets have shrugged off the biggest drop in U.S. industrial production in nearly a year and a half, a dismal fourth-quarter economic outlook from the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta, disappointing data from Europe and Saia and reports that the U.S. and China are unlikely to reach a trade deal before year-end.  Many global central banks have responded to a slowdown in growth by signaling a new round of easy-money policies… | The Wall Street Journal | 11/25/2019 | Ira Iosebrashvili |
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| Fed Cuts Reflect More Bearish Outlook | Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank cut interest rates this year in part because officials concluded the economy wasn’t as strong as anticipated when the Fed lifted rates last year.  The central bank signaled last month it was done cutting rates for now after making its third quarter-percentage-point reduction since July. Officials have said a slowdown in business investment and global growth – amplified by the U.S.-China trade war – justified those cuts.  “Monetary policy is now well positioned to support a strong labor market and return inflation decisively to” the Fed’s 2% target, said Mr. Powell in remarks prepared for delivery Monday evening at the Greater Providence Chamber of commerce. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/26/2019 | Nick Timiraos |
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| Big U.S. Stocks Begin to Diverge | Conditions for stock picking are improving.  After months of frequently trading together, shares of big U.S. companies have begun to diverge, more often rising or falling on fundamentals or company-specific news.  A correlation of 1 would mean that stocks or sectors were moving perfectly together; a correlation of zero would show no relationship between their movements, and a correlation of -1 would mean they were moving in opposite directions.  Stocks tend to move together when investors are focused on macroeconomic factors like those that captivated their attention for much of the early autumn. But in recent weeks, trade tensions between the U.S. and China have somewhat eased, the Federal Reserve has indicated it is likely done cutting interest rates for now, and improving economic data has squashed fears of an imminent recession. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/26/2019 | Karen Langley |
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| Treasury Yields Fall, As Equities Gain Steam | Yields on U.S. government bonds fell, extending a decline that has all but wiped out the jump in Treasury yields during the first half of November. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/26/2019 | Matt Wirz |
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| What’s News | ♦ China offered its most positive message in recent weeks that trade talks with the U.S. were going smoothly, after a phone call between the countries’ top negotiators. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/27/2019 |  |
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| What’s News | ♦ U.S. stocks gained, with the Dow, S&P 500 and Nasdaq each rising 0.2% to close at records. | The Wall Street Journal | 11/27/2019 |  |
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| Economic Data Bring Cheer for Holidays | An initial snapshot of year-end trends emerged Wednesday when the Commerce Department, in separate reports, said household spending picked up in October and orders for long-lasting factory goods rose-both positive signs for growth.  The department also said the U.S. economy expanded at a slightly better pace than initially estimated in the third quarter, despite a continuing slump in business investment.  Growth in the fourth quarter, now in its ninth week, is shaping up to be a bit below the roughly 2% pace seen in the prior two quarters. | The Wall Street Journal | 10/29/2019 | Harriet Torsey |

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