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## Weekly Must-Knows

### Description

Stocks bounced back last week as tech company earnings fueled a market rally, despite concerns about the Federal Reserve keeping interest rates high for longer. The Nasdaq Composite surged over 4%, the S&P 500 rose nearly 3%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average increased by less than 1%.

Looking ahead, investors are anticipating a busy week with a Federal Reserve meeting, the April jobs report, and earnings reports from tech giants like Apple and Amazon. The market will also keep an eye on updates regarding job openings, manufacturing and services sector activity, and consumer confidence.

Key highlights for the week include the Fed's interest rate policy decision, the release of the April jobs report, and earnings reports from companies like AMD, Coca-Cola, McDonald's, and Starbucks. Investors will be on the lookout for any signs of change in the strong labor market and how inflation data is impacting the Fed's decisions.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Rally** // (noun): A sharp increase in price or value after a decrease.
2. **Anticipating** // (verb): Regard as probable expect or predict.
3. **Surged** // (verb): To increase suddenly and strongly.
4. **Confidence** // (noun): The feeling of being certain that something will happen as expected.
5. **Inflation** // (noun): Overall increase in prices and decrease in the purchasing value of money.
6. **Labor market** // (noun): The supply of available workers in relation to available work.

### Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. What term is used to describe a rapid increase in the price of securities or other assets?

Option: A. Inflation  
Option: B. Rally  
Option: C. Confidence  
Option: D. Decline

2. What term refers to the Federal Reserve's reduction of its balance sheet and absorbing cash from the financial system?



- Option: A. Quantitative Tightening (QT)
- Option: B. Labor Market
- Option: C. Buyback
- Option: D. Infrastructure

3. What term describes the movement of funds from one financial asset or entity to another?

- Option: A. Hawkish
- Option: B. Outflow
- Option: C. Inflow
- Option: D. Forecast

4. What term denotes a positive outlook or belief that things will generally turn out well?

- Option: A. Stability
- Option: B. Optimism
- Option: C. Quantitative Easing (QE)
- Option: D. Hawkish

5. What index represents the 100 companies listed on the London Stock Exchange with the highest market capitalization?

- Option: A. FTSE 100
- Option: B. Stoxx 600
- Option: C. Treasury Securities
- Option: D. Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)

6. What term refers to the ease with which an asset can be bought or sold in the market without affecting its price?

- Option: A. Unpredictable
- Option: B. Liquidity
- Option: C. Cautiously
- Option: D. Disruptions

7. Which financial instrument represents the debts of the U.S. government and is considered one of the safest investments?

- Option: A. Inflows
- Option: B. Treasury Securities
- Option: C. Decline
- Option: D. Outperformed

8. What economic term describes the increase in prices of goods and services over time?



- Option: A. Inflation
- Option: B. Labor Market
- Option: C. Buyback
- Option: D. Forecast

9. Which sector includes all those who are voluntarily seeking employment and job opportunities?

- Option: A. Quantitative Tightening (QT)
- Option: B. Labor Market
- Option: C. Buyback
- Option: D. Infrastructure

10. What term describes a continuous period of a particular kind of success or luck?

- Option: A. Stability
- Option: B. FTSE 100
- Option: C. Streak
- Option: D. Forecast

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. Investors who have high \_\_\_\_\_ in the market are more likely to invest in risky assets.
12. Economists use various models to \_\_\_\_\_ economic trends in the upcoming years.
13. A share \_\_\_\_\_ is a corporate action where a company buys back its own shares from the market.
14. Building new roads and bridges is an example of investing in \_\_\_\_\_ development.
15. Despite the market challenges the company \_\_\_\_\_ in its expansion plans.
16. A central bank is considered \_\_\_\_\_ if it signals an intent to raise interest rates.
17. Investors are now \_\_\_\_\_ watching for signs of economic slowdown.
18. Technological \_\_\_\_\_ have reshaped many industries in recent years.
19. The central bank provides liquidity \_\_\_\_\_ to stabilize financial markets during crises.
20. The tech sector \_\_\_\_\_ all other sectors in terms of stock performance last year.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Foreign investments and capital are examples of into a country.
22. During the financial crisis there was a significant of funds from the banking sector.
23. The index includes stocks from 17 European countries providing a broad market view.
24. Central banks implement to stimulate the economy by buying financial assets.
25. These financial products played a significant role in the 2008 financial crisis due to their default risks.
26. Economists analyze data to make a about the future direction of the economy.
27. Economists aim to achieve price to support sustainable economic growth.
28. Market reactions to political events can be highly leading to volatility.
29. Investors assess various factors before making investment in the market.
30. A market can be triggered by positive economic news or strong corporate earnings.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. B. Rally 2. A. Quantitative Tightening (QT) 3. B. Outflow 4. B. Optimism 5. A. FTSE 100 6. B. Liquidity 7. B. Treasury Securities 8. A. Inflation 9. B. Labor Market 10. C. Streak

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Confidence 12. Forecast 13. Buyback 14. Infrastructure 15. Persisted 16. Hawkish 17. Cautiously 18. Disruptions 19. Facilities 20. Outperformed

**Matching sentence:** 1. Inflows 2. Outflow 3. Stoxx 600 4. Quantitative Easing (QE) 5. Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS) 6. Forecast 7. Stability 8. Unpredictable 9. Decisions 10. Rally

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