

A photograph of a modern building facade featuring large, angular concrete blocks and a glass-enclosed staircase. The scene is captured in a low-angle, slightly tilted perspective, emphasizing the geometric forms and textures of the architecture. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the concrete and the transparency of the glass.

JEME CAPITAL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

February 17th, 2025

FINANCIAL DASHBOARD

Index	1w ch. %	Bonds 10yrs		Commodities	
STOXX 600 (EUR)	1.78%	BUND	2.421	GOLD	2,882.96
S&P 500	1.47%	OAT	3.112	WTI Crude Oil	70.70
NIKKEI 225	0.93%	BTP	3.514	EUR/USD	1.05
MSCI WORLD INDEX	1.72%	UST	4.470	EUR/GBP	0.83
ISHARES MSCI EEM	2.80%	JGB	1.351	EUR/JPY	159.87

MARKETS & POLITICS NEWS

United States: The latest U.S. inflation data, released last Wednesday, revealed an unexpected rise in consumer prices for January, with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increasing by 0.5% from December.

Donald Trump announced a 25% tariff on all steel and aluminium imports, escalating trade tensions. The move boosted US steel company stocks, whilst countries like Canada and the EU vowed to retaliate, signaling the potential for further global economic friction.

US vice-president JD Vance at the AI Action Summit in Paris warned Europe of “overly precautionary” regulations on AI whilst joining UK in refusing to sign a declaration that ensures “safe, secure and trustworthy” AI applications.



Ukraine: Zelensky rejected a U.S. bid for 50% of Ukraine’s rare earth minerals, seeking security guarantees and international involvement. The Trump-backed deal lacks future aid commitments, leading to further negotiations.

European Union: European leaders are attempting to get a seat at the table in Ukraine peace talks after United States President Donald Trump spoke directly to Russian President Vladimir Putin and announced the immediate start of negotiations.

China: China is willing to work with other countries to promote development, safeguard security, share achievements in AI, and jointly build a community with a shared future for mankind, Chinese President Xi Jinping’s special representative Zhang Guoqing said in Paris on Monday.

CORPORATE NEWS

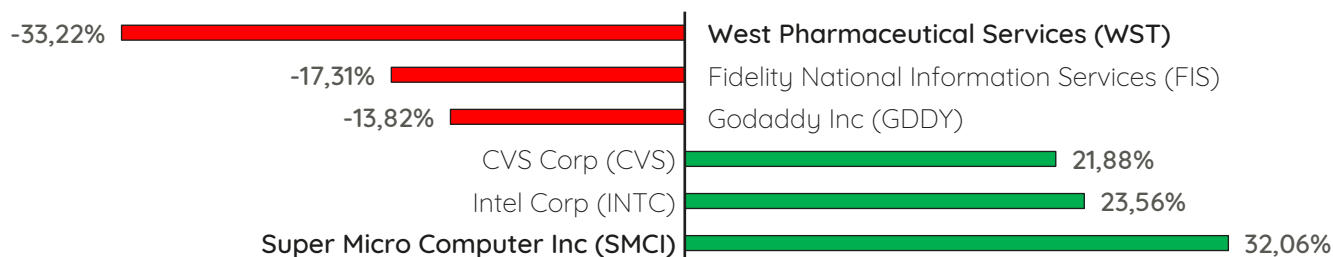


- **Tesla** closed down 3% this week after dropping as much as 7% on Tuesday, following an announcement by Chinese rival BYD about a partnership with DeepSeek on autonomous tech.
- **Coca-Cola** posted 14% organic revenue growth, beating forecasts. Q4 EPS grew 12% to \$0.51.
- **ARM** plans to launch its chip this year, securing Meta as one of its first customers. This move would put Arm in direct competition with its largest customers, including Nvidia.
- **Siemens** reported strong Q1 results that surpassed consensus, with revenues increasing by 3.4% YoY to €18.4 billion.
- **Hermès** reported an 18% jump in Q4 sales, surpassing analysts' expectations of 11% growth.

JEME CAPITAL'S HIGHLIGHTS

- **Banca Generali** exceeded analyst expectations on Monday with a 32% jump in 2024 net profit to 431.2 million euros. The company also announced a partnership with Microsoft to leverage generative artificial intelligence capabilities within the bank.
- **OpenAI's** board of directors has formally rejected a \$97.4 billion bid by Elon Musk and other investors to purchase the company.
- **Apple** plans to introduce AI-powered features for iPhones in China by mid-2025, partnering with local tech giants Alibaba and Baidu.
- **Meta** is in advanced negotiations to acquire South Korean AI chip startup FuriosaAI as part of its broader strategy to develop custom AI chips, enhance its in-house semiconductor capabilities, and reduce reliance on Nvidia.

LAST WEEK BIGGEST MOVERS IN S&P 500



WHAT'S AHEAD NEXT WEEK IN THE MARKETS

- Date	Event (US)	Prev. Value	- Date	Event (EU)	Prev. Value
19-Feb	Mortgage Market Index	230.00	17-Feb	EU Trade Balance Dec.	16.40B
19-Feb	FOMC Meeting Minutes	-	18-Feb	UK Unemployment Rate Dec.	4.40%
20-Feb	Crude Oil Inventories	4.07M	19-Feb	UK CPI Jan. (YoY)	2.50%
21-Feb	U.S. Manufacturing PMI Feb.	51.20	21-Feb	UK Retail Sales Jan. (YoY)	3.60%
21-Feb	U.S. Services PMI	52.90	21-Feb	ITA CPI Jan. (YoY)	1.50%

----- US Inflation Report -----

In the upcoming week, the U.S. economic calendar is light on major data releases, with no significant inflation reports scheduled. **Markets** will be **closed** on **Monday**, February 17, in observance of Presidents Day. Investors will focus on housing data, including the **NAHB Housing Market Index** on **Tuesday** and **housing starts** on **Wednesday**, to gauge the sector's health amid recent inflation trends.

----- Crude Oil Prices Under Scrutiny -----

President Trump has announced **plans** to **impose tariffs** on **oil** and **gas** imports, with a potential reduction for **Canadian crude** to **10%**. These tariffs are expected to take effect on **February 18**. Additionally, investors will closely watch for any updates from OPEC+ regarding **potential production adjustments**, as the group **continues** to **assess market conditions**. These factors will play a crucial role in **shaping oil price movements** in the coming days.

----- Asia's Economic Data -----

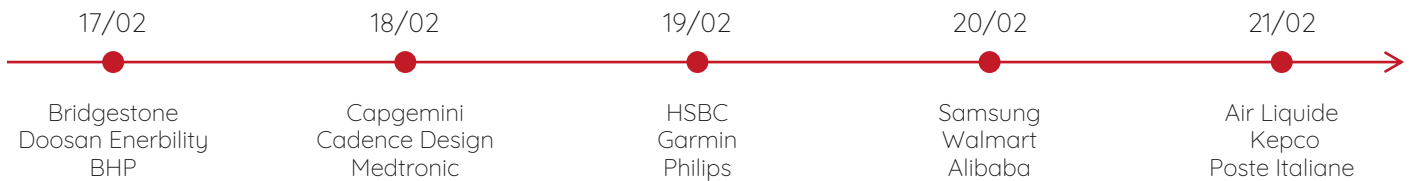
Japan's Q4 GDP data on **Monday** will offer insights into its economic performance, while **the country's trade balance report** on **Wednesday** will highlight export trends. On **Tuesday**, the **Reserve Bank of Australia** will announce its **interest rate decision**, impacting regional monetary policy. Meanwhile, the **Federal Reserve's FOMC meeting minutes** on **Thursday** could influence global markets, affecting Asian economies.

----- EU Economic Forecasts -----

Next week, key EU economic events and data releases will shape market sentiment. On **Monday**, the **Eurogroup meets** to discuss economic policies, followed by the **ECOFIN meeting** on **Tuesday**, where finance ministers will address financial matters. On **Friday**, **February flash PMI data** will provide insights into manufacturing and services sector performance, offering a **clearer picture** of the **eurozone's economic momentum**.

WHAT'S AHEAD NEXT WEEK FOR CORPORATES

Key Earnings Report



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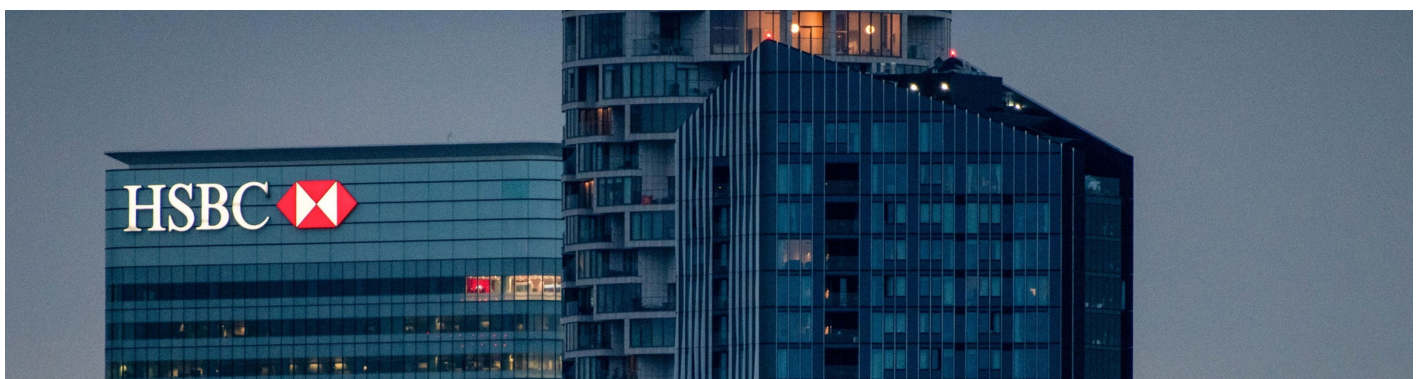
- **Medtronic** is expected to report **\$8.33B in revenue** and **\$1.36 EPS**, with investors focusing on medical device sales and innovation.
- **Cadence** anticipates **\$1.35B in revenue** and **\$1.83 EPS**, reflecting demand for its semiconductor design software.
- **Capgemini** projects **€22.06B in revenue** and **€11.57 EPS**, as markets assess IT spending trends and enterprise digital transformation.

19/02/25:

February 19 will bring earnings reports from HSBC, Philips, and Garmin, offering insights into banking, healthcare technology, and consumer electronics. **HSBC** is expected to post **\$66.34B in revenue** and **\$6.43 EPS**, with a focus on cost-cutting initiatives and wealth management growth. **Philips** anticipates **€5.07B in revenue** and **€0.53 EPS**, as investors assess its medical device performance and global sales momentum. **Garmin** projects **\$1.65B in revenue** and **\$1.98 EPS**, with strong demand for wearables and fitness products driving results.

20/02/25:

February 20 will see earnings reports from Walmart, Samsung, and Alibaba, providing insights into aerospace, semiconductors, and e-commerce. **Walmart** is projected to post **\$179.25 billion**, up **3.4%** from the year-ago quarter in revenue with a quarterly earnings of **\$0.64** per share. **Samsung** anticipates **₩70.52T** in revenue and **₩885.26 EPS**, as markets assess its semiconductor and NAND memory outlook. **Alibaba** expects **¥277.39B** in revenue and **¥2.39 EPS**, with a focus on e-commerce trends and cloud computing performance.



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