

Week of November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

## Market Overview: November 23<sup>rd</sup> – November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Market Recap

**Indexes** rose, with the **Nasdaq** closing at a record high, as retailers kicked off the year-end shopping season.

**Treasuries** rose on lingering worries about the continued surge in coronavirus cases. The **dollar** fell against its peers.

**Oil** prices were mixed ahead of an OPEC+ meeting. **Gold** slumped below key \$1,800 threshold.

### Coming Up In U.S.

- The U.S. Labor Department's monthly employment report on Friday is expected to show **non-farm payrolls** likely increased by 500,000 jobs in November after rising by 638,000 jobs in October. The **unemployment rate** for November will probably slip down to 6.7% from 6.9% in the previous month. On Wednesday, the ADP national employment report is expected to show **private payrolls** likely increased by 420,000 in November after rising by 365,000 in October. **Initial jobless claims** likely fell to 770,000 for the week ended Nov. 28 from 778,000 in the week before, the Labor Department's Thursday report is expected to show. On Tuesday, the Institute of Supply Management (ISM) is expected to show its **index of national factory activity** slipping to 57.5 in November, from 59.3 in October. Another report on Thursday will likely show the **ISM's non-manufacturing activity index** edging down to 56 in November from 56.6 in October. A report from the Commerce Department on Tuesday will likely show a 0.8% rise in **construction spending** in October, compared to a 0.3% rise in September. The Commerce Department's **trade data** is due on Friday. Trade deficit likely widened to \$64.7 billion in October from \$63.9 in September. Another report on Friday from the Commerce Department is likely to show **factory orders** rising by 0.9% in October, after a 1.1% rise in September.

- **Salesforce.com Inc** is expected to post a rise in third-quarter revenue from robust demand for its cloud services as remote work continues amid the pandemic.

- The **Trump administration's** seven-day extension of a divestiture order that directs the Chinese company **ByteDance** to sell its **TikTok** short video-sharing app expires Dec. 4. Under pressure from the U.S. government, ByteDance has been in talks for a deal with Walmart Inc and Oracle Corp to shift TikTok's U.S. assets into a new entity.

### U.S. Top News

- **Alibaba, Tencent put talks to buy iQIYI stake on hold due to price, regulatory concerns -sources**

Alibaba Group and Tencent Holdings have each held separate talks with Baidu to acquire a controlling stake in video streaming service iQIYI, people with knowledge of the matter told Reuters.

- **U.S. agency opens probe into 115,000 Tesla vehicles over suspension issue**

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said it had opened an investigation into around 115,000 Tesla vehicles over a front suspension safety issue.

- **Biogen bets on depression drug in \$1.5 billion deal with Sage Therapeutics**

Biogen will take a \$650 million stake in Sage Therapeutics and make an upfront payment of \$875 million to jointly develop and sell treatments for depression and other neurological disorders, the two companies said.

- **Britain and other nations press on with AstraZeneca vaccine amid trial questions**

Britain asked its regulator to assess AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine for a possible rollout, while the Philippines and Thailand secured millions of doses, giving the shot a vote of confidence after experts raised questions about trial data.

- **Malaysia secures Pfizer vaccine in a first for Southeast Asia**

Malaysia has agreed to buy 12.8 million doses of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine, becoming the first country in Southeast Asia to announce a deal with the U.S. drugmaker after some expressed reservations over the need for ultra-cold storage.

## Coming Up In Canada

- **Canadian October producer prices data** is due for release. Producer prices slipped down 0.1% in September. Building permits data is also on the schedule.

## Canada Top News

- **Air Canada reaches deal with pilots to operate dedicated cargo aircraft**

Air Canada said it has reached a deal with its pilots to allow the airline to operate dedicated cargo aircraft, as the carrier converts several of its retired Boeing 767-300ER passenger jets into freighters.

- **Most Canadians could get COVID-19 vaccine by September if all goes well - PM Trudeau**

Doctors believe most Canadians could be vaccinated against the coronavirus by next September rather than the end of 2021 as previously projected, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said.

- **China's Shandong Gold says Canada extends review of its bid for Arctic mine**

Shandong Gold Mining said it had been notified by the authorities in Canada that they would extend a security review into the company's bid to acquire an Arctic gold mine by at least 45 days.

- **Police officer at Vancouver airport to face questioning in Huawei CFO's U.S. extradition case**

A police officer stationed at Vancouver's airport who rejected a plan to arrest Huawei Chief Financial Officer Meng Wanzhou on the plane she arrived on two years ago will face more questioning from Meng's lawyers.

## Insights and Analysis

- **Pandemic fears, online deals thin U.S. Black Friday crowds**

Masked shoppers turned up in smaller numbers at major U.S. retailers including Macy's, Walmart and Best Buy on Black Friday as early online deals and worry about the spike in COVID-19 cases dulled enthusiasm for trips to the mall.

- **A Yellen dollar may be a more global one**

Janet Yellen's likely appointment as U.S. Treasury Secretary is unlikely to usher in a new exchange-rate doctrine but may see more sensitivity toward the dollar's global impact.

• **Battle of the billionaires: Bezos, Ambani gun for India retail supremacy**

Jeff Bezos and Mukesh Ambani, two of the world's richest men, face a turning point in a battle for preeminence in India's booming, nearly trillion-dollar retail market<sup>1</sup>.

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