



TUESDAY APRIL 25, 2016

	PRICE	CHANGE	VOLUME	UP/DN %	UP/DN VOL %
Dow:	17,990.32	+13.08	3.56	320	380
Nasdaq:	4,888.28	-7.50	1.83	172	114
S&P 500:	2,091.70	+3.91			
10 yr note:	1.93%	+3bps			
Volatility:	13.96	-0.12			
EUR-USD:	1.129	+0.003	Crude Oil:	44.04	+1.40
USD-JPY:	111.31	+0.14	CRB-Com:	181.48	+2.61



Markets gain on higher volume, signaling further gains tomorrow which could be further propelled by the Fed tomorrow at 2:00. Volatility (-0.8%) nevertheless did not budge today, signaling anxiety over tomorrow's meeting. Treasuries gained for their 7th consecutive session, preparing for a possible hawkish change in policy. The Nasdaq (-0.2%) fell for the 4th day, its longest stretch since January, while the Dow (+0.1%) and S&P 500 (+0.2%) gained. Risk on trades remain in full effect as dollar weakness fuels oil (+3.3%), commodity and emerging market gains. WTI crude has risen 68% from its 13-year low in February, hitting a 5-month high today (WSJ).

Earnings are coming in above expectations given a 4.2% decline in the dollar during the first quarter, so far 75% of companies have beat expectations (67% beat on average).

C-rise trade would have failed today, need to create setup either involving the pattern of yesterday's OHLC or when the market touches its 15-day moving average intraday, so that a B-even trade would be in effect (for a win today).

ECONOMIC REPORTS:

March Durable Goods Orders: +0.8%. Durable goods orders rebound from April's -3.1% drugging. Nevertheless motor vehicle orders fell 3%, reflecting retail weakness. Core capital goods orders were unchanged in March while Shipments fell 0.5%.

February S&P Case Shiller Home Prices: +0.7%. Home prices gain by the smallest amount since October. Compared to last year, prices remain 5.4% higher.

April Consumer Confidence: -2.4 to 94.2. Consumer confidence falls back to its 6-month trend, confirming recent retail sales weakness. Reflecting a divergence in perceptions, the present situation index neared last September's 7-year high (121.1) while consumer's expectations fell to its lowest reading since November 2013. Inflation expectations remained unchanged.

	April:	Change:
Current Conditions:	116.4	+1.5
Expectations:	79.3	-4.3
Inflation Exp:	4.8%	unch

April Richmond Manufacturing: -8 to 14. Manufacturing activity slows slightly following March's record jump. New orders, backlog orders and employment all grew.

April State Street Investor Confidence: -5.5 to 109.1. Global risk appetite moderates after gaining in March as investors views on North America (-8.7 to 115.0) and Europe (-0.5 to 95.3) weaken. Nevertheless Asian sentiment (+5.6 to 117.8) gained for a second month.