

The Data

- Equities saw a broad-based decline on increased concerns over a longer conflict with Iran.
 - S&P 500 -1.90% Dow -2.11% Russell 2000 -1.60%, Nasdaq -2.07%.¹
 - The All-Country World Index declined -2.19%.¹
 - S&P 500 sub-sectors were almost all lower last week.
 - Energy led to the upside with a gain of 3% while Financials rose +0.39%.¹
 - Utilities, Materials, & Staples led to the downside with losses of over 4%.¹
 - The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) declined -1.6% to end at 26.76.¹
- US Treasury bond yields moved sharply higher last week.
 - US 2yr +0.17% at 3.90%, 10yr +0.11% to 4.39%, 30yr +0.04% to 4.95%.¹
 - Higher oil prices continue to send shock waves through the interest rate markets.
- Commodities as an aggregate asset class declined last week.
 - WTI Crude was flat on the week.¹
 - Gold sank -10.51%.¹
 - The US Dollar index declined -0.86%.¹
- In our opinion, U.S. economic data was negative last week.
 - Home builder sentiment and pending home sales both ticked higher last month.¹
 - Producer prices jumped more than expected with a +3.4% gain over the last year.¹
 - The leading economic index declined once again in its latest reading.¹
- An index of equities outside the US (FTSE All-World ex-US) lost -2.75%.¹

¹ Source: Bloomberg – 3/20/2026

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Conclusion

- Stocks weakened further last week as concerns over the economic impact of a drawn-out conflict with Iran drew investor's attention.
 - All major indices moved lower with the Nasdaq & Dow declining over 2%.¹
 - Equities are now trading at their lowest point since September.¹
 - The small-cap tracking Russell 2000's total decline from its peak in January crossed 10% which puts it into correction territory.
- S&P 500 subsectors mostly declined last week.
 - Energy continued its year-to-date run to the upside with a gain of almost 3%.¹
 - Financials also posted a small gain while still leading sectors to the downside so far in 2026.¹
 - Utilities, Materials, & Staples lost over 4% to lead to the downside.¹
 - Staples appeared to be hit by higher interest rates and higher raw materials prices.¹
 - Materials were one of the leading sectors leading up to the conflict with Iran.¹
 - Since Feb 27th, the Materials sector has declined almost 12% as the doubling of the price of crude dramatically impacts these companies.
- US Treasury yields once again rose last week as the Fed held interest rates steady.
 - The MOVE index measure of volatility in the bond market went from historic lows to a massive spike as the price of oil has sent repricing throughout the interest rate curve.
 - This Fed held rates stable and noted the large possible impact of higher oil on inflation and their ability to cut interest rates.
 - A popular bet coming into 2026 was pricing in Federal Reserve rate cuts this year.
 - Before the Iran conflict, investors were pricing in 2 rate cuts this year from the Fed.
 - At the end of last week, markets are now pricing in a 50% chance of a rate hike.
 - The longer oil stays elevated, the higher the probability of demand destruction occurring to the consumer.
 - In this environment, an economic slowdown begins to be priced in interest rates and rapid Fed cuts could come back on the table.
- Non-US equities declined for the 3rd straight week despite the decline in the US Dollar.¹
 - After months of being boosted by a weaker dollar, slowing inflation, & interest rate cuts, international equities have struggled since the Middle East tensions began.
 - Leading to the downside are the countries that import the largest amount of energy & food.
- The options market saw one of its largest expirations ever last week.
 - As a result of the significant positions expiring, the market has lost an important stabilizing force just as macroeconomic pressures begin to build.
 - Despite the expiration, downside hedging continues to rebuild.
 - With the S&P 500 already down 7% from highs, traders appear more willing to pay for protection than position for a recovery.
 - As a result of this and other structural dynamics, the ingredients are in place for a more dynamic and volatile market in the coming weeks...in both directions.

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