



## Good morning from America: “Teflon rally”

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The markets are opening with a slight positive bias this morning with the S&P futures up 0.1%. Political uncertainty left the markets a bit weak yesterday with the revelation that the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation) is investigating possible collusion between some of President Trump’s campaign staff and Russian agents. This will likely take several months to be resolved and in the meantime casts a dark cloud over the Trump administration. As negative as that sounds, the S&P 500 was only down 0.2% yesterday. That is not much of a pullback for a market trading at a rich valuation that is staring at a potential political crisis. Because of that, the media is calling it a ‘teflon rally’, since no negative news seems to stick.

WTI crude oil is trading a little higher this morning (+0.3%) on rumors that OPEC may extend its production cuts beyond June.

In company specific news, homebuilder Lennar Corp. (LEN) and consumer staples company General Mills (GIS) reported quarterly earnings results that beat consensus estimates. However, both companies are trading slightly lower at the open.

In international news, French presidential candidate Macron (centrist party) won last night’s debate, thus reducing the concerns that Le Pen’s campaign could build momentum of a win (much like Trump did). This has caused some strength in the Euro today (+0.6% to 1.08 against the dollar) and a 0.4% rise in the CAC 40.

Finally, in economic news, the Q4 Current Account Deficit declined by \$3.6 billion from the third quarter to \$112.4 billion (consensus \$128.2 billion). Tomorrow we will get the existing home sales report for February and the weekly Crude Inventories data.

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