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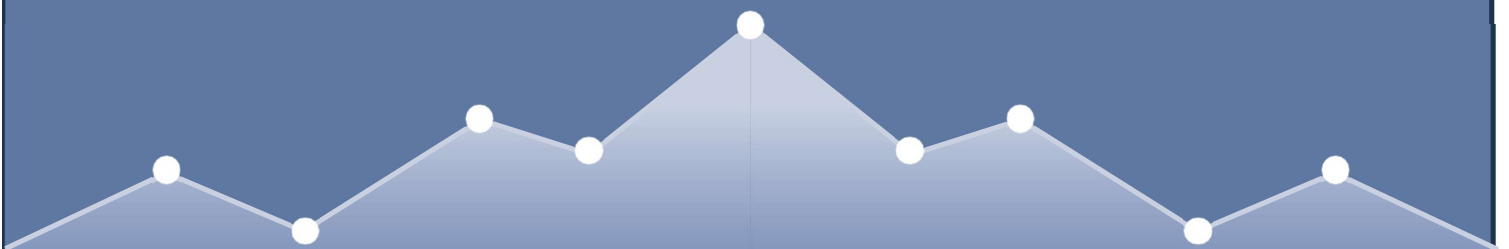
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Week Commencing: May 11, 2026

Markets enter a transformational week as the Federal Reserve prepares for a historic leadership change. With geopolitical tensions in the Middle East still simmering and a barrage of top-tier inflation data on the horizon, traders are braced for high-impact volatility across the USD and energy complexes.

Market Backdrop: The Powell-Warsh Transition

The defining story of the week is the leadership handover at the Eccles Building. On **May 11**, the U.S. Senate is scheduled to vote on the nomination of **Kevin Warsh** to succeed **Jerome Powell** as Fed Chair. With Powell's term officially expiring on May 15, the market is hypersensitive to any "final words" from the outgoing chair or policy hints from the incoming leadership.



Key Themes for the Week Ahead

The U.S. Inflation "Triple Threat"

This week brings the most comprehensive look at U.S. pricing pressure in 2026.

- **Consumer Price Index (CPI) (Tuesday):** Headline inflation is expected to accelerate to **3.4% YoY**, driven by the energy spike. However, the "Core" rate is the real focus—if it shows signs of cooling, it may give the new Fed Chair room to breathe.
- **Producer Price Index (PPI) (Wednesday):** Wholesale prices are forecast to rise **0.4%**.
- **Import Prices (Thursday):** Expected to surge **1.1%**, the steepest rise in four years, highlighting how the **Strait of Hormuz** naval blockade is directly "importing" inflation into the U.S.

Geopolitical Repricing: The "Gulf Premium"

A fragile ceasefire remains under constant threat. Oil prices saw extreme volatility last week, with **Brent Crude** oscillating between **\$102 and \$112**.

- **The Trade:** Watch the **Aviation and Logistics** sectors. Firms like Cathay Pacific have already begun flight reductions due to jet fuel costs; further oil spikes this week could lead to a broad-based de-risking in travel equities.

UK Economic Rebound? (Thursday)

The British economy is expected to post its strongest quarterly growth in a year (**0.6% for Q1**).

- **The Catch:** Despite the growth, industrial and manufacturing output are seen falling. This "service-led" recovery will be a litmus test for the **GBP**, especially following the Bank of England's recent hawkish hold.

Weekly Economic Calendar

Day	Event	Impact	Forecast / Previous
Mon	Senate Vote: Fed Chair Confirmation	Critical	Kevin Warsh Nomination
Mon	U.S. Existing Home Sales	Medium	4.05M / 3.98M
Tue	U.S. Consumer Price Index (CPI)	Critical	3.4% (YoY) / 0.6% (MoM)
Tue	Germany ZEW Economic Sentiment	High	Expected Decline
Wed	U.S. Producer Price Index (PPI)	High	0.4% (MoM)
Thu	UK Q1 GDP (Preliminary)	High	0.6% (QoQ)
Fri	U.S. Retail Sales / Industrial Production	High	Focus on Consumer Resiliency

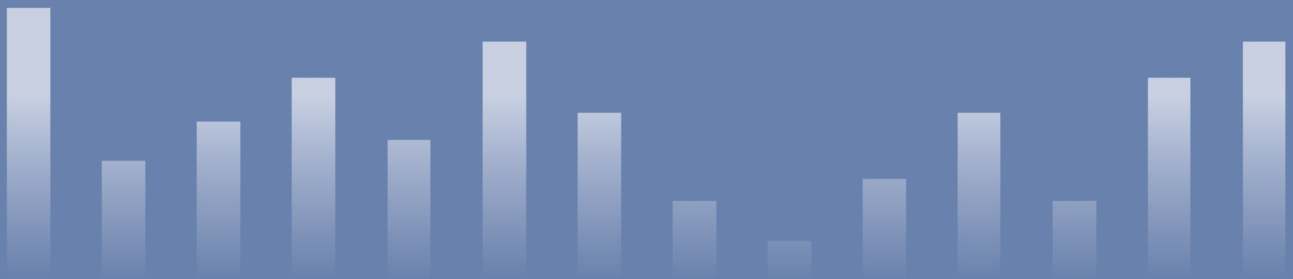
Earnings Spotlight: The Asia-Europe Connection

As U.S. earnings wind down, the spotlight shifts to global heavyweights:

- **Tech Giants:** **Tencent** and **Alibaba** report in China; **Cisco Systems** and **Applied Materials** in the U.S.
- **Financials:** **Mitsubishi Financial** (Japan) and **Commonwealth Bank** (Australia) will offer insights into global credit health.
- **Energy/Industrial:** **Siemens Energy** and **Constellation Energy** will be scrutinized for how they are navigating the current global energy crunch.

Trader's Note: Expect "Lame Duck" volatility. As Jerome Powell departs on Friday, watch for any "unscripted" comments from Fed officials that might contradict the perceived "Warsh Doctrine." The **USD/JPY** is particularly vulnerable to shifts in yield expectations this week.

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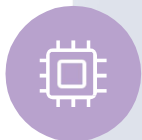
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