


U.S. stock markets climbed to record levels in Q1, most notably with the Dow Jones Industrial Average crossing the psychological 20,000-point barrier in February. Optimism about new tax and regulatory reform proposals stirred stock investors, but there is also economic support behind the rise in equity values. The Federal Reserve raised rates by a quarter-point in March, but longer-term interest rates ended the period around where they had begun the year.

Trump's Inauguration
January 20, 2017
 The ultimate political outsider arrives in Washington.



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Dow Crosses 20,000
February 3, 2017
 Investor optimism and strong economic reports lift stock indexes to historic highs.




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Stocks on a Streak
February 9-27, 2017
 The Dow Jones Industrial Average closes at record highs for 12 consecutive days.



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The Return of Inflation
March 15, 2017
 Consumer price surge with the highest year-on-year increase since 2012.



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The Fed Makes a Move
March 15, 2017
 The Federal Reserve raises rates but strikes a cautious note on future increases.



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Affordable Care Act Repeal Unsuccessful
March 24, 2017
 A bad week for Trump's agenda is also the worst week for U.S. stocks so far this year.



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