

## U.S. Stocks Reach Record Highs, Marking Best Quarter in Over a Year

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U.S. stock markets closed strongly this week, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq reaching new record highs. Both indices finished their best quarter in more than a year, signalling renewed optimism among investors.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 0.63%, gaining 275.50 points to close at 44,094.77. The S&P 500 increased 0.52% to finish at 6,204.95, while the Nasdaq added 0.48%, ending at 20,369.73. For the quarter, the S&P 500 rose over 10%, the Nasdaq climbed more than 17%, and the Dow advanced over 4.5%.

Investors were encouraged after Canada decided not to move forward with a digital services tax, easing concerns about possible trade conflicts. This development improved the outlook for international trade and helped calm market nerves.

At the same time, the U.S. Congress is working to pass a major legislative package known as the “One Big Beautiful Bill” by the end of the week. This bill aims to improve infrastructure, promote clean energy, and support technology growth. If approved, it could provide a boost to the economy and company earnings.

“Markets are reacting positively to progress on trade and the possibility of important new laws,” said Jenna Michaels, senior market strategist at Capital Horizons. “Technology stocks are leading the gains, showing investor confidence in innovation.”

As the markets close out a strong quarter, investors will watch closely to see if trade relations continue to improve and if Congress can deliver on its plans. For now, the gains are a positive sign of growing confidence in the U.S. economy.