

Here are the biggest stock winners on the day the Fed went soft on interest rates

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A policy reversal by the central bank excites investors



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Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell speaks during a press conference after a Federal Open Market Committee meeting on Wednesday in Washington.

Investors probably weren't surprised when the Federal Open Market Committee decided not to raise the target federal funds rate on Wednesday, however, a softening of language helped cause a rally for stocks.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average [DJIA](#), [+1.77%](#) jumped 435 points, or 1.8% to close at 25,014.86, while the S&P 500 index [SPX](#), [+1.55%](#) gained 1.6% and the Nasdaq Composite [COMP](#), [+2.20%](#) soared 2.2%. The Dow has now gained 7.2% during 2019, while the S&P 500 has risen 6.9% and the Nasdaq has gone up 8.3%.

Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said during a news conference that the economic signals for further increases in interest rates had “[weakened](#)” and that the central bank might adjust or stop the reduction of its balance sheet, which has been taking liquidity from financial markets.

In its [policy statement](#), the Federal Open Market Committee said it planned to be “patient as it determines what future adjustments to the target range for the federal funds rate may be appropriate to support these outcomes.”

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The Dow

All but three of the 30 Dow stocks were up on Wednesday:

Company	Ticker	Price change - Jan. 30	Price change - 2019	Price change - Q4, 2018	Price change - 2018
Apple Inc.	<u>AAPL</u> , <u>+6.83%</u>	6.8%	4.8%	-30.1%	-6.8%
Boeing Co.	<u>BA</u> , <u>+6.25%</u>	6.3%	20.2%	-13.3%	9.4%
Microsoft Corp.	<u>MSFT</u> , <u>+3.34%</u>	3.3%	4.7%	-11.2%	18.7%
Caterpillar Inc.	<u>CAT</u> , <u>+2.83%</u>	2.8%	2.4%	-16.7%	-19.4%
Intel Corp.	<u>INTC</u> , <u>+2.15%</u>	2.1%	1.3%	-0.8%	1.7%
Pfizer Inc.	<u>PFE</u> , <u>+1.99%</u>	2.0%	-4.7%	-1.0%	20.5%
Visa Inc. Class A	<u>V</u> , <u>+1.93%</u>	1.9%	4.3%	-12.1%	15.7%
American Express Co.	<u>AXP</u> , <u>+1.69%</u>	1.7%	7.7%	-10.5%	-4.0%
Cisco Systems Inc.	<u>CSCO</u> , <u>+1.63%</u>	1.6%	7.8%	-10.9%	13.1%
Home Depot Inc.	<u>HD</u> , <u>+1.39%</u>	1.4%	6.0%	-17.1%	-9.3%
Verizon Communications Inc.	<u>VZ</u> , <u>+1.35%</u>	1.4%	-3.9%	5.3%	6.2%
Nike Inc. Class B	<u>NKE</u> , <u>+1.32%</u>	1.3%	9.6%	-12.5%	18.5%
DowDuPont Inc.	<u>DWDP</u> , <u>+1.30%</u>	1.3%	10.8%	-16.8%	-24.9%
3M Co.	<u>MMM</u> , <u>+1.18%</u>	1.2%	4.6%	-9.6%	-19.0%
UnitedHealth Group Inc.	<u>UNH</u> , <u>+1.13%</u>	1.1%	8.5%	-6.4%	13.0%
Exxon Mobil Corp.	<u>XOM</u> , <u>+1.09%</u>	1.1%	6.0%	-19.8%	-18.5%
United Technologies Corp.	<u>UTX</u> , <u>+1.09%</u>	1.1%	11.9%	-23.8%	-16.5%
Chevron Corp.	<u>CVX</u> , <u>+1.06%</u>	1.1%	3.9%	-11.0%	-13.1%
Procter & Gamble Co.	<u>PG</u> , <u>+1.05%</u>	1.0%	2.8%	10.4%	0.0%
Johnson & Johnson	<u>JNJ</u> , <u>+1.01%</u>	1.0%	2.0%	-6.6%	-7.6%
Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	<u>GS</u> , <u>+0.99%</u>	1.0%	21.2%	-25.5%	-34.4%
Coca-Cola Co.	<u>KO</u> , <u>+0.97%</u>	1.0%	1.1%	2.5%	3.2%
Travelers Cos. Inc.	<u>TRV</u> , <u>+0.85%</u>	0.8%	5.1%	-7.7%	-11.7%
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	<u>JPM</u> , <u>+0.23%</u>	0.2%	7.0%	-13.5%	-8.7%
Merck & Co. Inc.	<u>MRK</u> , <u>+0.19%</u>	0.2%	-4.0%	7.7%	35.8%
Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.	<u>WBA</u> , <u>+0.15%</u>	0.2%	4.8%	-6.3%	-5.9%
International Business Machines Corp.	<u>IBM</u> , <u>+0.04%</u>	0.0%	18.2%	-24.8%	-25.9%
McDonald's Corp.	<u>MCD</u> , <u>-0.22%</u>	-0.2%	2.4%	6.1%	3.2%
Walt Disney Co.	<u>DIS</u> , <u>-0.69%</u>	-0.7%	0.4%	-6.2%	2.0%
Walmart Inc.	<u>WMT</u> , <u>-1.97%</u>	-2.0%	1.8%	-0.8%	-5.7%

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S&P 500 winners

Advanced Micro Devices [AMD](#), [+19.95%](#) was the biggest winner by far among the S&P 500 on Wednesday, [after the company surprised analysts with a very confident sales outlook for 2019.](#)

Here are Wednesday's best 10 performers among the S&P 500:

Company	Ticker	Price change - Jan. 30	Price change - 2019	Price change - Q4, 2018	Price change - 2018
Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	<u>AMD, +19.95%</u>	19.9%	25.1%	-40.2%	79.6%
Stryker Corp.	<u>SYK, +11.37%</u>	11.4%	14.4%	-11.8%	1.2%
Anthem Inc.	<u>ANTM, +9.11%</u>	9.1%	13.3%	-4.2%	16.7%
Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.	<u>RCL, +7.97%</u>	8.0%	23.7%	-24.7%	-18.0%
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	<u>FCX, +7.85%</u>	7.8%	9.3%	-25.9%	-45.6%
Robert Half International Inc.	<u>RHI, +7.36%</u>	7.4%	14.0%	-18.7%	3.0%
Mylan N.V.	<u>MYL, +7.13%</u>	7.1%	12.5%	-25.1%	-35.2%
Apple Inc.	<u>AAPL, +6.83%</u>	6.8%	4.8%	-30.1%	-6.8%
Boeing Co.	<u>BA, +6.25%</u>	6.3%	20.2%	-13.3%	9.4%
Helmerich & Payne Inc.	<u>HP, +5.51%</u>	5.5%	18.5%	-30.3%	-25.8%

Source: FactSet

Nasdaq 100 winners

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Advanced Micro Devices Inc.	<u>AMD, +19.95%</u>	19.9%	25.1%	-40.2%	79.6%
Mylan N.V.	<u>MYL, +7.13%</u>	7.1%	12.5%	-25.1%	-35.2%
Apple Inc.	<u>AAPL, +6.83%</u>	6.8%	4.8%	-30.1%	-6.8%
KLA-Tencor Corp.	<u>KLAC, +4.94%</u>	4.9%	18.4%	-12.0%	-14.8%
Align Technology Inc.	<u>ALGN, +4.86%</u>	4.9%	11.2%	-46.5%	-5.7%
Amazon.com Inc.	<u>AMZN, +4.80%</u>	4.8%	11.2%	-25.0%	28.4%
JD.com Inc. ADR Class A	<u>JD, +4.76%</u>	4.8%	17.7%	-19.8%	-49.5%
Nvidia Corp.	<u>NVDA, +4.40%</u>	4.4%	2.9%	-52.5%	-31.0%
Facebook Inc. Class A	<u>FB, +4.32%</u>	4.3%	14.7%	-20.3%	-25.7%
Autodesk Inc.	<u>ADSK, +4.17%</u>	4.2%	13.5%	-17.6%	22.7%

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