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American stock indexes grow slowly in the beginning of business week. This week is going to be one of the richest in corporate performance reports (due to the key part of FAANG companies publishing their reporting). The market is preparing, waiting and analyzing.

As at 7:15 p.m. (MSK), S&P500 went up 0.15%. Dow Jones hovered around zero, and NASDAQ technology index grew by 0.5%.

Key indicators as of Monday evening (April 26th, 2021):

S&P 500: +0.15%NASDAQ: +0.50%Dow Jones: +0.02%

10-Yr UST yield: 1.568 (+0.06%)IMOEX: +0.38%, RTSI: +0.49%

Gold: \$1,779 (+0.1%)
Copper: \$9,755 (+2.1%)
Brent: \$65.8 (-0.5%)
USD/RUB: 74.8 (-0.04%)

Here are key developments of this week. First, performance reports are to be published by digital giants: Facebook (FB US), Apple (AAPL US), Amazon.com (AMZN US) and Google Alphabet (GOOG US),

also known as FAANG companies. The only company not mentioned here is Netflix (NFLX US) which reported its results earlier, and the results were not too good.

Second, FRS meeting is scheduled to be held this week to decide on interest rates. We basically do not see any grounds for changing monetary policy.

There is a feeling, however, that regulator's position in this regard is not too firm. Looks like U.S. RFS head Jay Powell is having second thoughts as he sees inflation gradually approach 4%. What does this lead to? We will know soon, but, most likely, not this time.

As for the macroeconomic statistics, today we would mention data on durable goods. It shows 0.5% growth in March as compared to February. Experts predicted a 2.5% increase in orders on the average. Nonetheless, there are grounds to assume situation may change already in April.



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