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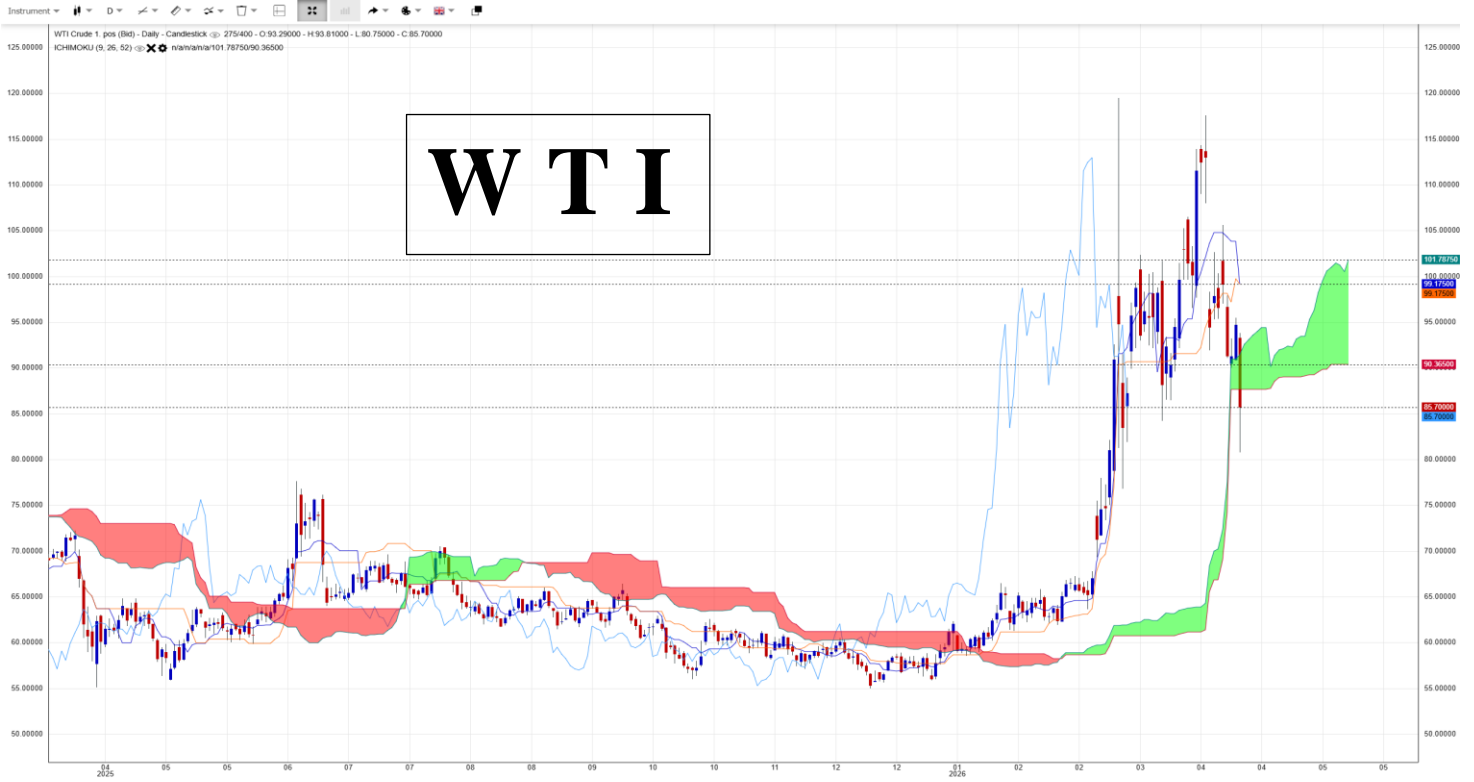
Iranian Foreign Minister Araqchi announced that the Strait of Hormuz would be "fully open" to commercial oil tankers and cargo ships during the ceasefire. However, US President Trump stated that the US blockade of Iranian ports would continue until a peace agreement was reached with Tehran.

After a seven-year hiatus, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank have restored formal relations with Venezuela. This move further solidifies the legitimacy of the Venezuelan interim government and paves the way for financial support.

US tech giant Meta (META-US) is preparing to launch a new round of large-scale layoffs, expected to begin on May 20, affecting approximately 10% of its global workforce, nearly 8,000 people.

Minutes from the US Federal Reserve's mid-March meeting showed that policymakers maintained their forecast of one interest rate cut in 2026 and another in 2027; however, the meeting also clearly indicated that the inflationary effects of the war in Iran have shaken the FOMC's confidence.

AI chip startup Cerebras Systems officially filed for an initial public offering (IPO) with Nasdaq on Friday (17th), marking a key step into the capital markets amid the AI boom. Morgan Stanley (MS-US), Citigroup (C-US), Barclays (BCS-US), and UBS (UBS-US) will serve as lead underwriters, demonstrating the support of major investment banks for its fundraising plans. The company is expected to list in the US as early as the second quarter of 2026.



WTI fell beneath the Ichimoku Cloud which denotes the uptrend is over.



Tesla will replace Middle East and become focus of the market in the coming week because of AI-5.



World Observation

Day 1517
Russia/Ukraine Conflict

Back to Ground Zero

The war in Iran is not yet over, but market sentiment would not have any worries upon it. Focus already turns away from who can have a pyrrhic victory or who can persist longer than the other side. Treasure hunting is the most important thing of the market that they already shifted to find out the most potential investment. However, talks in Iran are not yet over. It goes back to ground zero. That is still the point talked about before the outbreak of the war on Feb 28. That is enriched uranium.

Those that have a market diary should remember what is happening on Feb 28. Originally, the US had 4 points asking Iran to compromise, that is giving up development of nuclear bombs and stop developing long range missiles, stop supporting Hamas and Hezbollah. On the last day, the US narrowed to one point only, that is stop developing nuclear bombs, and the rest can be talked about later. The meeting stopped for 3 hours and asked permission from the highest leader. No compromise and thus started the war.

If enriched uranium is reserved for civil usage, that is electricity, the condensed ratio of only 5% is enough. But the development of nuclear bombs is 60%. In 2025, Iran reached the level of 60%. It might take several decades to reach this level, but they did it. This is the red line which means they have the power to upgrade it to 90% in a few months. When reaching 90%, it may only take several weeks to complete the development of a nuclear bomb. So last year, the US launched the Midnight Hammer Operation and used *GBU-57 massive ordnance penetrator bomb* to destroy

their plants. At that time the US said they had completely destroyed their facilities.

But why this year again need to have talks on nuclear development of Iran, of course they are developing, but how is the progress? Neither side had made it clear publicly. Washington wants Iran to ban Iran for 20 years for such a development, but they only promise for 5 years of suspension. That is everything goes back to ground zero, again on enriched uranium.

Now the US said Iran is willing to compromise, simply because of the anti-blockade of the US. What will the final outcome be on April 22? It is the deadline of the talk. But coincidentally, it is the announcement day of TSLA. Who will care about Iran? Everything is on TSLA now!

Iran collects passing fees in public waterways, some people said it is an action of pirates. The US also agrees with them for they also want to have part of the collection fee. When they pushed Iran to accept them and also Gulf countries can also collect fees, Iran said that the US action is economic terrorism. So how about the international police of the United Nations, they cannot do anything against the pirate action and economic terrorism. So don't when compromise is made is good news. It is in breach of the universal value established after World War II. Firepower is Justice! Might is Right! Everything goes back to jungle law before World War I.

One thing is better, when war is over, no need to listen to fake news, misleading news, where some people are keen on even knowing that they are fake. Some people just like to listen to news that makes them happy even knowing that they are fake news. No need to watch fake videos from AI. No need to use wargame video to report what really happened. *When war is broken out the first to die is Truth!*



Market Observation

Motor Industry Companies

**Space
Index**

2286.87

+0.16 (+0.01%)

What should we mind when the Hormuz Strait is on the edge of re-open and suddenly turns back to blockade? ----- It's the motor industry companies!

There are always both optimistic and pessimistic investors in the market. Recently, optimistic investors prevail, thus the 3 indexes continue to break record high. Any news will be considered as bullish news in the long run. The peculiarity of the US stock market is whenever a record high comes, it will come in a series of highs and not just a single day. So, we can expect the future market is still in bullish sentiment, any adjustment will be considered as a chance for golden pit.

Technically, there is also a change on the components calculation on NASDAQ which is in favour of large companies. People may say they are having review on the components of the index every quarter and the yearend change will be more comprehensive. No need to be of any wonder. However, this time is not just a change of company components, it is a change of calculation of methods which is in favour of large firms. Investors must know that there is a battle of IPO between the city of New York and Hong Kong. These are the 2 largest IPO centres of the world, running nose to nose every year. For the first quarter of 2026, Hong Kong is the champion, but how about the rest of the year? In New York there will be SpaceX, OpenAI and Anthropic, surely will gain back the position of IPO champion. In addition to the change of calculation method of NASDAQ, we can expect the 3 major indexes will continue to break record highs in the second half of the year.

In 2025 the bottom of the golden pit was on April 7th, and this year the lowest date was on March 30th. On that latter day, the writer had already told investors to mind the Space Industry stocks instead of the situation in the Middle East. That day the Greed & Fear Index was at point 10. The market started a trend of treasure hunting. That is going back to the state of the end of 2025. Too many potential stocks needed

to buy, but too little cash left in hand. Henceforward, stocks concerning crypto, AI, space..... become hot stocks, overwhelming the war in Iran.

Simply because the power in Iran is also divided into hawkish and dovish. After the talk in Pakistan, when going back to Tehran, dovish power complained the representatives had no compromise and they did not realize the actual economic situation of Iran, but hawkish people complained they were too weak, neglecting that they hold the unique geographical situation where no one can replace them in the world. Actually, both US and Iran want to end the war but should be in favour of them. One more point we must put in the history of war, in terms of military fighting, Iran is defeated, but they still have the real power to ask for compensation. It should be a world record!

So, what should investors do? Very, very, simple! Must have a 2 handed preparation. So which kind of stocks or sectors can have a 2-handed preparation for war and peace? They are motor industry companies. Donald Trump just had a meeting with several motor companies, it is neglected by the market, but very important at such a critical juncture. He met with several CEOs of the motor companies in White House, including Mara Barra of General Motors (GM), Jim Farley of Ford (F) and GE Aerospace (GE) and Oshkosh Corporation (OSK). What for? Not for production or motor cars, but asked them to change to production of military needs to cope with the development of the Department of War.

Nowadays, the motor industry is changing to e-cars and traditional cars are hard to survive. E-car is overwhelmed by Tesla and hard to get a share in the market. But if changing to the development of military needs, not only can make America great again, it is also another way for their survival. The war in Iran should show that modern military power depends on high technology and a high system of cooperation very much. The US needs to develop further to show that *Firepower is Justice*. When the future of peace talk in Iran is not so clear, and we still cannot be sure whether the deadline will bring about peace or upgrading war, to have a 2-handed preparation is necessary and these motor industry companies will be the best choice.

Tesla is indeed the focus of the coming week, with its Q1 2026 earnings report scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, making that day the most important for investors. The company's stock has already rallied over 5% in anticipation, but analysts are cautious given weak vehicle deliveries and only a 37% probability of an earnings beat. Alongside earnings, Tesla's Spring 2026 software update with major FSD and AI features is also drawing attention. 24/7 Wall St. + 2



GPT-5 is here - OpenAI

Passed Turing Test as AGI (super AI) level



Key Tesla Events This Week

- **April 22 (Tuesday): Q1 2026 Earnings Report**
 - Wall Street expects **33% EPS growth year-over-year**.
 - Vehicle deliveries disappointed, raising doubts about whether Tesla can meet expectations.
 - Prediction markets assign only a **37% chance of an earnings beat**.
 - This is the most critical day for Tesla investors. 24/7 Wall St.
- **Spring 2026 Software Update (Released April 13–15)**
 - **12 new features**, including:
 - Redesigned Full Self-Driving (FSD) app with one-tap subscription.
 - "Hey Grok" voice AI wake word.
 - Location-based reminders (e.g., "remind me to pick up groceries when I get home").
 - Safety lighting, dashcam storage improvements, and pet display customization. TESLARATI + 1



Tesla Stock Snapshot MSN 財經

Tesla Inc (TSLA)

17 Apr, 7:59 pm EDT • Market closed

400.62 USD

+11.72 (+3.01%) Today

After hours: 401.09 USD **+0.47 (+0.12%)**

- **Current Price:** \$400.62 (up 3.0% from previous close)
- **Market Cap:** \$1.50 trillion
- **52-Week Range:** \$222.79 – \$498.83
- **P/E Ratio:** 361.6 (extremely high, reflecting growth expectations)
- **Volume:** 90M shares traded (above average)

 **GPT-5 is here - OpenAI**


Why This Week Matters

- **Investor Sentiment:** The rally shows optimism, but Tesla's high valuation means earnings must deliver to sustain momentum.
- **Tech Catalyst:** The Spring Upd 24/7 Wall St. +2 ate strengthens Tesla's AI ecosystem, positioning it as more than just an automaker.
- **Risk Factors:** Weak deliveries could overshadow software excitement, making April 22 a potential volatility trigger.

Risk/Reward Matrix

Factor	Positive Impact	Negative Impact
Earnings (Apr 22) <small>24/7 Wall St.</small>	33% EPS growth expected	Only 37% chance of beat; weak deliveries
Software Update	Strong AI/FSD upgrades	Adoption depends on regulatory approval
Stock Valuation	\$1.5T market cap shows confidence	P/E 361 → priced for perfection
Investor Sentiment	5% rally ahead of earnings	Could reverse sharply if results disappoint <small>TESLARATI +1 point</small>

✓ **Conclusion:** Tesla MSN 財經 is the clear market focus this week. April 22 earnings day is the pivotal moment, with potential for sharp moves depending on whether results meet lofty expectations. The Spring Update adds long-term strategic value, but near-term stock action will hinge on Tuesday's numbers. Would you like me to build a scenario analysis of Tesla's possible stock moves (bull, base, bear) after earnings?

 INVESTING

Tesla Rallies 5% as Q1 Earnings Loom: A 33% Profit Surge Estimate Has Investors Watching Closely

 **By David Moadel**
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Quick Read

- ✓ Tesla (TSLA) stock gained 5% Friday on Q1 2026 earnings anticipation ahead of April 22 report, with Wall Street expecting 33% EPS growth versus Q1 2025's \$0.12.
- ✓ Tesla's favorable earnings setup rests on easy year-over-year comparisons, but first-quarter vehicle deliveries disappointed and the prediction markets assign only a 37% probability to an earnings beat.
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Yes, **Tesla (TSLA)** is a major focus for the coming week (April 20–26, 2026), primarily due to its **Q1 2026 earnings release on Wednesday, April 22**. [Tesla](#)



Why Tesla Is in the Spotlight

- Tesla has faced challenges in 2026 so far, including a stock decline (down roughly 20–30% from recent highs at points), a Q1 vehicle delivery miss (358,023 units vs. ~370,000 expected), and competitive pressures in EVs. [Yahoo Finance](#)
- Investors are watching for signs of stabilization or growth in core auto margins, energy/storage deployments, and especially forward-looking updates on autonomy (Robotaxi/Cybercab), Optimus humanoid robots, and any progress toward a lower-cost vehicle (e.g., a more affordable SUV). [Fool](#)
- The company is increasingly positioned (and valued by some) as an AI/robotics play rather than just an EV maker, so commentary from Elon Musk and executives on timelines for unsupervised FSD, Cybercab production ramp (mentioned as starting in April), and broader AI initiatives will carry heavy weight. [Investor.wedbush](#)
- Broader market context: Earnings season volatility, with Tesla often moving significantly post-report due to its high valuation and narrative-driven stock.

Recent positive notes include surging Tesla registrations in parts of Europe (e.g., Germany/France) in March and ongoing software updates like FSD improvements. [Fool](#)

Most Important Day: Wednesday, April 22

- **Financial results** for Q1 2026 (ended March 31) will be posted **after market close**.
- Followed by the **earnings conference call/webcast** at 4:30 p.m. CT / 5:30 p.m. ET, with Q&A. [Tesla](#)
- This is the clear focal point—pre-earnings hype, the report itself, and Musk's commentary often drive short-term stock moves more than the raw numbers.

Other days in the week are quieter for Tesla-specific catalysts. There may be routine updates (e.g., software rollouts or minor events), but nothing matches the earnings weight. A Roadster unveil was previously floated for late April, but it's not confirmed as a firm event next week. [Hypebeast](#)

Overall, expect heightened attention and potential volatility around April 22, as the report and call could influence sentiment on Tesla's pivot toward AI/autonomy amid current headwinds. Keep an eye on official Tesla IR channels for exact details.

Here's a clear comparison of **Tesla (TSLA)** and **Rivian (RIVN)** ahead of their Q1 2026 earnings reports, focusing on scale, performance, financial health, and forward outlook. **Tesla reports on Wednesday, April 22** (after close, with call at 5:30 p.m. ET), while Rivian reports on **Thursday, April 30** (after close, with call at 5:00 p.m. ET).

Scale and Q1 2026 Deliveries (Already Reported)



Tesla operates at a vastly larger scale:

- **Tesla:** Produced 408,386 vehicles and delivered **358,023** (up ~6% YoY but missed consensus expectations of ~365,000–370,000). This was down sequentially from Q4 due to typical seasonal patterns and demand softness. Model 3/Y made up the vast majority (~342k deliveries). Energy storage deployments hit 8.8 GWh. [CNBC](#)
- **Rivian:** Produced 10,236 vehicles and delivered **10,365** (up ~20% YoY, slightly beating estimates). This is a much smaller base but shows stronger relative growth momentum in its premium adventure segment (mainly R1T/R1S). [Rivian](#)

Key takeaway: Tesla delivers in a single quarter roughly what Rivian aims for in an entire year. Tesla's production exceeded deliveries by ~50k units, building inventory amid softer demand. Rivian kept production and deliveries closely aligned.

Earnings Expectations (Q1 2026)

- **Tesla:**
 - Consensus revenue: ~\$21.9B–\$22.7B (up ~13–15% YoY).
 - Consensus EPS: ~\$0.30–\$0.37 (some estimates as low as \$0.21–\$0.29; expected YoY growth but with downward revisions recently).
 - Focus areas: Auto margins (under pressure from pricing/inventory), energy business growth, and especially forward guidance on autonomy (FSD/Robotaxi), Optimus robots, and any updates on a lower-cost vehicle. Tesla is increasingly valued as an AI/tech play rather than pure auto. [Yahoo Finance](#)
- **Rivian:**
 - Expected to remain deeply unprofitable: Consensus EPS around **-\$0.59 to -\$0.73** (wider loss than prior year in some views).
 - Revenue estimates are smaller (likely in the low \$1B range, based on limited volume).
 - Focus: Progress on cost reduction, gross margin improvement (Rivian achieved its first full-year positive gross profit in 2025), cash burn, and updates on the **R2** midsize SUV/ crossover launch (targeted for 2026, with potential t [Think Harder](#) × volume and accessibility).

Business Model and Strategic Differences



- **Tesla:**
 - Mature, profitable core auto business with high gross margins (historically strong, though pressured lately).
 - Diversified: Strong energy/storage segment, software/FSD subscriptions, and heavy investment in AI/autonomy/robotics (Cybercab, Optimus).
 - Massive cash reserves, positive free cash flow, and global manufacturing scale.
 - Challenges: Slower growth in vehicle deliveries recently, competition in EVs, and high valuation that prices in big future AI wins.
- **Rivian:**
 - Early-stage premium EV maker focused on adventure trucks/SUVs (R1 platform) with strong brand loyalty for off-road capability.
 - Improving unit economics and software/services revenue, plus partnerships (e.g., with Volkswagen for tech).
 - Key catalyst: **R2** launch in 2026 — a more affordable model aimed at higher volume and mass-market appeal (expected to help scale toward profitability).
 - Challenges: Still burning cash, much smaller scale, higher execution risk on ramping new models, and dependence on successful R2 uptake. Reaffirmed 2026 delivery guidance of 62,000–67,000 vehicles (implying a big ramp in coming quarters).

Valuation and Market Perception

Tesla trades at a significant premium (high P/E and P/S multiples) due to its leadership position, technology edge, and narrative around robotics/AI. Rivian trades at a much lower multiple, reflecting its smaller size, ongoing losses, and higher risk/reward profile tied to the R2 ramp. Tesla has far stronger balance sheet metrics (e.g., positive operating cash flow as a % of revenue) compared to Rivian's cash burn.

Bottom Line

- **Tesla** is the established leader with massive scale, profitability, and multiple growth vectors beyond just selling cars. Its Q1 earnings will be closely watched for any signs of demand stabilization and AI/autonomy progress — these often drive bigger stock moves than the headline numbers.
- **Rivian** is a smaller, higher-risk player showing promising relative growth and cost discipline, but it must execute flawlessly on the R2 to scale meaningfully and narrow the gap with larger rivals.

Investors see Tesla as a "bet on the future of AI and autonomy" with auto as a cash engine, while Rivian is more of a classic EV growth story hinging on volume expansion in a competitive market. Both face broader EV demand headwinds, but Tesla has more buffers.

Expect volatility around both reports, with Tesla's coming first and likely setting the tone for EV sentiment. Check official IR sites for exact results and transcripts.



Most of the time, RIVN is running above the 250-SMA, this point is the same as TSLA.