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Tariff Tsunami

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Over the past several days, a tariff tsunami has washed over the markets as \$10 trillion in global equity value was wiped out. The market meltdown is a fierce reaction to the threat of a global trade war, which could result in the two worst economic outcomes: a steep recession and high inflation. President Trump's goal of resetting the global trade order has shaken political and corporate leaders. The President's unexpectedly severe tariff hikes, including on our closest trading partners, have cast a dark cloud of uncertainty over the global economic outlook. For the past 40 years, many countries have built their economies on trade with the United States, and President Trump is trying to resolve a \$1 trillion trade deficit in a matter of days or weeks. The current Administration believes that current trade deficits are unsustainable and have hollowed out America's industrial base, posing a national security threat. The short-term concern is the implementation of severe retaliatory measures such as China's proposed 34% increase in tariffs on their imports, which is shaping up to be the opening salvo of an all-out trade war. This tariff tsunami has triggered shockwaves across the financial markets and caused a negative wealth effect, weighing on investor and consumer sentiment.

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