



Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending July 24, 2026

US markets declined over the week as an escalating military conflict between the US and Iran weighed on investor confidence. The S&P 500 fell 0.6% for the week, with losses concentrated in consumer discretionary and communication services names, while a brief mid-week rebound in chipmakers provided only partial relief. Treasury yields rose across the curve, driven by surging oil prices that rekindled inflation fears and prompted markets to reassess the likelihood of near-term Federal Reserve rate hikes. Gold rose 1.3%, supported by safe-haven demand amid geopolitical uncertainty. The University of Michigan's preliminary consumer sentiment index rose to 54.4 in July from 49.5 in June, as lower gasoline prices boosted household morale. That tailwind may be fading as energy prices have since reversed higher. The S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI for July came in at 53.8, slightly below the prior reading of 53.9, suggesting while manufacturing activity continues to expand, momentum may be softening at the margin.

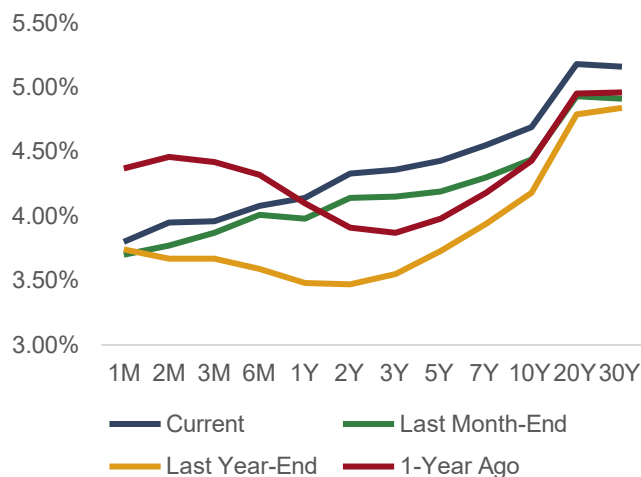
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- US Treasury yields rose across the curve during the week as rekindled inflation concerns pushed yields to their highest levels of the year.
- The 2-year Treasury yield rose 15 basis points (from 4.18% to 4.33%), the 10-year yield rose 14 basis points (from 4.55% to 4.69%), and the 30-year yield rose 10 basis points (from 5.06% to 5.16%).
- The primary driver of the yield move was the surge in oil prices, with U.S. crude briefly topping \$90 per barrel, which stoked fears that inflation could re-accelerate.
- By the end of the week, Bloomberg reported a 38% probability the Fed would raise rates at its July 29 meeting, a notable shift from earlier in the month when rate hike odds had fallen sharply following a softer-than-expected June CPI report.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	-0.2%	0.8%	4.6%	2.1%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	-0.5%	-0.2%	4.4%	1.0%
	Global Aggregate	-0.7%	-1.4%	2.7%	-1.9%
	US Aggregate	-0.7%	-0.6%	3.7%	-0.3%
	US Treasury	-0.6%	-0.7%	2.9%	-0.8%
	US TIPS	-0.7%	0.3%	3.5%	0.5%
	US Corporate	-0.9%	-0.8%	4.6%	-0.2%
	US Corporate High Yield	-0.6%	1.5%	8.3%	4.0%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	-0.8%	0.7%	7.7%	1.7%
Muni	US Municipals	-1.2%	0.3%	2.8%	0.5%
	US Municipals High Yield	-0.9%	2.5%	4.9%	1.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 24, 2026

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 24, 2026

Interest Rates (%)

Date	7/24/2026	6/30/2026	12/31/2025	7/24/2025
1 Month Treasury	3.80%	3.70%	3.74%	4.37%
3 Month Treasury	3.96%	3.87%	3.67%	4.42%
6 Month Treasury	4.08%	4.01%	3.59%	4.32%
2 Year Treasury	4.33%	4.14%	3.47%	3.91%
5 Year Treasury	4.43%	4.19%	3.73%	3.98%
10 Year Treasury	4.69%	4.44%	4.18%	4.43%
30 Year Treasury	5.16%	4.91%	4.84%	4.96%
US Aggregate	4.97%	4.73%	4.32%	4.67%
US Corporate	5.47%	5.20%	4.81%	5.10%
US Corporate High Yield	7.46%	7.16%	6.53%	7.02%
US Municipal	3.94%	3.58%	3.60%	4.03%
US Municipal High Yield	5.65%	5.41%	5.59%	5.95%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	7/24/2026	6/30/2026	12/31/2025	7/24/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.47%	0.47%	0.66%	0.53%
US Aggregate	0.28%	0.29%	0.14%	0.24%
US Corporate	0.78%	0.76%	0.63%	0.67%
US Corporate High Yield	2.77%	2.72%	2.35%	2.59%
US Municipal	-0.75%	-0.86%	-0.58%	-0.40%
US Municipal High Yield	0.96%	0.97%	1.41%	1.52%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 24, 2026

Equity Markets Overview

- US equity markets declined for the week, with losses concentrated in Consumer Discretionary and Communication Services sectors, as geopolitical tensions weighed on sentiment.
- The S&P 500 fell 0.6%, the Nasdaq Composite declined 2.1%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 0.4% for the week.
- The top two performing sectors were Energy (+3.8%) and Utilities (+2.5%), both benefiting from the surge in oil prices tied to Middle East hostilities
- Communication Services (-6.2%) and Consumer Discretionary (-6.1%) were the week's worst performers, dragged lower by mega cap technology names and a sharp drop in Netflix shares following its earnings release.
- The headwind of geopolitical-driven inflation risk kept investors cautious despite underlying corporate earnings results exceeding expectations as Q2 earnings season continues.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	-0.6%	9.6%	18.8%	12.2%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	-0.6%	9.0%	19.2%	12.5%
	S&P 500 Growth	-1.1%	8.1%	23.6%	12.7%
	S&P 500 Value	0.0%	10.0%	14.0%	11.7%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	0.2%	15.3%	13.5%	8.9%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	0.6%	17.1%	14.5%	8.0%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.1%	13.5%	12.4%	9.6%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	-0.8%	21.0%	13.6%	7.8%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	-0.8%	21.9%	14.2%	7.0%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	-0.8%	20.2%	13.0%	8.4%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	0.4%	11.9%	17.2%	8.7%
	MSCI EM	0.5%	17.3%	19.7%	7.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 24, 2026

Alternative Markets Overview

- Commodity markets were broadly higher over the week, with energy prices the standout performer as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East drove sharp.
- U.S. crude oil surged approximately 8.3% for the week, rising from \$82.49 to close at \$89.31 per barrel, as US military strikes against Iran and disruptions to shipping traffic through the Strait of Hormuz raised concerns about global supply.
- Gold rose 1.3% for the week supported by safe-haven demand amid geopolitical uncertainty, though gains were tempered by rising Treasury yields and the prospect of Fed rate hike.
- Bitcoin was essentially flat for the week after briefly touching a weekly high of approximately \$66,384 on July 21 before retreating as broader risk sentiment deteriorated.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	4.1%	42.6%	16.5%	16.5%
Gold	1.3%	-4.9%	27.3%	18.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.1%	20.5%	10.4%	3.8%
Bitcoin	0.1%	-26.7%	30.2%	13.6%
Ethereum	1.1%	-37.2%	0.3%	-1.7%

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Upcoming Week

- The week's most anticipated earnings announcements include four of the Magnificent 7 stocks: Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, and Meta.
- On the economic data front, it is a full week of economic releases. Noteworthy updates include the FOMC Rate Decision, Q2 GDP estimate, and the Conference Board Consumer Confidence index.

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Bloomberg Galaxy Ethereum Index is designed to measure the performance of a single Ethereum traded in USD.

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