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Brief Weekly Overview

Major US stock indexes finished the week lower as rising oil prices and concerns over heavy AI spending outweighed generally resilient economic data. The Nasdaq declined 2.1%, the S&P 500 fell 0.6% and the Dow lost 0.4%, while markets priced roughly a 40% probability of a Fed rate hike at its upcoming meeting.

US jobless claims fell sharply to 187,000, the lowest level since 1969, while continuing claims declined to 1.796 million. The data reinforced signs of limited layoffs and a resilient labour market, reducing pressure on the Fed to ease monetary policy.

US business activity strengthened in July, with the S&P Global Services PMI rising to 53.6 from 51.2, its highest since November. Manufacturing activity remained expansionary but eased slightly to 53.8 from 53.9.

Alphabet reported more than 80% growth in its cloud business but increased its annual capital-spending forecast by US\$15 billion to around US\$200 billion. Its shares fell as investors questioned the returns from increasingly heavy AI infrastructure investment.

Tesla shares tumbled after the company recorded its first negative free cash flow in more than two years. Heavy spending on AI and robotics raised concerns over cash generation, adding to the broader market reassessment of technology-sector capital expenditure.

NAME	CURR	LAST PRICE	DAILY CHANGE	MTD	YTD
EQUITIES					
MSCI ACWI Index	USD	1105.48	-0.20%	-1.34%	8.96%
S&P 500 Index	USD	7411.98	0.05%	-1.17%	8.28%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	USD	51947.25	0.46%	-0.71%	8.08%
Nasdaq Composite Index	USD	24975.82	-0.64%	-4.72%	7.46%
STXE 600 PR Index	EUR	644.51	0.82%	0.43%	8.84%
FTSE 100 Index	GBP	10736.23	0.91%	2.28%	8.10%
MSCI Asia Ex. Japan Index	USD	1077.48	-2.92%	-5.76%	17.96%
Nikkei 225 Tokyo	JPY	64611.15	-2.73%	-7.78%	28.35%
Shanghai A Share Index	CNY	3999.42	-1.62%	-6.86%	-3.89%
MSCI EM Index	USD	1628.03	-2.62%	-5.51%	15.93%
FIXED INCOME					
US2YT Yield	-	4.3306	-1.64bps	15.84bps	85.77bps
US10YT Yield	-	4.6771	-1.61bps	21.19bps	51.01bps
Bunds 10Y Yield	-	3.1720	-3.1bps	31.2bps	31.7bps
BBG USD HY Corp	-	7.4600	2bps	30bps	93bps
FOREX					
Euro/US Dollar	USD	1.1370	-0.06%	-0.46%	-3.20%
US Dollar/Japanese Yen	JPY	163.8300	-0.02%	0.79%	4.54%
US Dollar/Singapore Dollar	SGD	1.2906	-0.12%	-0.25%	0.40%
British Pound/US Dollar	USD	1.3325	0.08%	0.48%	-1.11%
US Dollar/ Chinese Yuan	CNY	6.7711	-0.09%	-0.23%	-3.10%
Australian Dollar/ US Dollar	USD	0.6979	0.14%	0.87%	4.59%
US Dollar Index	-	101.4680	0.02%	0.28%	3.20%
GOLD / OIL					
Brent Crude	USD	96.78	-3.88%	32.72%	59.05%
Gold Spot Price	USD	4052.79	0.08%	1.12%	-6.17%



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EQUITIES

- US equity markets ended the week lower as concerns over heavy AI investment and a sharp increase in oil prices weighed on sentiment. The technology-heavy Nasdaq Composite led the major indexes lower, declining 2.13%, followed by the Russell 2000 Index, which fell 1.09%. The S&P 500 Index lost 0.61%, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average was comparatively resilient, declining 0.38%. Technology shares faced pressure after Alphabet and Tesla reported elevated capital expenditure and weaker cash-flow trends, intensifying concerns over the returns from AI spending. Renewed Middle East tensions and higher oil prices also revived inflation and Fed tightening concerns, although resilient corporate earnings and stronger services activity provided some support to the broader market.
- The pan-European STOXX Europe 600 Index closed 0.46% higher as generally resilient corporate earnings outweighed higher oil prices and geopolitical concerns. Major stock indexes were mostly positive, with the UK's FTSE 100 rising 1.28%, Germany's DAX gaining 1.08% and France's CAC 40 adding 0.40%, while Italy's FTSE MIB slipped 0.15%.
- Japan's stock markets advanced over the week, with the Nikkei 225 Index gaining 0.73% and the broader TOPIX Index rising 2.35%. Financial shares benefited from higher Japanese government bond yields and expectations of further BoJ tightening, while semiconductor and AI-linked stocks remained volatile amid concerns over investment returns. Gains were capped by rising oil prices, Middle East tensions and new US tariff measures, which weakened broader risk appetite.

FIXED INCOME

- US Treasuries generated negative returns as yields rose across the curve, with the 10-year yield reaching 4.71%, its highest since January 2025. Longer maturities led the selloff as surging oil prices revived inflation concerns and increased expectations that the Fed may need to keep rates higher for longer.

FOREX

- The US dollar index rose 0.7% over the week as higher oil prices revived inflation concerns and increased expectations for further Fed tightening. The yen weakened to around JPY 163.8 against the US dollar after touching JPY 163.98, its lowest since 1986, while Japan's intervention warnings provided limited support amid expectations that the BoJ will keep rates unchanged.

MACRO

- US business activity strengthened in July, with the Services PMI rising to 53.6 from 51.2, while the Manufacturing PMI eased slightly to 53.8 from 53.9. Initial jobless claims fell to 187,000, the lowest since 1969, while June new home sales rose 1.6% to 628,000 but remained 5.6% lower YoY.

DIRECT EQUITIES

- Alphabet reported 82% growth in Google Cloud revenue but posted its first quarterly cash burn of US\$5.9 billion as AI infrastructure spending surged. The company raised 2026 capital expenditure by US\$15 billion, sending shares lower as investors questioned whether AI revenues can keep pace with rising costs.

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