

# **Capital Markets Snapshot**

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## Week ending July 25, 2025

Markets continued their upward trajectory, as the S&P 500 and Nasdaq continue climbing to new all-time highs. Markets have been buoyed by strong Q2 earnings, new trade deals, and resilient economic data. This upcoming week is loaded with earnings and economic releases, which introduces the potential for increased short-term volatility on the back of any surprises. Thus far Q2 is off to a strong start for earnings releases. With just under half of the S&P 500 companies reporting this week, we will get more clarity on the strength of earnings growth and potential impacts of US tariff policy on future growth prospects. A recent string of trade deals has led to decreasing uncertainty around US trade policy and created a template for future negotiations. While geopolitical tensions remain elevated in parts of the world, equity markets have showed resilience, supported by solid fundamentals and corporate performance. As valuations are high relative to history, a strong earnings season is important to support the recent growth trend.

#### **Fixed Income Markets Overview**

- The Treasury yields curve experienced modest flattening as long-term rates fell more than short-term rates rose. The 20 and 30-year Treasury rates continue to hover around 5% and the 10-year around 4.5%.
- Markets are still pricing in expectations for two Fed rate cuts by year-end. Expectations that the first cut occurs at the September meeting have increased slightly.
- This week's Fed meeting and their Jackson Hole comments in August should provide more perspective on their thinking regarding expected monetary policy.
- Mortgage rates remain around 6.7%. Elevated rates and high prices weigh on activity in the housing market shown in decreasing sales of both new and existing homes.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.0%	2.9%	3.7%	1.6%
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.2%	3.9%	3.2%	0.5%
	International Aggregate	0.4%	6.5%	2.2%	-1.7%
	US Aggregate	0.4%	3.6%	1.9%	-1.0%
	US Treasury	0.3%	3.2%	1.0%	-1.9%
	US TIPS	0.1%	4.8%	1.7%	1.3%
	US Corporate	0.6%	4.1%	3.6%	-0.5%
	US Corporate High Yield	0.4%	5.1%	8.5%	5.3%
Other	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.6%	5.5%	7.7%	1.3%
Muni	US Municipals	0.4%	-1.0%	1.7%	0.1%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.3%	-2.3%	2.9%	2.3%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 25, 2025

	U.S. Treasury Yield Curve
6.00%	
5.50%	
5.00%	
4.50%	
4.00%	
3.50%	
	1M 2M 3M 6M 1Y 2Y 3Y 5Y 7Y 10Y20Y30Y
	Current Last Month-End
	Last Year-End — 1-Year Ago

Interest Rates (%)				
Date	7/25/2025	6/30/2025	12/31/2024	7/25/2024
Federal Funds Rate	4.37%	4.28%	4.40%	5.49%
3 Month Treasury	4.42%	4.41%	4.37%	5.39%
6 Month Treasury	4.31%	4.29%	4.24%	5.19%
2 Year Treasury	3.91%	3.72%	4.25%	4.41%
5 Year Treasury	3.95%	3.79%	4.38%	4.13%
10 Year Treasury	4.40%	4.24%	4.58%	4.27%
30 Year Treasury	4.92%	4.78%	4.78%	4.50%
US Aggregate	4.64%	4.51%	4.91%	4.82%
US Corporate	5.07%	4.99%	5.33%	5.32%
US Corporate High Yield	7.03%	7.06%	7.49%	7.66%
US Municipal	4.02%	3.96%	3.74%	3.58%
US Municipal High Yield	5.95%	5.81%	5.52%	5.40%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries						
Date	7/25/2025	6/30/2025	12/31/2024	7/25/2024		
30 Year Treasury	0.52%	0.54%	0.20%	0.23%		
US Aggregate	0.24%	0.27%	0.33%	0.55%		
US Corporate	0.67%	0.75%	0.75%	1.05%		
US Corporate High Yield	2.63%	2.82%	2.91%	3.39%		
US Municipal	-0.38%	-0.28%	-0.84%	-0.69%		
US Municipal High Yield	1.55%	1.57%	0.94%	1.13%		

## **Equity Markets Overview**

- US equities continue to hit fresh highs, supported by trade optimism and solid corporate earnings. New trade deals signal reduced uncertainty ahead of the August 1 deadline. The US has now struck deals with the U.K., Vietnam, Indonesia, Japan, and partially with China, while key partners like the EU, Canada, South Korea, and India remain at the table.
- Earnings season is off to a strong start with over 80% of reporting companies outpacing earnings estimates for Q2.
  This is a key earnings week with four of the Magnificent 7 reporting with expectations for low double-digit earnings growth due to positive trends in AI markets and a weakening US dollar.
- Early Q2 earnings reports from major U.S. banks exceeded expectations, driven by a surge in investment banking activity. Overall, the S&P 500 companies with reported earning have thus far average 5% revenue growth and just under 10% earnings growth.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.5%	8.9%	18.3%	16.2%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	1.5%	9.4%	19.0%	16.5%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.3%	12.5%	22.0%	17.2%
	S&P 500 Value	1.7%	6.0%	14.7%	14.7%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	1.5%	4.0%	11.9%	13.4%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	1.9%	4.4%	12.6%	11.3%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	1.0%	3.5%	11.0%	15.5%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.9%	-1.3%	6.8%	11.9%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.3%	0.9%	7.7%	10.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	1.6%	-3.4%	5.7%	13.0%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	1.5%	20.2%	14.2%	9.4%
	MSCI EM	0.7%	18.8%	11.2%	6.0%

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#### **Alternative Markets Overview**

- Oil prices remained settled at a three-week low due to concerns of potential weak economic news from the U.S. and China and increased global supplies from easing US rules on Venezuelan exports.
- Gold prices slipped slightly last week. A combination of a stronger US dollar and new trade deals reducing geopolitical uncertainty helped lead to decreased demand for the safe haven asset.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-1.1%	3.8%	1.3%	17.1%
Gold	-0.6%	28.5%	25.0%	12.0%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	1.6%	4.2%	2.9%	7.2%
Bitcoin	-0.6%	25.0%	74.7%	64.5%
Ethereum	2.6%	9.2%	34.1%	66.7%

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- Almost 40% of S&P 500 companies report earnings this week, including four (Microsoft, Meta, Apple, and Amazon) of the Magnificent 7.
- It will be a full week of economic releases. Keep an eye on the FOMC interest rate decision, first estimate of Q2 GDP, nonfarm payrolls, PCE inflation, and consumer spending.

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S&P 500 Index includes approximately 500 leading companies that covers approximately 80% of available U.S. equity market capitalization.

S&P 500 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P 500 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

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S&P Midcap 400 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P Midcap 400 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

S&P Midcap 400 Value Index is a stock index that represents the companies in the S&P Midcap 400 with the most attractive valuations based on three factors: book value, earnings, and sales to price.

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S&P Smallcap 600 Growth Index is a stock index that represents the fastest-growing companies in the S&P Smallcap 600 based on three factors: sales growth, ratio of earnings change to price, and momentum.

S&P Smallcap  $600 \, \text{Value}$  Index is a stock index that represents the companies in the S&P Smallcap  $600 \, \text{with}$  the most attractive valuations based on three factors: book value, earnings, and sales to price.

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MSCI Emerging Markets Index captures large and mid-cap representation across 24 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

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Bloomberg Galaxy Bitcoin Index is designed to measure the performance of a single bitcoin traded in USD

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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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