

Capital Markets Snapshot

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Week ending July 31, 2026

US markets posted modest gains for the week, navigating a volatile stretch shaped by the Federal Reserve's decision to hold interest rates steady and a sharp divergence in sector performance driven by earnings results. The S&P 500 rose 1.1% on the week, supported by a surge in select technology heavyweights, though gains were tempered by a broad selloff in semiconductor stocks. Treasury yields were mixed, with shorter-dated yields declining modestly while longer-dated yields rose sharply, reflecting investor concern that persistent inflation may require the Fed to resume tightening. WTI crude oil fell approximately 5.2% over the week, with geopolitical tensions in the Middle East continuing to create uncertainty around energy supply. The Consumer Confidence index came in at 90.8 for July, below the 92.4 estimate, suggesting households remain cautious — a potential headwind for consumer spending. The Q2 2026 GDP advance estimate showed the economy grew at an annualized 1.5%, below the 2.0% expectation and a slowdown from the prior quarter.

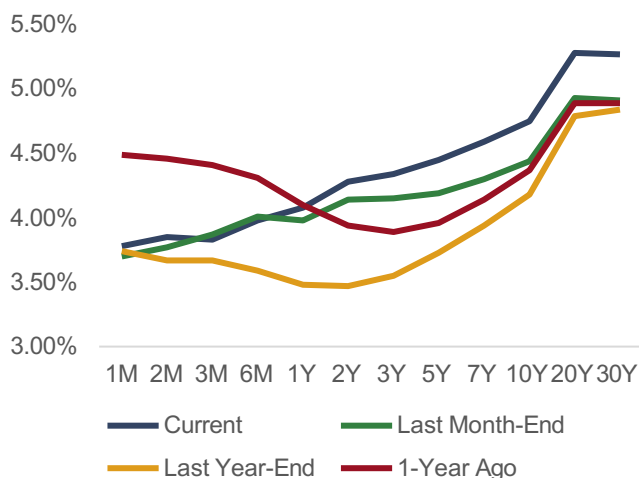
Fixed Income Markets Overview

- US Treasury yields were mixed over the week, with short-term yields declining while long-term yields rose meaningfully.
- The 2-year Treasury yield declined 5 basis points (from 4.33% to 4.28%), the 10-year yield rose 6 basis points (from 4.69% to 4.75%), and the 30-year yield rose 11 basis points (from 5.16% to 5.27%).
- The primary driver of the yield move was a combination of rising oil prices and hawkish commentary from Fed policymakers who dissented from the decision to hold interest rates steady, signaling that additional rate hikes may be needed to bring inflation under control.
- The Fed's GDPNow estimate for Q3 GDP rose significantly over the week, jumping from 1.7% to 5.0%, suggesting the underlying growth backdrop remains relatively resilient despite the inflationary headwinds.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
Short	1-3 Year Govt/Credit	0.2%	1.0%	4.6%	2.1%
	Core Plus				
Core Plus	Intermediate Govt/Credit	0.1%	0.0%	4.4%	1.0%
	Global Aggregate	0.6%	-0.7%	3.0%	-1.9%
	US Aggregate	-0.1%	-0.7%	3.7%	-0.4%
	US Treasury	-0.1%	-0.8%	2.9%	-0.9%
	US TIPS	0.2%	0.5%	3.7%	0.3%
	US Corporate	-0.1%	-0.8%	4.6%	-0.3%
Other	US Corporate High Yield	0.2%	1.7%	8.3%	4.0%
	Emerging Markets Aggregate	0.0%	0.7%	7.6%	1.7%
Muni	US Municipals	0.1%	0.4%	3.0%	0.5%
	US Municipals High Yield	0.1%	2.5%	5.1%	1.2%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 31, 2026

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 31, 2026

Interest Rates (%)

Date	7/31/2026	6/30/2026	12/31/2025	7/31/2025
1 Month Treasury	3.78%	3.70%	3.74%	4.49%
3 Month Treasury	3.83%	3.87%	3.67%	4.41%
6 Month Treasury	3.98%	4.01%	3.59%	4.31%
2 Year Treasury	4.28%	4.14%	3.47%	3.94%
5 Year Treasury	4.45%	4.19%	3.73%	3.96%
10 Year Treasury	4.75%	4.44%	4.18%	4.37%
30 Year Treasury	5.27%	4.91%	4.84%	4.89%
US Aggregate	4.98%	4.73%	4.32%	4.64%
US Corporate	5.46%	5.20%	4.81%	5.07%
US Corporate High Yield	7.41%	7.16%	6.53%	7.08%
US Municipal	3.93%	3.58%	3.60%	3.98%
US Municipal High Yield	5.65%	5.41%	5.59%	5.91%

Spreads Over 10-Year US Treasuries

Date	7/31/2026	6/30/2026	12/31/2025	7/31/2025
30 Year Treasury	0.52%	0.47%	0.66%	0.52%
US Aggregate	0.23%	0.29%	0.14%	0.27%
US Corporate	0.71%	0.76%	0.63%	0.70%
US Corporate High Yield	2.66%	2.72%	2.35%	2.71%
US Municipal	-0.82%	-0.86%	-0.58%	-0.39%
US Municipal High Yield	0.90%	0.97%	1.41%	1.54%

Source: Bloomberg and U.S. Treasury as of July 31, 2026

Equity Markets Overview

- US equity markets finished the week in positive territory, though the path was volatile and performance was highly uneven across sectors and individual names.
- The S&P 500 returned 1.1%, the Nasdaq Composite returned 1.6%, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average returned 1.0% for the week.
- Consumer Discretionary (+8.3%) was the top-performing sector, driven in large part by Amazon's outsized earnings-driven rally, while Communication Services (+5.4%) was the second-best performer over the period.
- On the downside, Utilities (-4.2%) was the worst-performing sector, pressured by rising long-end Treasury yields that make the sector's dividend yields comparatively less attractive, while Real Estate (-2.2%) declined for similar reasons.
- Investor risk appetite remained selective, with markets rewarding strong earnings beats and quickly punishing disappointments amid elevated yields and uncertain Fed policy.

Asset Class	Name	1W	YTD	3Y(Ann.)	5Y(Ann.)
All-Cap	S&P 1500	1.0%	10.6%	18.8%	12.5%
Large-Cap	S&P 500	1.1%	10.1%	19.3%	12.9%
	S&P 500 Growth	1.8%	10.0%	23.9%	13.3%
	S&P 500 Value	0.2%	10.2%	13.9%	11.6%
Mid-Cap	S&P Midcap 400	-0.7%	14.5%	13.0%	8.5%
	S&P Midcap 400 Growth	-1.1%	15.8%	13.9%	7.6%
	S&P Midcap 400 Value	-0.2%	13.3%	12.0%	9.2%
Small-Cap	S&P Smallcap 600	0.4%	21.5%	13.3%	7.5%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Growth	0.8%	22.9%	13.9%	6.7%
	S&P Smallcap 600 Value	0.1%	20.3%	12.5%	8.1%
Int'l.	MSCI ACWI ex-USA	2.0%	14.1%	17.4%	9.2%
	MSCI EM	2.4%	20.0%	19.3%	8.0%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 31, 2026

Alternative Markets Overview

- Commodity markets were broadly softer over the week, with energy prices declining sharply despite intra-week volatility, while precious metals came under modest pressure.
- WTI crude oil fell approximately 5.2% over the week, closing at \$84.67 per barrel, as the market whipsawed between demand concerns tied to softer US economic data and supply-side anxiety stemming from ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.
- Gold slipped 0.5% to approximately \$4,046 per ounce, as safe-haven demand provided underlying support but was not enough to sustain prices.
- Bitcoin declined approximately 2.0% over the week, closing near \$63,000.

Name	1W	YTD	3Y (Ann.)	5Y (Ann.)
S&P GSCI	-2.0%	39.7%	15.2%	15.7%
Gold	-0.5%	-5.4%	26.9%	17.7%
FTSE All Equity NAREIT	-2.4%	17.7%	10.2%	3.3%
Bitcoin	-2.0%	-28.2%	29.2%	8.8%
Ethereum	0.2%	-37.1%	0.2%	-4.8%

Source: Bloomberg as of July 31, 2026



Upcoming Week

- Notable earnings reports are expected from SpaceX, Palantir Technologies, and Advanced Micro Devices.
- On the economic front, it will be a busy week of data releases. Key reports include the July employment report, ISM manufacturing and services PMI readings, and JOLTS job openings data.

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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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