Weekly Insights

August 21, 2026

SUMMARY

Concerns about federal spending and the Middle East pushed US stocks lower on the week, with the S&P 500 declining 1.39%, theDow shedding 0.78% and the Nasdaq falling 2.02%. The sell-off was fairly broad based, with the Russell 1000 Value down 0.5% and the Russell 2000 also off 1.61%. Among sectors, the winners were Energy (up 2.94%) and Health Care (up 4.33%), while the biggest decliners were Utilities (down 3.49%) and Industrials (down 3.37%). Overseas, results were mixed, with EAFE losing 0.53% as Japan fell. EM,however, rose 1.24%, as most markets, except for Taiwan and South Korea, gained.

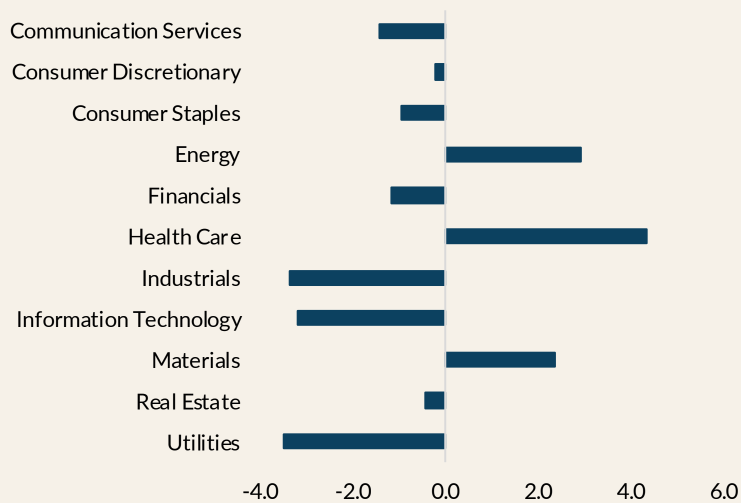
US Treasury yields rose modestly across the curve, with the 2-Year Note gaining 7 basis points to end at 4.24%, while the 10-Year Note picked up 4 basis points to close at 4.73%. In other markets, the VIX bumped up 0.88 to end at 15.13. Gold gained $226.67 toclose out the week at $4,603.07 an ounce, while crude rose $5.59 to finish at $87.06 a barrel. In currencies, the trade-weighted US dollar shed 0.87%, while Bitcoin rallied a massive 23% to end around $77,000.

Economic news was mixed on the week. Empire Manufacturing, the LEI and the S&P Global Services and Composite PMIs exceeded expectations, while Industrial Production and Housing Starts came in below forecasts. Next week brings several releases, withthe PCE numbers perhaps the most important, as they provide insight into household spending, income and inflation. Conference Board Consumer Confidence and the University of Michigan survey will offer other views into the same issues. We also get GDP numbers and whdesale inventories.

Index	Level	Total Return (%) 1 Week	YTD
S&P 500	7,674.37	-1.39	12.93
DJIA	53,277.01	-0.78	11.96
NASDAQ	26,180.46	-2.02	13.07
MSCI EAFE	3,243.62	-0.53	14.67
MSCI EM	1,721.89	1.24	24.46
Bloomberg US Agg	2,340.79	-0.10	-0.34

	Level	Value Change 1 Week	YTD
US 2 Year Yield	4.24	0.07	0.76
US 10 Year Yield	4.73	0.04	0.57
US 30 Year Yield	5.27	0.01	0.43
VIX Index	15.13	0.88	0.18
Gold Spot Price	4,603.07	226.67	283.70
WTI Crude Oil Spot	87.06	5.59	30.11

Week Total Return (%)



Weekly Data Releases

Data	As of Date	Value	1Y Ago	% Change
US Housing Starts	07/31/26	1,239	1,432	-13.48%
US Building Permits	07/31/26	1,443	1,400	3.07%
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US Pending Home Sales Index	07/31/26	71.20	72.80	-2.20%
30 Year Mortgage Rate	08/20/26	6.65%	6.56%	1.37%

The Week Ahead

Tuesday (8/25)
- FHFA House Price Index MoM
- Richmond Fed Manufact. Index
- New Home Sales

Wednesday (8/26)
- MBA Mortgage Applications
- Personal Income
- Personal Spending

Thursday (8/27)
- Wholesale Inventories MoM
- Initial Jobless Claims

Friday (8/28)
- MNI Chicago PMI
- U. of Mich. Sentiment

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HOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MARKETS

1

The Bond Market Is Setting the Terms

Long-term Treasury yields remain a major constraint on markets, with the 30-year yield recently reaching its highest level since 2007. Treasury's expanded bond buyback program provided only temporary relief. Investors are increasingly focused on whether fiscal concerns are creating a higher floor for long-term rates. If so, even a patient Fed may have limited ability to deliver the easier financial conditions equity investors would prefer.

2

Oil Is Becoming an Inflation Story Again

Renewed tensions with Iran and disruptions through the Strait of Hormuz pushed oil prices higher, adding another complication to the inflation outlook. Higher energy prices do not automatically derail the economy, but a sustained move could squeeze consumers while keeping inflation elevated. That combination would make the Fed's job increasingly uncomfortable and could keep pressure on both longer-duration bonds and richly valued growth stocks.

3

The Market Is Asking More From the AI Trade

Technology and semiconductor shares weakened as investors reassessed an AI trade that has carried increasingly high expectations. This does not necessarily signal an end to the investment cycle. It does suggest that enthusiasm alone may no longer be enough. With valuations elevated, upcoming earnings will need to demonstrate that enormous AI spending is translating into durable revenue and profits. That raises the bar for market leadership going forward.

S&P 500 Top & Bottom Performing Stocks for the Week

Top 10

Ticker	Name	Price	Total Return
MRNA	Moderna Inc	133.32	129.2%
COIN	Coinbase Global Inc	172.35	25.6%
EL	Estee Lauder Cos Inc/The	96.15	18.4%
FCX	Freeport-McMoRan Inc	71.22	15.3%
HOOD	Robinhood Markets Inc	95.10	13.2%
MOS	Mosaic Co/The	23.35	13.0%
MRK	Merck & Co Inc	148.99	12.3%
NEM	Newmont Corp	127.64	11.7%
ARE	Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc	52.94	11.1%
CMG	Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc	35.29	10.1%

Bottom 10

Ticker	Name	Price	Total Return
RDDT	Reddit Inc	150.31	-13.9%
JBL	Jabil Inc	316.65	-13.7%
STX	Seagate Technology Holdings PLC	850.24	-12.7%
FLEX	Flex Ltd	110.32	-12.5%
INTC	Intel Corp	92.13	-12.1%
AKAM	Akamai Technologies Inc	110.09	-11.7%
KEYS	Keysight Technologies Inc	316.51	-11.7%
CRWD	Crowdstrike Holdings Inc	190.34	-11.5%
COHR	Coherent Corp	290.03	-11.1%
VRT	Vertiv Holdings Co	264.63	-10.9%

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Equity Data

Style Box	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Dividend Yield	P/E Ratio	P/B Ratio
Russell 1000	-1.36	2.78	12.97	19.70	20.76	12.07	15.11	1.12	28.14	5.53
Russell 1000 Value	-0.50	2.21	23.31	29.89	19.81	11.85	11.75	1.70	21.26	3.52
Russell 1000 Growth	-2.31	3.44	3.77	10.50	20.99	11.81	17.92	0.49	35.00	13.04
Russell Midcap	-1.23	3.45	18.54	19.77	17.45	8.38	11.83	1.59	22.02	3.28
Russell 2000	-1.61	3.05	22.61	29.19	18.28	7.28	10.76	1.76	92.99	2.62
S&P 500 Sector										
Communications	-1.45	-1.15	0.23	13.53	26.30	10.43	12.13	0.73	23.18	4.67
Consumer Disc.	-0.22	0.62	0.66	4.63	13.66	6.48	12.82	0.66	30.72	7.51
Consumer Staples	-0.94	0.14	10.46	8.74	9.93	7.42	8.28	2.49	23.66	6.99
Energy	2.94	6.91	44.05	45.63	16.47	26.08	10.73	2.50	17.76	2.61
Financials	-1.17	0.98	5.79	8.07	20.56	10.30	13.29	1.67	16.78	2.48
Health Care	4.33	7.43	13.83	29.39	11.38	7.05	11.13	1.53	23.98	5.62
Industrials	-3.37	0.28	16.86	20.03	20.22	13.21	13.55	1.19	30.95	7.61
Information Tech	-3.18	4.06	20.35	30.90	30.56	20.51	25.44	0.50	39.22	14.07
Materials	2.35	7.24	18.09	16.93	10.87	6.61	10.42	1.52	24.87	3.42
Real Estate	-0.44	0.15	14.51	11.77	11.06	2.60	6.85	3.22	45.22	3.34
Utilities	-3.49	-3.55	1.55	4.29	14.22	7.78	9.18	2.98	18.62	2.17

Fixed Income Data

Bloomberg Index	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Yield to Worst	Modified Duration	Credit Rating
US Aggregate	-0.10	0.35	-0.34	1.85	4.07	-0.29	1.39	4.96	5.93	AA2/AA3
US Universal	-0.11	0.37	-0.09	2.18	4.58	0.09	1.77	5.14	5.73	
Multiverse	0.17	0.72	0.14	1.16	4.00	-1.43	0.59	4.23	6.11	
US T-Bills: 1-3 M	0.07	0.22	2.37	3.76	4.62	3.72	2.40	3.75	0.18	AA1/AA1
Short Treasury	0.07	0.24	2.30	3.73	4.61	3.57	2.41	3.86	0.41	AA1/AA1
US Treasury	-0.08	0.30	-0.54	1.21	3.19	-0.81	0.79	4.55	5.78	AA1/AA1
US Long Treasury	0.04	0.34	-3.25	-0.31	-0.04	-6.94	-1.82	5.26	14.07	AA1/AA1
US TIPS	0.11	0.27	0.74	1.31	4.11	0.43	2.50	4.63	6.53	AA1/AA1
Municipal Bond	-0.58	0.22	0.65	4.59	3.55	0.63	1.96	3.90	6.44	AA2/AA3
US Corporate	-0.15	0.21	-0.62	1.72	4.92	-0.17	2.28	5.47	6.73	A3/BAA1
US Corp HY	-0.15	0.73	2.44	4.63	8.43	4.08	5.36	7.29	3.20	BA3/B1
Global-Aggregate	0.18	0.71	-0.04	0.85	3.71	-1.69	0.37	4.02	6.22	
EM USD Aggregate	-0.25	0.57	1.27	4.85	8.21	1.63	3.07	6.20	5.92	BAA2/BAA3
U.S. Convertibles	-2.81	2.27	17.75	22.72	16.61	6.00	12.29			

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