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Market Watch

Week of August 3rd

Stock Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2025	5-yr.
Dow Jones Industrial Avg (52,485)	1.04%	10.17%	20.91%	14.92%	10.57%
S&P 500 (7,490)	1.06%	10.14%	19.56%	17.88%	12.86%
NASDAQ 100 (28,274)	0.53%	12.38%	22.58%	21.02%	14.47%
S&P 500 Growth	1.83%	10.05%	19.42%	22.18%	13.32%
S&P 500 Value	0.16%	10.20%	19.71%	13.19%	11.57%
S&P MidCap 400 Growth	-1.11%	15.76%	21.18%	7.46%	7.57%
S&P MidCap 400 Value	-0.17%	13.27%	20.77%	7.58%	9.25%
S&P SmallCap 600 Growth	0.80%	22.89%	30.43%	5.37%	6.69%
S&P SmallCap 600 Value	0.06%	20.27%	37.16%	6.70%	8.14%
Russell 2000	0.05%	18.85%	34.18%	12.81%	7.11%
MSCI EAFE	2.02%	11.59%	24.33%	31.22%	9.31%
MSCI World (ex US)	1.98%	14.08%	28.46%	32.39%	9.22%
MSCI World	1.24%	10.26%	20.41%	21.09%	11.19%
MSCI Emerging Markets	2.36%	20.04%	36.44%	33.57%	8.03%
S&P GSCI	-2.03%	39.66%	41.64%	7.12%	15.69%

Source: Bloomberg. Returns are total returns. *5-yr. return is an average annual.* One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 7/31/26. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

S&P Sector Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2025	5-yr.
Communication Services	5.37%	1.39%	18.95%	33.55%	11.77%
Consumer Discretionary	8.30%	0.04%	7.52%	6.04%	6.81%
Consumer Staples	1.15%	10.31%	10.32%	3.90%	7.69%
Energy	-0.16%	34.74%	41.17%	8.67%	23.99%
Financials	1.07%	4.91%	10.52%	15.02%	11.27%
Health Care	-0.01%	5.96%	26.92%	14.60%	6.02%
Industrials	-1.58%	16.54%	19.86%	19.42%	13.49%
Information Technology	-0.11%	15.65%	26.22%	24.04%	20.39%
Materials	-1.72%	10.12%	15.32%	10.54%	5.53%
Real Estate	-2.20%	14.33%	14.04%	3.15%	3.14%
Utilities	-4.21%	5.29%	6.41%	16.04%	9.41%

Source: FTSERussell, MSCI, Nasdaq, S&P. Returns are total returns. *5-yr. return is an average annual.* One-week, YTD, 12-mo. and 5-yr. performance returns calculated through 7/31/26. An index cannot be purchased directly by investors. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. On 9/28/18, the Global Industry Classification Standard (GICS) was reconstituted and the Telecommunications Services sector was renamed Communication Services. GICS sector information for periods prior to 9/28/18 may not necessarily be comparable to the reconstituted sectors.

Bond Index Performance

Index	Week	YTD	12-mo.	2025	5-yr.
U.S. Treasury: Intermediate	0.13%	-0.11%	2.59%	6.51%	0.67%
GNMA 30 Year	-0.23%	-0.10%	4.09%	8.07%	0.34%
U.S. Aggregate	-0.12%	-0.69%	2.71%	7.30%	-0.40%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	0.18%	1.71%	5.17%	8.62%	4.04%
U.S. Corporate Investment Grade	-0.06%	-0.83%	2.53%	7.77%	-0.27%
Municipal Bond: Long Bond (22+)	0.27%	1.43%	8.19%	1.95%	-0.70%
Global Aggregate	0.63%	-0.75%	1.60%	8.17%	-1.91%

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Key Rates

Fed Funds	3.50% - 3.75%	2-yr T-Note	4.29%
CPI - Headline	3.50%	5-yr T-Note	4.45%
CPI - Core	2.60%	10-yr T-Note	4.74%
Money Market Accts.	0.45%	30-yr T-Bond	5.27%
1-yr CD	2.02%	30-yr Fixed Mortgage	6.78%
3-yr CD	1.68%	Prime Rate	6.75%
5-yr CD	1.73%	Bond Buyer 40	4.80%

Sources: Bankrate.com, Federal Reserve Bank NY, & US Bureau of Labor Statistics. Prime rate as of 7/28/26. All other data as of 7/31/26. National average banking rates are displayed for the Money Market Accts, 1-yr CD, 3-yr CD and 5-yr CD.

Market Indicators

Investment Grade Spread (A2)	96 bps
ICE BofA US High Yield Constrained Index Spread	285 bps

Source: Intercontinental Exchange, Inc. (ICE). As of 7/31/26.

Weekly Fund Flows

Estimated Flows to Long-Term Mutual Funds for the Week Ended 7/22/26

	Current Week		Previous	
Domestic Equity	-$5.694	Billion	-$8.931	Billion
Foreign Equity	-$10.890	Billion	$6.457	Billion
Taxable Bond	$10.687	Billion	$12.449	Billion
Municipal Bond	$1.261	Billion	$2.308	Billion

Change in Money Market Fund Assets for the Week Ended 7/29/26

	Current Week		Previous	
Retail	-$6.11	Billion	-$0.38	Billion
Institutional	-$0.71	Billion	-$22.19	Billion

Source: Investment Company Institute.

Factoids for the Week of July 27th, 2026

Monday, July 27, 2026
Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies (JCHS) reported that U.S. homeowners spent $517 billion on improvements and repairs over the 12-month period ended Q2'26, up from $507 billion over the same period in 2025. The JCHS forecasts that trailing 12-month U.S. home improvement and repair expenditures will reach $519 billion in Q2'27.

Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration revealed that roughly 14.6 million barrels per day of crude oil and petroleum liquids moved through the Strait of Hormuz in Q1'26, down from 20.4 million barrels per day in Q1'25, according to Bloomberg. Reduced flows through the Strait, which accounts for nearly 25% of global seaborne oil shipments, have led to increased oil-price volatility. So far this year, the price per barrel of Brent crude oil has ranged from a low of $59.96 on January 7, to a high of $118.35 on March 31.

Wednesday, July 29, 2026
In its *Cost of a Data Breach Report 2026*, IBM revealed that data breaches cost impacted organizations a record $4.99 million per incident, on average, between March 2025 and February 2026, up from $4.44 million in last year's report. Organizations in the U.S. and the Middle East saw the highest average cost of a data breach at $11.50 million and $8.00 million, respectively, over the period. AI-driven attacks increased by 56% year-over-year, driven by AI-generated malware and deepfake impersonations deployed to bypass identity controls.

Thursday, July 30, 2026
The Semiconductor Industry Association reported that worldwide sales of semiconductors increased by 25% quarter-over-quarter to $298.5 billion in Q1'26. Global sales totaled $99.5 billion in March 2026, up 79.2% year-over-year. On a total-return basis, the Philadelphia Semiconductor Index climbed 48.0% year-to-date through July 29, 2026, versus 10.5% for the S&P 500 Information Technology Index and 7.6% for the S&P 500 Index, according to data from Bloomberg.

Friday, July 31, 2026
The Gordie Howe International Bridge, which crosses the Detroit River to connect the U.S. and Canada, opened to traffic on Monday, July 27, 2026. The bridge's route directly connects Ontario's Highway 401 and Detroit's I-75 and could save truck drivers an estimated 850,000 hours per year in wait times compared to current routes. The bridge also offers lower tolls than the neighboring Ambassador Bridge. The Canadian Trucking Alliance estimates trucking companies that use the new crossing could save $20,000 to $100,000 per month depending on fleet size.

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