Global Markets Monitor

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Global markets hold steady with focus back on US economy

Global markets were trading mostly in narrow ranges this morning, with focus shifting back to the US economy. News regarding the ceasefire agreement in the Middle East contributed to a fading geopolitical risk premium yesterday and triggered a risk-on move across several asset classes. Brent crude oil fell nearly 13% over Monday and Tuesday, its largest two-day decline since 2022, while the Nasdaq reached a new record high. Markets were also focused on remarks from Fed Chair Powell, who noted the FOMC's readiness to consider rate cuts 'sooner rather than later' should inflation pressures remain contained, while tempering expectations for a rate cut as early as July. As traders await the second day of Powell's testimony, US Treasury yields are little changed this morning, US equity futures are steady, Brent crude is rebounding slightly and the dollar is modestly stronger. On the central bank front, the Czechia left its benchmark rate unchanged earlier today, while Hungary also held its base rate steady yesterday—both decisions were in line with expectations. Elsewhere NATO leaders agreed to increase defense spending to 5% of GDP.

Key Global Financial Indicators

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6/25/25 1:19 PM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities				9	%		%
S&P 500	myhm	6092	1.1	1	5	11	4
Eurostoxx 50	my man	5281	-0.3	0	-1	7	8
Nikkei 225	Jummym	38942	0.4	0	4	-2	-2
MSCI EM	my	48	2.6	1	4	13	15
Yields and Spreads				b	ps		
US 10y Yield	and the same	4.31	1.2	-8	-20	6	-26
Germany 10y Yield	mount	2.56	1.7	6	-1	15	19
EMBIG Sovereign Spread	-tamenta	323	-4	0	-9	-75	-2
FX / Commodities / Volatility				9	%		
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation	and the same	46.0	-0.2	0	1	0	7
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation	- when	98.1	0.3	-1	-1	-7	-10
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	manner 1	67.5	0.6	-12	4	-21	-10
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	Jamenton	17.1	-0.4	-4	-5	4	0

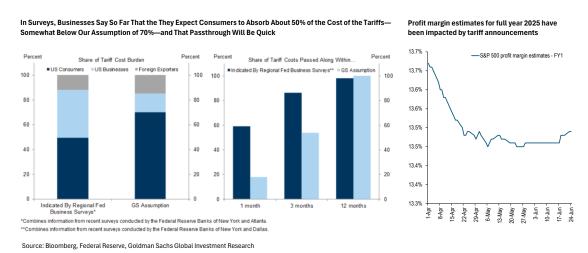
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United States

US corporates would likely be able to partially pass on the tariff related cost increases. A market report compiling corporate announcements on price hikes finds that price increases so far have been fewer than anticipated. Unsurprisingly, firms with greater exposure to tariffs have undertaken more aggressive price increases. However, analysts are expecting more announcements going forward as tariff policies firm up. In various forward-looking surveys, corporates have signaled an inclination to pass on about 50% of tariff-related cost increases to consumers. Furthermore, corporates would be looking to pass on the cost increases over a relatively shorter horizon of 3–4 months. This would imply some compression in profit margins for corporates, with 2025 profit margin estimates seemingly already being impacted by ongoing tariff policy developments.



Volatility is expected to remain contained during the ongoing debt ceiling debate. While tax receipts have been somewhat higher than estimated, market opinion remains divided on the timing of the so-called "x-date", the date on which the US Treasury would exhaust its resources. Some analysts, comparing receipts with expenditure, expect the x-date to fall in early to mid-September, while market pricing suggests it could arrive sooner. The spreads on bills maturing in August are relatively wider, a trend that has strengthened over the past week. Analysts note that incremental supply of similarly tenured bills could further reinforce this pattern. However, unlike the 2023-episode, volatility is not expected to increase significantly, given the substantial debt ceiling increases currently under consideration by both the House and the Senate.

Figure 1. Treasury projected to exhaust all available resources and face an "x-date" around September 2....

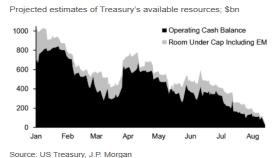
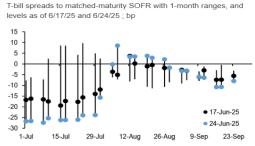
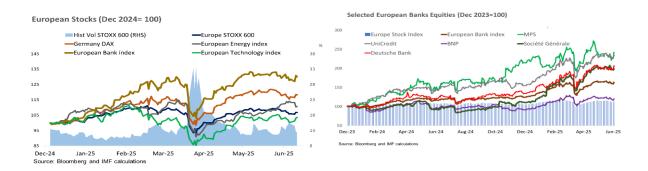


Figure 2: meanwhile, T-bills maturing in mid-August have cheapened over the last week



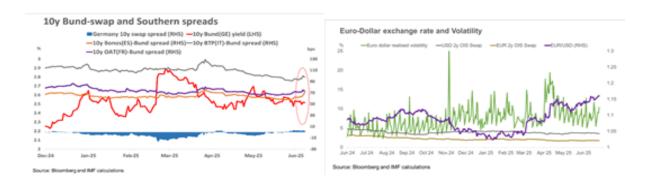
Euro Area

European equities retraced from early morning gains to trade marginally lower today after yesterday's rally. The Stoxx 600 index was little changed (-0.1%), with losses in the utilities (-0.7%) and banking (-0.5%) sectors partly offset by gains in the technology (0.9%) and industrial (0.3%) sectors. Today's data showed Europe's car market picking up slightly in May with new car registrations rising by 1.9%y/y from 1.3%y/y in April; sales of plug-in hybrid models surged by 46%, suggesting that European consumers are still hesitant to go fully electric.



Bund yields continued to edge marginally higher on longer tenors this morning, following yesterday's release of Germany's 2025 Budget and medium-term finance plan. The 30-year Bund yield rose to 3.04% (+2bps), with the 10y yield at 2.56% (+1bps) and the 2y yield little changed at 1.85%. Deutsche Bank views Germany's budget as a fiscal shock, with €143bn deficit in 2025 (3.3% of GDP) from €51bn in 2024, rising to €170bn by 2026–27, and defense spending surging to €95bn in 2025 (2.2% of GDP) and €135bn by 2027 (2.8%). The analysts view Germany's GDP potential increasing by 0.5% in 2025, although subject to risk of late (September) budget approval. HSBC analysts caution about execution risks, noting that if Germany remains under the provisional budget until 4Q, reaching the €115bn infrastructure investment target in 2025 appears unlikely. ING analysts remain skeptical about the broader GDP impact, estimating only a 0.3–0.6% uplift to Eurozone growth by 2028 from the fiscal stimulus, as high imports may dilute benefits with defense accounting for only 0.5% of EU industrial output. The analysts warn that higher spending may strain public services or require tax hikes, while joint EU borrowing and procurement could possibly be delayed due to institutional inertia in the near term.

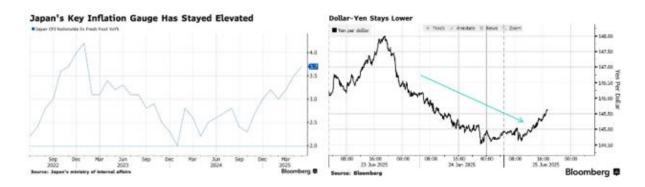
EGB issuances in 2025 have been frontloading while weighted average maturity of outstanding EGBs has decreased. Credit Agricole analysts note that the 10 largest European sovereign issuers, among which Italy, Spain and France have carried out 64% of their total planned issuances YTD, while Germany (58%) and the Netherlands (62%) are lagging behind, preferring more regular auction calendars. The analysts highlight that that the weighted average maturity of outstanding EGB has dropped to 7.9 years in 2025 from 9 years in 2020–24, as European governments aimed to reduce duration on the back of ECB's QT, larger deficits and spreads between yields and swap rates.



The euro held onto yesterday's gains this morning, continuing to trade at around \$1.1612/€. Goldman Sachs analysts see the euro supported by a marginal narrowing of front-end rates differentials, with the EUR-USD 2y swap rates spread reaching -158bps today. Crédit Agricole analysts expect an increase in inflation in the short term, driven by energy prices, but highlight that inflation swaps are showing limited sensitivity to recent upside surprises - as the 2y2y EUR HICP swap rates remain at 2.2% with the 5y5y swaps also stable at 2.13%. The analysts say that this suggests market confidence in ECB's credibility and anchoring of inflation expectations, which supports the view that the ECB will maintain a cautious stance despite near-term pressure, especially if wage growth remains elevated and energy prices remain volatile. Meanwhile, money markets have scaled down today expectations of further rate cuts from the ECB through 2026, pricing in -24bps of policy easing by June 2026 against -35bps priced-in yesterday.

Japan

Bank of Japan (BOJ) board members shared concerns on faster-than-expected inflation, as revealed by today's release of the summary of opinions of the Jun 16–17 meeting. While the meeting summary suggests little urgency to hike rates at the current juncture, the common inflation views signal a possibility that the BOJ may revise its inflation forecast upwards in its July quarterly economic report, as well as potential rate hikes later in the year if tariff uncertainty clears up. Noaki Tamura, one of the most hawkish members of the BOJ board, said in a speech this morning that the central bank should act decisively in response to upside risks to inflation, despite elevated economic uncertainty. However, Tamura later clarified to reporters that current conditions do not warrant an imminent rate hike. His comments contributed to a weakening of the yen, which fell 0.5% to ¥145.60 against the US dollar. Overnight index swaps are now pricing in a 61% probability of a rate hike by December 2025. Meanwhile, the yield curve shifted lower today, tracking a decline in US yields overnight, with 10-year JGB yields down 3bps to 1.39%, and 30-year yields down 2bps to 2.9%.

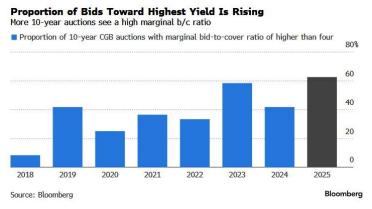


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EMEA equities were mixed and currencies were trading in a tight range. In CEE, equities declined in Romania (-0.3%) but were little changed in the Czech Republic. CEE currencies were little changed against the euro with the Czech koruna trading around 24.71 ahead of the policy announcement later today where the repurchase rate is expected to remain unchanged at 3.5%. Asian currencies were mixed (EM Asia: flat), with Korean won retreating (-0.2%) on equity outflows from foreign funds. Asian equities extended their rallies (EM Asia: +1.4%), led by China (CSI300: +1.4%) and Hong Kong SAR (Hang Seng: +1.2%). Chinese defense and robotic stocks gained on optimism spurred by a planned September 3 military parade showcasing new capabilities. Latin American assets rebounded on Tuesday. Stocks gained in Mexico (+1.2%), Brazil (+0.5%), Chile (+1.5%), and Colombia (+1.5%). Currencies appreciated against the US dollar in Mexico (+0.7%), Chile (+1.3%), Colombia (+0.3%), and Peru (+0.4%).

China

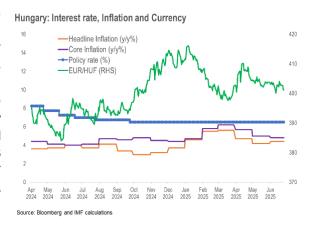
Yuan weakened after overnight gains and consolidated around the 7.17 level. Both onshore CNY (flat) and offshore CNH (-0.1%) were relatively steady today, after PBOC set the daily fixing slightly weaker at \$/7.1668. According to Bloomberg, bond underwriters report that more financial institutions have begun engaging in short-term trades to arbitrage the price gap between the primary and secondary bond markets. The strategy involves bidding at auctions for longer-maturity



sovereign bonds near the upper end of the yield range, then reselling them in the secondary market—even when the spread is as narrow as one basis point. For instance, the May 23 auction of 10-year bonds saw a highest yield of 1.69%, compared to a secondary market yield of 1.68%. This form of arbitrage has become widespread as increased debt issuance, driven by China's fiscal stimulus, gives bond traders some pricing power at auctions. Bond traders are also looking for ways to enhance returns, as China's government bonds have returned only 1% this year in local-currency terms, down sharply from 9.4% in 2024. Volatility has remained low, with the benchmark 10-year yield remaining in a range between 1.62% and 1.73% over the past two months. However, this strategy may end up being relatively short-lived if any further policy easing occurs, or if the central bank resumes bond trading.

Hungary

Hungary left interest rates unchanged as expected, and revised economic growth forecasts downward. The National Bank of Hungary yesterday left its base rate steady at 6.5%, in line with consensus expectations. Contacts note that policy guidance was largely unchanged, while growth forecasts were revised materially lower: the central bank is now forecasting GDP growth of 0.8% this year (compared to a range of 1.9-2.9% in March), 2.8% in 2026 (compared to 3.7-4.7% in March) and 3.2% in 2027 (compared to 2.8–3.8% in March). Raiffeisen analysts note that while the upside risks to inflation and downside risks arowth were stressed.



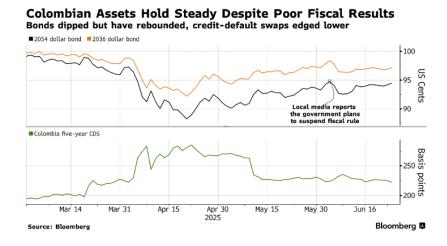
communication suggests limited scope for easing in the near term. The analysts characterized yesterday's rate decision as hawkish, and thus the analysts continue to expect the next rate cut in Q2 2026. The Hungarian forint closed stronger against the euro yesterday (+0.4%) and extended its gains slightly this morning, trading at around 401.06 against the euro, roughly 2.6% stronger YTD.

Ghana

Ghana reportedly planning return to domestic bond market amid easing short-term rates. Ghana is reportedly preparing to re-enter the domestic bond market in the latter part of 2025, marking its first such issuance since the 2022 default. According to Bloomberg, the authorities aim to raise up to 3bn cedis (approximately USD 291 million) through medium-term instruments over the final four months of the year. Proceeds are expected to be used to refinance higher-cost treasury bills, as short-term borrowing rates have declined to their lowest level in three years. Additional details are anticipated in the forthcoming mid-year budget review, according to Bloomberg citing a Ministry of Finance official.

Colombia

Colombia's dollar bonds have risen over 1% in the past two weeks, outperforming the Bloomberg EM debt index. Investors are betting on a market-friendly shift after President Petro leaves office in 2026, following years of fiscal slippage and leftist reforms. Colombia's bonds have returned 3.2% YTD date versus 4.5% for other emerging-market debt. Currently, Colombia's bonds offer higher yields (7.7%) than similarly rated peers, for example, Brazil (6.2%) and Jordan (7.3%). Investors view current valuations as attractive and are positioning for a possible turnaround, even though risks remain, including the potential for further fiscal deterioration before the next administration takes over.



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	Level						
6/25/25 1:21 PM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities					%		%
United States	my	6,107	1.1	2.1	5.2	11.7	4
Europe	- Amount	5,281	-0.3	0.3	-0.9	7.0	8
Japan	Jummym	38,942	0.4	0.1	3.8	-1.8	-2
China	mann	3,960	1.4	2.2	2.6	13.8	1
Asia Ex Japan	manne	82	2.6	1.4	4.7	14.3	14
Emerging Markets	many	48	2.6	1.5	3.7	12.6	15
Interest Rates					points		
US 10y Yield	marriage .	4.3	1	-8	-20	6	-26
Germany 10y Yield	may had the	2.6	2	6	-1	15	19
Japan 10y Yield	and man	1.4	-3	-6	-14	39	30
UK 10y Yield	~~~~~~~	4.5	0	-2	-21	39	-10
Credit Spreads	1.				points		
US Investment Grade	manne	131	-1	0	-7	2	11
US High Yield	~~~~~	353	-1	-3	-31	-9	24
Exchange Rates					%		
USD/Majors	and the same	98.1	0.3	-0.7	-1.0	-7.1	-10
EUR/USD	and the same	1.16	-0.1	1.1	1.9	8.3	12
USD/JPY EM/USD	And the	145.8	0.6	0.4	2.0	-8.7	-7 - 7
Commodities	Amount.	46.0	-0.2	0.3	0.5 %	-0.1	7
	~~~ A	67.5	0.5	-12.0	5.1	-14.7	-8
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	1 . M						_
Industrials Metals (index)	Ch was how	146.2	0.5	1.7	1.2	-2.5	4
Agriculture (index)	Anger Commercial	55.1	-0.5	-3.4	-3.9	-4.1	-3
Gold (\$/ounce)	manufacture of the same of the	3327.8	0.1	-1.2	-0.5	43.5	27
Bitcoin (\$/coin)	way was a second	107057.8	0.9	3.2	-0.6	72.9	14
Implied Volatility					%		
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	Jummy	17.1	-0.4	-4.5	-5.2	4.3	-0.2
Global FX Volatility	munum	8.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.6	1.1	-0.7
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Ye				
Greece	mannen	75	1	-1	0	-47	-10
Italy	momenta	93	1	-2	-9	-59	-23
France	homen	70	-1	-1	1	-5	-13
Spain	maman	67	0	4	4	-19	-3

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## **Emerging Market Financial Indicators**

Last updated:	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)							
6/25/2025	Level			Change (in %)				Level	Change (in basis points)						
1:37 PM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	
		vs. USD	(-	(+) = EM appreciation					% p.a.						
China	Jan Jana	7.17	0.0	0.2	0.2	1.2	1.7	m	1.7	1	0	-4	-50	2	
Indonesia	~~~~~	16290	0.4	0.1	-0.3	0.5	-1.2		6.7	-6	2	-5	-36	-34	
India		86	-0.1	0.4	-1.2	-3.1	-0.6	my many	6.8	1	-1	3	-47	-54	
Philippines	Www.	57	0.8	0.4	-2.2	3.6	2.0	Bry Jany Man	4.9	-1	-4	-1	-53	4	
Thailand	frank	33	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	12.2	4.4	and a second	1.8	-1	-5	-21	-99	-55	
Malaysia	January.	4.24	0.3	0.4	-0.4	11.1	5.6	~~~~~	3.5	-4	-6	-3	-33	-29	
Argentina		1174	-0.2	-1.0	-2.6	-22.6	-12.2	Many Mar	30.4	-32	317	96	-1328	127	
Brazil	month	5.55	-0.6	-1.0	2.2	-1.7	11.4	manufacture.	14.0	-2	-13	-14	231	-195	
Chile	man	938	-0.3	0.6	0.2	0.3	6.0	Market .	5.5	0	-1	-12	-40	-19	
Colombia	manual ma	4078	0.4	0.5	1.8	0.3	8.1	~~~~~~	12.1	5	-25	-7	126	24	
Mexico	mound	19.01	-0.1	0.0	1.3	-4.8	9.6	W mayar	9.3	-6	-3	-13	-79	-107	
Peru	manny	3.6	0.4	0.9	2.2	6.4	4.5	monument	6.5	-1	-15	-6	-64	-11	
Uruguay		40	0.3	1.7	3.2	-2.3	9.2	~h~~~	9.0	-6	0	-42	-48	-69	
Hungary	www	346	0.0	1.5	2.5	6.8	14.9	more	6.7	-5	0	1	-5	28	
Poland	moundan	3.66	0.0	1.6	1.7	9.5	12.7	www.	5.0	-12	-12	-3	-41	-53	
Romania	monda	4.4	-0.3	0.4	2.0	6.5	10.1	سلسمس	7.3	-5	-13	-16	62	1	
Russia	month	78.4	-0.1	0.0	2.0	12.3	44.8	,							
South Africa	month	17.8	-0.3	1.1	0.3	2.5	5.8	Mynuman	10.2	-10	-16	-53	-99	-23	
Türkiye		39.75	-0.4	-0.6	-2.0	-17.1	-11.1	many promise	32.9	-64	-65	-117	389	316	
US (DXY; 5y UST)	market .	98	0.3	-0.7	-1.0	-7.1	-9.5	my what	3.87	0	-12	-22	-41	-52	

		Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)											
	Leve	Change (in %)					Level		Change (in basis points)				
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	Last 12m	Latest	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
								basis poi	nts				
China	harman	3,960	1.4	2.2	2.6	13.8	0.6	-Maryon	110	3	-8	-33	14
Indonesia	- Ammy	6,832	-0.5	-3.9	-5.0	-1.1	-3.5	who we will also the second	102	3	-1	-8	11
India	wwww	82,756	0.9	1.6	0.7	5.2	5.9	an warming	105	1	-9	8	19
Philippines	who have	6,326	0.5	-0.2	-1.0	0.2	-3.1	who was a second	87	3	4	-6	8
Thailand		1,108	0.7	1.2	-6.0	-16.0	-20.9	,					
Malaysia	many	1,520	0.4	0.5	-0.9	-4.5	-7.5	manne	76	-2	-7	-11	6
Argentina	The same of the sa	2,064,590	4.4	-2.9	-12.0	31.5	-18.5	and when	690	-32	16	-758	53
Brazil	manne	137,165	0.4	-1.5	-0.5	12.1	14.0	my handan	222	0	2	-12	-25
Chile	~~~~	8,148	0.0	0.7	-3.0	27.1	21.4	whomewhere	114	1	-4	-12	1
Colombia	- washing and a second	1,672	1.4	2.5	1.0	22.2	21.2	way was	344	2	4	24	18
Mexico	m	56,743	1.2	0.1	-2.9	7.9	14.6	Manneth	283	0	-14	-33	-29
Peru	many	32,120	0.1	-1.5	2.5	7.4	10.9	whomewhe	131	6	2	-19	-10
Hungary	and the same	97,817	-0.1	-0.7	2.5	38.5	23.3	manum	167	3	6	7	12
Poland	-www.	101,414	0.0	1.3	1.5	15.3	27.4	white white	110	-3	-2	5	-2
Romania	mymmy	18,583	-0.1	-0.6	6.2	1.7	11.1		235	0	-30	35	0
South Africa	~~~~~	95,304	-0.6	0.3	1.9	19.8	13.3	manus Mr.	302	1	-18	-23	9
Türkiye	more	9,419	-0.3	2.4	0.7	-11.8	-4.2	Mayandh	313	6	6	14	54
EM total	many	48	0.4	1.5	3.7	12.6	14.6	man Man	373	-1	-10	-15	9

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