

The Market Place

- Global equities rose 0.2% last week
- All major world indices saw positive gains last week
- Brent crude rose 4.8% to \$84.99 a barrel
- Gold fell 0.1% to \$1959.49 per ounce

US

US equities rose 1.0% last week, with one major index making its 13th consecutive daily gain on Wednesday 26 July 2023, which marked its longest winning streak since 1987

The Federal Reserve announced a 0.25% increase in the federal funds target rate following the conclusion of its two-day policy meeting on Wednesday, as expected

Federal Reserve Minneapolis President Neel Kashkari says the inflation outlook in the US is "quite positive," though the central bank's aggressive monetary tightening campaign to temper price surges will likely result in some job losses and slower growth

Europe

European equities rose 1.1% last week

European Central Bank (ECB) President Christine Lagarde says any pause at an ECB monetary-policy meeting could be followed by another increase in interest rates

European banks emerged stronger from a stress test showing how they would weather a sharp economic downturn, giving them a sound footing to continue paying dividends and buying back shares

Gross Domestic Product growth in the euro area is seen rising to 0.2% in the second quarter after stagnating in the previous period

Ukraine will begin talks with the US this week on a bilateral security guarantee

UK

UK equities rose 0.4% last week

The government is to grant hundreds of new oil and gas licenses in a move that could generate 50,000 jobs

The composite UK Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for July came in at 50.7 versus 52.4 estimated, with manufacturing at 45 (versus 46.1) and services at 51.5 (versus 53)

Asia / ROW

Global emerging market equities rose 2.8% last week

Japanese equities rose 1.3%

Chinese equities rose 6.8% last week as the government announced new steps to boost consumption and major cities pledged measures to support the property market

China's official manufacturing PMI climbed to 49.3 in July, remaining in contractionary territory but ahead of expectations of 48.9. The services index weakened to 51.5 from 53.2

Yields on 10-year Japanese Government Bonds retreated from a nine-year high after the Bank of Japan held a surprise bond buying operation



Performance

| Asset Class/Region | Currency | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|-----------|
| | | Week ending 28 July 2023 | Month to date | YTD 2023 | 12 Months |
| Developed Market Equities | | | | | |
| United States | USD | 1.0% | 3.0% | 20.1% | 13.9% |
| United Kingdom | GBP | 0.4% | 2.2% | 4.8% | 7.9% |
| Continental Europe | EUR | 1.1% | 1.8% | 14.7% | 13.9% |
| Japan | JPY | 1.3% | 0.1% | 22.8% | 20.8% |
| Asia Pacific (ex Japan) | USD | 2.6% | 5.2% | 8.3% | 5.6% |
| Australia | AUD | 1.2% | 2.8% | 7.4% | 12.5% |
| Global | USD | 0.2% | 2.3% | 17.8% | 13.9% |
| Emerging markets equities | | | | | |
| Emerging Europe | USD | 2.3% | 9.4% | 23.6% | 58.2% |
| Emerging Asia | USD | 3.0% | 5.7% | 9.9% | 5.5% |
| Emerging Latin America | USD | 2.0% | 4.9% | 24.3% | 31.8% |
| BRICs | USD | 4.1% | 6.8% | 6.4% | 3.7% |
| China | USD | 6.8% | 9.5% | 3.5% | -2.2% |
| MENA countries | USD | 1.3% | 4.1% | 7.2% | -4.8% |
| South Africa | USD | 5.2% | 13.0% | 6.8% | 9.3% |
| India | USD | -0.7% | 2.3% | 9.9% | 13.6% |
| Global emerging markets | USD | 2.8% | 5.8% | 11.0% | 7.6% |
| Bonds | | | | | |
| US Treasuries | USD | -0.6% | -0.4% | 1.4% | -3.9% |
| US Treasuries (inflation protected) | USD | -0.4% | 0.0% | 2.0% | -5.0% |
| US Corporate (investment grade) | USD | -0.2% | 0.2% | 3.5% | -0.7% |
| US High Yield | USD | 0.1% | 1.2% | 6.7% | 4.8% |
| UK Gilts | GBP | -0.5% | 0.5% | -3.1% | -16.6% |
| UK Corporate (investment grade) | GBP | 0.0% | 2.1% | 1.1% | -7.9% |
| Euro Government Bonds | EUR | -0.2% | -0.2% | 2.4% | -8.5% |
| Euro Corporate (investment grade) | EUR | 0.2% | 0.9% | 3.0% | -3.5% |
| Euro High Yield | EUR | 0.4% | 1.0% | 5.4% | 5.1% |
| Japanese Government | JPY | -0.2% | -0.9% | 1.8% | -1.4% |
| Australian Government | AUD | -0.1% | 0.4% | 1.7% | -1.5% |
| Global Government Bonds | USD | -0.4% | 0.5% | 1.4% | -3.8% |
| Global Bonds | USD | -0.4% | 0.6% | 2.8% | -2.3% |
| Global Convertible Bonds | USD | 0.8% | 3.5% | 8.5% | 7.7% |
| Emerging Market Bonds | USD | 0.0% | 1.6% | 5.0% | 4.5% |



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| Property | | | | | |
| US Property Securities | USD | -1.9% | 2.2% | 7.1% | -7.0% |
| Australian Property Securities | AUD | 1.3% | 3.7% | 5.4% | -1.7% |
| Asia Property Securities | USD | 3.7% | 4.8% | -2.5% | -6.1% |
| Global Property Securities | USD | -0.3% | 3.9% | 5.1% | -5.8% |
| Currencies | | | | | |
| Euro | USD | -0.9% | 1.0% | 2.9% | 8.5% |
| UK Pound Sterling | USD | 0.1% | 1.2% | 6.4% | 6.1% |
| Japanese Yen | USD | 0.6% | 2.5% | -7.0% | -4.5% |
| Australian Dollar | USD | -1.1% | -0.1% | -2.3% | -4.3% |
| South African Rand | USD | 2.1% | 6.9% | -3.1% | -6.0% |
| Swiss Franc | USD | -0.3% | 3.1% | 6.2% | 10.2% |
| Chinese Yuan | USD | 0.6% | 1.5% | -3.5% | -5.6% |
| Commodities & Alternatives | | | | | |
| Commodities | USD | 1.6% | 7.7% | 0.1% | -2.1% |
| Agricultural Commodities | USD | -0.7% | 5.7% | 6.2% | 8.7% |
| Oil | USD | 4.8% | 13.5% | -1.1% | -20.7% |
| Gold | USD | -0.1% | 2.1% | 7.4% | 11.7% |
| Hedge funds | USD | 0.0% | 0.3% | 1.0% | 1.2% |

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