

# Weekly Market Update

Global markets were primarily driven by geopolitics rather than macroeconomic data, with energy security becoming the key determinant of inflation and growth expectations.

## US

Markets were driven by developments in the Iran–Strait of Hormuz crisis, with investors oscillating between optimism over a potential settlement and concerns following US strikes on Iranian missile and mining assets. Oil prices remained highly volatile.

Debate intensified around US fiscal sustainability as rising Treasury yields and concerns over federal debt levels remained a major focus for investors and policymakers.

Trade policy remained prominent, with markets digesting new tariff measures and their implications for global supply chains and inflation.

Preparations for the July 4 celebration of America's 250th anniversary intensified, with the commemorations becoming increasingly politicised as disputes emerged over funding, governance and the role of the White House.

## UK

Foreign Secretary Yvette Cooper prepared for high-level visits to China and India aimed at strengthening economic, technological and geopolitical cooperation.

Public debate over renationalisation intensified, particularly around rail, water and industrial assets, reflecting broader dissatisfaction with privatisation.

BP experienced major governance turmoil following the removal of its chair, raising concerns about leadership stability in one of Britain's largest companies.

UK consumers continued to face pressure from elevated fuel and energy costs linked to Middle East tensions and higher oil prices.

## Europe

EU leaders intensified engagement with Western Balkan countries as Brussels accelerated its enlargement and geopolitical integration agenda.

Markets focused on upcoming eurozone inflation and growth data amid concerns about the impact of higher energy prices.

Policymakers continued discussing greater strategic autonomy as uncertainty surrounding US policy encouraged diversification of trade and security relationships.

Concerns persisted regarding Chinese industrial investment and subsidised exports potentially increasing competitive pressure on European manufacturers.

## Global

Investors monitored China's slower-growth economic strategy after authorities adopted one of the lowest GDP growth targets in decades.

Beijing remained a key diplomatic player in discussions surrounding Middle East stability and global energy security.

Japanese equity markets remained near record highs, supported by confidence in domestic policy and resilience to global trade tensions.

OPEC and major energy producers remained under close scrutiny as governments sought to stabilise oil markets.

# Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 29 May 2026	Month to date	YTD 2026	12 Months
<b>Developed Market Equities</b>					
United States	USD	1.4%	5.2%	11.1%	29.3%
United Kingdom	GBP	-0.5%	0.5%	6.8%	23.9%
Continental Europe	EUR	0.5%	4.0%	7.4%	15.9%
Japan	JPY	1.7%	6.2%	17.3%	44.1%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	3.9%	10.0%	25.8%	49.8%
Australia	AUD	0.9%	1.1%	1.7%	7.2%
Global	USD	1.3%	4.6%	10.5%	27.5%
<b>Emerging Markets Equities</b>					
Emerging Europe	USD	2.6%	4.0%	16.0%	40.8%
Emerging Asia	USD	4.5%	12.1%	29.7%	58.2%
Emerging Latin America	USD	-0.1%	-4.2%	13.2%	40.1%
BRICs	USD	-0.8%	-3.0%	-7.4%	1.2%
China	USD	-1.4%	-3.0%	-8.5%	4.1%
MENA countries	USD	0.8%	-1.0%	1.4%	3.2%
South Africa	USD	3.5%	2.4%	1.7%	42.3%
India	USD	0.1%	-1.7%	-14.3%	-13.7%
Global emerging markets	USD	4.0%	9.7%	25.6%	52.6%
<b>Bonds</b>					
US Treasuries	USD	0.6%	0.1%	0.1%	3.9%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	0.9%	0.3%	1.6%	5.2%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%	6.4%
US High Yield	USD	0.5%	0.5%	1.6%	7.4%
UK Gilts	GBP	0.7%	1.8%	-0.5%	3.5%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	0.7%	2.0%	0.2%	5.6%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	0.8%	1.2%	0.8%	0.7%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	0.6%	0.9%	0.9%	2.3%
Euro High Yield	EUR	0.5%	1.0%	1.2%	4.1%
Global Government Bonds	USD	0.9%	0.1%	-0.1%	1.3%
Global Bonds	USD	1.0%	0.4%	0.5%	4.0%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	2.3%	6.1%	19.6%	37.3%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	1.3%	0.9%	1.4%	11.2%

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<b>Property</b>					
US Property Securities	USD	-1.3%	-0.2%	13.6%	15.5%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	2.6%	3.0%	-7.3%	-4.7%
Global Property Securities	USD	-0.3%	-0.9%	7.7%	13.9%
<b>Currencies</b>					
Euro	USD	0.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	2.6%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	0.2%	-0.8%	0.1%	-0.2%
Japanese Yen	USD	0.0%	-1.6%	-1.5%	-9.4%
Australian Dollar	USD	0.8%	0.1%	7.7%	11.5%
South African Rand	USD	1.4%	3.1%	2.2%	9.8%
Swiss Franc	USD	0.4%	0.1%	1.5%	5.3%
Chinese Yuan	USD	0.4%	0.9%	3.3%	6.2%
<b>Commodities &amp; Alternatives</b>					
Commodities	USD	-3.0%	-3.6%	33.2%	44.4%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	-1.4%	-2.0%	9.1%	4.2%
Oil	USD	-11.1%	-19.3%	51.3%	43.5%
Gold	USD	1.2%	-0.9%	5.7%	37.5%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P. Past performance is not indicative of future returns.



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