

Weekly Market Update

Global markets were driven by geopolitical de-escalation in the Middle East, persistent inflation and rate uncertainty, and accelerating fragmentation in trade and monetary policy across major economies.

US

USA and Iran deal to end the war is to be signed in Switzerland on the 19th of June.

After fresh Israeli strikes on Beirut targeting Hezbollah positions, Trump unusually rebuked Israel, saying the attack "should not have happened" because it risked undermining the peace negotiations.

The administration prepared for the G7 summit in France amid heightened geopolitical tensions following the US-Israel conflict with Iran and concerns over energy prices.

Financial markets focused on inflation and the Fed's upcoming rate decision as resilient economic activity continued to support higher-for-longer interest rates.

UK

British forces intercepted a Russian "shadow fleet" tanker in the English Channel suspected of evading sanctions, underlining London's continued support for Ukraine.

Concerns intensified over Britain's public finances, with government debt approaching £3 trillion and borrowing costs rising faster than in other G7 economies.

Debate continued within the Labour government over boosting defence spending while controlling welfare expenditure.

Ten years after the Brexit referendum, renewed discussion emerged over Brexit's long-term economic costs and the case for closer ties with Europe.

Europe

Ukraine and Moldova formally entered the first stage of EU accession negotiations, marking a major geopolitical milestone.

Debate intensified over the creation of a more integrated European capital market regulator, with Germany securing special treatment for Deutsche Börse.

Switzerland voted against capping their population at 10m people, by 55% to 45%.

The European Commission raised €8 billion through bond issuance, continuing large-scale capital market funding operations.

Global

Chinese exports forecast to have risen around 15% in May, supported by semiconductor demand and front-loaded orders.

Trade tensions with the United States eased somewhat after Trump-Xi discussions, although no major breakthroughs were achieved.

Markets focused on the possibility that the Bank of Japan could raise interest rates to their highest level in more than three decades.

The G7 summit in France became a focal point for discussions on energy security, trade and geopolitical stability.

Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 12 June 2026	Month to date	YTD 2026	12 Months
Developed Market Equities					
United States	USD	0.7%	-1.9%	9.0%	24.0%
United Kingdom	GBP	1.0%	0.7%	7.6%	22.3%
Continental Europe	EUR	1.9%	1.4%	8.9%	17.1%
Japan	JPY	-1.7%	-1.9%	15.1%	42.8%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	-0.3%	-2.1%	23.2%	41.9%
Australia	AUD	2.1%	0.8%	2.5%	6.1%
Global	USD	0.7%	-1.5%	8.8%	22.9%
Emerging Markets Equities					
Emerging Europe	USD	3.6%	0.9%	17.0%	40.4%
Emerging Asia	USD	-0.5%	-2.1%	26.9%	49.6%
Emerging Latin America	USD	4.2%	-0.6%	12.5%	37.5%
BRICs	USD	0.0%	-0.6%	-8.0%	-0.9%
China	USD	-0.7%	-0.4%	-8.9%	1.6%
MENA countries	USD	0.8%	0.0%	1.4%	3.8%
South Africa	USD	1.8%	-3.8%	-2.2%	32.8%
India	USD	1.5%	0.2%	-14.1%	-13.6%
Global emerging markets	USD	0.0%	-1.9%	23.2%	45.3%
Bonds					
US Treasuries	USD	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	3.3%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	0.3%	-0.3%	1.3%	4.7%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	0.5%	0.0%	0.8%	5.3%
US High Yield	USD	0.4%	0.0%	1.7%	6.8%
UK Gilts	GBP	0.5%	-0.1%	-0.6%	1.8%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	0.5%	0.1%	0.3%	4.1%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	0.3%	-0.5%	0.3%	-0.1%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	0.2%	-0.1%	0.8%	1.9%
Euro High Yield	EUR	0.2%	0.2%	1.4%	3.7%
Global Government Bonds	USD	0.4%	-0.4%	-0.5%	-0.2%
Global Bonds	USD	0.5%	-0.5%	0.0%	2.2%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	0.9%	-1.5%	17.9%	33.3%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	0.6%	0.3%	1.7%	10.2%

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Property					
US Property Securities	USD	2.3%	3.2%	17.3%	18.1%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	4.9%	2.3%	-5.2%	-5.9%
Global Property Securities	USD	2.3%	1.1%	8.8%	13.5%
Currencies					
Euro	USD	0.4%	-0.8%	-1.4%	0.0%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	0.4%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-1.3%
Japanese Yen	USD	0.0%	-0.7%	-2.1%	-10.4%
Australian Dollar	USD	-0.2%	-1.9%	5.7%	8.0%
South African Rand	USD	1.6%	-0.4%	1.8%	9.4%
Swiss Franc	USD	-0.2%	-1.9%	-0.4%	2.0%
Chinese Yuan	USD	0.4%	0.0%	3.3%	6.1%
Commodities & Alternatives					
Commodities	USD	-2.2%	-3.4%	28.7%	33.8%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	0.0%	-3.0%	5.8%	1.0%
Oil	USD	-6.2%	-5.1%	43.5%	25.9%
Gold	USD	-3.0%	-7.7%	-2.4%	24.6%

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



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