

THE AI DOWNSTREAM TRADE CONTINUES TO STRENGTHEN, PARTICULARLY CRYPTO. WE LOOK AT EQUITIES MOST HIGHLY CORRELATED TO ETH AND BTC. WE ALSO STILL EXPECT S&P 500 7,900-8,000 BY MONTH-END



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HEAD OF RESEARCH

VIDEO: The AI bottleneck story is stalling as data center opposition is now resonating with voters. This probably explains why crypto, particularly Ethereum, has been notably outperforming gaining 46% since June 30th. Ethereum is a low energy network. But the bigger story is that crypto adoption is growing as Wall Street tokenizes and Agentic AI is another downstream story. We look at crypto equities correlated to the rise in #ETH and #BTC (duration: 6:17).



We continue to expect the S&P 500 to push higher into month end and we see S&P 500 reaching 7,900-8,000. But, we also recognize we are in the 'dog days of August' so we should expect outsized move in stocks given fewer investors at their desks and thus, lower volumes.

- Equities continue to get buffeted by higher oil (now \$89 with US launching an economic war with Iran) and yields pushing higher (despite Treasury buying long-end of bonds). Higher rates on the long-end are not a welcome development.
- But are yields at a level that signal a larger problem?
- The best answer may be to look at the BofA MOVE Index. This is a measure of bond market volatility. At the moment, this is at 73.
- Historically, 100 or higher is considered "crisis" and we have seen this level exceeded multiple times in the past 6 years:
 - COVID-era
 - 2022-2023 inflation surge
 - 2024 Presidential elections
 - Early 2025 Tariff wars
 - Feb to April 2026 Iran wars

- So the fact the MOVE index is muted at 73 tells me that we should not be pricing in "downside risks" for equities. At least not until the MOVE and the VIX have made larger moves. For VIX, we would view >20 as a warning shot.
- The notable outperformer asset since June 30th has been crypto. Consider these returns of top 6 assets:
 - **Ethereum #ETH +46%**
 - **Bitcoin #BTC +21%**
 - Energy stocks \$XLE +18%
 - **Solana #SOL +16%**
 - Global Energy +15%
 - Silver +14%
- There are multiple reasons to explain why crypto has outperformed, but the three most pertinent, in my view, are:
 - Treasury buying long-term bonds = positive risk assets
 - White House publicly voicing support for crypto = even without Clarity Act = positive
 - AI/data center slowdown = investors favor AI downstream stories
 - Crypto winter almost over = based upon 4-year cycle
- As we have written about multiple times, the standout is Ethereum (#ETH) and we expect ETH to outperform this next crypto cycle. The driver is tokenization by Wall Street and agentic-AI. Prior ETH outperformance cycles had catalysts:
 - ICO boom 2016-2017
 - NFT boom 2020-2021
 - Stablecoins 2025
 - this next cycle, we believe could be even larger
- We have identified the 20 largest pure "crypto" stocks and their related correlation to either ETH or BTC. The highest correlations are:
 - ETH
 - Bitmine \$12.8b market cap \$BMNR 80% correlation
 - Sharplink \$1.6b \$SBET 85%
 - BTC
 - Microstrategy \$40b market cap \$MSTR 78%
 - Strive \$1.2b 78%

- There are 6 reasons we expect S&P 500 to reach all-time highs by month-end:
 1. Equity markets flat last 8 weeks = consolidation
 2. 95% through de-leveraging of AI
 3. Korea policymakers panicked = bottom
 4. S&P 500 2Q26 EPS beats = \$8 raise to 2027 EPS
 5. Inflation and wage data likely “dovish” for July
 6. No Fed meeting until September
- This week was a light week in terms of Macro Data:
 - 8/17 Mon 8:30 AM ET: Aug Empire Manufacturing Survey **20.6 vs 10.0e**
 - 8/17 Mon 10:00 AM ET: Aug NAHB Housing Market Index **35 vs 33e**
 - 8/17 Mon 4:00 PM ET: Jun Net TIC Flows **\$134b**
 - **8/19 Wed: August Market Update and Top Stock Ideas Webinar**
 - 8/19 Wed 2:00 PM ET: Jul FOMC Meeting Minutes
 - 8/20 Thu 8:30 AM ET: Aug Philly Fed Business Outlook **47.4 vs 25.0e**
 - 8/21 Fri 9:45 AM ET: Aug P S&P Global Manufacturing PMI **53.9e**
 - 8/21 Fri 9:45 AM ET: Aug P S&P Global Services PMI **53.9e**
- Next week, in addition to the PCE, we have NVIDIA Earnings on Wednesday and Warsh at Jackson Hole on Friday:
 - 8/24 Mon 8:30 AM ET: Jul Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index
 - 8/25 Tue 9:00 AM ET: Jun S&P Cotality CS 20-City MoM SA **0.20%e**
 - 8/25 Tue 10:00 AM ET: Aug Conference Board Consumer Confidence **90e**
 - 8/25 Tue 10:00 AM ET: Jul New Home Sales **620ke**
 - 8/25 Tue 10:00 AM ET: Aug Richmond Fed Manufacturing Survey
 - 8/26 Wed 8:30 AM ET: Jul Core PCE MoM **0.22%e**
 - 8/26 Wed 8:30 AM ET: 2Q S GDP QoQ **1.5%e**
 - 8/26 Wed 8:30 AM ET: Jul P Durable Goods Orders MoM **0.5%e**
 - **8/26 Wed 4:20 PM ET: NVIDIA 2Q26 Earnings**
 - 8/27 Thu 11:00 AM ET: Aug Kansas City Fed Manufacturing Survey
 - **8/28 Fri 10:00 AM ET: Warsh Speaks at Jackson Hole Symposium**
 - 8/28 Fri 10:00 AM ET: Aug F U. Mich. 1yr Inf Exp

BOTTOM LINE: Crypto, MAG7, Software, Small-caps lead since Iran War

We continue to see a 3-phase market in 2026. We believe we are still in this rising phase, and our original aspirational target was 7,300. Now we see closer to 7,900-8,000 first. We are not yet cautious, as we still see impressive market resilience, this week being an example. While oil and rates are near highs, equities are still managing to show resilience.

We continue to favor the following sectors:

- **MAG7 & Bitcoin & Ethereum** \$MAGS \$IBIT \$ETHA \$SMH \$DRAM
- **Industrials -> "bullet makers"** \$XLI
- **Financials: Large-cap and regional banks** \$XLF \$KRE
- **Small-caps** \$IWM
- **Energy/Basic Materials** \$XLE \$XLB

Week of 8/24 - 8/28:

	Thomas Lee, CFA Head of Research	FLASH Report	Macro Minute Video
Mon  / Tue 			SKIP (Transit)
Tue  / Wed 			
Wed  / Thu 			
Thu  / Fri 			

Aug 20, 2026								
			Inclusion data...			Performance...		
			Ticker (s)	Current price	Date added	Inclusion price	# Days	Rel vs S&P 500
2026 Overweights								
1	Technology/AI	XLK	183.14	12/10/25	148.73	253	+23.1%	+12.2%
	- Magnificent 7 stocks	MAGS	66.89	12/10/25	67.19	253	-0.4%	-11.4%
1	Bitcoin	BTC	72,658.81	12/10/25	92,396.10	253	-21.4%	-32.3%
1	Ethereum	XETUSD	2,319.17	12/10/25	3,340.89	253	-30.6%	-41.5%
2	Basic Materials	XLB	52.42	12/10/25	44.24	253	+18.5%	+7.5%
2	Energy	XLE	63.75	12/10/25	46.18	253	+38.0%	+27.1%
3	Financials	XLF	56.95	12/10/25	53.89	253	+5.7%	-5.3%
	- Regional Banks	KRE	74.71	12/10/25	67.05	253	+11.4%	+0.5%
	Industrials	XLI	179.77	12/10/25	156.06	253	+15.2%	+4.2%
	Communication Services	XLC	110.68	12/10/25	117.07	253	-5.5%	-16.4%
	Real Estate/REITs	XLRE	45.08	12/10/25	40.58	253	+11.1%	+0.1%
	Small-Caps	IWM	297.70	12/10/25	254.81	253	+16.8%	+5.9%
2026 Underweights								
1	Consumer Staples	XLP	85.32	12/10/25	78.22	253	+9.1%	-1.9%

*Market caps provided are the market cap of the ETF ticker shown

Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

Aug 20, 2026								
			Inclusion data...			Performance...		
			Ticker	Market Cap	P/E Yr+1	Date Last Added	Price When Added	Current Price
Top 5 Core Large-cap Ideas								
	NVIDIA Corp	NVDA	5,247,770	16.7x	8/18/26	219.74	216.85	-1.3%
	Bank of New York Mellon Corp/T	BNY	106,688	15.3x	8/18/26	163.93	157.24	-4.1%
	Eli Lilly & Co	LLY	1,171,425	26.5x	8/18/26	1225.73	1244.40	+1.5%
	JPMorgan Chase & Co	JPM	934,485	14.0x	8/18/26	363.25	351.55	-3.2%
	Arista Networks Inc	ANET	231,750	35.6x	8/18/26	193.18	183.75	-4.9%
Bottom 5 Core Large-cap Ideas								
	EchoStar Corp	ECHO	25,249	7.0x	8/18/26	90.00	86.92	-3.4%
	Strategy Inc	MSTR	43,183	5.7x	8/18/26	92.52	112.39	+21.5%
	Tesla Inc	TSLA	1,363,107	151.8x	8/18/26	336.87	345.13	+2.5%
	Vistra Corp	VST	46,633	13.2x	8/18/26	140.52	138.94	-1.1%
	Robinhood Markets Inc	HOOD	85,626	33.3x	8/18/26	91.53	95.10	+3.9%

Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

fundstrat		Aug 20, 2026			Inclusion data...		Performance...	
		Ticker	Market Cap	P/E Yr+1	Date Last Added	Price When Added	Current Price	Rel vs Russell 2500
Top 5 Core SMID-cap Ideas								
	HF Sinclair Corp	DINO	16,484	9.4x	8/18/26	95.70	92.72	-3.1%
	Halozyne Therapeutics Inc	HALO	12,044	10.6x	8/18/26	104.89	106.12	+1.2%
	IES Holdings Inc	IESC	13,614	27.8x	8/18/26	738.79	683.27	-7.5%
	Lumentum Holdings Inc	LITE	78,871	26.4x	8/18/26	873.31	879.28	+0.7%
	Credo Technology Group Holding	CRDO	43,142	25.2x	8/18/26	245.97	231.35	-5.9%
Bottom 5 Core SMID-cap Ideas								
	Galaxy Digital Inc	GLXY	9,174	-	8/18/26	20.43	23.47	+14.9%
	Energy Fuels Inc/Canada	UUUU	3,475	93.3x	8/18/26	14.09	13.90	-1.3%
	Riot Platforms Inc	RIOT	7,873	-	8/18/26	18.91	20.98	+10.9%
	Rocket Lab Corp	RKLB	46,637	-	8/18/26	79.16	72.95	-7.8%
	IonQ Inc	IONQ	16,500	-	8/18/26	44.12	41.53	-5.9%

Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

Part I: 47 Large-cap Core Ideas: Updated list is below

Large-Cap Core Stock Ideas are large-cap stocks that appear in multiple of our investment strategies.

- Consider these stocks our top stock picks and thus, the higher quality ideas.

Ticker	Company	Sector	Industry	Mkt Cap (\$M)	1M perf (relative to S&P 500)	YTD perf (relative to S&P 500)	P/E ('26E)	DOM Rank	Momentum Rating	Price 1/20D	20D / 200D	Price >20D >200D
1 MNST	Monster Beverage Corp	Consumer Staples	Beverages	\$91,537	9.3%	14.5%	36.1x	5	9	104%	118%	Y
2 AMD	Advanced Micro Devices Inc	Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor	\$843,733	12.1%	134.0%	39.3x	17	1	102%	193%	Y
3 CAT	Caterpillar Inc	Industrials	Machinery	\$453,678	13.4%	64.3%	32.7x	16	3	107%	136%	Y
4 GEV	GE Vernova Inc	Industrials	Electrical Equipment	\$279,419	1.5%	51.5%	43.6x	23	4	106%	127%	Y
5 GS	Goldman Sachs Group Inc/The	Financials	Capital Markets	\$336,699	11.6%	17.3%	16.8x	20	6	105%	119%	Y
6 BNY	Bank of New York Mellon Corp	Financials	Capital Markets	\$101,241	7.4%	19.4%	15.2x	23	7	110%	116%	Y
7 GE	General Electric Co	Industrials	Aerospace & Defense	\$371,251	18.9%	7.9%	41.1x	2	12	108%	108%	Y
8 MRK	Merck & Co Inc	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals	\$294,292	-1.2%	5.6%	12.4x	11	22	101%	112%	Y
9 JPM	JPMorgan Chase & Co	Financials	Banks	\$895,908	10.6%	-3.9%	14.2x	4	25	107%	102%	Y
10 KLAC	KLA Corp	Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor	\$317,882	30.3%	92.7%	47.5x	41	2	111%	151%	Y
11 UNH	UnitedHealth Group Inc	Health Care	Health Care Providers & Servic	\$370,559	6.5%	16.0%	19.5x	38	10	103%	118%	Y
12 ETN	Eaton Corp PLC	Industrials	Electrical Equipment	\$158,026	5.4%	20.2%	26.2x	34	15	100%	110%	Y
13 PNC	PNC Financial Services Group I	Financials	Banks	\$95,600	10.0%	6.4%	11.3x	21	18	105%	108%	Y
14 TJX	TJX Cos Inc/The	Consumer Discretionary	Specialty Retail	\$182,177	5.6%	-0.3%	28.5x	35	28	102%	106%	Y
15 TT	Trane Technologies PLC	Industrials	Building Products	\$104,975	6.7%	14.4%	27.9x	37	20	103%	107%	Y
16 PKG	Packaging Corp of America	Materials	Containers & Packaging	\$20,829	9.7%	5.7%	19.0x	36	22	104%	104%	Y
17 DE	Deere & Co	Industrials	Machinery	\$159,640	13.2%	19.4%	25.9x	45	24	104%	107%	Y
18 WMT	Walmart Inc	Consumer Staples	Consumer Staples Distribution	\$950,155	0.7%	-0.5%	36.4x	40	34	101%	102%	Y
19 APD	Air Products and Chemicals Inc	Materials	Chemicals	\$62,804	-1.1%	6.6%	19.7x	42	34	100%	103%	Y
20 ANET	Arista Networks Inc	Information Technology	Communications Equipment	\$203,512	6.3%	15.7%	36.7x	3	7	100%	114%	N
21 CDNS	Cadence Design Systems Inc	Information Technology	Software	\$104,526	2.9%	13.6%	40.3x	7	11	97%	119%	N
22 NVDA	NVIDIA Corp	Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor	\$4,862,264	-5.3%	0.1%	15.7x	1	17	95%	111%	N
23 AXP	American Express Co	Financials	Consumer Finance	\$230,258	9.7%	-16.4%	16.7x	6	30	106%	95%	N
24 PM	Philip Morris International In	Consumer Staples	Tobacco	\$276,551	-4.7%	3.0%	19.4x	10	33	99%	108%	N
25 PWR	Quanta Services Inc	Industrials	Construction & Engineering	\$106,178	-0.8%	60.0%	43.5x	47	4	100%	135%	N
26 GOOGL	Alphabet Inc	Communication Services	Interactive Media & Services	\$4,219,443	-8.0%	3.2%	22.6x	22	12	94%	119%	N
27 LLY	Eli Lilly & Co	Health Care	Pharmaceuticals	\$1,043,063	5.4%	-4.6%	25.0x	33	12	100%	115%	N
28 AVGO	Broadcom Inc	Information Technology	Semiconductors & Semiconductor	\$1,812,257	-6.6%	2.4%	19.8x	12	18	92%	114%	N
29 HOOD	Robinhood Markets Inc	Financials	Capital Markets	\$92,607	41.0%	-16.7%	39.4x	23	21	115%	87%	N
30 ECHO	EchoStar Corp	Communication Services	Media	\$28,677	-16.7%	-14.9%	11.8x	23	25	84%	114%	N
31 UNP	Union Pacific Corp	Industrials	Ground Transportation	\$154,143	-0.9%	4.6%	19.0x	31	25	97%	110%	N
32 CF	CF Industries Holdings Inc	Materials	Chemicals	\$15,697	-14.6%	24.5%	8.9x	8	36	92%	113%	N
33 AAPL	Apple Inc	Information Technology	Technology Hardware, Storage &	\$4,365,376	-2.3%	1.7%	30.9x	39	16	98%	113%	N
34 AMZN	Amazon.com Inc	Consumer Discretionary	Broadline Retail	\$2,525,016	-10.4%	-5.9%	20.2x	43	29	93%	108%	N
35 OKE	ONEOK Inc	Energy	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	\$55,103	-5.6%	11.4%	14.3x	44	31	100%	111%	N
36 COST	Costco Wholesale Corp	Consumer Staples	Consumer Staples Distribution	\$425,318	-5.3%	3.6%	42.4x	32	37	98%	102%	N
37 TPL	Texas Pacific Land Corp	Energy	Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	\$25,145	-7.9%	19.3%	36.2x	23	39	95%	103%	N
38 VST	Vistra Corp	Utilities	Independent Power and Renewabl	\$54,664	5.2%	-7.1%	14.5x	23	40	105%	91%	N
39 TSLA	Tesla Inc	Consumer Discretionary	Automobiles	\$1,431,691	-9.1%	-22.9%	155.9x	18	32	92%	99%	N
40 ORCL	Oracle Corp	Information Technology	Software	\$478,475	-12.1%	-22.4%	15.2x	9	38	81%	100%	N
41 META	Meta Platforms Inc	Communication Services	Interactive Media & Services	\$1,431,239	-6.2%	-22.2%	14.6x	19	41	94%	91%	N
42 MSFT	Microsoft Corp	Information Technology	Software	\$2,774,743	-9.3%	-30.4%	19.1x	15	42	91%	91%	N
43 PLTR	Palantir Technologies Inc	Information Technology	Software	\$280,421	-13.1%	-41.8%	56.4x	23	44	85%	86%	N
44 NFLX	Netflix Inc	Communication Services	Entertainment	\$307,662	-16.1%	-29.7%	19.0x	14	45	89%	84%	N
45 NOW	ServiceNow Inc	Information Technology	Software	\$99,440	-4.1%	-44.7%	19.1x	13	46	89%	80%	N
46 MSTR	Strategy Inc	Information Technology	Software	\$36,597	-33.3%	-38.9%	2.9x	23	47	79%	69%	N
47 NOC	Northrop Grumman Corp	Industrials	Aerospace & Defense	\$72,978	-6.1%	-17.5%	17.1x	46	42	94%	88%	N

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The Current Large-cap Core List as of 5/21/2026 is as follows:

Communication Services: \$\$ECHO, \$\$GOOGL, \$\$META, \$\$NFLX

Consumer Discretionary: \$\$AMZN, \$\$TJX, \$\$TSLA

Consumer Staples: \$\$COST, \$\$MNST, \$\$PM, \$\$WMT

Energy: \$\$OKE, \$\$TPL

Financials: \$\$AXP, \$\$BNY, \$\$GS, \$\$HOOD, \$\$JPM, \$\$PNC

Health Care: \$\$LLY, \$\$MRK, \$\$UNH

Industrials: \$\$CAT, \$\$DE, \$\$ETN, \$\$GE, \$\$GEV, \$\$NOC, \$\$PWR, \$\$TT, \$\$UNP

Information Technology: \$\$AAPL, \$\$AMD, \$\$ANET, \$\$AVGO, \$\$CDNS, \$\$KLAC,

\$\$MSFT, \$\$MSTR, \$\$NOW, \$\$NVDA, \$\$ORCL, \$\$PLTR

Materials: \$\$APD, \$\$CF, \$\$PKG

Utilities: \$\$VST

Part II: 64 SMID Core Ideas: Updated list is below

SMID Core Ideas are small and mid-cap stocks that appear in multiple of our investment strategies.

- We believe SMID Core List could benefit from the multiple themes and secular tailwinds.

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Consumer Discretionary: \$\$DKS, \$\$DPZ, \$\$SGI, \$\$SN

Consumer Staples: \$\$BG, \$\$ELF

Energy: \$\$CCJ, \$\$DINO, \$\$DTM, \$\$UUUU, \$\$WFRD

Financials: \$\$ALLY, \$\$EWBC, \$\$GLXY, \$\$SOFI, \$\$WAL

Health Care: \$\$EXEL, \$\$HALO, \$\$NBIX, \$\$NTRA, \$\$UTHR

Industrials: \$\$AVAV, \$\$BE, \$\$BWXT, \$\$CRS, \$\$CW, \$\$DY, \$\$ENS, \$\$FIX, \$\$HII, \$\$IESC, \$\$KTOS, \$\$MLI, \$\$MOD, \$\$NXT, \$\$QXO, \$\$RKLB, \$\$STRL, \$\$VMI, \$\$WTS

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Materials: \$\$ALB, \$\$MP, \$\$RGLD

**AUGUST: 6 reasons we expect new highs in August****S&P 500
7,900-8,000**

- Equity markets flat last 8 weeks = consolidation
- 95% through de-leveraging of AI
- Korea policymakers panicked = bottom
- S&P 500 2Q26 EPS beats = \$8 raise to 2027 EPS
- Inflation and wage data likely “dovish” for July
- No Fed meeting until September

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Tech, data policy expert says concerns legitimate over rising power rates, water use, environmental issues amid mushrooming growth

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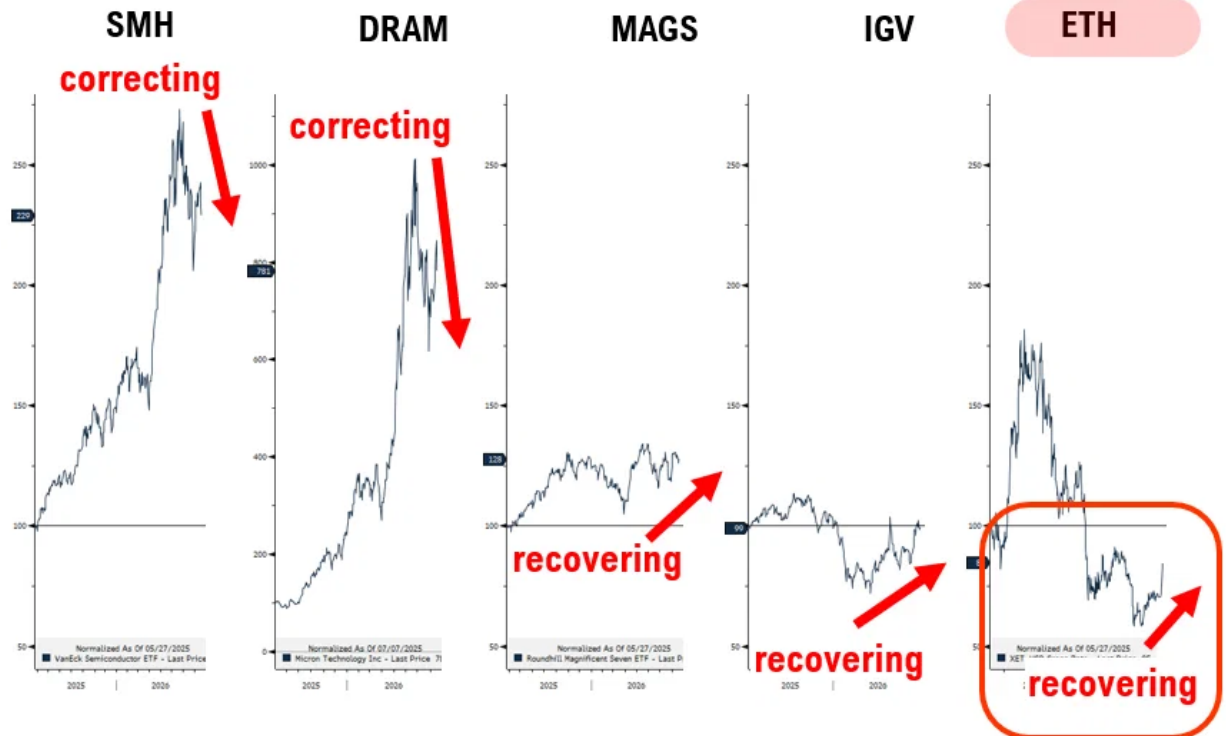


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Technology: AI downstream plays gaining traction

Major Technology ETFs Price History

Past Year, DRAM since 4/2/26 (Normalized 100 = Start)



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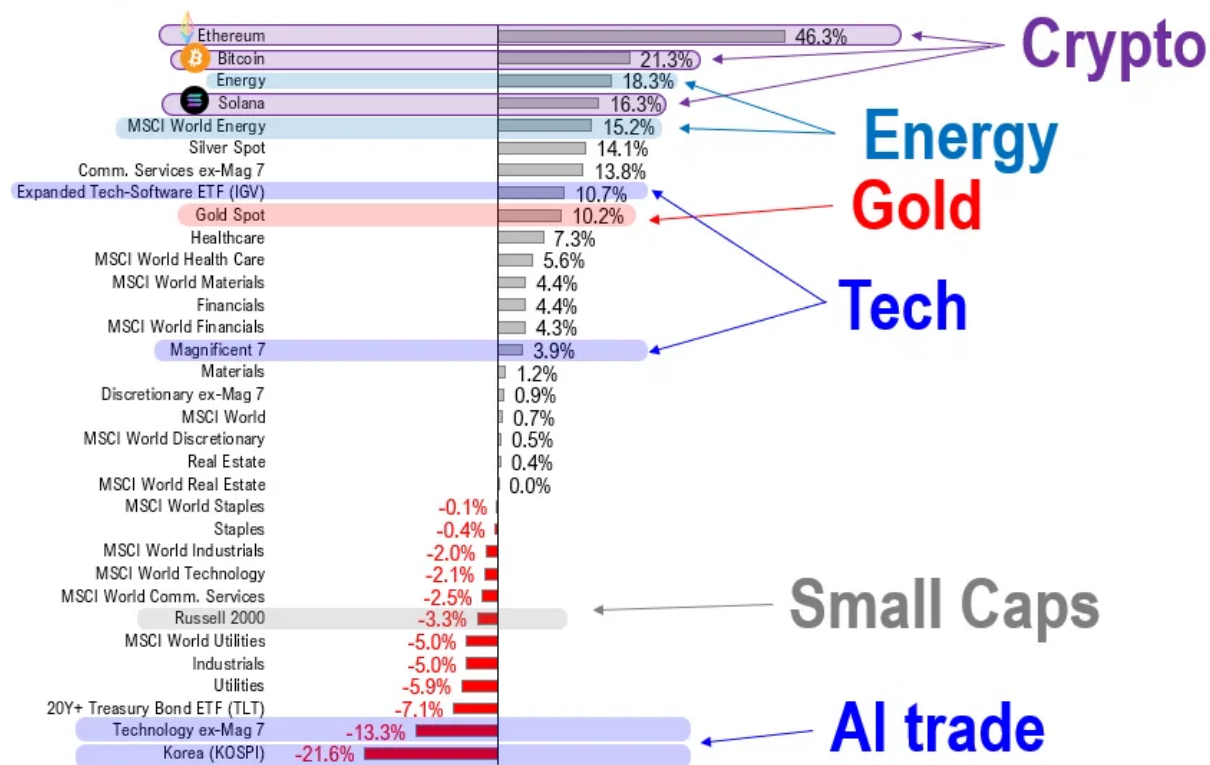
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SINCE JUNE 30th: Crypto, Software & Mag 7 outperforming

Performance of Sectors and Assets Relative to S&P 500 since 2Q26
6/30/26 to 8/20/26



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CRYPTO: Bitcoin and Ethereum surge

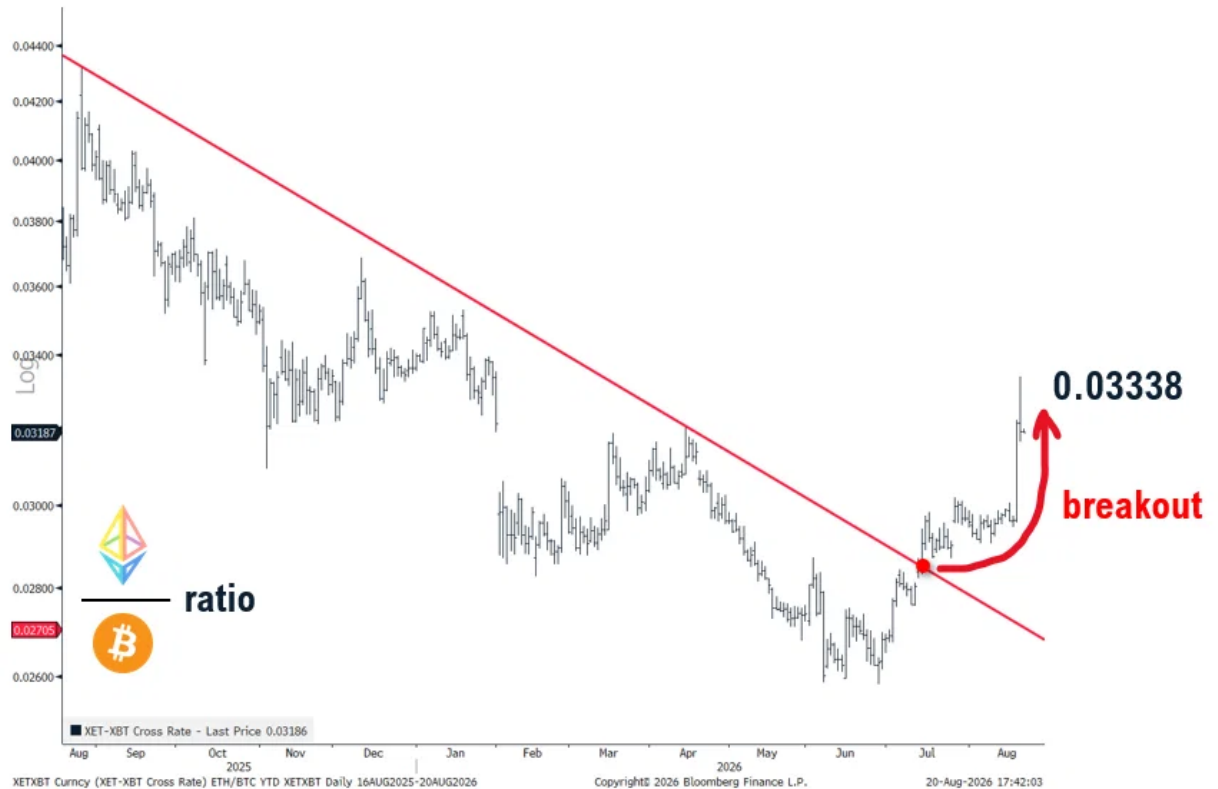


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ETH/BTC RATIO: In a confirmed uptrend

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CRYPTO: Equities that track crypto prices

Crypto Stocks 90-Day Correlation to IBIT and ETHA

Sorted by Market Cap

Ticker	Company Name	Market Cap (\$M)	90D Corr. IBIT	90D Corr. ETHA
Ethereum DATs				
1 BMNR	BitMine Immersion Technologies Inc	\$12,816		80%
2 SBET	Sharplink, Inc.	\$1,638		85%
3 BTBT	Bit Digital, Inc.	\$579		41%
Bitcoin DATs				
1 MSTR	Strategy Inc Class A	\$40,447	78%	
2 CEP	Twenty One Capital, Inc. Class A	\$2,113	75%	
3 MTPLF	Metaplanet Inc.	\$2,042	71%	
4 ASST	Strive, Inc. Class A	\$1,210	78%	
5 CEPO	Cantor Equity Partners I, Inc. Class A	\$219	20%	
6 ABTC	American Bitcoin Corp. Class A	\$201	47%	
7 BRR	ProCap Financial, Inc.	\$198	21%	
8 NAKA	Nakamoto Inc.	\$112	53%	
Broader Crypto Ecosystem				
1 HOOD	Robinhood Markets, Inc. Class A	\$74,173	41%	44%
2 XYZ	Block, Inc. Class A	\$43,184	35%	48%
3 COIN	Coinbase Global, Inc. Class A	\$38,182	74%	74%
4 CRCL	Circle Internet Group, Inc. Class A	\$19,526	62%	67%
5 BLSH	Bullish	\$4,211	59%	56%
6 DJT	Trump Media & Technology Group Co	\$2,356	40%	51%

Source: Fundstrat, Factset

\$BMNR
\$SBET
Highest correlation to ETH



\$MSTR
\$ASST
Highest correlation to BTC



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Quiet days of August

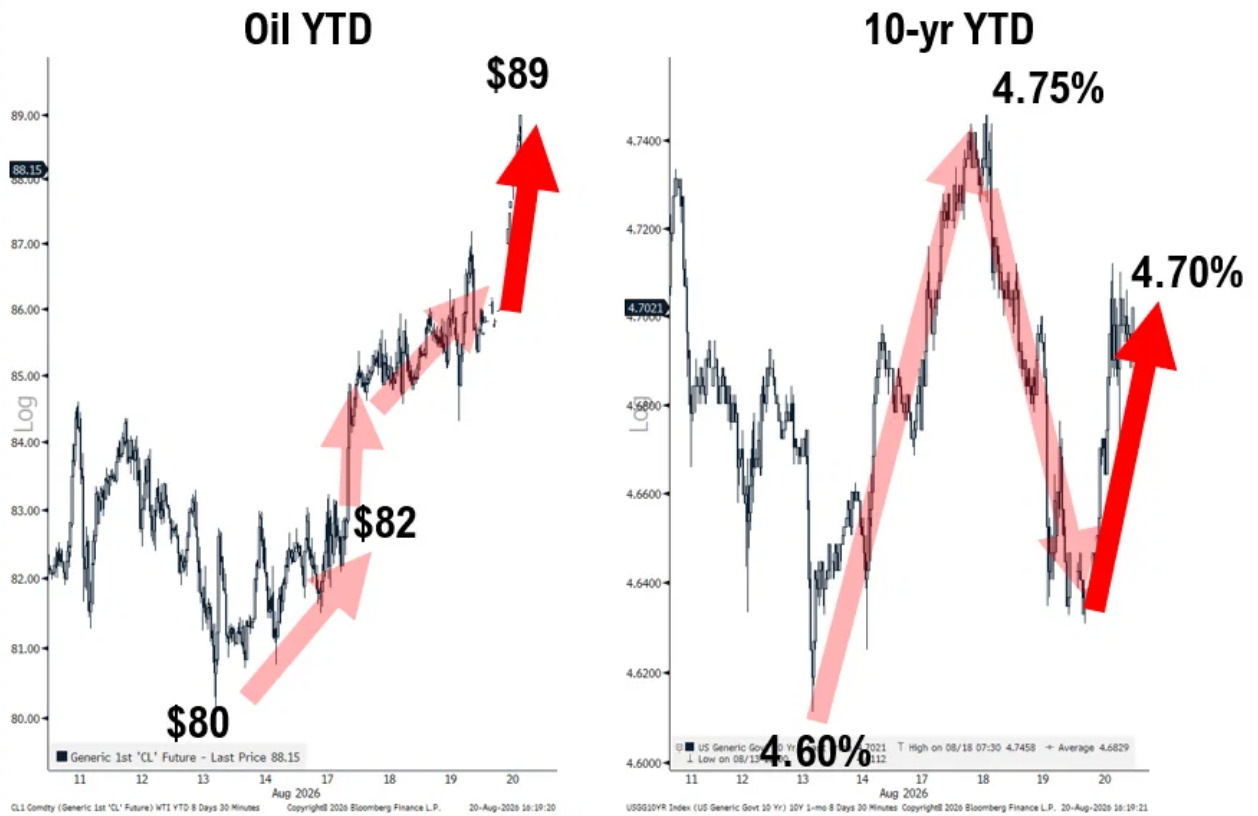
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INFLATION: Oil and 10-yr yields

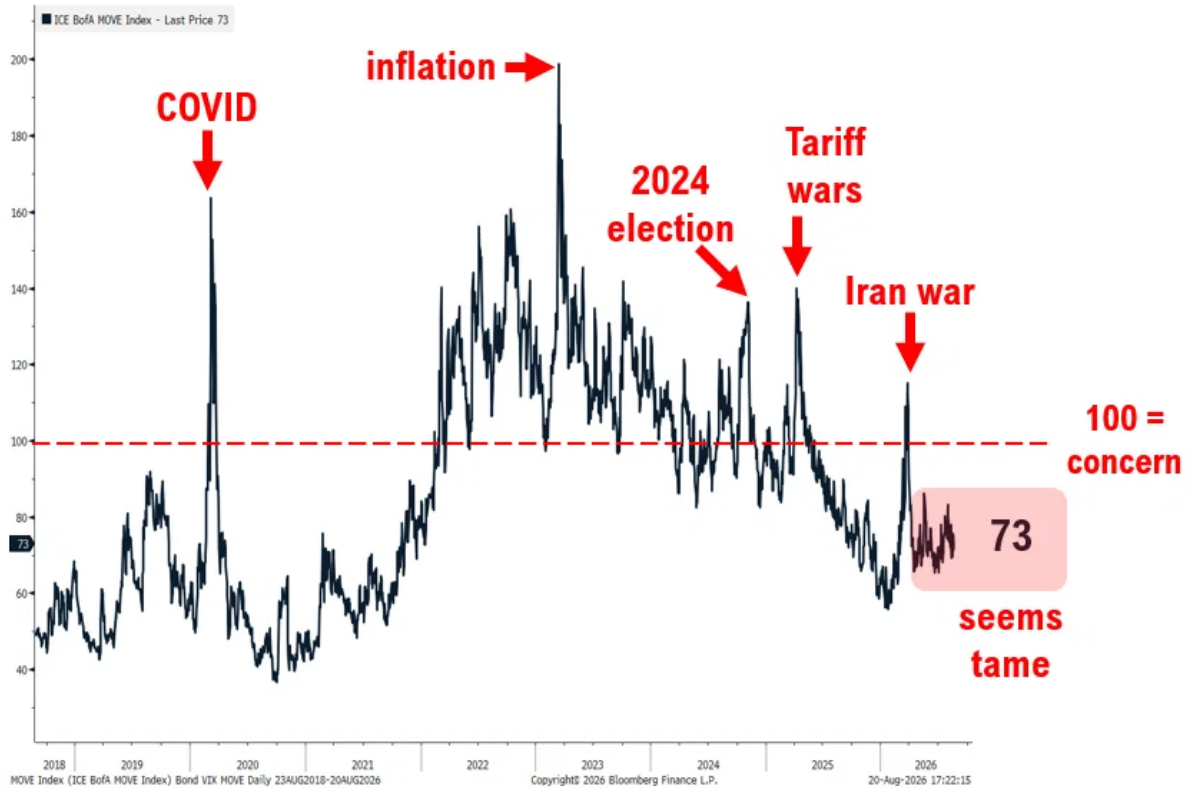


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MOVE: Bond volatility index is muted = not a crisis brewing

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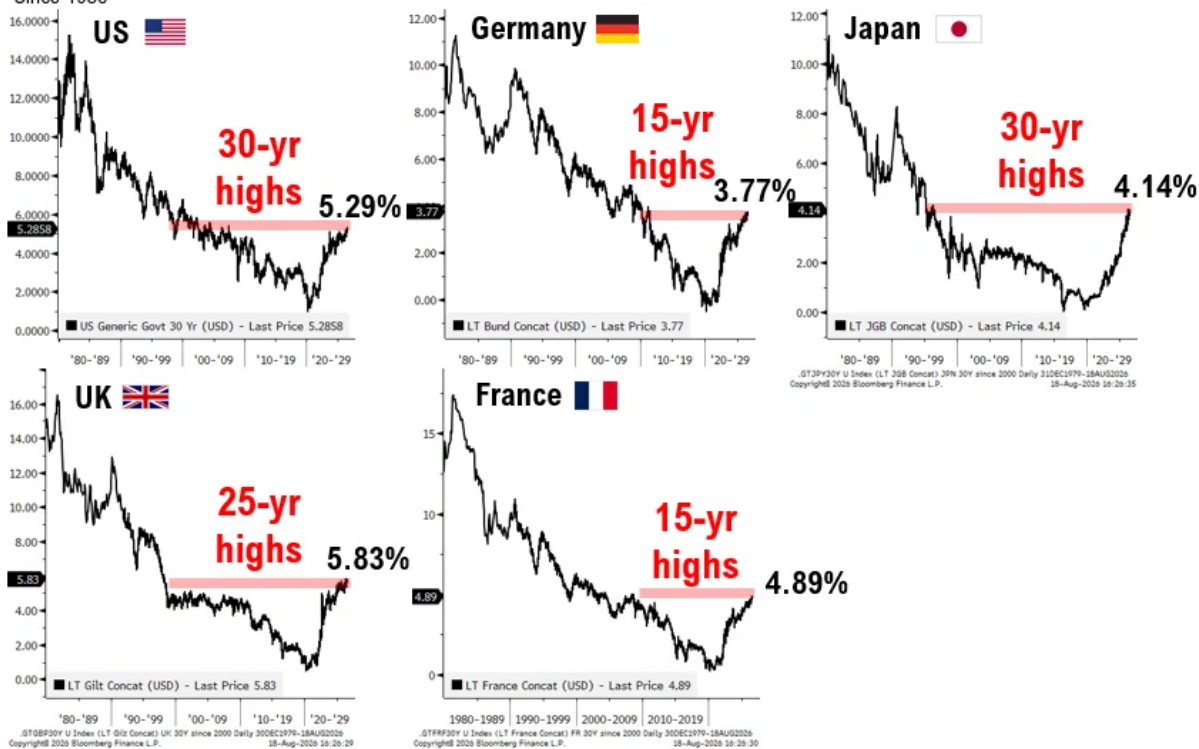
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30Y: Global yields moving higher

Global 30Y Yields in Major Countries Since 1980



Source: Fundstrat, FRED, Bloomberg

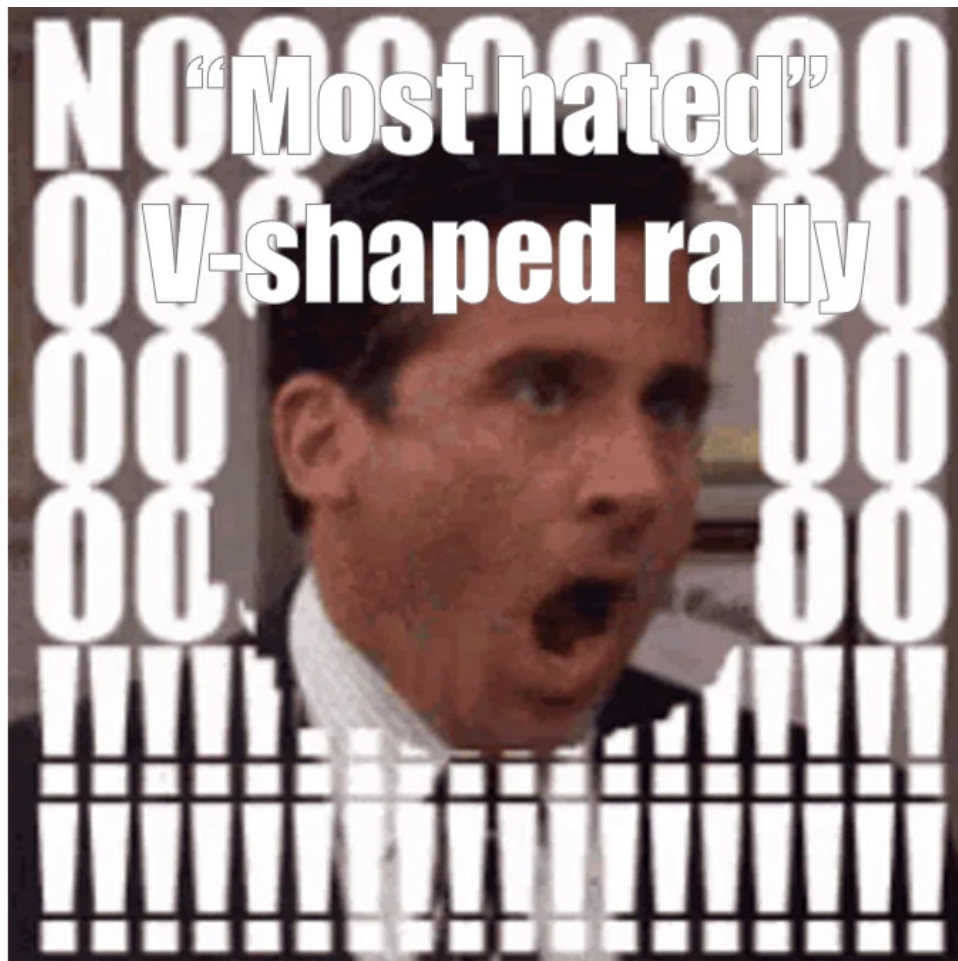
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Key Incoming Data August:

- ~~8/3 9:45 AM ET: Jul F S&P Global Manufacturing PMI~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/3 10:00 AM ET: Jul ISM Manufacturing PMI~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/4 8:30 AM ET: Jun Trade Balance~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/4 10:00 AM ET: Jun F Durable Goods Orders~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/4 10:00 AM ET: Jun JOLTS Job Openings~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/5 9:45 AM ET: Jul F S&P Global Services PMI~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/5 10:00 AM ET: Jul ISM Services PMI~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/6 8:30 AM ET: 2Q P Unit Labor Costs~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/6 8:30 AM ET: 2Q P Non-Farm Productivity~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/7 8:30 AM ET: Jul Non-Farm Payrolls~~ **Mixed**
- ~~8/7 11:00 AM ET: Jul NY Fed 1yr Inf Exp~~ **Tame**

- ~~8/11 6:00 AM ET: Jul Small Business Optimism Survey~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/11 10:00 AM ET: Jul Existing Home Sales~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/12 8:30 AM ET: Jul CPI~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/13 8:30 AM ET: Jul PPI~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/14 8:30 AM ET: Jul Retail Sales Data~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/14 10:00 AM ET: Aug P U. Mich. Sentiment and Inflation Expectation~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/17 8:30 AM ET: Aug Empire Manufacturing Survey~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/17 10:00 AM ET: Aug NAHB Housing Market Index~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/17 4:00 PM ET: Jun Net TIC Flows~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/19 2:00 PM ET: Jul FOMC Meeting Minutes~~ **Tame**
- ~~8/20 8:30 AM ET: Aug Philly Fed Business Outlook~~ **Mixed**
- 8/21 9:45 AM ET: Aug P S&P Global Services PMI
- 8/21 9:45 AM ET: Aug P S&P Global Manufacturing PMI
- 8/24 8:30 AM ET: Jul Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index
- 8/25 9:00 AM ET: Jun S&P Cotality CS 20-City MoM SA
- 8/25 10:00 AM ET: Aug Conference Board Consumer Confidence
- 8/25 10:00 AM ET: Jul New Home Sales
- 8/25 10:00 AM ET: Aug Richmond Fed Manufacturing Survey
- 8/26 8:30 AM ET: Jul P Durable Goods Orders
- 8/26 8:30 AM ET: 2Q S GDP
- 8/26 8:30 AM ET: Jul PCE Deflator
- 8/27 11:00 AM ET: Aug Kansas City Fed Manufacturing Survey
- 8/28 10:00 AM ET: Aug F U. Mich. Sentiment and Inflation Expectation
- 8/31 10:30 AM ET: Aug Dallas Fed Manuf. Activity Survey

Economic Data Performance Tracker 2026:

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S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
ISM Manufacturing PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
JOLTS Job Openings	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame						
Durable Goods Orders	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame						
S&P Global Services PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
ISM Services PMI	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
Trade Balance	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame						
Non-Farm Payrolls	Hot	Mixed	Hot	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame					
NYFed 1yr Inf Exp	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
Small Business Optimism Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
CPI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame					
PPI	Hot	Mixed	Tame	Hot	Mixed	Tame	Tame					
FOMC Rate Decision	Dovish		Mixed	Mixed		Mixed	Mixed					
FOMC Meeting Minutes	Mixed		Tame	Mixed		Dovish	Tame					
Fed Releases Beige Book	Tame		Tame	Tame	Mixed							
U. Mich. 1-yr inflation Expectation	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame				
Empire Manufacturing Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame				
Retail Sales Data	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
Net TIC Flows	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame						
NAHB Housing Market Index	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame				
Philly Fed Business Outlook	Tame		Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed				
Existing Home Sales	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
Dallas Fed Manuf. Activity Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame						
S&P Cotality CS 20 City MoM	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame							
Conference Board Consumer Confidence	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
Existing Home Sales	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame					
New Home Sales	Tame		Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame						
PCE Deflator	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame							

Data item	2026			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Non-Farm Productivity	Tame	Tame		
Unit Labor Costs	Tame	Tame		
GDP	Mixed	Tame		
Employment Cost Index	Tame			

Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

Economic Data Performance Tracker 2025:

Data item	2025											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
ISM Manufacturing PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
JOLTS Job Openings	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Hot	Tame	
Durable Goods Orders	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
S&P Global Services PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
ISM Services PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Trade Balance	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame			Tame	Tame	Tame
Non-Farm Payrolls	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Mixed	Tame	Hot		Mixed	
Manheim Used Vehicle Index	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
NYFed 1yr Inf Exp	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Small Business Optimism Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
CPI	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame		Tame	Tame
PPI	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame		Tame	Hot
FOMC Rate Decision	Tame		Dovish		Mixed	Mixed	Mixed		Dovish	Dovish		Mixed
FOMC Meeting Minutes	Tame		Mixed			Mixed	Mixed		Mixed			Mixed
Fed Releases Beige Book	Tame	Tame		Mixed		Mixed	Tame		Tame	Mixed	Mixed	
U. Mich. 1-yr inflation Expectation	Hot	Hot	Hot	Mixed	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Empire Manufacturing Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Retail Sales Data	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame
Net TIC Flows	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
NAHB Housing Market Index	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Philly Fed Business Outlook	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame
Existing Home Sales	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame
Dallas Fed Manuf. Activity Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame			Tame	
S&P Cotality CS 20 City MoM	Tame		Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame	Mixed	Mixed
Conference Board Consumer Confidence	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Existing Home Sales	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame
New Home Sales	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame		Tame
PCE Deflator	Tame	Mixed	Tame		Mixed	Tame	Mixed		Tame			Mixed

Data item	2025			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Non-Farm Productivity	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Unit Labor Costs	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
GDP	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Mixed
Employment Cost Index	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame

Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

Economic Data Performance Tracker 2024:

Data item	2024											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
ISM Manufacturing PMI	Mixed	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
JOLTS Job Openings	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Durable Goods Orders			Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
S&P Global Services PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
ISM Services PMI	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Mixed	Tame	Tame
Trade Balance			Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Non-Farm Payrolls	Hot	Mixed	Hot	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame	Hot
Manheim Used Vehicle Index	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Mixed	Tame
NYFed 1yr Inf Exp	Tame		Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Small Business Optimism Survey				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
CPI	Mixed	Mixed	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame
PPI	Mixed	Mixed	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame
FOMC Rate Decision	Dovish		Dovish		Dovish	Dovish	Dovish		Dovish		Dovish	Hawkish
FOMC Meeting Minutes	Dovish		Dovish		Dovish	Dovish	Dovish		Dovish		Dovish	Tame
Fed Releases Beige Book			Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame		Tame	Dovish		Dovish
U. Mich. 1-yr inflation Expectation	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Empire Manufacturing Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame
Retail Sales Data	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Net TIC Flows			Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame
NAHB Housing Market Index	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Philly Fed Business Outlook	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Existing Home Sales				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Dallas Fed Manuf. Activity Survey	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index			Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
S&P CoreLogic CS home price	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed
Conference Board Consumer Confidence	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Existing Home Sales				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
New Home Sales				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
PCE Deflator	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame

Data item	2024			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Treasury QRA Announcement		Tame	Tame	
Non-Farm Productivity	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Unit Labor Costs	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
GDP	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Employment Cost Index	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame

Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

Economic Data Performance Tracker 2023:

Data item	2023											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
S&P Global Manufacturing PMI								Mixed		Tame	Tame	Mixed
ISM Manufacturing PMI					Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
JOLTS Job Openings					Tame	Tame	Tame	Hot	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Mixed
Durable Goods Orders												
S&P Global Services PMI											Tame	Tame
ISM Services PMI				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame
Trade Balance												
Non-Farm Payrolls				Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Mixed
Manheim Used Vehicle Index				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
NYFed 1yr Inf Exp							Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame
Small Business Optimism Survey												
CPI				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame
PPI				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame
FOMC Rate Decision				Dovish	Dovish		Dovish		Hawkish		Dovish	Dovish
FOMC Meeting Minutes					Dovish			Mixed	Dovish		Dovish	Dovish
Fed Releases Beige Book									Tame	Tame	Tame	
U. Mich. 1-yr inflation Expectation				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Empire Manufacturing Survey								Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Retail Sales Data									Hot	Tame	Tame	Tame
Net TIC Flows												
NAHB Housing Market Index							Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Philly Fed Business Outlook								Tame	Mixed	Tame	Tame	Mixed
Existing Home Sales									Tame			
Dallas Fed Manuf. Activity Survey										Tame	Tame	Tame
Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index												
S&P CoreLogic CS home price				Tame	Tame	Tame		Mixed	Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame
Conference Board Consumer Confidence						Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame	Tame
Existing Home Sales									Tame			
New Home Sales												
PCE Deflator				Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame		Tame	Tame	Tame	Tame

Data item	2023			
	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q
Treasury QRA Announcement				Tame
Non-Farm Productivity			Tame	Tame
Unit Labor Costs				
GDP			Mixed	Tame
Employment Cost Index		Tame	Mixed	

Source: Fundstrat, Bloomberg

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