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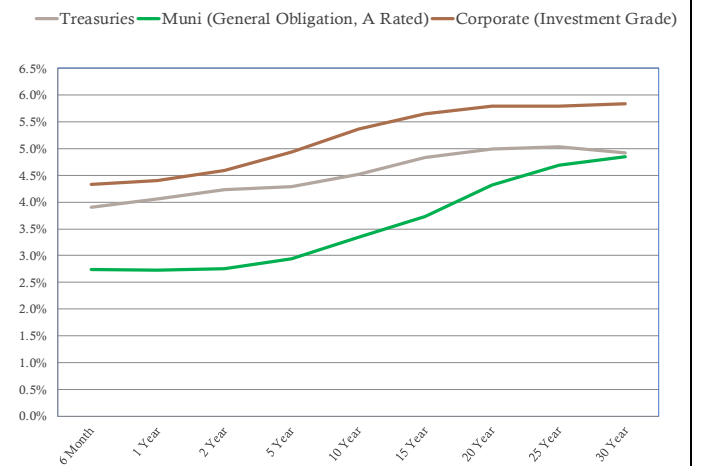
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Market leadership was concentrated in U.S. tech and industrials as concerns surrounding the Iran conflict and the Strait of Hormuz eased following the signing of a US-Iran interim memorandum of understanding. Semiconductor stocks led sector performance, with a gauge of chipmakers reaching all-time highs after President Trump announced that Intel and Apple would collaborate on domestic semiconductor design and production, though neither company has officially confirmed. International equity performance was mixed: European financials and industrials set 52-week highs, while the MSCI China index fell more than 2%. Still, MSCI EM stocks gained 7.1% for the week as the US-Iran deal reduced geopolitical risk premia across the asset class. Oil fell sharply. WTI was on track with weekly losses exceeding 13% and approaching pre-war levels.

May CPI rose 4.2% y/y — the fastest pace since early 2023, but in line with expectations, driven primarily by energy costs tied to the war in Iran, though core inflation rose a more modest 0.2% m/m. The labor market remained resilient: initial jobless claims fell to 226,000 for the week ended June 13, and May nonfarm payrolls rose 172,000, above consensus. The central debate focused on whether energy-related price pressures represent a temporary shock — potentially reversing as Hormuz flows normalize, or a more persistent inflation challenge.

The June FOMC meeting — Kevin Warsh's first as chairman — voted unanimously to hold the benchmark rate steady at 3.5%–3.75%, but the accompanying dot plot signaled a hawkish shift: the median 2026 rate forecast rose to 3.75% from 3.375%, with 9/18 officials projecting at least one hike this year. Warsh used his debut press conference to emphasize the commitment to price stability and announce structural reforms, including a shorter post-meeting statement and task forces to review communications, the balance sheet, and the inflation framework — a deliberate move away from forward guidance toward data dependency. Markets reacted sharply: two-year Treasury yields rose 13 basis points on Wednesday, their largest single-day move since April 2025, as traders priced in rate hikes as soon as July. Have a great weekend!

As of 06/18/26		Total Returns				
Equity Markets	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Dow Jones	51564.70	1.5%	4.0%	10.0%	8.4%	24.0%
S&P500	7500.64	1.5%	1.4%	10.8%	11.0%	25.5%
NASDAQ	26517.93	2.8%	1.7%	15.9%	15.0%	34.2%
Styles	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Large Cap (Russell)		1.3%	1.7%	10.5%	10.7%	24.8%
Small Cap (Russell)		1.7%	7.1%	16.2%	17.9%	40.7%
Value (Russell)		1.3%	4.5%	11.4%	16.1%	30.1%
Growth (Russell)		1.4%	-0.4%	10.2%	6.3%	20.8%
International (MSCI)		4.1%	4.6%	8.9%	13.1%	24.9%
Emerging Markets (MSCI)		7.2%	7.5%	20.1%	32.6%	52.5%
Currency/Commodities	Closing	1 Week	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
US Dollar Index	100.85	0.9%	1.6%	0.7%	2.4%	1.9%
Gold	4245.90	2.9%	-7.8%	-14.8%	-5.0%	18.9%
Bitcoin	63,141	-1.7%	-17.8%	-11.4%	-26.2%	-39.8%
Natural Gas	3.233	4.5%	1.2%	-5.9%	-12.2%	-25.7%
Oil	76.60	-12.2%	-26.2%	-13.6%	37.4%	16.2%



		Historical Readings				
Economic Data	Last	Trend	1 Mo	3 Mo	6 Mo	1 Year
Unemployment %	4.3%	~	4.3%	4.4%	4.5%	4.3%
Jobless Claims	226	+	212	205	224	243
GDP Q/Q Annualized	1.6%	+	N/A	0.5%	4.4%	-0.6%
Headline CPI Y/Y	4.2%	+	3.8%	2.4%	2.7%	2.4%
Core CPI Y/Y	2.9%	+	2.8%	2.5%	2.6%	2.8%
FHFA Price Index Y/Y	1.7%	~	1.7%	2.0%	2.0%	4.0%
Existing Home Sales Y/Y	3.2%	+	0.5%	-0.5%	-1.2%	-0.5%
NAHB Homebuilder Index	35	-	37	38	39	32
Retail Sales Y/Y	6.9%	+	4.8%	4.2%	3.2%	3.1%
Consumer Confidence	93.1	-	93.8	91.0	92.9	98.4
ISM Manufacturing Index	54.0	+	52.7	52.4	48.0	48.6

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