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Last week, U.S. equities moved broadly lower as leadership favored value-oriented areas and a narrow set of sectors. Large-cap value held up better than growth, while healthcare, energy, and materials outperformed and technology and industrials lagged. Internationally, emerging markets and Latin America were more resilient than developed markets. Fixed income was mixed. Shorter maturities were steady, while long-term Treasury yields whipsawed midweek — rallying sharply on the Treasury's buyback announcement before fully reversing those gains within 24 hours, ending the week elevated. Commodities advanced, led by oil and precious metals, and Bitcoin surged more than 22%, benefiting alongside gold from fiscal debasement concerns tied to the buyback announcement.

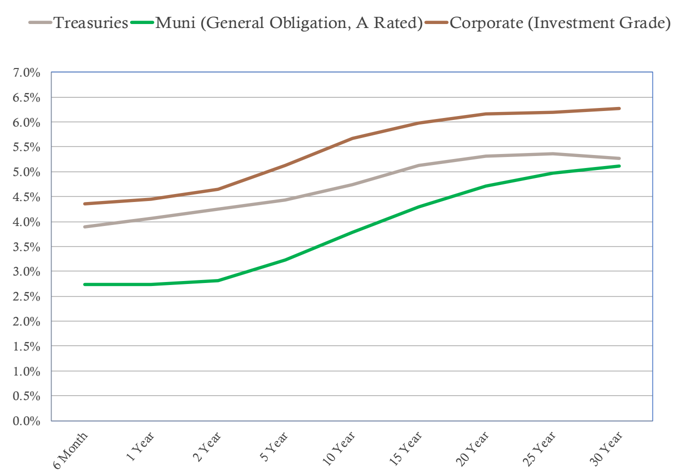
Corporate fundamentals remained strong, with S&P 500 second-quarter earnings growth at approximately 54% year-over-year on a blended basis, and European earnings posting their strongest season in three years. Inflation remained elevated, and although productivity gains helped offset some cost pressures, real wage growth continued to lag inflation for the fourth consecutive month.

Policy developments centered on inflation. Fed minutes showed broader support for tightening if inflation fails to decline, with three officials formally dissenting in favor of a hike at the July meeting. Chairman Warsh reduced forward guidance, leaving markets more dependent on incoming data. The Treasury announced that long-end bond buyback operations would at least double, effective September 9, to be financed through additional bill issuance rather than new liquidity.

The week's themes focused on resilient earnings, inflation, policy uncertainty, and geopolitical issues. Iranian fuel export limits through Hormuz tightened diesel supply, while Ukrainian strikes on Russian refineries worsened transportation and input costs. AI influenced earnings, investing, and financing, linking demand, capital availability, and market concentration.

Have a great week!

As of 08/21/26		Total Returns				
Equity Markets	**Closing**	**1 Week**	**1 Mo**	**3 Mo**	**6 Mo**	**1 Year**
Dow Jones	53277.01	-0.8%	2.1%	5.9%	7.1%	19.3%
S&P500	7674.37	-1.4%	2.3%	3.1%	11.2%	20.9%
NASDAQ	26180.46	-2.0%	1.4%	-0.6%	14.2%	23.9%
Styles	**Closing**	**1 Week**	**1 Mo**	**3 Mo**	**6 Mo**	**1 Year**
Large Cap (Russell)		-1.4%	2.5%	3.6%	11.1%	20.6%
Small Cap (Russell)		-1.6%	1.1%	6.5%	13.1%	33.6%
Value (Russell)		-0.5%	3.9%	9.9%	14.5%	31.2%
Growth (Russell)		-2.3%	0.9%	-2.2%	7.8%	11.7%
International (MSCI)		-0.9%	3.8%	6.5%	5.0%	21.3%
Emerging Markets (MSCI)		0.0%	3.0%	4.7%	10.0%	37.9%
Currency/Commodities	**Closing**	**1 Week**	**1 Mo**	**3 Mo**	**6 Mo**	**1 Year**
US Dollar Index	98.80	-0.8%	-2.3%	-0.4%	1.1%	0.2%
Gold	4680.60	5.2%	12.9%	0.5%	-10.6%	32.5%
Bitcoin	77,513	23.0%	16.8%	-0.2%	13.4%	-31.1%
Natural Gas	2.773	0.7%	-3.1%	-12.7%	-21.4%	-28.3%
Oil	87.06	6.5%	5.7%	0.8%	35.7%	39.5%



		Historical Readings				
Economic Data	**Last**	**Trend**	**1 Mo**	**3 Mo**	**6 Mo**	**1 Year**
Unemployment %	4.1%	+	4.2%	4.3%	4.3%	4.3%
Jobless Claims	206	-	209	210	208	233
GDP Q/Q Annualized	1.5%	-	N/A	2.1%	0.5%	3.8%
Headline CPI Y/Y	3.4%	-	3.5%	3.8%	2.4%	2.7%
Core CPI Y/Y	2.5%	-	2.6%	2.8%	2.5%	3.1%
FHFA Price Index Y/Y	2.2%	+	2.0%	1.9%	2.3%	3.1%
Existing Home Sales Y/Y	0.7%	-	3.8%	0.5%	-1.7%	0.8%
NAHB Homebuilder Index	35	+	34	37	37	32
Retail Sales Y/Y	5.0%	-	6.8%	5.1%	3.3%	4.1%
Consumer Confidence	90.8	-	92.2	93.8	89.0	98.7
ISM Manufacturing Index	55.6	+	53.3	52.7	52.6	48.4

*All economic release data referenced from public sources believed to be accurate

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*Figures quoted represent monthly changes (m/m) and are seasonally adjusted