

The Caruso-Colonna Group at Morgan Stanley August 2026 Newsletter

Our Mission: To Gain and Maintain Financial Freedom

“The mind once enlightened cannot become dark again.” Thomas Paine

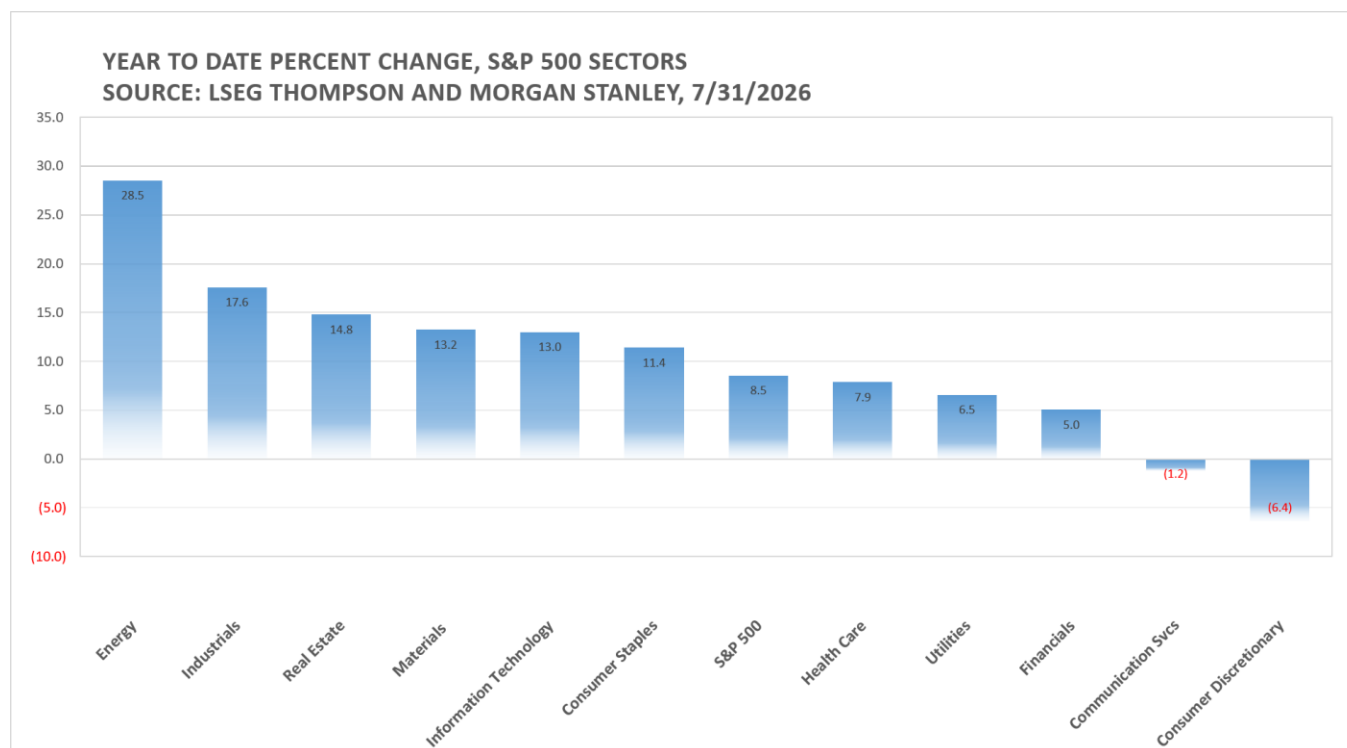
Markets and Discontent:

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The Ukraine and Iran military conflicts continue to create energy market uncertainty. This has been a benefit for the S&P 500's Energy sector companies. This sector has gained nearly 30% through the end of July with nearly all components achieving double-digit price increases. The oil refiners experienced the best results year-to-date. (1) Energy's returns reinforce this sector's vital economic role. Without reliable energy supplies, there is no modern economy.

Despite Energy's outperformance, most S&P 500 sectors are positive. Only the Communication Services and Communication Discretionary sectors are slightly down this year.



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Late July witnessed increased selling pressure among memory chip and chip equipment manufacturers. The table below shows the average quarterly return of the S&P 500's subsectors through July 28th. Semiconductor manufacturers declined nearly 20% while the best returns occurred in professional, financial, and telecommunication services.

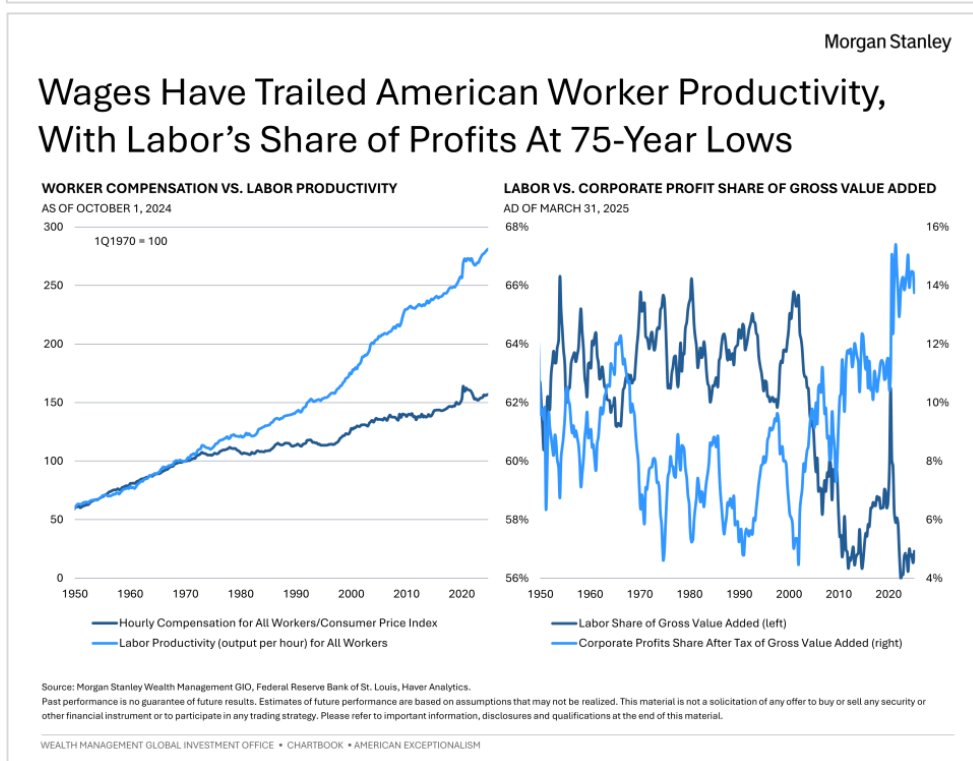
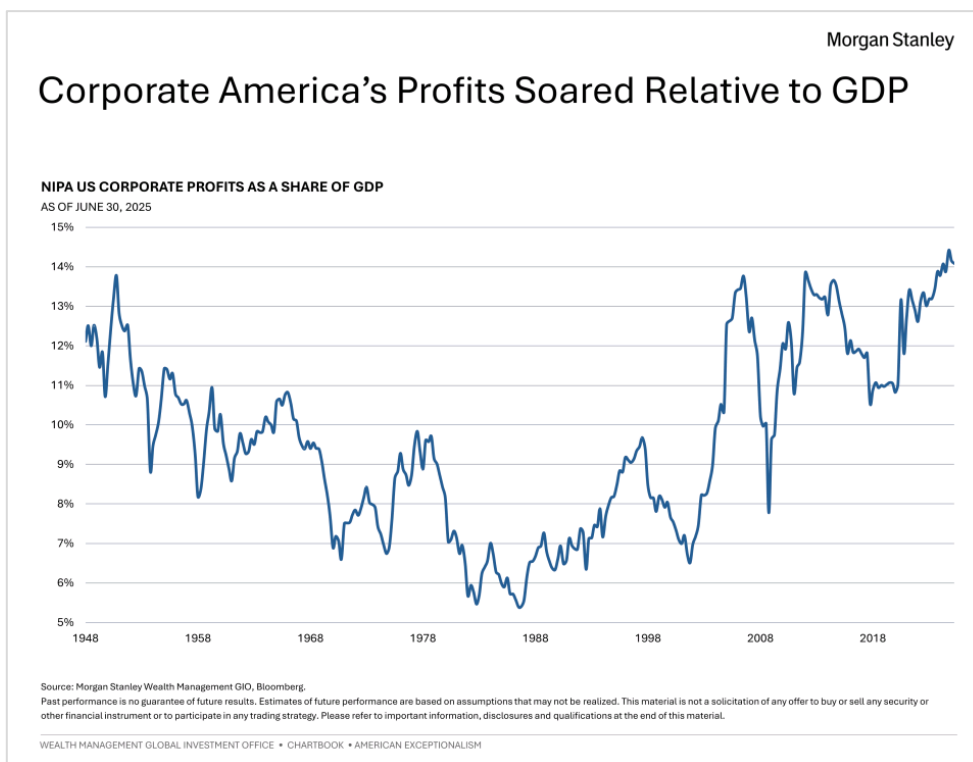
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Banks	3.58
Capital Goods	-1.41
Commercial & Professional Services	12.76
Consumer Discretionary Distribn & Retail	4.26
Consumer Durables & Apparel	1.65
Consumer Services	3.26
Consumer Staples Distribution & Retail	5.53
Energy	5.23
Equity Real Estate Invmt Trusts (REITs)	3.07
Financial Services	11.04
Food, Beverage & Tobacco	6.47
Health Care Equipment & Services	7.04
Household & Personal Products	3.52
Insurance	9.89
Materials	4.13
Media & Entertainment	2.52
Pharmaceuticals, Biotech & Life Sciences	5.15
Real Estate Management & Development	8.17
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipmt	-19.17
Software & Services	7.78
Technology Hardware & Equipment	-10.49
Telecommunication Services	10.07
Transportation	-0.64
Utilities	0.00

July's technology pressure seemed to stem from concerns about capital spending and whether it will translate into profit growth. Corporate profit reports that we saw in July's last week, including from many tech stalwarts, appeared solid to us. We see this rotation as being healthy market broadening. Investors perhaps are widening their horizons to find value in other sectors.

Despite US market strength though, we sense discontent out there. If the economy and markets are doing well, why do many people seem sullen?

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We think the next couple of charts help answer this. We have long believed that corporate profits underpin markets. The first graph shows that US corporate profits as a percentage of GDP are at a record high. However, US worker wage growth has trailed productivity growth. Labor's share of profits is at a 75-year low. We note from the lower chart that the divergence in productivity and compensation seemed to begin in the early to mid-1970's. This is about the time the US abandoned the gold standard. Coincidence? Maybe. We cannot say with certainty that this began the divergence, but the timing aligns.



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We think the onus for retirement preparedness remains with workers. To us, this means they should be active equity investors even beyond their employer retirement plans. There is a case to be made that people should be even more aggressive with budgeting and retirement investment decisions. If they are sharing less in wage growth, then to the extent that they can, perhaps they should be striving to do more to participate in equity market growth.

US equity markets have generated good returns over decades of time. We wrote last month about the Dow Jones Industrial Average's 45-year price return exceeding 9% annually. (2) This is growth that has almost assuredly exceeded wage growth over that time. People who fear or ignore equity markets might impair their financial futures. Recent market fears articulated to us include worries about artificial intelligence and whether markets 'can continue' to grow. We think the past forty-five years support our belief that they can.

When is it Okay to Buy a Home?

Young adults, even in their early 20's, often tell us they want to buy a home. But this desire brings planning challenges. This section is meant to be a short guide for them and their parents to answer this question. We view this as any other planning problem. We work backwards to ascertain whether somebody may be in position to purchase a home based on retirement investment, income, home cost and downpayment, and home maintenance constraints.

1. First, we do not advise that people sacrifice retirement investment to buy a home. We recommend that total annual for retirement investment (including employer additions) be at least 15% of gross earnings. The higher the better of course.
2. Second, house payments should fit one's budget. A good rule of thumb is that your home payment consisting of Principal, Interest, Taxes, and Insurance (PITA) should not exceed 28% of gross income. Total debt payments generally should be less than 36% of gross income. For somebody earning \$7,000 per month, PITA should be about \$2,000 per month or less. With this number, we can calculate the approximate value of what someone may be able to purchase.
3. Third, ideally one would like to have a 20% downpayment to avoid the cost of private mortgage insurance. We understand this is not always practical, but it is preferable.
4. Fourth, remember that homes require maintenance. Estimates vary but our personal experience has shown that one should plan for 2% to 3% or more of the home's value for annual maintenance costs. Systems such as plumbing, HVAC, and electrical require regular care. Yards, landscaping, and driveways need maintenance. Appliances and major systems occasionally need replacement.

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The house below with its four windows is a way to visualize these constraints. This guide is not absolute. Every situation is unique though and should be considered on its own merits. If you wish to consult with any of us to study your situation, please contact us.



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- (1) Source: LSEG ThompsonOne, Morgan Stanley, 7/31/2026
- (2) Caruso-Colonna Group July 2026 Newsletter
- (3) AUM Data as of 8/1/2026

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Because of their narrow focus, sector investments tend to be more volatile than investments that diversify across many sectors and companies.

Capital Market Indices

Monday, August 3, 2026

US Equities	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
S&P 500	7,489.72	0.7%	1.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	10.1%	19.5%
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	52,485.03	0.5%	1.0%	0.4%	0.4%	10.2%	20.9%
NASDAQ Composite	25,373.85	1.0%	1.6%	-3.2%	-3.2%	9.5%	20.9%
NYSE Composite	24,107.54	-0.1%	0.5%	1.3%	1.3%	10.9%	20.4%
AMEX Composite	8,448.14	0.1%	0.5%	8.9%	8.9%	24.2%	44.2%
Americas Equities (USD)	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
Canada S&P	25,107.73	-1.0%	0.1%	2.5%	2.5%	10.1%	30.6%
Mexico IPC	3,861.31	-0.4%	1.6%	0.9%	0.9%	10.1%	30.7%
Brazil Bovespa	35,043.31	0.3%	2.1%	5.3%	5.3%	19.3%	47.2%
Europe Equities (USD)	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
UK FTSE 100	14,633.83	-0.3%	2.2%	5.3%	5.3%	11.6%	25.0%
Eurozone STOXX 50	7,322.52	0.1%	2.5%	1.5%	1.5%	10.3%	24.0%
France CAC 40	9,800.55	0.2%	2.9%	2.2%	2.2%	5.1%	13.9%
Germany DAX	29,517.20	-0.0%	3.4%	3.5%	3.5%	2.5%	7.4%
Spain IBEX 35	22,783.97	0.0%	2.3%	3.1%	3.1%	14.9%	43.4%
Asia Equities (USD)	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
Japan Nikkei 225	403.85	4.2%	2.4%	-6.2%	-6.2%	26.5%	50.7%
Hang Seng Hong Kong	3,300.74	0.1%	3.7%	13.5%	13.5%	2.2%	7.8%
China Shenzhen Comp.	359.56	2.3%	0.7%	-13.9%	-13.9%	0.1%	20.4%
Alternatives	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
FTSE EPRA/NAREIT Global	1,931.92	-0.6%	-1.8%	2.6%	2.6%	12.7%	15.4%
Alerian Midstream Energy Select	932.16	0.3%	-2.3%	3.6%	3.6%	28.6%	29.1%
HFRX Global Hedge Fund	1,644.63	0.0%	-0.4%	-1.3%	-1.3%	3.4%	7.6%
HFRI Fund of Funds ¹	9,856.96	-	-	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	15.4%
HFRX Macro/CTA Index	1,417.33	0.0%	-1.6%	-1.9%	-1.9%	3.7%	12.6%
Commodities	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
Bloomberg Commodity	132.05	-0.1%	-2.1%	7.2%	7.2%	20.4%	30.5%
..Ex- Energy	141.71	-0.4%	-1.6%	2.9%	2.9%	3.8%	21.4%
..Ex- Precious Metals	157.59	0.2%	-2.3%	8.9%	8.9%	28.8%	29.2%
CRB Index	565.32	-	-	-	-	4.7%	0.6%
Bloomberg Agriculture	58.07	-0.3%	-3.5%	5.7%	5.7%	8.7%	8.1%
Bloomberg Energy	39.76	0.6%	-3.0%	15.2%	15.2%	56.9%	36.4%
WTI Crude Oil Futures	84.67	1.3%	-5.2%	21.8%	21.8%	47.5%	22.2%
Brent Crude Oil Futures	90.12	1.2%	-6.9%	23.6%	23.6%	48.1%	24.3%
Gasoline Futures	3.22	-1.9%	-5.1%	6.9%	6.9%	88.9%	45.4%
Natural Gas Futures	2.75	-0.4%	-4.3%	-16.1%	-16.1%	-25.5%	-11.6%
Bloomberg Ind. Metals	176.73	-0.1%	1.0%	3.3%	3.3%	8.2%	27.5%
Copper Futures	6.47	-0.1%	2.3%	4.4%	4.4%	13.8%	48.5%
Bloomberg Prec. Metals	415.69	-1.4%	-0.8%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-9.7%	28.5%
Gold Futures	4,049.10	-1.2%	-0.5%	0.3%	0.3%	-6.7%	23.0%
Silver Futures	57.79	-2.1%	-1.5%	-2.8%	-2.8%	-18.2%	57.4%
Palladium Futures	1,281.40	-2.0%	2.2%	5.8%	5.8%	-22.4%	6.2%
Platinum Futures	1,658.70	-0.1%	4.1%	7.0%	7.0%	-18.5%	27.7%
Bloomberg Softs	63.27	2.6%	1.9%	5.4%	5.4%	-0.3%	5.2%

US Size- Style	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
Russell 3000	4,256.18	0.6%	1.0%	-0.5%	-0.5%	10.3%	19.6%
Russell 3000 Growth	3,731.47	0.7%	0.6%	-4.8%	-4.8%	0.8%	8.6%
Russell 3000 Value	3,237.00	0.4%	1.3%	3.6%	3.6%	20.8%	31.6%
S&P 500	7,489.72	0.7%	1.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	10.1%	19.5%
S&P 500 Equal Weight	8,705.93	-0.2%	0.6%	1.0%	1.0%	13.2%	19.2%
S&P 500 Growth	5,453.28	1.5%	1.8%	-1.8%	-1.8%	10.0%	19.4%
S&P 500 Value	2,282.36	-0.2%	0.2%	2.0%	2.0%	10.2%	19.7%
Russell 1000	4,076.38	0.6%	1.0%	-0.4%	-0.4%	9.9%	18.9%
Russell 1000 Growth	4,764.82	0.8%	0.6%	-4.8%	-4.8%	0.3%	8.0%
Russell 1000 Value	2,474.34	0.5%	1.4%	3.8%	3.8%	20.6%	31.1%
Russell Midcap	4,369.25	-0.3%	0.3%	-0.6%	-0.6%	14.6%	18.7%
Russell Midcap Growth	2,209.34	-0.3%	0.2%	-6.5%	-6.5%	0.3%	-2.7%
Russell Midcap Value	3,832.85	-0.3%	0.4%	1.5%	1.5%	19.3%	26.2%
Russell 2000	2,931.34	-0.5%	0.1%	-3.0%	-3.0%	19.0%	34.3%
Russell 2000 Growth	1,895.03	-0.7%	0.2%	-5.9%	-5.9%	15.1%	28.5%
Russell 2000 Value	3,308.14	-0.3%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	23.2%	40.7%
S&P 500 Sectors	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
Communication Services	456.61	4.6%	5.4%	0.6%	0.6%	1.4%	19.0%
Consumer Discretionary	1,922.36	6.1%	8.3%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	7.5%
Consumer Staples	940.96	-0.4%	1.2%	2.1%	2.1%	10.3%	10.3%
Energy	912.61	0.8%	-0.2%	12.6%	12.6%	34.7%	41.2%
Financials	946.79	-0.1%	1.1%	6.2%	6.2%	4.8%	10.4%
Health Care	1,893.67	-0.6%	-0.0%	2.4%	2.4%	6.0%	26.9%
Industrials	1,520.75	0.8%	-1.6%	-3.0%	-3.0%	16.5%	19.7%
Information Technology	6,553.95	-0.5%	-0.1%	-3.4%	-3.4%	15.7%	26.2%
Materials	627.22	-2.7%	-1.7%	-1.7%	-1.7%	10.1%	15.3%
Real Estate	286.59	-0.7%	-2.2%	2.5%	2.5%	14.3%	14.0%
Utilities	450.17	-0.7%	-4.2%	-2.2%	-2.2%	5.3%	6.4%
MSCI Indices (USD)	Jul- 31	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y
All Country World	1,120.51	1.2%	1.4%	0.1%	0.1%	11.6%	22.6%
... ex- US	473.49	2.2%	2.0%	0.4%	0.4%	14.5%	29.2%
World	4,847.88	0.5%	1.2%	0.5%	0.5%	10.5%	20.9%
... ex- US	3,249.45	0.2%	1.8%	2.1%	2.1%	11.9%	25.7%
USA	7,140.07	0.7%	1.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%	10.0%	19.1%
EAFE	3,176.14	0.4%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	12.1%	25.1%
Pacific	4,225.15	1.3%	2.5%	2.7%	2.7%	16.3%	28.2%
Japan	15.44	2.0%	2.5%	1.0%	1.0%	17.1%	32.8%
Pacific ex- Japan	1,746.68	0.0%	2.5%	6.6%	6.6%	14.3%	19.4%
All Country Asia ex- Japan	1,103.67	7.4%	2.5%	-3.2%	-3.2%	22.3%	38.1%
Europe	249.89	-0.2%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	10.3%	23.9%
...ex- UK	294.14	-0.3%	1.8%	0.9%	0.9%	9.8%	23.3%
Emerging Markets	1,665.89	6.6%	2.4%	-3.0%	-3.0%	20.3%	37.0%
Brazil	1,888.37	0.1%	1.9%	6.4%	6.4%	16.6%	45.5%
China	9.74	0.5%	3.9%	9.0%	9.0%	-7.2%	-1.0%
India	31.13	0.6%	3.7%	1.6%	1.6%	-8.1%	-5.4%
Mexico	8,245.55	-0.4%	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	13.3%	35.6%
Frontier Markets	814.83	-0.1%	1.8%	0.5%	0.5%	10.9%	27.1%

USD SOFR Rates	Jul- 31	3M Ago	1Y Ago
One- Month	3.66%	3.65%	4.35%
Three- Month	3.75%	3.66%	4.30%
Six- Month	3.88%	3.68%	4.19%
One- Year	4.05%	3.74%	4.00%
US Bank Rates	Jul- 31	3M Ago	1Y Ago
Federal Funds	3.62%	3.64%	4.31%
Discount Rate	3.75%	3.75%	4.50%
Prime Rate	6.75%	6.75%	7.50%
Volatility	Jul- 31	1D Chg.	4W Ago
CBOE Volatility (VIX)	15.99	-1.10	16.45
Treasury Bond Volatility	83.02	7.69	71.96
FX Volatility	6.24	3.31	6.37
FX Rates	Jul- 31	1D Chg.	1D %, FX
US Dollar Spot Rate (DXY)	99.91	0.05	0.1%
Euro (EUR/USD)	1.1527	-0.00	-0.0%
British Pound (GBP/USD)	1.3483	0.00	0.1%
Swiss Franc (USD/CHF)	0.8075	0.00	-0.3%
Japanese Yen (USD/JPY)	157.40	-2.13	1.3%
Australian Dollar (AUD/USD)	0.7019	-0.00	-0.1%
Canadian Dollar (USD/CAD)	1.4021	0.00	-0.1%
New Zealand Doll. (NZD/USD)	0.5879	0.00	0.0%
Hong Kong Doll. (USD/HKD)	7.8422	-0.00	0.0%
Singapore Dollar (USD/SGD)	1.2828	0.00	-0.1%
Chinese Renminbi (USD/CNY)	6.7531	0.00	-0.0%
Indian Rupee (USD/INR)	95.39	-0.29	0.3%
Mexican Peso (USD/MXN)	17.34	-0.00	0.0%
Brazilian Real (USD/BRL)	5.0729	0.01	-0.3%

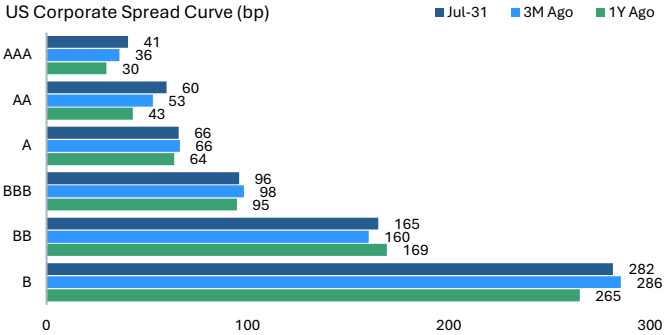
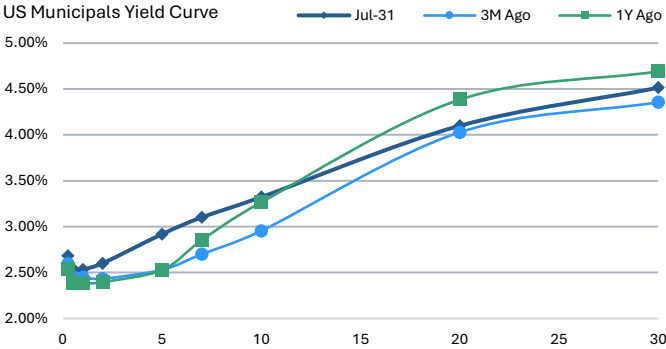
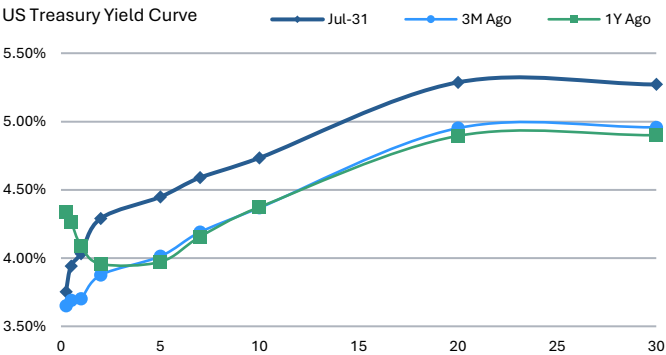
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Capital Market Indices

Monday, August 3, 2026

	Treasures						AAA General Obligation (GO) Municipals						
Maturity	Jul-31	1D	Dec-31	3M Ago	6M Ago	1Y Ago	Jul-31	% UST	1D	Dec-31	3M Ago	6M Ago	1Y Ago
Three-Month	3.75	-0.01	3.63	3.65	3.65	4.34	2.68	71%	0.00	2.64	2.60	2.40	2.54
Six-Month	3.94	0.00	3.60	3.69	3.62	4.27	2.54	64%	0.00	2.50	2.45	2.26	2.39
One-Year	4.03	0.01	3.47	3.70	3.46	4.09	2.53	63%	0.00	2.49	2.45	2.25	2.38
Two-Year	4.29	0.05	3.47	3.88	3.52	3.96	2.60	61%	0.01	2.44	2.43	2.22	2.40
Five-Year	4.45	0.06	3.73	4.01	3.79	3.97	2.92	66%	0.01	2.39	2.53	2.24	2.53
Seven-Year	4.59	0.06	3.94	4.19	4.01	4.16	3.10	68%	0.02	2.50	2.70	2.38	2.85
10-Year	4.73	0.06	4.17	4.37	4.24	4.37	3.32	70%	0.02	2.73	2.95	2.62	3.27
20-Year	5.29	0.06	4.79	4.95	4.82	4.90	4.10	77%	0.02	3.94	4.03	3.96	4.38
30-Year	5.27	0.06	4.84	4.96	4.87	4.90	4.51	86%	0.02	4.19	4.35	4.21	4.69

Bloomberg Indices (USD)	Returns						Option- Adjusted Spreads (bp)					
	1D	WTD	MTD	QTD	YTD	1Y	Jul-31	1D	Dec-31	3M Ago	6M Ago	1Y Ago
Multiverse	-0.1%	0.6%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.6%	1.9%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Global Aggregate	-0.1%	0.6%	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.7%	1.6%	—	—	—	—	—	—
US Aggregate	-0.3%	-0.1%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-0.7%	2.7%	29	1	27	26	24	31
US Treasury	-0.2%	-0.1%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-0.8%	2.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...Short	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.3%	2.1%	3.9%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...One- to Five- Year	-0.1%	0.2%	-0.0%	-0.0%	0.3%	2.8%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...Five- to 10- Year	-0.3%	0.0%	-1.1%	-1.1%	-1.2%	2.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...10- to 20- Year	-0.6%	-0.8%	-3.4%	-3.4%	-3.2%	0.5%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...20+ Year	-0.7%	-1.2%	-4.5%	-4.5%	-3.9%	-1.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
US Corporate	-0.2%	-0.1%	-1.7%	-1.7%	-0.8%	2.5%	78	-1	78	79	73	76
...One- to Five- Year	-0.1%	0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.8%	3.6%	57	-0	60	62	54	56
...Intermediate- Term	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.6%	-0.6%	0.1%	3.4%	69	-0	70	71	64	68
...Long- Term	-0.3%	-0.5%	-3.9%	-3.9%	-2.9%	0.7%	98	-1	94	95	91	94
...AAA	-0.2%	-0.1%	-3.0%	-3.0%	-3.0%	-0.1%	41	-1	34	36	33	30
...AA	-0.2%	-0.1%	-2.4%	-2.4%	-2.1%	0.7%	60	-1	48	53	45	43
...A	-0.2%	-0.1%	-1.6%	-1.6%	-0.9%	2.5%	66	-0	64	66	60	64
...BBB	-0.2%	-0.0%	-1.6%	-1.6%	-0.5%	3.0%	96	-1	97	98	91	95
US Securitized	-0.5%	-0.2%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-0.4%	4.1%	33	5	25	22	19	42
... Mtge.-Backed Securities (MBS)	-0.5%	-0.2%	-1.4%	-1.4%	-0.4%	4.1%	31	5	22	19	16	40
...Commercial MBS	-0.2%	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.4%	3.7%	72	1	81	73	74	86
... Asset-Backed Securities (ABS)	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.0%	3.8%	42	0	52	49	48	51
US Municipal	-0.1%	0.1%	-1.9%	-1.9%	0.4%	5.3%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...One- to Five- Year	-0.0%	0.1%	-0.5%	-0.5%	0.7%	2.1%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...One- to 10- Year	-0.1%	0.1%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-0.1%	2.8%	—	—	—	—	—	—
...10+ Year	-0.2%	0.2%	-2.5%	-2.5%	0.7%	7.4%	—	—	—	—	—	—
US TIPS	—	—	-0.7%	-0.7%	0.5%	2.6%	—	—	—	—	—	—
US High Yield Corporate	-0.0%	0.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%	1.7%	5.2%	279	-3	266	264	265	278
...BB	-0.0%	0.1%	-0.4%	-0.4%	1.6%	5.3%	165	-3	165	160	159	169
...B	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	5.8%	282	-3	268	286	283	265
...CCC	0.1%	0.1%	-0.5%	-0.5%	1.2%	4.2%	826	-5	615	672	595	647
US High Yield Municipal	-0.2%	0.1%	-1.5%	-1.5%	2.5%	7.0%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Global ex- USD Aggregate	0.0%	1.3%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.8%	0.7%	—	—	—	—	—	—
EM Hard- Currency	0.0%	0.2%	-1.2%	-1.2%	0.5%	5.3%	—	—	—	—	—	—
EM Local- Currency	0.3%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	2.7%	5.7%	—	—	—	—	—	—
Morningstar LSTA Leveraged Loan	0.0%	0.1%	0.8%	0.8%	2.1%	4.3%	—	—	—	—	—	—



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