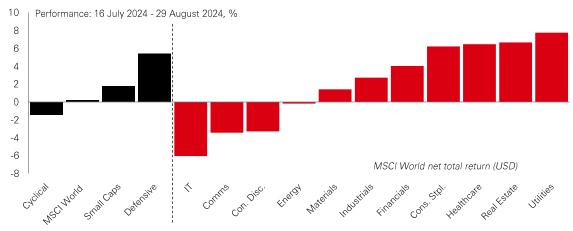


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Chart of the week - Unpacking the market rebound



As summer holidays draw to a close, it's not just suitcases we are unpacking. This month's 'market tantrum' and rapid recovery deserve scrutiny as the rebound masks some important shifts in sectoral performance.

Through 2023 and for the most part of this year, momentum has been concentrated in stocks riding the Al/technology megatrend. But since July, we've had some mixed profits news from the mega-cap tech names, with tech beginning to look like a 'wobbly trade'. And there was more of that this week after the Q2 earnings results from Nvidia, which despite topping forecasts, failed to impress the market. Stretched tech sector valuations are proving to be a challenge.

Since the market peak in mid-July—amid rising recession worries that sparked this month's bout of volatility—**the winners have been out-of-favour defensive and rate-sensitive sectors like utilities, real estate (see Market Spotlight), consumer staples and healthcare.** This broadening out of market performance echoes what happened in Q1 when value sectors, like industrials, were holding their own versus quality growth.

What comes next? Investors are getting used to dramatic narrative changes in markets. A complex economic environment and data dependent central bankers has made that par for the course. If central bankers can secure a soft-ish landing, the 'broadening out' theme can become backable again for investors in H2.

Market Spotlight

Further room to run for listed real estate

Heightened expectations of imminent US rate cuts have boosted the performance of global listed real estate over the summer. The FTSE Nareit All Equity REITs Index has made double-digit gains over the past two months. **And even after this rally, the sector still offers a valuation discount to other asset classes**. Dividend yields from global real estate equities stand at a premium to both wider equities and developed market government bonds.

With the exception of parts of the office sector, global listed real estate continues to be supported by solid tenant demand and high occupancy levels, which could feed into future dividend growth, and provide a basis for healthy total returns.

Whilst uncertainty over the timing of rate cuts has previously been a drag on sector sentiment, private real estate capital markets are showing signs of re-opening and we expect investment volumes to pick up during the second half of the year. As the global cutting cycle gets underway in earnest, this is a sector that could shine.

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Why EM Asian currencies have rallied this summer

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Factors driving China's uneven economic recovery

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Rate expectations

Jerome Powell's Jackson Hole speech sealed a September rate cut. The only question now seems to be whether it will be a 25bp or a 50bp move, with labour market developments likely to be the determining factor, given the line that the Fed does not "seek or welcome further cooling in labour market conditions".

The market is pricing about a one-third chance of a 50bp cut in September, 100bp of easing by year-end and around 225bp by end-2025. This is marginally more aggressive than we see under our central soft-ish landing scenario – 25bp cuts per meeting until the funds rate reaches 3.50% in summer 2025.

However, market pricing incorporates a range of possible outcomes, including some probability of a recession. The last three recessions (excluding Covid) have seen 400-500bp of cuts over an 18-month period. So, there is plenty of scope for rate expectations to shift lower if the economy slows quicker than expected.

With yields still elevated and August's market turbulence proving Treasuries haven't lost their role as a hedge against equity market volatility, this remains an attractive asset class to own.

Asian FX boost

Many global FX markets have performed well this month as investors ramp up expectations of Fed policy easing, weighing on the US dollar. Within the EM FX universe, Asian currencies have done particularly well, especially in ASEAN (the Malaysian ringgit and Indonesian rupiah are up over 5% month-to-date). But this is not just a dollar story – local factors have provided a boost too.

In Malaysia, the ringgit has enjoyed a tailwind from administrative moves to boost conversion of FX proceeds into local currency, and its economy has staged a strong, broad, recovery this year. There are also signs that it's benefiting from a broadening of the global tech upcycle, as well as rising foreign direct investment.

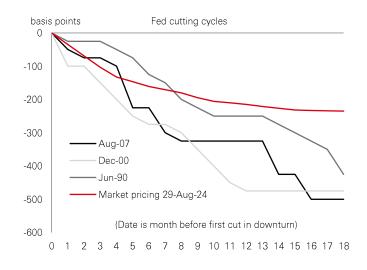
Our central scenario is for the USD to decline further as the Fed eases policy, benefiting EM FX which offer a yield advantage. EM currencies also look cheap. EM FX appreciation would provide an important tailwind to returns for international investors in local-currency EM assets. But varied country-level performance is a reminder that a diversified approach to EM investing is crucial.

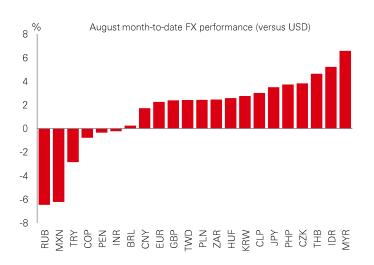
China's uneven recovery

Recent macro data in China continues to point to an uneven recovery, potentially putting this year's ~5% real growth target at risk.

Solid exports and developments in advanced manufacturing have been cushioning the growth slowdown, but soft consumer demand sets the economy up to be more vulnerable to global demand shocks and rising protectionism. The domestic supply-demand imbalance has resulted in excess capacity and fierce competition in some sectors, weighing on corporate profits and exerting deflationary pressures in the economy.

We think the uneven recovery points to a need for more policy action and forceful implementation to restore confidence and fundamentally reflate the economy. This **policy support could be a catalyst for EM stock market outperformance**. Meanwhile, divergent sectoral growth paths reflect policy priorities for economic transformation toward quality and innovation-led growth, which creates opportunities in sectors prioritised for long-term development. We reflect on these challenges in our latest <u>Macro Insight</u> and what it means for H2 2024 and 2025.





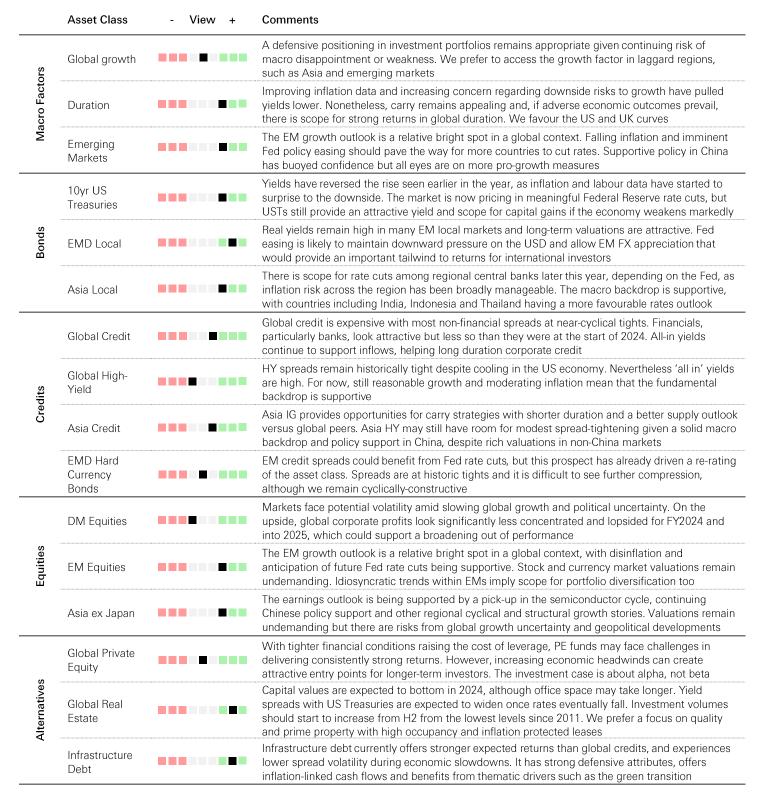


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Asset class views

Our baseline macro scenario is for a soft-ish landing, characterised by growth falling below trend and inflation returning to target. But the data flow is likely to remain bumpy and the outlook remains uncertain. Risk asset valuations are stretched in many areas. That means that any deterioration in corporate fundamentals could create market volatility. A defensive positioning in portfolios remains appropriate, which includes selective exposures to fixed income, risk assets, and private markets.

House view represents a 12-month investment view across major asset classes in our portfolios.



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Key Events and Data Releases

This week

Date	Country	Indicator	Data as of	Actual	Prior	Comment
Mon. 26 August	GE	IFO Business Confidence Index	Aug	86.6	87.0	The fall in the IFO Confidence Index is consistent with the decline in the German PMIs last week, confirming continued weakness
Tue. 27 August	US	Consumer Confidence Index, Conference Board	Aug	103.3	101.9	The rise in confidence reflects optimism about disinflation and pending rate cuts, but labour market concerns are growing
	US	S&P Case-Shiller 20 House Prices (mom)	Jun	0.4%	0.4%	Despite still-high mortgage rates and a cooling labour market, house prices continue to rise due to supply shortages
Thu. 29 August	US	Pending Home Sales (mom)	Jul	-5.5%	4.8%	Pending home sales fell to a record low in July, indicating caution among buyers amid high prices and mortgage rates
	US	GDP, 2nd Estimate (qoq annualised)	Q2	3.0%	2.8%	Consumer spending drove an upward revision in GDP, offsetting downgrades in investment and exports
Fri. 30 August	JP	Unemployment Rate	Jul	2.7%	2.5%	Japan's unemployment rate rose to a 16-month high, but the labour market remains tight
	JP	Tokyo CPI excluding food and energy (yoy)	Aug	1.3%	1.1%	Core inflation in Tokyo, which often leads nationwide trends, rose more than forecast
	EZ	HICP, Flash (yoy)	Aug	2.20%	2.6%	Headline inflation slowed sharply on lower energy prices while core inflation edged down to 2.8% yoy from 2.9% yoy
	EZ	Unemployment Rate	Jul	6.4%	6.5%	The unemployment rate dropped to a record low, consistent with indicators pointing to continued jobs growth
	US	PCE Price Index (yoy)	Jul	-	2.5%	PCE inflation is expected to follow the cooling seen in US CPI, supporting the case for a September rate cut
Sat. 31 August	CN	Manufacturing PMI	Aug	49.5	49.4	The manufacturing PMI is expected to remain in contraction territory given still-soft domestic conditions

Q – Quarter

GE – Germany, US – United States, JP – Japan, EZ – Eurozone, CN – China

The week ahead

Date	Country	Indicator	Data as of	Survey	Prior	Comment
Mon. 02 September	BR	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	Aug	-	54.0	Brazil's manufacturing PMI has been in expansion territory for seven months, with the weaker currency boosting export orders
	MX	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI	Aug	-	49.6	Manufacturing confidence has been moderating since early 2024 with the employment index weakening notably in recent months
	КО	CPI (yoy)	Aug	2.0%	2.6%	The disinflation trend is likely to resume as temporary factors dissipate, supporting a BoK cut in October at the earliest
	ID	CPI (yoy)	Aug	2.1%	2.1%	Inflationary pressures are manageable, offering room for monetary easing in Q4 should the Fed cut rates and the IDR remain stable
	CN	Manufacturing PMI, Caixin	Aug	50.0	49.8	Strong regional trade is supporting manufacturing, but geopolitical tensions and a potential global slowdown pose downside risks
Tue. 03 September	US	ISM Manufacturing Index	Aug	47.5	46.8	The ISM manufacturing index is expected to edge up in August, having fallen for four straight months
	BR	GDP (qoq)	Q2	0.9%	0.8%	Strong consumer spending, reflecting a tight labour market, has driven Brazil's surprisingly robust GDP growth during 2024
Wed. 04 September	US	JOLTS Job Openings	Jul	8.00m	8.18m	US job openings have normalised recently, suggesting the labour market has moved into balance
	CN	Caixin Services PMI	Aug	52.1	52.1	The Caixin services PMI has stayed in positive territory since late 2022 despite soft domestic demand conditions
Thu. 05 September	US	ISM Services Index	Aug	50.9	51.4	The ISM services index has been volatile recently, returning to expansion territory in July as consumer demand remains firm
Fri. 06 September	US	Change in Non-Farm Payrolls	Aug	160k	114k	Non-farm payrolls have slowed recently, mirroring the cautious message from other labour market indicators

BR - Brazil, MX - Mexico, KO - South Korea, ID - Indonesia, CN - China, US - United States

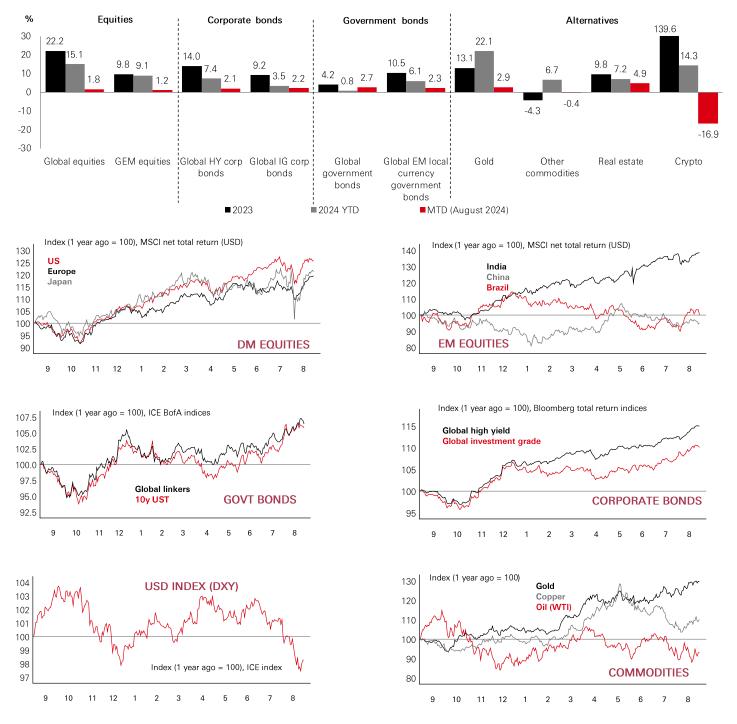
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Risk assets were resilient as investors digested Q2 results from Nvidia, the US's largest chip maker and a major focus in the current Al/tech megatrend. Core government bonds were range-bound ahead of key US employment data, with the DXY US dollar index pausing for breath after recent declines. Despite some volatility in tech stocks, US equity markets were on course to finish broadly flat. The Stoxx Euro 600 index reached new highs, and Japan's Nikkei 225 edged higher as the yen softened versus the US dollar. In emerging markets, Korea's Kospi index was buffeted by US tech weakness, but Taiwan's weighted SE index was resilient. China's Shanghai composite index was little changed, while India's Sensex index rose to a new all-time high. In commodities, oil prices were supported by supply worries in Libya. Gold remains close to a record high, with copper also edging higher.

Selected asset performance



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Equity Indices	Close	1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	YTD Change (%)	52-week High	52-week Low	Fwd P/E (X)
World		()-1	() - Y	() -)	()-1	()/			<u> </u>
MSCI AC World Index (USD)	827	-0.5	3.2	5.9	20.3	13.8	833	628	19.1
North America									
US Dow Jones Industrial Average	41,335	0.4	1.5	8.5	18.5	9.7	41,578	32,327	20.7
US S&P 500 Index	5,592	-0.8	2.9	6.8	23.9	17.2	5,670	4,104	23.0
US NASDAQ Composite Index	17,516	-2.0	2.2	4.7	24.9	16.7	18,671	12,544	32.3
Canada S&P/TSX Composite Index	23,227	-0.3	1.8	5.2	14.3	10.8	23,414	18,692	15.8
Europe									
MSCI AC Europe (USD)	585	0.3	4.6	3.7	15.5	9.7	587	459	14.5
Euro STOXX 50 Index	4,977	1.4	2.8	-0.1	15.3	10.1	5,122	3,993	14.0
UK FTSE 100 Index	8,409	1.0	1.6	2.2	12.5	8.7	8,474	7,280	12.4
Germany DAX Index*	18,953	1.7	2.9	2.5	19.3	13.1	18,957	14,630	13.8
France CAC-40 Index	7,678	1.3	2.7	-3.8	4.3	1.8	8,259	6,774	14.0
Spain IBEX 35 Index	11,427	1.3	2.0	0.8	19.6	13.1	11,470	8,879	10.9
Italy FTSE MIB Index	34,395	2.2	1.4	-0.2	18.9	13.3	35,474	27,078	9.4
Asia Pacific									
MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan (USD)	574	-0.1	2.8	4.3	12.8	8.6	588	469	14.3
Japan Nikkei-225 Stock Average	38,648	0.7	0.3	1.6	19.5	15.5	42,427	30,488	21.4
Australian Stock Exchange 200	8,092	0.8	1.7	6.1	10.9	6.6	8,149	6,751	18.4
Hong Kong Hang Seng Index	17,989	2.1	5.8	-1.3	-2.7	5.5	19,706	14,794	8.6
Shanghai Stock Exchange Composite Index	2,842	-0.4	-1.3	-8.1	-9.4	-4.5	3,177	2,635	11.1
Hang Seng China Enterprises Index	6,331	1.8	5.8	-2.0	-0.4	9.8	6,986	4,943	7.9
Taiwan TAIEX Index	22,268	0.5	0.2	4.2	33.2	24.2	24,417	15,976	18.4
Korea KOSPI Index	2,674	-1.0	-2.3	1.5	4.4	0.7	2,896	2,274	10.2
India SENSEX 30 Index	82,366	1.6	1.1	11.5	26.5	14.0	82,637	63,093	23.5
Indonesia Jakarta Stock Price Index	7,671	1.7	5.9	9.1	10.1	5.5	7,716	6,640	14.3
Malaysia Kuala Lumpur Composite Index	1,679	2.6	4.1	4.6	15.6	15.4	1,685	1,412	17.8
Philippines Stock Exchange PSE Index	6,898	-0.9	4.4	8.3	9.6	6.9	7,071	5,920	11.8
Singapore FTSE Straits Times Index	3,443	1.6	0.0	3.6	6.9	6.3	3,509	3,042	10.8
Thailand SET Index	1,359	0.3	3.9	0.6	-13.8	-4.0	1,579	1,273	15.1
Latam									
Argentina Merval Index	1,660,144	3.3	17.6	1.0	145.6	78.6	1,723,015	508,068	7.7
Brazil Bovespa Index*	136,041	0.3	7.9	10.9	15.7	1.4	137,469	111,599	8.9
Chile IPSA Index	6,448	-0.2	-0.3	-2.9	7.0	4.0	6,838	5,363	10.8
Colombia COLCAP Index	1,335	0.3	0.0	-4.9	19.8	11.7	1,451	1,045	6.5
Mexico S&P/BMV IPC Index	53,139	-0.7	1.6	-4.0	-2.3	-7.4	59,021	47,765	12.0
EEMEA									
Saudi Arabia Tadawul Index	12,145	-0.4	0.7	5.6	4.9	1.5	12,883	10,262	N/A
South Africa JSE Index	83,995	-0.4	3.4	8.9	11.6	9.2	84,801	69,128	12.0
Turkey ISE 100 Index*	9,833	1.7	-8.0	-6.2	24.4	31.6	11,252	7,203	4.7

*Indices expressed as total returns. All others are price returns.

Equity Indices - Total Return	1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	YTD Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	3-year Change (%)	5-year Change (%)
Global equities	-0.5	3.4	6.3	15.1	22.2	17.5	76.0
US equities	-0.8	3.0	7.0	17.6	25.2	24.7	101.8
Europe equities	0.3	4.8	4.1	12.3	18.6	12.0	52.4
Asia Pacific ex Japan equities	-0.1	3.0	5.4	10.6	15.7	-5.2	31.1
Japan equities	0.1	4.1	6.3	12.3	20.2	11.9	46.9
Latam equities	-2.4	3.9	-3.6	-12.7	-2.5	11.0	13.4
Emerging Markets equities	-0.5	2.4	4.6	9.1	13.6	-7.7	25.8

All total returns quoted in USD terms and subject to one-day lag. Data sourced from MSCI AC World Total Return Index, MSCI USA Total Return Index, MSCI AC Europe Total Return Index, MSCI AC Asia Pacific ex Japan Total Return Index, MSCI Japan Total Return Index, MSCI Emerging Latin America Total Return Index, and MSCI Emerging Markets Total Return Index Total return includes income from dividends and interest as well as appreciation or depreciation in the price of an asset over the given period.

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Bond indices - Total Return	Close	1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	YTD Change (%)
BarCap GlobalAgg (Hedged in USD)	580	-0.2	1.5	4.3	7.8	3.3
JPM EMBI Global	900.4	-0.1	2.6	5.0	12.7	6.1
BarCap US Corporate Index (USD)	3342.6	-0.3	2.4	5.4	9.8	3.8
BarCap Euro Corporate Index (Eur)	252.6	-0.1	0.4	2.8	7.7	2.6
BarCap Global High Yield (Hedged in USD)	609.2	0.3	2.0	4.3	14.7	7.6
Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan Bond Index (USD)	225.4	0.1	1.6	4.0	10.3	5.4
Markit iBoxx Asia ex-Japan High-Yield Bond Index (USD)	258	0.4	0.8	3.8	20.0	12.3

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rota return includes income in		1-week	1-month	3-months	1-year	Year End	52-week	52-week	1-week Change
Currencies (vs USD)	Latest	Ago	Ago	Ago	Ago	2023	High	Low	(%)
Developed markets									
EUR/USD	1.11	1.12	1.08	1.08	1.09	1.10	1.12	1.04	-1.0
GBP/USD	1.32	1.32	1.28	1.27	1.27	1.27	1.33	1.20	-0.3
CHF/USD	1.18	1.18	1.13	1.11	1.14	1.19	1.20	1.08	-0.1
CAD	1.35	1.35	1.38	1.37	1.35	1.32	1.39	1.32	0.2
JPY	145	144	153	157	146	141	162	140	-0.6
AUD/USD	0.68	0.68	0.65	0.66	0.65	0.68	0.69	0.63	0.0
NZD/USD	0.63	0.62	0.59	0.61	0.60	0.63	0.64	0.58	0.4
Asia									
HKD	7.80	7.80	7.81	7.82	7.85	7.81	7.85	7.77	0.0
CNY	7.09	7.12	7.24	7.23	7.29	7.10	7.35	7.08	0.4
INR	83.9	83.9	83.7	83.3	82.7	83.2	84.0	82.6	0.0
MYR	4.32	4.37	4.62	4.70	4.64	4.59	4.81	4.31	1.2
KRW	1334	1327	1384	1379	1323	1291	1400	1283	-0.5
TWD	32.0	32.0	32.9	32.4	31.9	30.6	32.9	30.5	0.0
Latam									
BRL	5.63	5.49	5.61	5.20	4.89	4.85	5.86	4.80	-2.5
COP	4120	4028	4084	3866	4095	3875	4427	3739	-2.3
MXN	19.7	19.1	18.8	17.0	16.7	17.0	20.2	16.3	-3.1
ARS	950	946	932	894	350	808	950	350	-0.5
EEMEA									
RUB	90.9	91.5	86.1	90.4	96.1	89.5	102.4	82.7	0.6
ZAR	17.6	17.7	18.3	18.8	18.7	18.4	19.6	17.6	0.4
TRY	34.1	34.0	33.1	32.2	26.7	29.5	34.5	26.7	-0.2

Bonds	Close	1-week Ago	1-month Ago	3-months Ago	1-year Ago	Year End 2023	1-week basis point change*
US Treasury yields (%)							
3-Month	5.11	5.13	5.28	5.41	5.45	5.33	-2
2-Year	3.90	3.92	4.36	4.92	4.89	4.25	-2
5-Year	3.67	3.65	4.03	4.57	4.27	3.85	2
10-Year	3.86	3.80	4.14	4.55	4.11	3.88	6
30-Year	4.13	4.09	4.39	4.68	4.23	4.03	4
10-year bond yields (%)							
Japan	0.89	0.89	1.00	1.06	0.65	0.61	0
UK	3.98	3.91	4.04	4.35	4.42	3.53	7
Germany	2.26	2.22	2.34	2.65	2.54	2.02	4
France	2.98	2.93	3.05	3.13	3.06	2.56	5
Italy	3.64	3.57	3.70	3.95	4.19	3.69	7
Spain	3.08	3.02	3.16	3.38	3.56	2.98	7
China	2.18	2.16	2.14	2.31	2.58	2.56	2
Australia	3.97	3.92	4.28	4.43	4.07	3.96	5
Canada	3.12	3.03	3.23	3.70	3.58	3.11	9

*Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

Commodities		1-week Change (%)	1-month Change (%)	3-month Change (%)	1-year Change (%)	YTD Change (%)	52-week High	52-week Low
Gold	2,518	0.2	4.5	7.5	29.7	22.1	2,532	1,811
Brent Oil	80.1	1.4	2.6	-1.3	-0.5	6.0	88	73
WTI Crude Oil	76.2	1.8	3.1	-0.6	0.3	7.3	83	69
R/J CRB Futures Index	279.9	0.4	1.9	-4.5	-0.5	6.1	300	258
LME Copper	9,327	0.4	4.0	-8.0	10.1	9.0	11,105	7,856

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