

## Last Week at a Glance

Global equities were up last week, as investors interpreted US economic data as supportive of a potential Fed rate cut this week and as optimism around artificial intelligence increased after Oracle announced its quarterly results. These developments helped the tech sector to outperform among equity sectors, supported gains across major bond indexes, and contributed to gold's ongoing rally.

- US consumer price data for August showed headline inflation rose 2.9% year-over-year. The rate marked an acceleration from July's 2.7%, but it matched expectations and was released as new Labor Department data revealed the US added 911,000 fewer jobs in the year through March than expected. Taken together, the data solidified expectations the Fed would cut interest rates by 25 basis points on Wednesday.
- The ECB kept interest rates unchanged, noting inflation is near its 2% medium-term target. New staff projections show euro area inflation is expected to ease from 2.1% in 2025 to 1.7% in 2026, while economic growth is forecast to slow from 1.2% to 1% over the same period. The decision came as French President Macron replaced his prime minister after opposition parties ousted the government over its deficit reduction plan, and Fitch downgraded France's debt.
- Oracle shares soared after reporting it tripled its contracted future revenue to \$455 billion in three months. Most of the contracted revenue is reportedly tied to OpenAI, whose current earnings are far below what would be required to pay Oracle over the coming years. While this raised concerns about inflated expectations among some circles, it fueled greater AI enthusiasm elsewhere.

### MARKET PERFORMANCE

As of September 14, 2025 • Local Currency • Percent (%)

| Equities                 | Last Week | This Month | This Year |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Global                   | 1.7       | 2.1        | 13.9      |
| Developed Markets        | 1.5       | 1.8        | 13.0      |
| United States            | 1.6       | 2.0        | 12.8      |
| Euro Area                | 1.5       | 1.0        | 15.6      |
| United Kingdom           | 0.8       | 1.1        | 16.8      |
| Japan                    | 2.0       | 2.8        | 13.2      |
| Emerging Markets         | 3.6       | 5.0        | 21.9      |
| <b>Fixed Income</b>      |           |            |           |
| US Aggregate             | 0.4       | 1.3        | 6.4       |
| US Treasuries            | 0.3       | 1.1        | 5.6       |
| US Corporate IG          | 0.6       | 1.8        | 7.2       |
| US Corporate HY          | 0.3       | 0.6        | 7.0       |
| <b>Real Assets</b>       |           |            |           |
| Global Equity REITs      | 0.7       | 0.3        | 5.2       |
| Global Natural Resources | 1.6       | 0.6        | 14.9      |
| Gold Bullion             | 1.7       | 5.9        | 38.8      |
| <b>Currencies</b>        |           |            |           |
| EUR/USD                  | -0.1      | 0.2        | 13.2      |
| GBP/USD                  | 0.3       | 0.4        | 8.3       |
| USD/JPY                  | 0.4       | 0.6        | -6.0      |