

Last Week at a Glance

Global equities moved higher last week, even as the US Federal Reserve surprised with a hawkish tone and Middle East tensions remained unresolved. Oil fell for the week despite a late rebound, the US dollar strengthened, and rates remained under pressure.

- Equity gains were broad, but leadership was selective. Positive news on US/Iran peace negotiations and continued semiconductor and memory enthusiasm saw Japan's Nikkei 225 and South Korea's KOSPI reach all-time highs, while euro area stocks also rebounded.
- Central banks kept pressure on rates. Kevin Warsh's first meeting as Fed chair delivered a hawkish hold. Markets priced in a steeper policy path, which lifted short-term yields and weighed on equities immediately after the meeting. The Bank of Japan raised rates by 25 basis points to 1.0% and continued tapering JGB purchases, reinforcing the case for further steepening, while the Bank of England held policy steady as expected.
- The United States and Iran signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a 60-day negotiation window and reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Talks expected for Friday were postponed to Sunday after continued Israel-Hezbollah clashes. Oil fell for the week despite the late-week setback.
- The US dollar rose as policy expectations and yield support moved back in its favor. That combination, alongside firmer equities and lower oil prices for the week, pointed to a market driven by relative US resilience and rates repricing.

Market Performance

As of June 21, 2026 • Local Currency • Percent (%)

Equities	Last Week	This Month	This Year
Global	1.5	0.2	12.5
Developed Markets	1.1	-0.1	10.3
United States	1.0	-1.0	9.8
Euro Area	1.5	3.8	12.1
United Kingdom	-1.2	-0.5	6.3
Japan	5.3	3.8	22.5
Emerging Markets	4.3	2.8	30.4
Fixed Income			
US Aggregate	0.1	0.1	0.5
US Treasuries	0.2	0.2	0.2
US Corporate IG	0.1	0.1	0.8
US Corporate HY	0.1	0.1	1.8
Real Assets			
Global Equity REITs	-3.0	-0.9	10.3
Global Natural Resources	-4.1	-5.1	14.9
Gold Bullion	-1.5	-9.6	-4.0
Currencies			
EUR/USD	-0.9	-1.7	-2.3
GBP/USD	-1.4	-1.8	-1.6
USD/JPY	0.6	1.2	2.8

Sources: Bloomberg Index Services Limited, MSCI Inc., and Thomson Reuters Datastream. MSCI data provided "as is" without any express or implied warranties.

Notes: This edition was prepared on June 21, 2026, and it reviews developments of the prior week. The equity data are total returns net of dividend taxes of MSCI indexes in local currency. Global natural resources equities are represented by the MSCI All Country World Commodity Producers Index. The fixed income data are total returns for Bloomberg indexes. Currency performance is based on Reuters data.