Last Week at a Glance

Global equity markets finished the week slightly lower, but AI-related names saw larger declines. Escalation in the Middle East drove oil prices higher and yields jumped to 18-month highs.

- Broad index returns masked underlying volatility in AI-linked stocks, as earnings renewed scrutiny of whether heavy AI spending will generate adequate returns. Alphabet and Tesla sold off sharply following earnings results, making communication services and consumer discretionary the week's weakest-performing sectors given their outsized sector weights.
- Escalation in the Middle East and concern over disruptions to shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz and the Red Sea, lifted oil prices. Brent crude rose sharply and traded near $100 by the end of the week, though developments over the weekend seemed to offer a modest respite from immediate escalation fears.
- Bond yields moved higher across most developed markets. In the US, the 10-year Treasury yield climbed to 4.7%, reaching its highest level since early 2025 as investors continued to price in a higher-for-longer Fed path. In the UK, 10-year gilt yields moved to around 5%, while in Japan, 10-year JGB yields rose further and remained near multi-decade highs.
- The Trump administration replaced the temporary 10.0% global tariff with new tariffs of 10.0% or 12.5% on a broad set of US trading partners. The move preserved much of the prior tariff structure under a new rationale tied to forced-labor import restrictions and may invite legal challenges.

Market Performance

As of July 26, 2026 • Local Currency • Percent (%)

Equities	Last Week	This Month	This Year
Global	-0.1	-1.3	10.7
Developed Markets	-0.2	-0.7	9.7
United States	-0.7	-1.1	8.7
Euro Area	0.8	-1.1	11.2
United Kingdom	1.4	2.6	10.4
Japan	2.5	-0.7	19.2
Emerging Markets	0.4	-5.7	19.5
Fixed Income			
US Aggregate	-0.7	-1.2	-0.6
US Treasuries	-0.6	-1.0	-0.7
US Corporate IG	-0.9	-1.6	-0.8
US Corporate HY	-0.6	-0.4	1.5
Real Assets			
Global Equity REITs	1.3	4.6	16.5
Global Natural Resources	4.6	7.8	19.1
Gold Bullion	1.8	1.0	-5.8
Currencies			
EUR/USD	-0.5	-0.5	-3.1
GBP/USD	-0.9	0.4	-0.9
USD/JPY	0.8	0.8	4.5

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 July 26, 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.