Global Cross-Asset Tape

RISK-OFF — the chop resolved DOWN. The S&P fell -1.23% (~7,430), led by mega-cap EARNINGS CRACKS: Google -6.89% and Tesla -14.52% on soft results, with the AI complex broadly lower (Nvidia -1.6%, AMD -2.3%, TSMC -1.3%; Micron +3.2% the lone exception). Energy HELD (XLE +0.3%) as Brent BROKE $100 ($100.35, +7%) on the Iran/Red-Sea TWO-CHOKEPOINT escalation. The oil-inflation impulse is now SEVERE, with a hawkish-ECB overlay (Lagarde hinting a September hike) — a stagflation-tinged sell-off. Our SoH monitor HOLDS Phase 2 on Hormuz — the $100 break is the RED SEA second chokepoint (Saudi's bypass under fire), NOT a Hormuz shutdown. CARRYOVER INTO TODAY (24 Jul): the tape is STABILISING — GOOG +0.84% pre-market, futures +0.2-0.5% bid — the Alphabet 'ROI-clock wobble, not an AI top' read (per our coverage: repriced on the FINANCING, not the demand) reasserting · 23 Jul close / 24 Jul pre-mkt

US — THE RISK-OFF (23 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
S&P 500 (SPY-derived)	~7,430	-1.23%
Google	318.34	-6.89% (earnings)
Tesla	319.69	-14.52% (earnings)
JPMorgan	349.90	+0.49%

SEMIS / AI COMPLEX (23 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
Micron	990.21	+3.20% (exception)
Nvidia	208.76	-1.56%
AMD	539.69	-2.29%
TSMC	415.58	-1.34%

AI-ADJACENT / HIGH-BETA (23 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
Apple	321.66	-1.30%
IREN	40.58	-1.70%
Galaxy Digital	24.32	-1.90%
Bloom Energy	217.30	-0.42%

RATES / OIL / ROTATION (23 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
Brent (CO1)	~$100	+7% (BREAKS $100)
SoH openness	~2% naive	Hormuz ~25% (Phase 2)
ECB	hawkish	Lagarde: Sept hike?
XLE Energy	59.38	+0.30% (holds)

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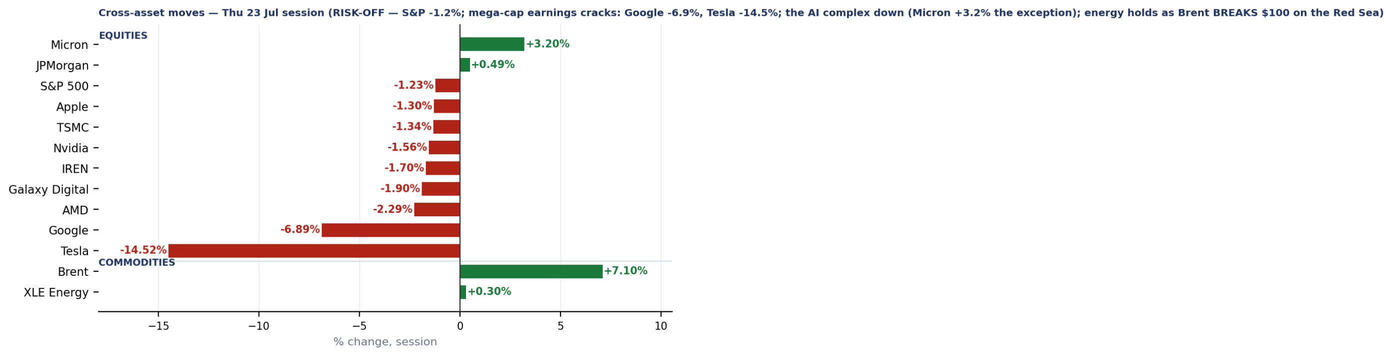
Regime risk-off de-rating resumes	**Trigger** OIL >$100 + mega-cap earnings	**SoH phase** Phase 2 $100 = Red Sea, not Hormuz	**Overlay** STAGFLATION hawkish ECB/Fed

CROSS-ASSET MOVES · THE DAY'S TAPE (% CHANGE)



The 23 Jul tape — a risk-off: the S&P; -1.2% on mega-cap earnings cracks (Google -6.9%, Tesla -14.5%), the AI complex down (Micron +3.2% the exception); energy holds as Brent breaks $100 on the Iran/Red-Sea two-chokepoint escalation. Source: Delphic market-data store / prices.json (23 Jul).

Read. The chop resolved DOWN — a stagflation-tinged risk-off, on mega-cap earnings cracks and oil through $100. (1) Equities — the de-rating resumed. The S&P fell **-1.23% (~7,430)**, and this time the leadership CRACKED on earnings: **Google -6.89%** and **Tesla -14.52%** on soft results dragged the tape, with the AI complex broadly lower (**Nvidia -1.6%, AMD -2.3%, TSMC -1.3%**) — **Micron +3.2%** the lone exception, riding the DRAM upcycle. The floor-vs-dead-cat question the recent chop posed resolved toward **dead-cat**: the bounce faded and the de-rating extended, now with an earnings catalyst. **(2) Oil — through $100, the severe impulse.** Brent BROKE **$100 ($100.35, +7%)** on the Iran/Red-Sea escalation — a genuine WIDENING to a **second chokepoint** (Houthis hit Saudi tankers, Saudi paused Red Sea oil, the Petroline bypass under fire). Energy HELD (**XLE +0.3%**), the clean beneficiary. **(3) The Hormuz read — HOLD Phase 2.** Critically, our SoH monitor did NOT call a Hormuz closure: **no physical Hormuz trigger fired** (Kharg spared, ~5 mb/d still bleeds, the US disputes Iran's re-declared closure) — the $100 break is the RED SEA second chokepoint, not a Strait shutdown (the naive ~2% openness over-attributes to Hormuz). **(4) The read.** The oil-inflation impulse is now SEVERE (Brent >$100), layered onto mega-cap earnings cracks and a **hawkish-ECB overlay** (Lagarde hinting a September hike) — a **stagflation-tinged risk-off** that revives the 2022 analog. Own the **energy** beneficiary, keep quality, avoid the cracking mega-cap leadership, and watch whether oil holds >$100 (it forces the inflation/hawkish leg) and whether a Hormuz physical trigger fires (which would re-bid oil toward $120).

Session Read

The chop resolved DOWN — a stagflation-tinged risk-off · mega-cap earnings cracks (Google -6.9%, Tesla -14.5%) + oil through $100 (two-chokepoint) · a hawkish-ECB overlay · SoH holds Phase 2 on Hormuz (the $100 is the Red Sea)

US equities — the de-rating resumed on cracking mega-cap earnings (but today is stabilising)

The recent chop resolved DOWN. The **S&P fell -1.23% (~7,430)**, and the character was a leadership crack on EARNINGS: **Google -6.89%** and **Tesla -14.52%** on soft prints led the tape lower, dragging the AI complex (**Nvidia -1.6%, AMD -2.3%, TSMC -1.3%**). **Micron +3.2%** was the lone bright spot (the DRAM/memory upcycle). This tilted floor-vs-dead-cat toward **dead-cat** — the washout bounce faded and the de-rating extended, now with a fundamental (earnings) catalyst on top of the macro. **The carryover into today (24 Jul) tempers that: GOOG is +0.84% pre-market and index futures are +0.2-0.5% bid** — the tape is trying to STABILISE, the leadership crack looking more like a re-rate of a few names than a broadening rout.

Alphabet Q2 — the Delphic read: repriced on the FINANCING, not the demand

Google's -6.9% (the day's single biggest drag) was NOT a demand miss — per our Alphabet Q2 coverage it was a genuine **BEAT**: revenue $119.8bn (**+24%**), Cloud **$24.8bn (+82%)**, Cloud margin 20.7%→**35.6%**, backlog **$514bn** — demand real and MONETISING, and the headline EPS $9.11 was optical (a $99bn unrealised equity gain; clean ~$2.85, ~in line). What the market repriced (~5-7%) was the **FINANCING SHIFT**: FY26 capex raised to **$195-205bn**, Q2 free cash flow **-$5.9bn** (first ever negative), buybacks paused to **$0**, a **first-ever $49.6bn equity raise**, debt to ~$100bn. **"The tell is the financing, not the capex"** — the self-funded phase of the AI build has ENDED in the largest name; the marginal build is now credit- and equity-market-sensitive. Our read: a **concentration / ROI-clock wobble, NOT a regime break and NOT an AI top** — the moment the market began pricing the ROI clock the flagship has run. It cuts two ways: a $205bn FUNDED capex injection is bigger near-term GDP, but a deeper, now-visible fault line. Today's +0.84% pre-market bounce is the demand beat reasserting as the financing knee-jerk fades.

Oil & the Iran siege — Brent BREAKS $100, but on the RED SEA second chokepoint

Crude broke **$100 ($100.35, +7%, intraday ~$102)** — the highest since May — on a genuine escalation, but the incremental driver is the **RED SEA**, not a Hormuz closure. Houthis hit the Saudi tankers **Encelia and Layla**, Saudi **PAUSED Red Sea oil shipments**, and the Petroline seaborne **bypass** — Saudi's principal Hormuz reroute — is now under fire. Our SoH monitor **HOLDS Phase 2 on Hormuz**: **no physical Hormuz trigger fired** (Kharg spared, ~5 mb/d still bleeds, the US disputes Iran's re-declared closure), and Hormuz's own flow (~25% of norm) barely moved. So the naive ~2% openness over-attributes to Hormuz — the $96→$100 is the second chokepoint. The **siege WIDENED** (Hormuz + Red Sea co-throttled), a serious escalation, but not a Strait shutdown.

Rates & macro — a hawkish-ECB overlay turns the oil shock stagflationary

The oil shock now carries an explicit **hawkish-central-bank** overlay: **Lagarde hinted at a September ECB hike**, and the Warsh Fed remains hawkish-biased — a Brent->$100 supply premium onto an already-hot economy is **inflationary**, forcing the hawkish leg. That is the **stagflation** tinge to the sell-off: an oil supply shock + hawkish CBs + softening earnings — the 2022 analog. The discriminator remains the CPI/yield path, now with a severe oil overhang; if Brent holds >$100, the inflation/hawkish pressure sticks and the de-rating deepens.

Greece — dragged down with Europe; refiners the cushion

Athens fell with the oil-driven European risk-off: the General Index closed **2,456.16 (-2.02%) on 23 Jul**, below 2,500, the banks giving back the rally (**Eurobank -3.0%, Alpha -3.3%, Piraeus -2.5%, NBG -1.7%**) on the oil-inflation/ECB-hike repricing. But the **refiners CUSHIONED** — **Motor Oil +2.3%** (near a record), **HELLENiQ +0.6%** — green against the tape, the domestic beneficiaries of the oil bid. Europe was broadly lower (STOXX 600 -1.3%, FTSE MIB the worst), energy the only sector up. The decoupling has fully reversed: oil is the master, and it is dragging.

The macro read

Read the day as a **stagflation-tinged risk-off**: mega-cap earnings cracks (Google, Tesla) + oil through $100 (a two-chokepoint supply shock) + hawkish CBs (Lagarde, Warsh). The AI de-rating resolved DOWN with a fresh earnings catalyst; the oil-inflation impulse turned severe. Our monitor holds Phase 2 on Hormuz (the $100 is the Red Sea, not a Strait shutdown), but the oil overhang is now the dominant macro force. Own energy, keep quality, avoid the cracking mega-cap leadership, and let the CPI/yield path — now with a >$100 oil overhang — set the depth.

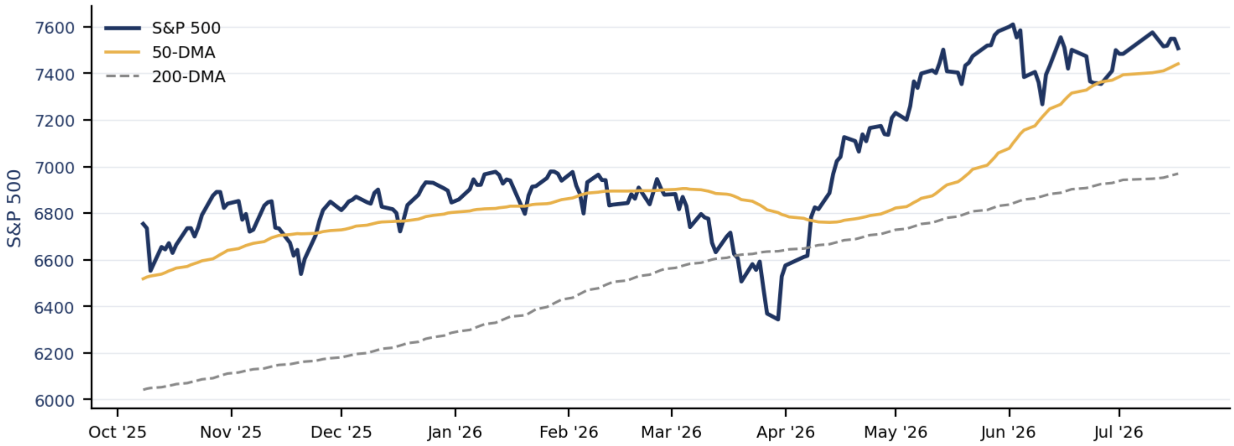
Regime & Technical Radar

Read with the weeklies — Market Regime Radar (late-cycle tightening tipping toward a stagflation-tinged de-rating; oil >$100) · Technical Radar · Iran-Hormuz (SIEGE day 10, Brent BREAKS $100 on the RED SEA; HOLD Phase 2 on Hormuz — no Hormuz trigger)

MARKET REGIME	
Regime archetype	A STAGFLATION-TINGED risk-off inside late-cycle tightening. The AI de-rating resolved DOWN on mega-cap earnings cracks (Google -6.9%, Tesla -14.5%; S&P -1.2%), and the dominant force is now a SEVERE oil-inflation impulse — Brent broke $100 on the Iran/Red-Sea two-chokepoint escalation — layered onto hawkish CBs (Lagarde hinting a Sept ECB hike, a hawkish Warsh Fed). The 2022 analog (oil shock + hawkish CBs + softening earnings) is the live archetype
Bull-cycle position	the S&P (~7,430) has broken below the 50-DMA (~7,490) on the risk-off, though still above the 200-DMA (~7,040); the leadership crack is now fundamental (earnings) as well as technical — a genuine de-rating leg, not just a churn, with the oil shock the accelerant
Favored sectors	ENERGY is the clean winner (XLE holds, refiners bid — Motor Oil near a record) as Brent breaks $100; keep defensive quality; AVOID the cracking mega-cap growth (Google, Tesla) and the high-beta AI complex (Micron the memory-upcycle exception). The barbell tilts hard to energy + quality, off growth
Turning signposts	whether Brent HOLDS >$100 (forces the inflation/hawkish leg, deepens the de-rating) or fades; whether the mega-cap earnings crack broadens; and a Hormuz PHYSICAL Phase-1 trigger (a Kharg strike / a VERIFIED mine / a genuine Strait halt) that would re-bid oil toward $120-150 and turn the two-chokepoint premium into a confirmed supply loss

TECHNICAL RADAR	
S&P 500 — levels	~7,430 (23 Jul, -1.23%, SPY-derived) · BELOW the 50-DMA (~7,490) · above the 200-DMA (~7,040) · a risk-off leg on mega-cap earnings cracks + the oil shock
Trend regime	still above the 200-DMA (uptrend not broken), but a genuine de-rating leg — the 50-DMA breached, leadership cracking on earnings, an oil-inflation overhang; the 2022-analog risk is now live
52-week range	6,226 - 7,575 (record 10 Jul); the 200-DMA (~7,040) is now the line that matters — a break there would confirm a deeper de-rating
Trigger watch	Brent >$100 (sticky = deeper de-rating), the mega-cap earnings read, and a Hormuz Phase-1 trigger (Kharg / a VERIFIED mine / a genuine halt) that re-bids oil toward $120-150

TECHNICAL RADAR · S&P 500 WITH 50- & 200-DAY MOVING AVERAGES



S&P; 500 with 50- and 200-day moving averages — the index -1.2% to ~7,430 on 23 Jul, breaking below the 50-DMA (~7,490) on mega-cap earnings cracks + the oil shock; the 200-DMA (~7,040) the next line. Source: Delphic market-data store.

What we're watching this week

- OIL is now the dominant macro force: Brent BROKE $100 ($100.35) on the Iran/Red-Sea two-chokepoint escalation. If it HOLDS >$100 the inflation/hawkish leg sticks (with Lagarde hinting a Sept ECB hike) and the de-rating deepens; a fade relieves it. A stagflation-tinged risk-off, the 2022 analog live.
- The AI de-rating resolved DOWN on mega-cap EARNINGS cracks: Google -6.9%, Tesla -14.5% (S&P; -1.2%), the complex broadly lower (Micron +3.2% the DRAM-upcycle exception). Floor-vs-dead-cat tilted to dead-cat; watch whether the mega-cap crack broadens.
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Read. The daily cross-checks the Regime Radar, and the read is a **stagflation-tinged risk-off inside late-cycle tightening**. The AI de-rating resolved DOWN on **mega-cap earnings cracks** (Google -6.9%, Tesla -14.5%; S&P -1.2%), and the dominant force is now a **severe oil-inflation impulse** — **Brent broke $100** on the Iran/Red-Sea two-chokepoint escalation — layered onto **hawkish CBs** (Lagarde hinting a Sept ECB hike). But our **SoH monitor HOLDS Phase 2 on Hormuz**: the $100 break is the RED SEA second chokepoint, not a Strait shutdown (the naive ~2% over-attributes to Hormuz). The 2022 analog (oil shock + hawkish CBs + softening earnings) is live. Own energy, keep quality, avoid the cracking mega-cap growth, and watch whether oil holds >$100 and whether a Hormuz physical trigger fires.

Theme of the Day

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