Global Cross-Asset Tape

THE REBOUND — the AI-capex verdict came back POSITIVE. 30 Jul erased the post-FOMC rout: the S&P +1.66% (7,438), the Nasdaq +2.78% (25,122), the Dow +1.19% (52,208), led by MICROSOFT +15.5% — a blowout (Azure AI run-rate +123%, capex +70% and the market REWARDED the spend). 3 of 4 hyperscalers won: MSFT + AMZN (+9%) + Nvidia (+2.7%); META -8% the exception (2026 capex $115-135bn without the external monetisation), AAPL soft (China). The AI-ROI-DOUBT narrative that drove this week's semis rout REVERSED. But a HAWKISH overlay bounds it: the FOMC HELD (a 5th hold, Warsh's first meeting) on a HAWKISH 9-3 — three wanted a HIKE — with September ~82% (single-source) and cuts off the table; Q2 GDP COOLED to +1.5% (a miss) while core PCE stayed sticky at +3.3%. Oil is FALLING (~$87) as Iran DE-ESCALATES (a ceasefire proposed, the first tankers moving). Greece printed a 17-yr high (2,572, bank records). Own the AI winners that CONVERT, keep duration light · 30 Jul close

US — SPLIT TAPE (27 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
Dow Jones	52,210	+0.51%
S&P 500	7,413	+0.02% (flat)
Nasdaq Comp	24,932	-0.18% (chips)
Russell 2000	2,948	+0.62%

SEMIS — THE ROUT RESUMES (MON CLOSE / TUE PRE-MKT)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
SanDisk	Mon	-11%
Nvidia	pre-mkt	~-5%
AMD	pre-mkt	-5.2%
SK Hynix	pre-mkt	-7.5%

ASIA / EUROPE (28 / 27 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
Nikkei 225	62,165	-4.26% (28 Jul)
Kospi	intraday	~-8%
DAX	25,361	+1.04%
ATHEX	2,518	+1.01%

RATES / OIL / MACRO (28 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
UST 10Y	4.63%	-2bp
Brent (CO1)	$87.85	eased (pause holds)
Fed (Wed 29)	hold	Sept HIKE ~82%
Gold	4,046	-0.74%

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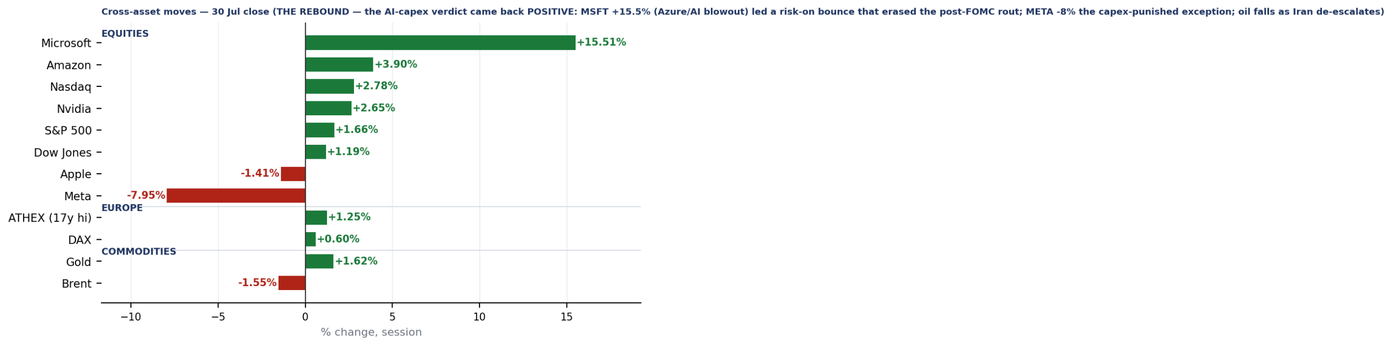
Driver SEMIS rout AI-ROI doubt, global	**Fed** HAWKISH Sept hike ~82%	**Regime** reflation Growth +0.92, infl firming	**Rotation** OUT of AI into cyclicals/value

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



The 27 Jul close + 28 Jul pre-market — a split tape giving way to a global semis rout: the Dow rose on the oil retreat while the chip complex routed worldwide (Nvidia/AMD/SK Hynix down hard, Nikkei -4.26%); oil eased as the strike pause held. Source: Delphic market-data store (Bloomberg-refreshed) + 28 Jul sweep.

Read. The geopolitical relief faded, and two forces took over: a global semis rout and a hawkish Fed repricing. (1) The AI/semis de-rating RESURGED — and went global. The "contained semis correction" broadened into a worldwide **chip rout**: SanDisk **-11%** and Nvidia lower Monday, and this morning **Nvidia ~-5%, AMD -5.2%, SK Hynix -7.5%** pre-market, dragging **Nikkei -4.26%** and **Kospi ~-8%**. The driver is **AI-capex-return DOUBT** — the same ROI clock the Alphabet financing exposed — now the dominant force into the Fed. **(2) A HAWKISH Fed repricing.** September FOMC odds have **FLIPPED to a HIKE (~82%)** on the oil-inflation scare — even as oil now eases. Our **fresh Regime read corroborates**: Growth **+0.92** (copper ripping, small-caps leading), Inflation firming to **+0.10** (from -0.24), Monetary tight (+0.71) — a **reflationary late-cycle**. **(3) The split tape.** Monday: Dow **+0.51%** (oil-retreat cyclicals), S&P flat, Nasdaq red — a rotation OUT of AI/semis growth INTO cyclicals/value; Europe green, Greece +1.01%. **(4) The read.** Strong growth + firming inflation + a hawkish Fed + an AI-capex de-rating = own **cyclicals/value + energy**, stay OFF the de-rating semis, and let **FOMC Wed 29** and **MSFT/META** (the AI-capex verdict) set the next leg. Oil keeps easing (Brent $87.85, pause holding) but the Strait stays shut.

Session Read

THE RELIEF FADED into FOMC week · a GLOBAL SEMIS ROUT (AI-capex-ROI doubt — Nvidia/AMD/SK Hynix down hard, Nikkei -4.26%, Kospi -8%) + a HAWKISH Fed repricing (Sept flipped to a HIKE ~82%) · split tape Mon (Dow +0.51%, S&P; flat, Nasdaq red) · FRESH Regime read: Growth +0.92, Inflation firming, Monetary tight — reflationary late-cycle · oil easing, Strait still shut

THE STREET vs DELPHIC — our sell-side scrutiny, refreshed (Yardeni · JPM · Goldman · Apollo · BofA)

We re-scrutinised the five houses' late-July notes against our re-run radar; the full adjudication is in the External Read digest. **Where the Street and Delphic AGREE (radar-confirmed):** AI-capex is the master variable and the market IS the AI trade; the Fed is hawkish/higher-for-longer; the consumer and growth are resilient; the dollar grinds higher; and the rotation into value/small-caps is real. **The big re-adjudication — the hawkish camp has WON the radar.** Our inflation axis has FIRMED (–0.24 → **+0.10**, the 5y5y de-anchor turning positive) and Growth ripped to **+0.92** — so the sticky-inflation / next-move-is-a-HIKE calls (Yardeni's "AI-is-inflationary," Apollo's core-sticky, BofA's three-hikes, Goldman's September hike) have gone from least-supported (our July read) to **modal**; the FOMC's hawkish **9-3 hold** and ~82% September odds corroborate. **The central fault line — the AI de-rating — got its verdict, and the market SPLIT it.** Four houses called the July unwind a technical washout (buy the dip); Apollo alone called a fundamental repricing (FCF marked down, AI-name CDS widening). The 30 Jul earnings adjudicated: **MSFT (+15.5%) and Amazon rewarded the capex** (the dip-buy camp + Goldman, which took hyperscaler forecasts UP, win the round), while **Meta (–8%) and Apple validated Apollo's ROI/FCF concern** — the tape now DISCRIMINATES on monetisation. Our synthesis: neither a blanket washout nor a blanket crack — own the AI names that CONVERT, and watch Apollo's AI-CDS widening as the single best leading tell for whether the ROI doubt becomes a credit event (aggregate credit still calm, –0.84). **Where Delphic had the EDGE — oil/Hormuz.** The houses whipsawed (Goldman flipped bearish → a $120 Q4 tail; Yardeni chased the >$100 spike, OW Energy). Our SoH Monitor front-ran the entire arc — it HELD Phase 2 through the $100 spike, the pause, the fracture, and now the de-escalation (Brent ~$87, the first physical thaw) — never once over-calling a closure. The one fresh sell-side angle worth carrying: Goldman's European-gas call (TTF >100 if Qatar LNG stays offline).

The dominant force — a GLOBAL semis rout: AI-capex-ROI doubt resurgent

The relief rally is over; the tape is now driven by a **worldwide semiconductor rout**. What Friday looked like a contained semis correction has **broadened globally**: **SanDisk -11%** and Nvidia lower Monday, and this morning **Nvidia ~-5%, AMD -5.2%, SK Hynix -7.5%** pre-market, taking **Nikkei -4.26%** and **Kospi ~-8%** with them. The engine is **AI-capex-return DOUBT** — the market repricing the RETURNS on the trillion-dollar AI build (the same ROI clock the Alphabet financing shift exposed). This is no longer a rotation within a steady index; it is a genuine de-rating of the AI complex, and it is the dominant driver into the Fed. The tell to watch: **MSFT + META Wednesday** — the first hard read on whether the capex is converting, and the swing on whether this rout deepens or reverses.

The macro shock — a HAWKISH Fed repricing: September flips to a HIKE

The second force is a **hawkish repricing of the Fed**. **September FOMC odds have flipped to a HIKE (~82%)** — a remarkable move — as the oil-inflation scare (Brent's spike to ~$100 last week) reset the inflation read, even though oil is now easing. Our **freshly-computed Regime read corroborates it**: with all cross-asset sources updated, Growth jumped to **+0.92** (copper +1.0 momentum, small-caps leading), Inflation firmed to **+0.10** (from -0.24 — the 5y5y deanchoring turning up), and Monetary stayed tight (**+0.71**, real yields high). That is a **reflationary late-cycle** signature — resilient growth + firming inflation + tight money — which argues the Fed stays restrictive. **FOMC Wed 29** holds at 3.50-3.75% (near-certain), but the guidance + the September-hike signal are the market event.

US equities (27 Jul) — a split tape: cyclicals up, chips down

Monday's close was a **split tape**: the **Dow rose +0.51% (52,210)** on the oil retreat (cyclicals, energy-relief beneficiaries), the **S&P was flat (+0.02%, 7,413)**, and the **Nasdaq fell -0.18% (24,932)** as the chip complex dragged. Small-caps outperformed (**Russell +0.62%**) on the rate relief + growth signal. The internal rotation is the story: **OUT of AI/semis growth, INTO cyclicals/value and small-caps** — consistent with the reflationary regime read. This is a healthier breadth picture beneath the index, but it is a de-rating of the leadership, and the Nasdaq is where the risk sits.

Oil & the Iran siege — the pause holds, oil keeps easing, but the Strait stays SHUT

Brent eased further to **~$87.85** (WTI ~$82) as the **US-Iran strike pause HELD into a 3rd day** — the war premium keeps unwinding. But the de-escalation is **fragile and unconfirmed by the flow**: Iran says there are NO active negotiations (only a proposed 10-day ceasefire), and the physical Strait is UNCHANGED — **<10 ships/day, 24 tankers stacked at Kharg**, the blockade intact, no owners resuming. Our SoH monitor holds Phase 2: the price has de-escalated ~9% off Friday while the flow has not moved at all — the price front-running the physical. The oil relief is real for inflation at the margin, but the supply risk is only paused, not resolved.

Greece — +1.01% above 2,500; Aktor lists flat on debut

Athens rose **+1.01% to 2,518** Monday (back above 2,500), banks and refiners supported (Motor Oil PT €51.2, ~33% upside per Pantelakis) as the oil-inflation fear eased and Europe led. **Aktor's €650m SCI LISTED today (28 Jul)** — the 57.78m new shares began trading; the debut was ~**FLAT near the €11.25 issue** (~€11.22, no pop / no break), an orderly absorption of the year's largest ATHEX raise. Politics stays commanding for ND (Marc >30%, +14pt lead). The Greek risk into the week: the global semis rout + a hawkish FOMC could pressure the high-beta names, though the domestic re-rating (H1 bank results 29-31 Jul) is the anchor.

The macro read

Read the tape as a **reflationary late-cycle with an AI-capex de-rating**: strong growth (Regime Growth +0.92), firming inflation (+0.10), a hawkish Fed (September-hike odds ~82%), and a global semis rout on AI-ROI doubt. The rotation is OUT of AI/semis growth, INTO cyclicals/value/energy and small-caps. Own the **cyclical + value + energy** barbell, stay OFF the de-rating semis, keep duration light (the hawkish repricing), and let **FOMC Wed 29** and the **mega-cap AI-capex prints** (MSFT/META Wed, AAPL/AMZN Thu) plus **GDP + PCE Thu** set the direction. Oil easing helps inflation at the margin, but the Fed is looking through it.

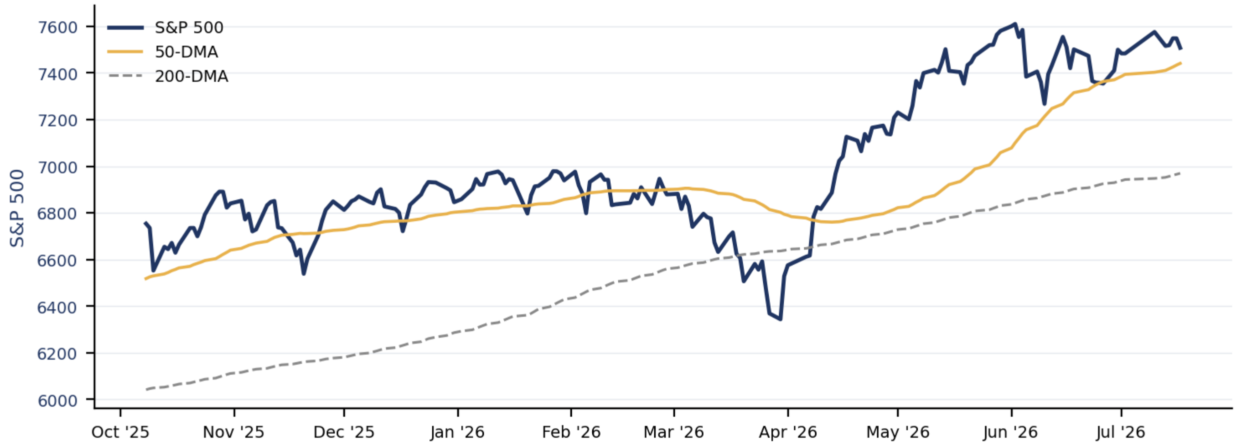
Regime & Technical Radar

Read with the weeklies — Market Regime Radar (REFRESHED on updated sources): reflationary late-cycle — Growth +0.92 (UP), Inflation firming +0.10, Monetary +0.71 (tight), Risk neutral · Technical Radar · Iran-Hormuz (SIEGE day 14; strike pause HELD, Brent ~$88, but the Strait stays SHUT — HOLD Phase 2)

MARKET REGIME	
Regime archetype	LATE-CYCLE / RESILIENT TIGHTENING, with a REFLATIONARY tilt — freshly re-run on the updated cross-asset store. Growth JUMPED to +0.92 (copper momentum +1.0, copper/gold +1.0, small-caps leading), Inflation FIRMED to +0.10 (from -0.24; the 5y5y deanchoring turning up), Monetary tight at +0.71 (real yields high, curve steepening), Risk/Stress neutral (~0.0, credit benign). Resilient growth + firming inflation + tight money = the reflationary late-cycle that argues the Fed stays restrictive — hence the September-hike repricing
Bull-cycle position	the S&P (~7,413) is holding near the highs on strong breadth (small-caps +0.62%, Dow +0.51%) even as the AI/semis leadership de-rates — a rotation, not a top; but the leadership de-rating (a global chip rout on AI-ROI doubt) is the risk to watch, with the mega-cap capex prints (MSFT/META) the verdict
Favored sectors	the reflationary read favours CYCLICALS / VALUE / ENERGY and small-caps (the copper-and-growth signal); AVOID the de-rating SEMIS / AI complex (the ROI-clock repricing, now global). Keep duration light — the hawkish Fed repricing (September-hike odds ~82%) argues against rate-sensitive length
Turning signposts	the FOMC (Wed 29) guidance + the September-hike signal; the mega-cap AI-capex prints (MSFT/META Wed, AAPL/AMZN Thu) — do they justify the build or confirm the ROI doubt; Q2 GDP + PCE (Thu); whether the semis rout deepens or reverses; and whether the Iran strike pause holds (oil) or breaks

TECHNICAL RADAR	
S&P 500 — levels	~7,413 (27 Jul, +0.02%, Bloomberg store) · holding just below the 50-DMA · well above the 200-DMA · flat index masking a rotation (cyclicals up, chips down)
Trend regime	uptrend intact (above the 200-DMA), strong breadth beneath (small-caps, cyclicals leading), but the AI/semis leadership de-rating is a genuine risk — a rotation that could become a drag if the chip rout deepens
52-week range	6,226 - 7,575 (record 10 Jul); the index sits ~2% off the high, resilient on breadth despite the semis de-rate
Trigger watch	FOMC Wed 29 + the September-hike signal, the MSFT/META AI-capex verdict, the global semis rout (deepen vs reverse), and the Iran pause (oil)

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



S&P; 500 with 50- and 200-day moving averages — the index +0.02% to ~7,413 on 27 Jul, flat and holding the range as a rotation runs beneath (cyclicals up, semis down). Source: Delphic market-data store (Bloomberg-refreshed).

What we're watching this week

- THE FOMC DECISION — TODAY (2pm ET): a hold at 3.50-3.75% is the base case, but a live ~30-38% HIKE minority is priced and September sits ~77-80%. No dots (non-SEP) — the vote split + the presser (2:30) are the signal. Corroborated by our Regime read: Growth +0.92, Inflation firming, Monetary tight — reflationary, hawkish. Keep duration light into it.
- THE SPLIT — records vs a semis de-rate: the broad tape made a RECORD (Dow +1.03% to 52,747) while the SEMIS fell a 4th straight day (SMH -3%; Micron -4%, AMD/Intel/TSM ~-3%, Nvidia -1.1% on a DeepSeek AI-chip report). A rotation OUT of AI/semis INTO cyclicals/value. The MSFT + META prints TONIGHT are the AI-capex verdict — do they justify the build or confirm the ROI doubt.
- IRAN-HORMUZ — the strike pause FRACTURED: the IRGC fired ballistic missiles at US forces (28 Jul, all INTERCEPTED, no damage), US+Saudi struck back; oil firmed back to ~$88.36. The brief de-escalation STALLED and the risk re-arms toward escalation. But the missiles were intercepted — no Hormuz Phase-1 physical trigger — so HOLD Phase 2; the Strait stays SHUT (~10 transits/day, dark ~70%). A Kharg/terminal strike or verified mine tips Phase 1 and re-bids oil.

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