Global Cross-Asset Tape

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US — THE 31 JUL CLOSE (FRIDAY)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
S&P 500	7,490	+0.70%
Nasdaq Comp	25,374	+1.00%
Dow Jones	52,485	+0.53%
Mega-cap split	AMZN +12%	AAPL -7.4%

RATES / OIL / MACRO (31 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
UST 10Y	~4.72%	cycle high (oil + hawkish)
UST 2Y	~4.28%	Sept = hike risk
Brent (CO1)	$86.99	last print (weekend)
Fed	HELD 9-3	3 wanted a HIKE

EUROPE / ASIA (31 JUL CLOSE)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
STOXX 600	649	-0.10% (record then faded)
DAX 40	25,629	+0.07%
Nikkei 225	64,362	+4.03%
ATHEX	~2,570	17-yr high; +4.5% July

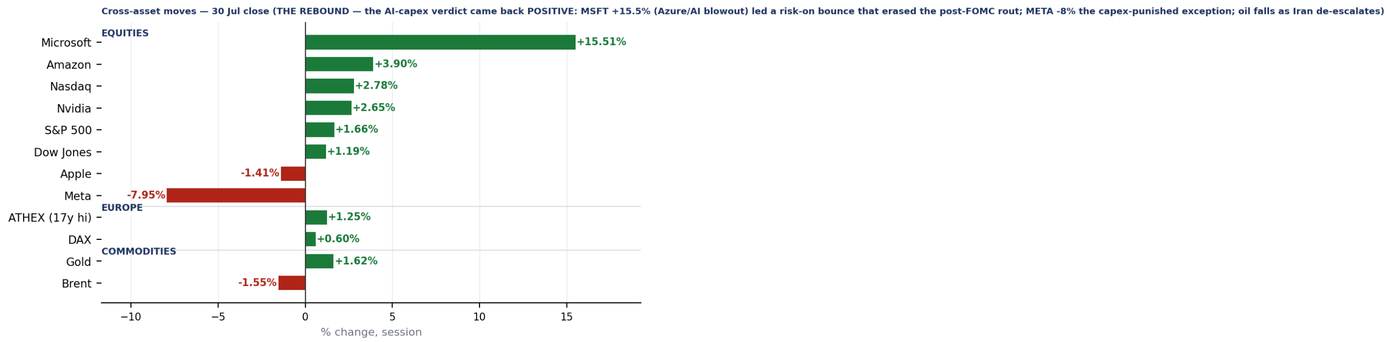
MACRO DATA (30 JUL)

ASSET	LAST	CHG
Q2 GDP	+1.5%	cooled (from +2.1%)
Core PCE (YoY)	~3.3%	sticky
Q2 PCE (ann.)	+5.1%	hot quarter
Gold	record	bid on real-rate + geo

READ

AI-capex SPLIT monetisers win, non-participants punished	**Fed** HAWKISH 9-3 hold; Sept hike risk	**Iran** WHIPSAW→DEAL framework flips vector; Mon oil DOWN if it holds	**Regime** reflation growth resilient, infl firming

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



The week to the 31 Jul close — the AI-capex verdict split the mega-caps (Amazon rewarded on AWS, Apple punished on a soft guide), the Fed held hawkish (9-3), and oil held ~$87 into a weekend re-escalation. Source: Delphic market-data store + 1-2 Aug sweep.

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Session Read

THE WEEK'S CLOSE (31 Jul) + a WEEKEND RE-ESCALATION · AI-capex SPLIT (AMZN +12% rewarded, AAPL -7.4% punished, MSFT's blowout held) · hawkish macro (FOMC 9-3 hold, GDP +1.5%, core PCE ~3.3%, 10Y ~4.7%) · Iran WHIPSAWS — a day of re-escalation OVERTAKEN late Sunday by a DEAL FRAMEWORK (Trump calls off the attack for a rapid deal that OPENS Hormuz) — HOLD Phase 2 (a framework, not signed), Monday reprices oil DOWN / risk-on IF it holds · Greece a 17-yr high, bank season closed with records

THE STREET vs DELPHIC — external research vs our re-run radar (houses anonymised, as we always do)

We re-scrutinised the week's external research against our re-run radar; the full adjudication is in the External Read digest, with every house anonymised. **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 and Growth ripped, so the sticky-inflation / next-move-is-a-HIKE calls have gone from least-supported (our July read) to **modal**; the FOMC's hawkish **9-3 hold** corroborates. **The central fault line — the AI de-rating — got its verdict, and the market SPLIT it.** One camp called the July unwind a technical washout (buy the dip); another called a fundamental repricing (FCF marked down, AI-name CDS widening). The prints adjudicated: **Amazon (+12%) and Microsoft rewarded the capex** (the dip-buy camp wins the round), while **Apple validated the 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 AI-name CDS as the single best leading tell for whether the ROI doubt becomes a credit event (aggregate credit still calm). **Where Delphic had the EDGE — oil/Hormuz.** The desks whipsawed (chasing the >$100 spike, then flipping bearish into the pause). Our SoH Monitor front-ran the entire arc — HELD Phase 2 through the $100 spike, the pause, the fracture, and now the re-escalation — never once over-calling a closure.

The AI-capex verdict — the market SPLIT it: monetisers rewarded, non-participants punished

The week's central question — is the trillion-dollar build converting? — got a nuanced answer. **Amazon +12%** on an AWS re-acceleration and Microsoft's Azure blowout were REWARDED; **Apple fell ~7.4%** on soft Services, a China miss and a light guide, with no AI product and its margin taxed by the memory build-cost. This is a **within-complex re-sort, not a top** — the mid-week de-rating scare resolved as differentiation. Be SELECTIVE within AI: own the ROI-provers (the hyperscalers monetising capex) and the power supply chain; avoid the ROI-unproven and the non-participants.

The macro — a HAWKISH hold: 9-3, GDP cooling, sticky inflation, yields at cycle highs

The FOMC HELD at 3.50-3.75% on a **9-3** split (three wanted a HIKE); **Q2 GDP cooled to +1.5%** (from +2.1%) while inflation stayed sticky (core PCE ~3.3% YoY, the quarterly annualised hot). The bond market took the point — the **10-year pushed to ~4.7%**, cycle highs, the 2-year ~4.3%. September is a hike risk, not a cut. Our Regime read corroborates: resilient growth + firming inflation + tight money = a **reflationary late-cycle** that argues the Fed stays restrictive. Keep duration light.

Oil & the Iran siege — a late-Sunday DEAL FRAMEWORK flips the vector; the Monday reprice now skews oil DOWN

Sunday whipsawed. By day it RE-ESCALATED — Iran declared Hormuz **'closed'** (though **CENTCOM says ships still transit**), three tankers were hit, fire spread across **Kuwait/Jordan/Bahrain**, and the Red Sea re-armed. Then, late 2 Aug, it FLIPPED: **Trump said the US and Israel will CANCEL the planned major attack 'subject to a rapid DEAL'** whose agreed perimeters explicitly include the **'Immediate, Complete and Total OPENING of the Hormuz Strait'** and an end to Iran's nuclear threat — the strongest de-escalation signal of the cycle. Our SoH Monitor **HOLDS Phase 2** on the physical (a FRAMEWORK, not signed; the Strait not yet re-opened, Kharg intact) but the vector swings to a **Phase-3 path**. Markets are closed, so the **Monday reprice now FLIPS** — if the framework holds, oil DOWN (the war premium unwinding toward the forward ~$74-80), rates lower in sympathy (the 10Y off its ~4.7% cycle high, September-hike odds fading), risk-ON; the tail is a fracture that re-arms the attack (→ a Kharg/mine Phase-1, oil up).

Greece — a 17-year high; the bank season CLOSED with records across the board

Athens closed the week at a **17-year high** (General Index ~2,570; +4.5% in July, YTD +21%; the banking index +7% on the month), and **Piraeus touched €10** for the first time since 2021. The H1 bank season CLOSED with records: **Piraeus €617m** (+€2.0bn NII upgrade), **Eurobank ~€776m** (RoTBV ~16.6%, guidance raised), **NBG €661m** (EPS €1.45, RoTE 15.5%), and **Alpha ~€497m** (Q2 adj. PAT €275m +24.6% QoQ, RoTBV 15.5%, FY EPS guide raised to €0.41, 55% payout) — all beat, all raised. The banks now trade their own numbers. Politics stays commanding for the incumbent (a ~14-pt lead). Coca-Cola HBC + PPC report 5 Aug, Metlen 6 Aug.

The macro read

Read the tape as a **reflationary late-cycle with a bifurcating AI complex**: resilient growth, firming inflation, a hawkish Fed (9-3 hold, September a hike risk), and an AI trade that now discriminates on monetisation. Own the **cyclical + value + energy** barbell + the AI ROI-provers and power supply chain, avoid the unproven and the non-participants, and keep duration light (the 10Y at cycle highs). On Hormuz, trust the flow and the price over the rhetoric — HOLD Phase 2 until a physical trigger fires; Monday is the reprice.

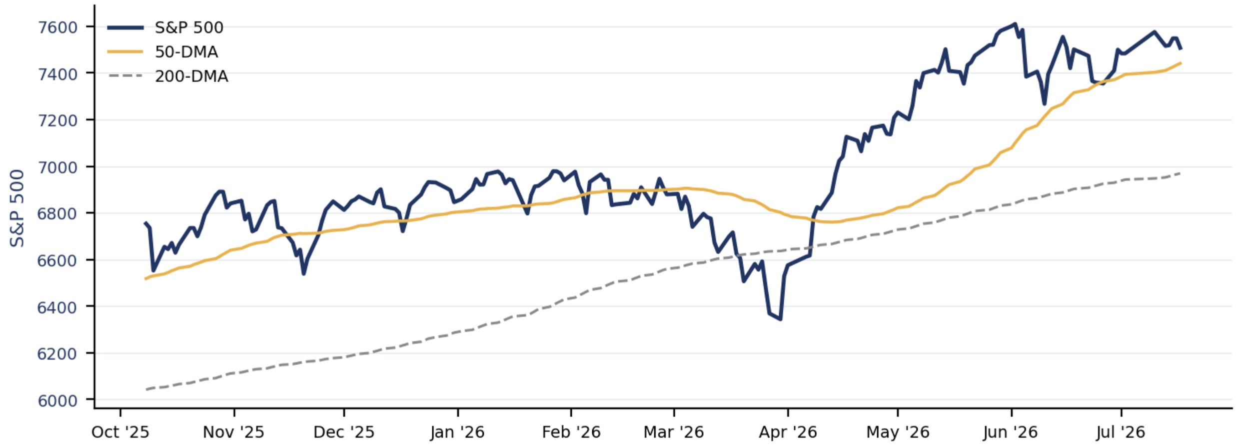
Regime & Technical Radar

Read with the weeklies — Market Regime Radar: a REFLATIONARY LATE-CYCLE — Growth resilient, Inflation firming, Monetary tight, Risk neutral · the AI-capex verdict LANDED and BIFURCATED (monetisers rewarded — AMZN/MSFT; the non-participant Apple marked down -7.4%) — rotation-not-top CONFIRMED · Iran-Hormuz RE-ESCALATES and BROADENS (Iran declares ‘closed’, CENTCOM says ships still transit) — HOLD Phase 2, Monday the reprice

MARKET REGIME	
Regime archetype	LATE-CYCLE / RESILIENT TIGHTENING with a REFLATIONARY tilt — resilient growth + firming inflation + tight money (real yields high, the 10Y at cycle highs ~4.7%, curve steepening) = the reflationary late-cycle that argues the Fed stays restrictive, hence the hawkish 9-3 hold and the September-hike risk. Risk/Stress neutral (credit benign).
Bull-cycle position	the S&P (~7,490) closed the week near the highs even as the AI leadership BIFURCATED — a within-complex re-sort, NOT a top, CONFIRMING the rotation-not-top call. ROI-provers rewarded (Amazon +12% on AWS; Microsoft's Azure blowout held), the non-participant Apple marked down (-7.4%, ~-8.6% two-day). Breadth healthy beneath (cyclicals/value/small-caps).
Favored sectors	the reflationary read favours CYCLICALS / VALUE / ENERGY and small-caps; within AI be SELECTIVE — own the ROI-provers + the power picks-and-shovels, avoid the ROI-unproven and the non-participants. Keep duration light — the hawkish Fed + the 10Y at cycle highs argue against rate-sensitive length.
Turning signposts	Monday's oil reprice (does the price catch the weekend Iran escalation or fade it); whether the three Hormuz tanker ‘hits’ are confirmed as mines/sinkings (Phase-1) or not; the 10Y (a further back-up pressures the high-beta + rate-sensitive); the Greek large-cap H1s (Coca-Cola HBC / PPC 5 Aug, Metlen 6 Aug).

TECHNICAL RADAR	
S&P 500 — levels	~7,490 (31 Jul close, +0.70%) · holding near the highs · well above the 200-DMA · the index masking an AI re-sort (monetisers up, non-participants down)
Trend regime	uptrend intact (above the 200-DMA), breadth healthy beneath (cyclicals/value/small-caps); the AI bifurcation is a re-sort, not a broad de-rate — the risk is the 10Y at cycle highs pressuring the rate-sensitive
52-week range	6,226 - 7,575 (record 10 Jul); the index sits ~1% off the high, resilient on breadth
Trigger watch	Monday's oil reprice (the weekend Iran escalation), the 10Y back-up, the Greek large-cap H1s, and whether the Hormuz tanker attacks are confirmed physical (Phase-1)

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



S&P; 500 with 50- and 200-day moving averages — the index +0.70% to ~7,490 at the 31 Jul close, holding near the highs as the AI complex re-sorts beneath. Source: Delphic market-data store.

What we're watching this week

- MONDAY'S OIL REPRICE — the swing has FLIPPED. Brent's last (~$87) pre-dates BOTH the Sunday escalation AND the late-Sunday DEAL FRAMEWORK (the US attack called off, Hormuz-opening at its centre). If the framework holds, Monday reprices oil DOWN — the war premium unwinding toward the forward (~$74-80) — pulling rates lower (the 10Y off its ~4.7% cycle high, September-hike odds fading) and lifting risk. The tail: the rapid deal stalls/fractures (this cycle's pattern), the attack re-arms, a Kharg/mine tips Phase 1 (oil up). Modal now: the framework holds → oil down / risk-on; watch Sunday-night futures.
- THE AI RE-SORT — the verdict BIFURCATED, not a top: the ROI-provers were rewarded (Amazon +12% on AWS; Microsoft's Azure blowout held; Nvidia firm), the non-participant Apple was marked down (-7.4%). Be selective within AI (own the monetisers + the power supply chain); the mid-week de-rating scare resolved as differentiation, confirming rotation-not-top.
- THE MACRO — a hawkish 9-3 hold, Q2 GDP cooled to +1.5%, core PCE sticky ~3.3%, the 10Y at cycle highs ~4.7%. September is a hike risk, not a cut. Keep duration light; the reflationary late-cycle argues the Fed stays restrictive.
- IRAN-HORMUZ — a late-Sunday DEAL FRAMEWORK flips the vector to DE-ESCALATION: Trump says the US + Israel will CANCEL the planned attack 'subject to a rapid DEAL' that explicitly OPENS Hormuz and ends the nuclear threat, overtaking the day's re-escalation (Iran's 'closed' declaration, three tankers hit, strikes across Kuwait/Jordan/Bahrain). HOLD Phase 2 on the physical (a framework, not signed; the Strait not yet re-opened) — the vector is now a Phase-3 path. The coming week: the framework FIRMS (oil down, rates down, risk-on) or FRACTURES (the attack re-arms → a Kharg/mine Phase-1). Monday is the reprice, now skewed oil DOWN.

Read. The daily cross-checks the Regime Radar, and the read is a **reflationary late-cycle**: resilient growth, firming inflation, and tight money (the 10Y at cycle highs ~4.7%), which argues the Fed stays restrictive — hence the hawkish **9-3 hold** and the September-hike risk. Against that, the AI complex has BIFURCATED — a within-complex re-sort (monetisers rewarded, non-participants punished), NOT a broad top. The rotation is toward **cyclicals / value / energy** and the AI ROI-provers. Own that barbell, be selective within AI, keep duration light — and watch Monday's oil reprice for whether the weekend Iran re-escalation finally hits the tape.

Theme of the Day

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