

# Global Perspectives Weekly

For the week ended Aug 22, 2025

## Commentary

**Weekly summary:** Fed Chair Powell's remarks took center stage this week.

### Markets review

- **U.S. equities, except for the Nasdaq, were higher this week.** Small caps were the biggest winners, led by small cap value, while large cap growth was the only negative performer. Technology and communication services were down. Europe also rose while Asia fell.
- **Treasury yields fell and the curve steepened,** as the 2yr yield declined more than the 30yr yield. Investment grade corporate bonds were up 4.8% for the year.
- **The dollar declined as gold advanced.** Bitcoin futures were down.
- **Crude oil was up.**

### Economic review

- **PMIs were stronger than expected,** with manufacturing reaching the highest level in more than three years, while services ticked lower but came in better than expected. In addition, hiring rose at the fastest pace in over three years. However, initial claims and continuing claims, which hit the highest level since 11/21, and hotter inflation data from the Philly Fed Index increased stagflation fears.
- **S&P reaffirmed its US credit rating,** easing concerns about the U.S. debt and deficit.
- **Retail earnings reinforced consumer resiliency** and the smaller-than-expected tariff impact. But costs are expected to rise for the rest of the year.
- Fed Chair Powell said policy is in restrictive territory. The outlook and shifting balance of risks may warrant adjusting the policy stance. **Markets now anticipate a more than 90% chance of a September rate cut** and 50+ bp of cuts through year-end.
- **Earnings review**
- **2Q25 earnings:** 95% of S&P 500 companies reported. The blended earnings growth rate was 12.9% and the revenue growth rate was 6.3%. 80% of S&P 500 companies beat consensus EPS expectations.

## Market data

Index prices (\$)	08/22/25	12/31/24
Dow Jones Industrial Average	45,632	42,544
S&P 500	6,467	5,882

Returns (%)	1wk	QTD	YTD	3mo
<b>Equities</b>				
S&P 500	0.27	4.40	10.88	11.05
S&P Mid Cap 400	2.63	5.11	5.32	9.57
S&P Small Cap 600	3.46	8.39	3.55	13.71
Russell 1000	0.37	4.40	10.79	11.02
Russell MidCap	2.04	4.53	9.59	9.59
Russell 2000	3.30	8.77	6.82	15.88
Dow Jones Industrial Average	1.53	3.71	8.42	9.48
NASDAQ Composite	-0.58	5.62	11.80	13.77

<b>Fixed income</b>				
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	0.43	0.77	4.82	3.33
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	0.16	-0.21	7.05	2.70
Bloomberg High Yield Bond	0.27	1.25	5.88	3.74
S&P / LSTA Senior Loan	0.18	1.18	4.43	2.13
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond	-0.12	2.47	8.82	5.59

<b>S&amp;P 500 sectors</b>				
Technology	-1.56	5.62	14.12	17.10
Materials	2.12	5.22	11.56	8.55
Consumer discretionary	1.28	6.68	2.56	9.92
Health care	1.47	2.52	1.38	6.36
Utilities	0.53	5.38	15.30	8.19
Consumer staples	0.33	0.87	7.33	1.07
Energy	3.14	4.11	4.92	9.00
Financials	2.15	2.29	11.73	7.04
Industrials	1.82	3.81	17.01	8.72
Communication services	-0.88	5.35	17.08	14.28
Real Estate	2.48	2.21	5.80	5.22

<b>Equity style performance</b>				
Large cap value	1.73	3.89	10.13	8.67
Large cap growth	-0.86	4.89	11.28	12.99
Mid cap value	2.26	5.31	8.60	9.90
Mid cap growth	1.37	2.21	12.21	8.50
Small cap value	4.09	10.04	6.56	16.71
Small cap growth	2.56	7.58	7.07	15.10

<b>International equities</b>				
MSCI EAFE	0.84	4.32	25.10	7.81
MSCI U.K.	1.84	6.11	26.56	8.58
MSCI Europe ex-U.K.	1.32	3.01	28.78	5.73
MSCI Japan	-0.63	6.41	19.14	11.38
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan	-0.54	4.43	19.87	10.39
MSCI Emerging Markets	-0.40	4.15	20.37	9.87
MSCI ACWI	0.38	4.31	15.09	10.16

Source: FactSet.

## Economic calendar

Date	Country/Region	Event
08/25/25	Japan	Leading Index (Jun)
	Germany	Ifo Expectations (Aug)
	U.S.	New Home Sales (Jul)
08/26/25	U.S.	Durable Orders (Jul)
	U.S.	FHFA Home Price Index (Jun)
	U.S.	Consumer Confidence (Aug)
08/27/25	Germany	GfK Consumer Confidence (Sep)
08/28/25	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence Indicator (Aug)
	U.S.	GDP (2Q25)
	U.S.	Pending Home Sales (Jul)
08/29/25	Japan	CPI (Aug)
	Japan	Unemployment Rate (Jul)
	Germany	Retail Sales (Jul)
	Germany	Unemployment Rate (Aug)
	Germany	CPI (Aug)
	U.S.	Personal Consumption Expenditure (Jul)
	U.S.	Personal Income (Jul)
	U.S.	Wholesale Inventories (Jul)
	U.S.	Chicago PMI (Aug)
	U.S.	Michigan Sentiment (Aug)

Source: FactSet.

## Market data, cont'd

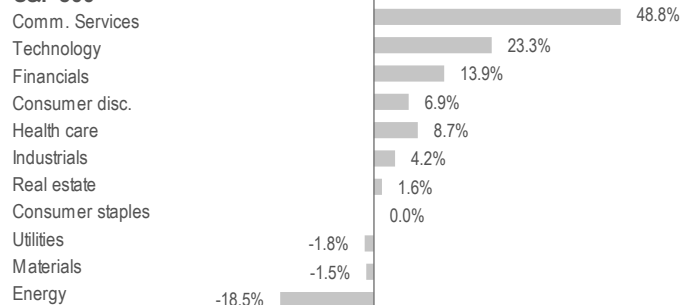
As of:	Last close	Prior week	Year end	3 mos ago
U.S. bond rates (%)				
U.S. federal funds target rate	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
U.S. 2yr Treasury	3.68	3.77	4.25	3.99
U.S. 10yr Treasury	4.26	4.34	4.58	4.54
U.S. 20yr Treasury	4.85	4.92	4.86	5.06
U.S. 30yr Treasury	4.88	4.94	4.79	5.05
High yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	6.50	6.55	6.97	6.92
Consumer rates (%)				
30yr mortgage rate	6.65	6.65	7.28	6.92
Prime rate	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Commodities				
Gold (USD/oz)	\$3,419	\$3,378	\$2,641	\$3,295
Crude oil (USD/bbl)	\$63.66	\$62.70	\$71.72	\$61.20
Copper (LME \$/mt)	\$9,643	\$9,627	\$8,706	\$9,493
Gasoline (USD/gal)	\$3.35	\$3.33	\$3.22	\$3.40
Exchange rates				
\$ per €	1.17	1.17	1.04	1.13
\$ per £	1.35	1.35	1.25	1.34
¥ per \$	146.86	147.96	157.16	143.76
U.S. Dollar Index	97.72	98.17	108.49	99.96

Source: FactSet.

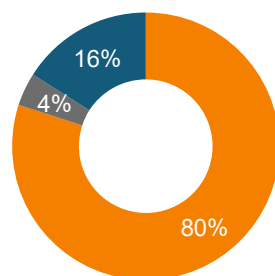
## 2Q25 S&amp;P 500 earnings dashboard

## Growth rates

## S&amp;P 500

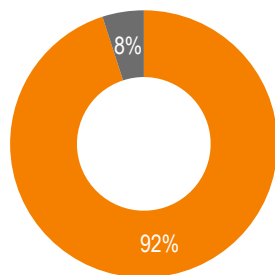


■ Above ■ Match ■ Below



	Above	Match	Below
S&P 500	80%	4%	16%
Consumer disc.	72%	4%	23%
Consumer staples	77%	6%	16%
Energy	71%	10%	19%
Financials	84%	5%	11%
Health care	88%	0%	12%
Industrials	82%	5%	12%
Materials	46%	4%	50%
Real estate	74%	5%	19%
Technology	95%	2%	3%
Comm. service	86%	5%	10%
Utilities	74%	3%	23%

■ Reported ■ Remaining



	Reported	Remaining
S&P 500	474	26
Consumer disc.	47	4
Consumer staples	31	7
Energy	21	1
Financials	73	1
Health care	58	2
Industrials	77	1
Materials	26	0
Real estate	31	0
Technology	58	10
Comm. service	21	0
Utilities	31	0

As of 08/22/25. Source: London Stock Exchange Group, Institutional Brokers' Estimate System. Above, Match and Below are showing the percentage of constituents that beat, matched or missed analyst expectations on the day of reporting.

## Principal Risks

All investing involves risks of fluctuating prices and the uncertainties of rates of return and yield. **Asset Allocation:** The success of the Fund's strategy depends on the Adviser's or Sub-Adviser's skill in allocating Fund assets between the asset classes and in choosing investments within those categories. There is a risk that the Fund may allocate assets to an asset class that underperforms other asset classes. **Investment Model:** The Fund or certain underlying funds invest based on a proprietary model managed by the manager. The manager's proprietary model may not adequately address existing or unforeseen market factors or the interplay between such factors. **Other Investment Companies:** The main risk of investing in other investment companies, including exchange-traded funds, is the risk that the value of the securities underlying an investment company might decrease. Because the Fund or an underlying fund may invest in other investment companies, you will pay a proportionate share of the expenses of those other investment companies (including management fees, administration fees, and custodial fees) in addition to the expenses of the Fund and a proportionate share of the expenses of each underlying fund. **Interest Rate:** With bonds and other fixed rate debt instruments, a rise in interest rates generally causes values to fall; conversely, values generally rise as interest rates fall. The higher the credit quality of the instrument, and the longer its maturity or duration, the more sensitive it is likely to be to interest rate risk. **Foreign Investments/Developing and Emerging Markets:** Investing in foreign (non-U.S.) securities may result in the Fund or the underlying funds experiencing more rapid and extreme changes in value than a fund that invests exclusively in securities of U.S. companies due to smaller markets different reporting, accounting and auditing standards; nationalization, expropriation, or confiscatory taxation; foreign currency fluctuations, currency blockage or replacement; potential for default on sovereign debt; or political changes or diplomatic developments. Other risks of the Fund include but are not limited to **Credit, High-Yield Securities Investments, Call, Company, Currency, Liquidity, Market, Market Capitalization, Real Estate Companies and Real Estate Investment Trusts, U.S. Government Securities and Obligations.** An investment in the Fund is not a bank deposit and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

## Voya Global Perspectives Market Models positioning

## Current positioning

Following 1Q25 positive earnings growth for S&P 500 companies, the models remain in a base posture.

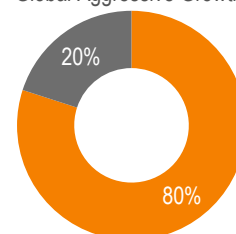
## Upcoming positioning

2Q25 positioning will be announced and commence in early October.

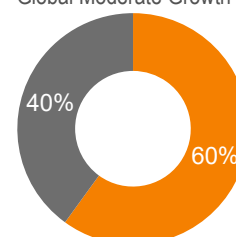
## Base positioning

■ Equity ■ Fixed Income

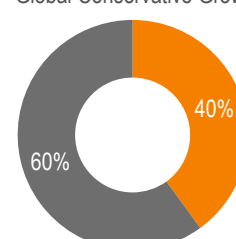
Global Aggressive Growth



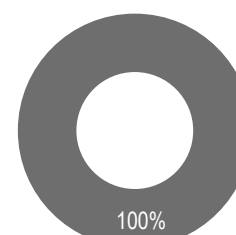
Global Moderate Growth



Global Conservative Growth



Global Income



Source: Voya IM.

## Index definitions

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index measures a wide range of global government, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

Bloomberg High Yield Bond Index tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index is a bond market index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 of the largest and most widely held public companies in the U.S., adjusted to reflect stock splits and stock dividends.

FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index represents general performance trends of the equity securities of real estate companies involved in the ownership, disposition and development of income-producing properties worldwide.

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+) tracks total returns for traded foreign currency denominated debt instruments in the emerging markets which meet minimum criteria for face value outstanding and market trading liquidity.

MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world, capturing large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. & Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed European markets except the U.K..

MSCI U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in the U.K..

MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed Asian markets except Japan.

MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in Japan.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.

Municipal Bond Index is a bond index that includes investment-grade, tax-exempt fixed-rate bonds with long-term maturities (greater than two years) selected from issues larger than \$50 million.

NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization weighted index of the performance of domestic and international common stocks listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market including over 2,800 securities.

Large Growth: Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Large Value: Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Midcap Growth: Russell MidCap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Midcap Value: Russell MidCap Value Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with lower price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Growth: Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

Small Cap Value: Russell 2000 Value Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with lower price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

S&P 500 Index is a widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market, including 500 leading companies in major industries of the U.S. economy.

S&P 500 Sectors are defined as the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors which provide standardized industry definitions consisting of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, and 67 industries.

The S&P MidCap 400 includes 400 companies and represents almost 6% of the U.S. markets. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 3.3 billion to USD 11.8 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

The S&P SmallCap 600 includes 600 companies and represents almost 3% of the U.S. market. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 750 million to USD 3.3 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

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