

# Investment Weekly: Seacrest, Out. Warsh, In.

For the week ended June 12, 2026

## Commentary

Last week, America was simultaneously fighting a war, negotiating a peace deal, clocking its hottest inflation print in three years, and taking SpaceX public in the largest IPO in recorded history. This week, the most anticipated Wednesday since America voted for Ruben Studdard or Clay Aiken arrives in the form of Kevin Warsh's first FOMC press conference as Fed Chair.

- **Stocks:** U.S. equities finished the week higher. Materials, consumer staples, and financials led the week while communication services fell by nearly 2% and energy slipped as oil prices dropped amid Iran peace deal hopes. The sectors that benefit from cheaper energy led; the sector that produces it did not. Small caps beat large caps and value beat growth for the second straight week. Europe outperformed the U.S.; Japan lagged.
- **Rates:** U.S. bonds recovered. The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond Index rose by 0.52%. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield fell to 4.48% from 4.57% and the 20- and 30-year yields both retreated below 5%. This week, the bond market operated like a robovac: no discernible strategy, completely reactive to whatever it bumped into, and somehow finding its way back to the charging dock.
- **Commodities and currencies:** Crude oil fell to \$84.88 from \$91.30 a barrel, and gasoline to \$4.49 per gallon. Gold slipped to \$4,238/ounce. The U.S. dollar weakened slightly. Peace, it turns out, is the one thing that can do to oil prices what 18 months of Fed policy couldn't do to inflation.
- **Inflation:** The May consumer-price index came in at 4.2% year over year, its hottest reading since April 2023. More than 60% of that increase came from energy prices, which rose by 23.5% over the past year. Strip out gasoline and inflation is 2.9%...painfully close to the Fed's 2% target. The May producer-price index confirmed the same finding from a different angle: up 1.1% for the month against a 0.7% forecast. Once again, the monthly surge was driven by gasoline, which is doing what the vuvuzela did at the 2010 World Cup—showing up everywhere, drowning out everything else, and outlasting everyone's patience.
- **Consumer sentiment:** The University of Michigan's June reading rose to 48.9 from a record low of 44.8 in May, beating expectations and still sitting 19% below a year ago. Consumers credited easing gasoline prices. The survey director called the outlook "relatively dour," which at 48.9 feels a bit like calling the Titanic's maiden voyage mildly eventful.
- **The Fed:** Kevin Warsh chairs his first FOMC meeting this week. He's been Fed Chair since May 22 and hasn't said a word about inflation, jobs, or interest rates. My Aunt Carol went silent like that once after Thanksgiving and we didn't find out why until Easter. The difference is Aunt Carol wasn't in charge of interest rates. This Wednesday is Warsh's Easter. Everyone's bringing a dish and hoping for the best.
- **Earnings:** With 99% of S&P 500 companies reporting, 1Q26 blended earnings growth came in at 29.4% and 84% beat estimates. Technology grew 57.2% with a 99% beat rate. Health care and energy—the two sectors most directly involved in whether you are alive and able to get to work—posted negative growth. Corporate America had a phenomenal quarter. The parts of it that keep you upright and mobile did not. Onward.

## Market data

Index prices (\$)	06/12/2026	12/31/2025
Dow Jones Industrial Average	51,202	48,063
S&P 500	7,431	6,846

Returns (%)	1wk	QTD	YTD	3mo
<b>Equities</b>				
S&P 500	0.65	14.10	9.15	11.70
S&P Mid Cap 400	2.78	12.69	15.51	13.81
S&P Small Cap 600	4.29	15.62	19.69	17.76
Russell 1000	0.73	13.77	9.01	11.59
Russell MidCap	2.35	11.88	13.33	12.24
Russell 2000	3.90	18.17	19.22	18.65
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.66	10.90	7.36	10.12
NASDAQ Composite	0.70	20.07	11.71	16.23

<b>Fixed income</b>				
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	0.52	0.39	0.35	0.38
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	0.41	1.09	0.01	0.49
Bloomberg High Yield Bond	0.45	2.22	1.71	1.85
S&P / LSTA Senior Loan	-0.24	1.32	0.53	1.37
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond	0.55	3.89	3.33	2.47

<b>S&amp;P 500 sectors</b>				
Technology	0.53	29.60	17.77	24.48
Materials	3.00	3.88	13.99	4.57
Consumer discretionary	0.73	8.43	-1.54	6.22
Health care	0.54	4.94	-0.18	2.85
Utilities	0.42	-2.93	5.09	-3.58
Consumer staples	2.59	3.49	11.43	1.48
Energy	-0.35	-6.89	28.73	0.08
Financials	2.04	8.05	-2.05	9.80
Industrials	1.14	8.94	13.97	6.94
Communication services	-1.86	10.78	3.09	5.10
Real Estate	1.45	10.87	13.93	8.31

<b>Equity style performance</b>				
Large cap value	2.47	13.34	15.72	13.33
Large cap growth	-0.85	14.16	3.00	9.90
Mid cap value	2.69	12.43	16.57	13.33
Mid cap growth	1.12	9.95	2.96	8.46
Small cap value	4.09	15.11	20.81	16.94
Small cap growth	3.72	21.15	17.75	20.28

<b>International equities</b>				
MSCI EAFE	0.97	10.51	9.28	7.38
MSCI U.K.	1.24	5.14	7.26	2.98
MSCI Europe ex-U.K.	2.07	12.55	8.02	9.67
MSCI Japan	-1.59	12.27	13.97	8.10
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan	-0.51	26.56	25.13	17.36
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.04	23.48	23.36	15.85
MSCI ACWI	0.62	14.15	10.60	11.05

Source: FactSet.

**U.S. economic calendar**

Date	Event
6/17/2026	Retail Sales, Imports/Exports, Industrial and Manufacturing Production, Business Inventories, FOMC Meeting Day 2
6/18/2026	Mortgage Applications, Jobless Claims, Housing Starts and Building Permits
6/11/2026	Producer Price Index, Jobless Claims

**Market data, cont'd**

As of:	Last close	Prior week	Year end	3 mos ago
<b>U.S. bond rates (%)</b>				
U.S. federal funds target rate	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
U.S. 2yr Treasury	4.08	4.16	3.48	3.72
U.S. 10yr Treasury	4.48	4.57	4.18	4.26
U.S. 20yr Treasury	4.98	5.06	4.79	4.86
U.S. 30yr Treasury	4.97	5.04	4.86	4.88
High yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	6.65	6.71	6.42	6.64
<b>Consumer rates (%)</b>				
30yr mortgage rate	6.56	6.57	6.25	6.17
Prime rate	6.75	6.75	6.75	6.75
<b>Commodities</b>				
Gold (USD/oz)	\$4,238	\$4,363	\$4,341	\$5,125
Crude oil (USD/bbl)	\$84.88	\$91.30	\$57.42	\$95.73
Copper (LME \$/mt)	\$13,603	\$13,661	\$12,504	\$12,896
Gasoline (USD/gal)	\$4.49	\$4.66	\$3.10	\$3.29
<b>Exchange rates</b>				
\$ per €	1.16	1.15	1.17	1.15
\$ per £	1.34	1.33	1.35	1.33
¥ per \$	160.23	160.09	156.75	159.21
U.S. Dollar Index	99.75	100.05	98.32	99.74

Source: FactSet.

## 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.

The Russell 1000 Index measures the performance of the large-cap segment of the U.S. equity market and includes approximately 1,000 of the largest securities based on market capitalization and representing approximately 92% of the U.S. market.

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