

WEEKLY COMMENTARY 07.08.2023

U.S. Equities

Stocks opened the second half of the year on a down note. A weaker than expected job report led some investors to worry the economy is headed for a tougher second half of the year.

The Dow Jones fell 2% on the week to 33,734.88, the S&P slipped 1.2% to 4,398.95 and the Nasdaq declined by 0.9% to 13,660.72.

Treasuries

Treasury yields continued to climb with the 2-year yield notching its fifth straight week of advances.

The 2-year note rose 5.4 basis points last week, the 10-year note yield advanced 22.9 basis points and the 30-year yield surged 17.9 basis points. The 2-year yield sits just below 5%.

Dollar

The US dollar index fell to a two-week low after the job report released Friday showed a cooling in the US labor market.

Gold

Gold prices posted a slight gain on the week, up 0.2%.

Oil

Oil prices scored their largest weekly gain in three months as US inventories fell for the third straight week. WTI posted a 4.6% rise while the price of Brent increased by 4.1%.

Please note that the data in the chart below reflects the last 5 trading days because of the Independence Day holiday fell into last week.

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Ticker	Last	%WEEKLY	%YTD
INDICES			
AMERICAS			
S&P 500 Index	4398.	95 0.057	14.570
DOW JONES INDUS	33734.	38 -1.136	1.772
NASDAQ COMP INDX	13660.	72 0.511	. 30.518
EMEA			
Euro Stoxx 50 Pr	4236	.6 -3.693715	11.67
STXE 600 (EUR) Pr	447.	65 -3.091376	5.356
FTSE 100 INDEX	7256.	94 -3.64587	-2.614
CAC 40 INDEX	7111.	38 -3.894294	9.85
DAX INDEX	15603	.4 -3.371958	12.064
IBEX 35 INDEX	9248	.8 -3.588033	12.391
OMX STOCKHOLM 30 INDEX	2246.1	89 -2.758321	9.923
SWISS MARKET INDEX	10874	.9 -3.593791	. 1.356
EGYPT HERMES INDEX	1949.	61 -3.165831	19.494
PRAGUE STOCK EXCH INDEX	1283	.7 -0.6877638	6.82
RTS Index	976.	08 -0.6979065	0.564
BIST 100 INDEX	6187.	09 7.431359	12.305
ASIA/PACIFIC			
NIKKEI 225	32388.	42 -2.4123	24.119
HANG SENG INDEX	18365	.7 -2.911383	-7.156
S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	7042.2	72 -2.235466	0.050
SHANGHAI SE COMPOSITE	3196.6	-0.1703045	3.47
S&P BSE SENSEX INDEX	65280.	45 0.8682075	7.297



BONDS

BRENT CRUDE FUTR Sep23

GOLD 100 OZ FUTR Aug23

GOLD

US BENCHMARK			
US 2 Year	4.9459	1.0316	11.7515
US Generic Govt 5 Yr	4.3597	4.9114	8.8863
US Generic Govt 10 Yr	4.0616	5.8618	4.8209
UK BENCHMARK	<u>I</u> I		
UK Gilts 2 Year	5.393	2.256	50.811
UK Gilts 5 Year	4.851	4.032	34.0796
UK Gilts 10 Yr	4.65	5.971	26.634
EU BENCHMARK			
EURO 2 Year	3.253	1.783	17.6918
EURO 5 Year	2.739	7.412	6.2452
EURO 10 Year	2.637	10.242	2.5671
JP BENCHMARK			
Japan Govt 2Y Simple Yield	-0.046	31.343	-217.9487
Japan Govt 5Y Simple Yield	0.102	56.923	-56.0345
Japan Govt 10 Yr	0.428	6.733	1.4218
COMMODITIES			
ENERGY	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
WTI CRUDE FUTURE Aug23	73.86	5.726	-6.9304

78.47

1932.5

4.058

0.761

-5.5716

3.1437



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