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FINANCIAL STRATEGIES

Stocks were mixed last week as markets continued to navigate geopolitical concerns and new signals about short-term interest rates.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index edged up 0.09 percent, while the Nasdaq Composite Index rose 0.40 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 0.27 percent. The MSCI EAFE Index, which tracks developed overseas stock markets, skidded 0.25 percent.[1,2]

Summer's Final Act

Stocks fell modestly, and oil prices rose at the start of the week after renewed tensions in the Middle East put investors on edge. Longer-maturity Treasury bond yields also rose, adding pressure on stocks.[3]

Stocks remained under pressure as global bond yields rose, with traders fretting that higher oil prices would stoke broader inflation. Benchmark government bond yields for the U.S., Germany, and Japan hit 20-month, 15-year, and 30-year highs, respectively.[3]

But midweek, stocks rebounded after Fed Governor Christopher Waller suggested that the Fed might leave interest rates unchanged at its meeting later this month. Each major average gained 1 percent or more.[4,5]

Before Friday's opening, the Labor Department's nonfarm payrolls report showed job growth was stronger than expected in August. Stocks were under pressure all day as traders saw the job report as a reason that the Fed might consider adjusting rates later this month.[6]

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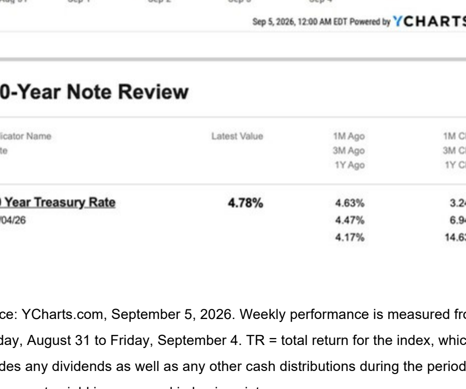
Weekly Market Insights (WMI)

Major Index Return Summary

Name	1M TR	YTD TR	1Y TR	5Yr TR
Nasdaq Composite	2.65%	14.83%	24.40%	79.44%
S&P 500	2.05%	14.06%	21.56%	83.47%
MSCI EAFE	1.77%	14.51%	24.05%	58.44%
Dow Jones Industrial Average	1.20%	12.96%	20.56%	66.83%

S&P 500 Daily Close



10-Year Note Review

Indicator Name Date	Latest Value	1M Ago 3M Ago 1Y Ago	1M Change 3M Change 1Y Change
10 Year Treasury Rate 09/04/26	4.78%	4.63% 4.47% 4.17%	3.24% ▲ 6.94% ▲ 14.63% ▲

Source: YCharts.com, September 5, 2026. Weekly performance is measured from Monday, August 31 to Friday, September 4. TR = total return for the index, which includes any dividends as well as any other cash distributions during the period. Treasury note yield is expressed in basis points.

Jobs Update

Wednesday's ADP National Employment Report showed private-sector hiring slowed in August, as companies added only 38,000 jobs.[7]

That was one of the reasons why Friday's nonfarm payrolls report surprised investors. The entire U.S. economy added 162,000 jobs in August. That was triple the 53,000 job gain economists expected and the biggest jump in 5 months. The unemployment rate also remained unchanged at a historically low 4.1 percent.[8]

This Week: Key Economic Data

Tuesday: NFIB Small Business Optimism Index. Consumer Credit.

Thursday: Weekly Jobless Claims. Producer Price Index (PPI). Monthly Wholesale Trade. Existing Home Sales.

Friday: Consumer Price Index (CPI). University of Michigan Consumer Survey. Monthly Treasury Balance.

Source: Investors Business Daily - Econoday economic calendar; September 4, 2026. The Econoday economic calendar lists upcoming U.S. economic data releases (including key economic indicators), Federal Reserve policy meetings, and speaking engagements of Federal Reserve officials. The content is developed from sources believed to provide accurate information. The forecasts or forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and may not materialize. The forecasts are also subject to revision.

This Week: Companies Reporting Earnings

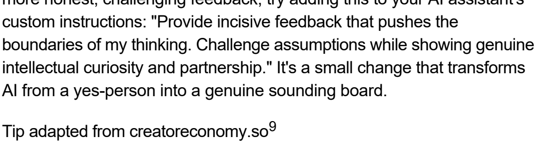
Tuesday: Oracle Corporation (ORCL)

Thursday: Adobe Inc. (ADBE)

Source: Zacks, September 4, 2026. Companies mentioned are for informational purposes only. It should not be considered a solicitation for the purchase or sale of the securities. Investing involves risks, and investment decisions should be based on your goals, time horizon, and risk tolerance. The return and principal value of investments will fluctuate as market conditions change. When sold, investments may be worth more or less than their original cost. Companies may reschedule their earnings reports without notice.

"Lasting change is a series of compromises. And compromise is all right, as long as your values don't change."

– Jane Goodall



Turn AI Into A Real Thought Partner

AI tends to agree with whatever you say, which isn't always helpful. To get more honest, challenging feedback, try adding this to your AI assistant's custom instructions: "Provide incisive feedback that pushes the boundaries of my thinking. Challenge assumptions while showing genuine intellectual curiosity and partnership." It's a small change that transforms AI from a yes-person into a genuine sounding board.

Tip adapted from creatoreconomy.so[9]

Health Benefits Of Garlic

Not only is garlic delicious, but it also confers many potential health benefits.

One of the most potent benefits of garlic is that it may bolster your immune system and help you combat sickness, including the common cold. One large 12-week study found that a daily garlic supplement reduced the number of colds by 63% compared to a placebo. The average length of cold symptoms was also reduced by 70%, from 5 days in the placebo group to 1.5 days in the garlic group.

Garlic may also improve cholesterol levels, thus lowering the risk of heart disease. Garlic may reduce both total and LDL cholesterol (otherwise known as the "bad" cholesterol).

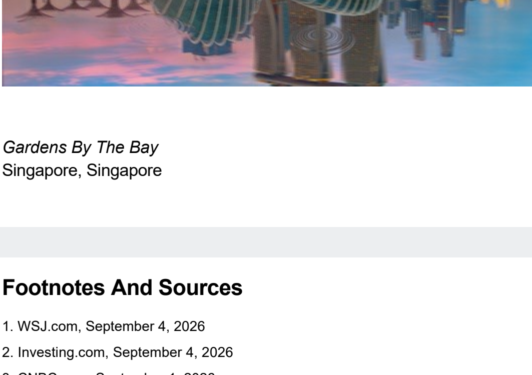
Therefore, consider adding a few garlic cloves next time you make your favorite dish.

Tip adapted from Healthline.com[10]

How do you spell "hard water" using only three letters?

A man bet his neighbor that his dog could jump higher than his neighbor's hedge. The neighbor accepted the bet and lost. Why?

Answer: A hedge cannot jump.



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