

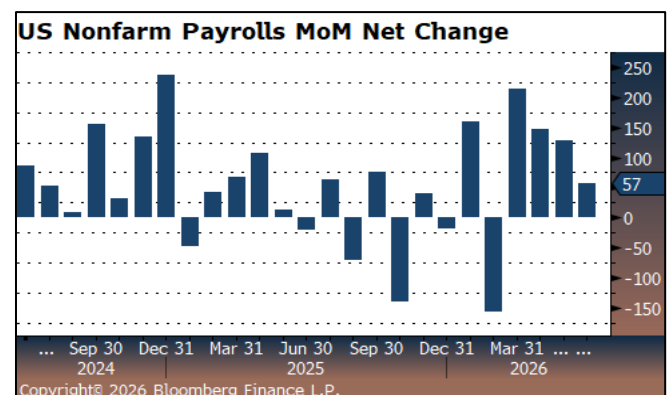
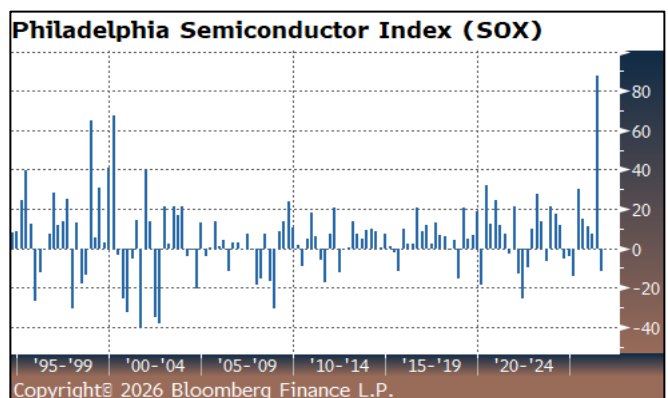
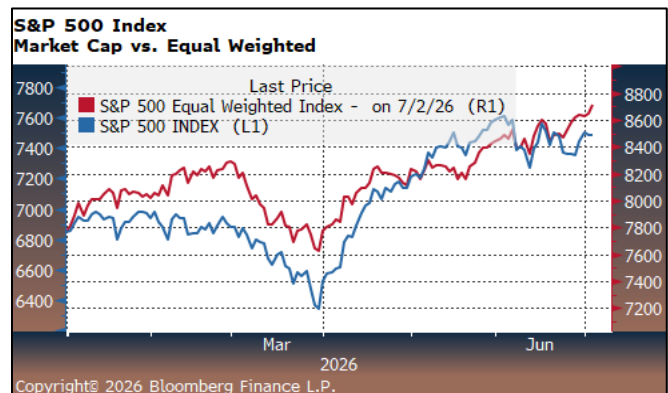
Executive Summary:

- With no recession in sight, the bull market should remain intact. We would continue to view pullbacks in stocks as likely buying opportunities.
- Equity valuations are modestly elevated but reasonable given the current backdrop of earnings growth, steady economic conditions, and continued investor demand for growth-oriented sectors.
- Lower inflationary pressures and the weaker jobs report in June will likely keep the Federal Reserve on the sidelines for the foreseeable future.

Equity markets ended the first half of 2026 on a strong footing, supported by improving earnings expectations and renewed investor enthusiasm surrounding artificial intelligence. Most major equity indices delivered solid gains, with several posting double-digit returns. Year to date, the S&P 500 Index has outperformed on an equal-weighted basis relative to its market-cap-weighted counterpart, suggesting broader participation beyond the largest constituents. Within the “Magnificent Seven,” Alphabet was the strongest performer, while Meta Platforms, Inc. was the most notable laggard. Inflows into AI- and technology-focused equity funds reached a record pace, and although chip stocks have pulled back thus far in July, semiconductors just completed their strongest quarter on record.

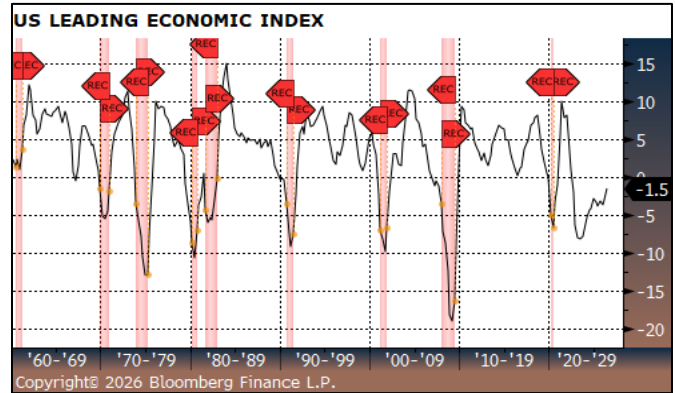
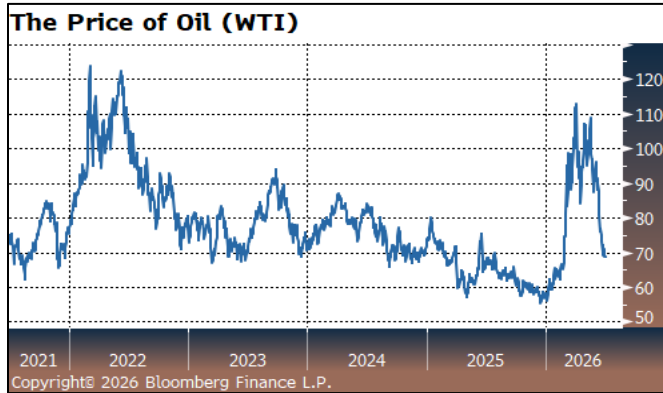
U.S. large-cap equity valuations remain modestly elevated. As of July 2, 2026, the S&P 500 Index traded at a forward price-to-earnings ratio of 20.9x, above its 10-year and 15-year averages of 19.8x and 17.6x, respectively. This premium reflects the post-pandemic re-rating of equities, driven largely by mega-cap technology and AI-related companies. While higher interest rates or discount rates could make these valuations more difficult to sustain, we believe continued growth in corporate earnings should provide meaningful support.

We remain constructive on the financial markets and continue to favor equities. With no recession presently in sight, we believe that pullbacks in stocks are likely to present attractive long-term buying opportunities. Inflation risks have also moderated in recent weeks, helped by lower oil prices, while the latest jobs report supports the case that the



Federal Reserve is unlikely to raise rates in the near term. At the same time, investor concern about missing further upside in the ongoing rally could provide additional support for equity prices.

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SECTORS	2025	YTD	EQUITY INDICES	TICKER	2025	YTD	COMM. & CURRENCIES	LAST CLOSE	YTD
S&P 500 COMM SVC	33.56%	2.60%	S&P 500 INDEX	SPX	17.86%	9.95%	WTI CRUDE FUTURE Aug26	68.69	19.92%
S&P 500 CONS DISCRET IDX	6.04%	-0.77%	DOW JONES INDUS. AVG	INDU	14.92%	10.98%	BRENT CRUDE FUTR Sep26	71.80	18.90%
S&P 500 CONS STAPLES IDX	3.90%	10.27%	NASDAQ COMPOSITE	CCMP	21.17%	11.50%	NATURAL GAS FUTR Aug26	3.20	-14.19%
S&P 500 ENERGY INDEX	8.68%	20.01%	S&P 400 MIDCAP INDEX	MID	7.48%	15.82%	LME COPPER 3MO (\$)	13,326.00	7.27%
S&P 500 FINANCIALS INDEX	14.97%	2.38%	RUSSELL 1000 GROWTH INDX	RLG	18.55%	2.81%	Gold Spot \$/Oz	4,066.40	-3.91%
S&P 500 HEALTH CARE IDX	14.60%	6.82%	RUSSELL 1000 VALUE INDEX	RLV	15.88%	18.33%	Silver Spot \$/Oz	59.82	-14.81%
S&P 500 INDUSTRIALS IDX	19.27%	19.26%	RUSSELL MIDCAP RT INDEX	RMC	10.59%	15.30%	Euro Spot	1.14	-2.70%
S&P 500 INFO TECH INDEX	24.04%	15.85%	RUSSELL 2000 INDEX	RTY	12.79%	21.54%	British Pound Spot	1.33	-0.75%
S&P 500 MATERIALS INDEX	10.54%	14.72%	MSCI ACWI ex US	NDUEACWZ	32.39%	13.48%	Japanese Yen Spot	161.36	-2.94%
S&P 500 REAL ESTATE IDX	3.15%	13.18%	MSCI EAFE	MXEA	32.03%	10.89%	DOLLAR INDEX SPOT	100.86	2.70%
S&P 500 UTILITIES INDEX	16.04%	8.69%	MSCI EM	MXEF	34.33%	21.35%			

Source: Bloomberg

As of: 7/2/2026

Total Return								
Bloomberg Barclays Bond Indices	2024	2025	YTD	Effective Duration	Avg. Maturity	Yield-to-Worst	Key Rates	
U.S. Aggregate	1.25%	7.30%	0.48%	6.02	8.30	4.75%	Effective Fed Funds	3.63%
Intermediate	3.00%	6.97%	0.38%	3.85	4.34	4.44%	2-yr Treasury	4.14%
Global Agg ex USD	-4.22%	8.85%	-0.87%	6.64	8.18	3.01%	10-yr Treasury	4.49%
Inv Grade Corporate	2.13%	7.77%	0.69%	6.94	10.51	5.22%	10-yr German Bond	2.90%
U.S. Corporate High Yield	8.19%	8.62%	2.05%	3.23	4.79	7.13%	Prime Rate	6.75%
Tax Exempt							30 Year Fixed Mortgage	6.55%
Muni 1-10 Yr Blend (1-12)	0.91%	5.14%	1.07%	4.22	6.39	3.11%		

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