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Market Navigator

Excitement over SpaceX's record-breaking IPO on Friday and signs that a deal between the U.S. and Iran was imminent sent markets higher around the world last week. The Russell 2000 Index led the way, rallying almost 4 percent. Fixed income markets also moved higher on expectations of a deal.

Quick Hits

1. **Beyond the headlines:** What is the economic impact of the World Cup?
2. **Report releases:** Consumer and producer inflation continued to accelerate due to higher energy prices and supply concerns.
3. **Financial market data:** Stocks rose broadly, led by the Russell 2000.
4. **Looking ahead:** Kevin Warsh chairs his first Federal Reserve (Fed) meeting this week.



Beyond the Headlines: What Is the Economic Impact of the World Cup?

Over the next five weeks, the eyes of the world will be on the U.S., Canada, and Mexico as they host the World Cup. A total of 104 games will be played at 16 host stadiums, 11 of them in U.S. cities. According to Goldman Sachs, these 11 cities account for one-third of U.S. GDP and one-fourth of U.S. employment.

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What Could the Impact Be?

The World Cup is likely to have its biggest impact on employment and retail sales. It's important to note that some of this impact may already have shown up in May, as temporary workers were hired and consumers booked hotels and airfare in advance. We also expect the tournament to continue affecting economic activity throughout June and July. With consumers driving 70 percent of the U.S. economy, more jobs and higher spending could also affect GDP growth. The biggest economic impact will likely be felt at the local level, including a potential short-term uptick in inflationary pressures.

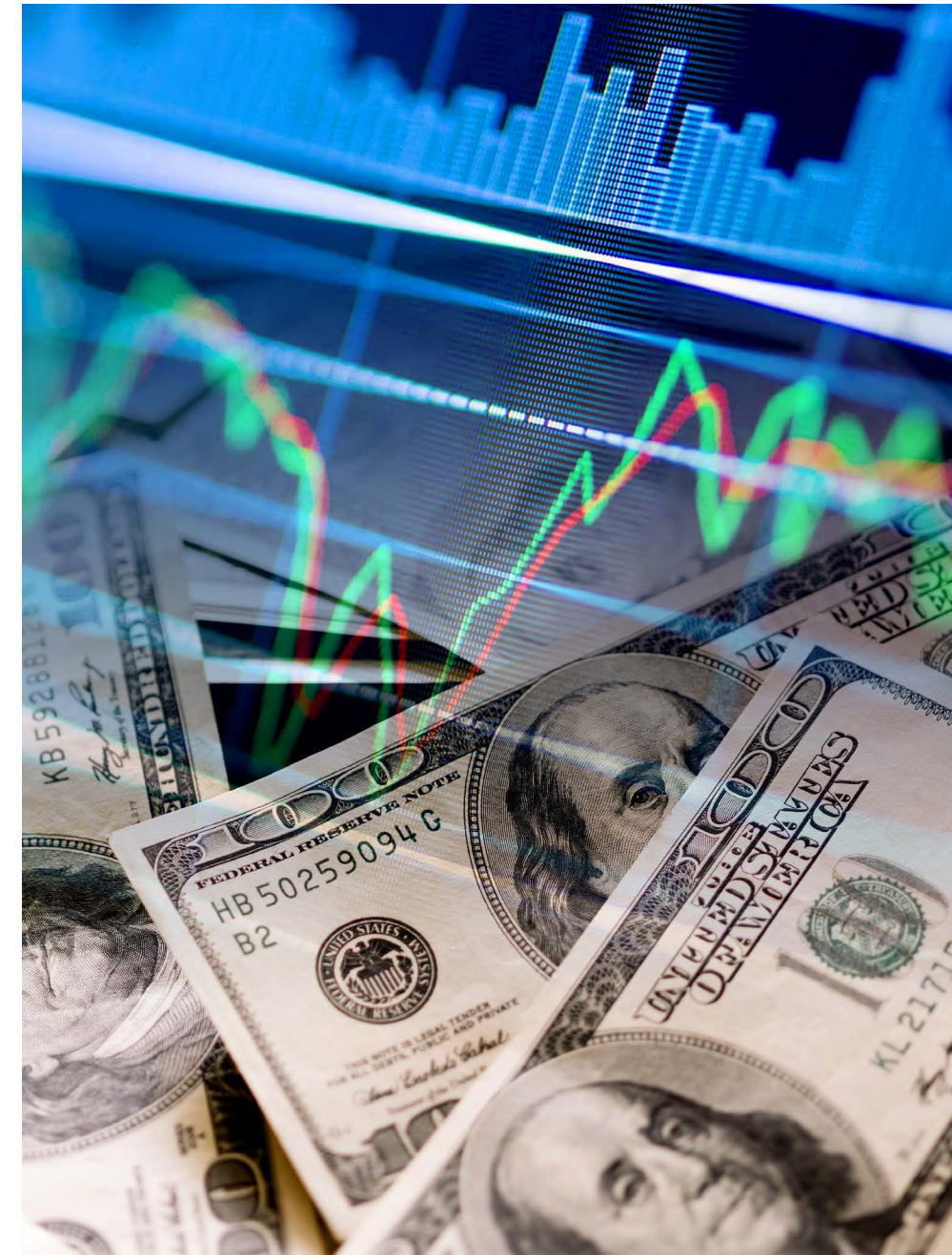
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How Long Will the Benefits Last?

Although any positive impact on economic growth is welcome, the benefits of the World Cup will not last. Temporary employees hired to meet increased demand will come off payrolls. While headlines may show strength in several economic data points during the tournament, much of that effect will likely fade by the time the NFL season starts.

A Reminder About Diversification

Although it's interesting to consider the impact that high-profile events can have on the economy, it's important to remember that these effects are relatively small in the grand scheme of things. As a result, they are unlikely to influence Fed policy and should not affect portfolio decisions. With 48 teams in the World Cup, there will be a diverse range of options for fans to root for—with plenty of long shots, underdogs, and favorites. This is also a good reminder of the benefits of diversification across sectors, industries, companies, and geographies within a portfolio as investors navigate both potential upside and downside risk.



Report Releases: June 8–12, 2026

Consumer Price Index (CPI) May (Wednesday)

Headline and core consumer inflation continued to rise last month, with headline inflation exceeding 4 percent on a year-over-year basis and reaching its highest level since April 2023.

- Prior monthly CPI/core CPI growth: +0.6%/+0.4%
- Expected monthly CPI/core CPI growth: +0.5%/+0.3%
- Actual monthly CPI/core CPI growth: +0.5%/+0.2%
- Prior year-over-year CPI/core CPI growth: +3.8%/+2.8%
- Expected year-over-year CPI/core CPI growth: +4.2%/+2.9%
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Producer Price Index (PPI) May (Thursday)

Producer inflation increased last month; headline price growth rose to 6.5 percent on a year-over-year basis, the fastest growth rate since November 2022.

- Prior monthly PPI/core PPI growth: +1.1%/+0.7%
- Expected monthly PPI/core PPI growth: +0.7%/+0.5%
- Actual monthly PPI/core PPI growth: +1.1%/+0.4%
- Prior year-over-year PPI/core PPI growth: +5.7%/+4.9%
- Expected year-over-year PPI/core PPI growth: +6.4%/+5.4%
- Actual year-over-year PPI/core PPI growth: +6.5%/+4.9%



Preliminary University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Survey June (Friday)

After reaching historic lows last month, consumer confidence improved in June, due in part to falling inflation expectations.

- Expected/prior month sentiment: 46.0/44.8
- Actual sentiment: 48.9



>> The Takeaway

- Consumer and producer inflation accelerated as higher oil prices continued to affect the data.
- Consumer confidence improved in June from its historic low in May.

Financial Market Data

Equity

Renewed optimism about a potential settlement to the war in the Middle East and the successful SpaceX IPO buoyed investor sentiment, offsetting midweek weakness. All three major large-cap indices closed the week higher. The small-cap Russell 2000 Index rallied nearly 4 percent. Breadth was positive, with the equal-weight S&P 500 up almost 2 percent. The materials, consumer staples, and financials sectors each rose 2 percent. Communication services led decliners, falling nearly 2 percent. International markets moved higher.

Index	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
S&P 500	0.66%	-1.90%	9.13%	24.40%
Nasdaq Composite	0.71%	-3.98%	11.71%	32.51%
DJIA	0.68%	0.47%	7.36%	21.18%
MSCI EAFE	0.97%	-0.42%	9.34%	20.92%
MSCI Emerging Markets	0.04%	-1.89%	23.35%	46.12%
Russell 2000	3.93%	0.90%	19.33%	39.44%

Source: Bloomberg, as of June 12, 2026

Fixed Income

The prospect of a deal in the Middle East also supported a bond market rally, pushing intermediate-term yields lower. The 10-year Treasury yield fell 4 basis points (bps) to close at 4.49 percent. Core bonds and high-yield bonds rallied, while municipal bonds declined marginally.

Index	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
U.S. Broad Market	0.52%	-0.03%	0.35%	4.47%
U.S. Treasury	0.44%	-0.02%	-0.03%	3.28%
U.S. Mortgages	0.66%	-0.03%	0.74%	5.96%
Municipal Bond	-0.12%	0.28%	1.62%	6.80%

Source: Bloomberg, as of June 12, 2026

>> The Takeaway

- A potential end to the war in the Middle East and SpaceX's record-breaking IPO pushed all three large-cap U.S. indices slightly higher. The small-cap Russell 2000 rose almost 4 percent.
- Fixed income markets were also broadly higher, and the 10-year yield fell to 4.49 percent.

Looking Ahead

The first meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) under new Fed Chair Kevin Warsh will be this week's focus for investors.

- The week kicks off on Wednesday with **retail sales data** for May. Consumers are expected to continue spending, and retail sales are expected to show another solid month of year-over-year gains.
- Also on Wednesday, we anticipate the release of the **FOMC** decision. Although economists and investors don't expect a change in interest rates this month, they'll be watching for any dissenting votes and listening to Warsh's comments at his first post-meeting news conference.





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