

MARKET UPDATE

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MARKET MOVERS:

All valuations of the following assets classes and markets done below are valued at close on the previous Friday of publication
Cryptocurrency valuations are done on Monday morning of publication

Stock Market

- S&P 500 - 5,363.36 (9.83%)
- Nasdaq - 18,690.05 (12.51%)
- DJIA - 40,212.71 (9.42%)
- MSCI World - 541.70 (11.00%)

Currencies

- US Dollar - 99.783 (-2.75%)
- Euro - \$1.136 (3.27%)
- British Pound - \$1.308 (1.40%)
- Japanese Yen - 143.510 (-1.29%)

Cryptocurrencies

- Bitcoin - \$84,448.91 (7.97%)
- Ether - \$1,661.01 (5.92%)
- XRP - \$2.14 (12.99%)

Bonds

- 10-YR Treasury - 4.494% (7.59%)
- Germany's 1-YR - 1.894% (-2.42%)
- Britain's 10-YR - 4.767% (3.47%)

Commodities

- Gold - \$3,224.25 / oz. (6.41%)
- Silver - \$31.65 / T. oz. (8.43%)
- WTX Oil - \$59.68 / b (-1.75%)



LOOKING FORWARD:

U.S. and global stock markets are rising after President Trump announced a temporary exemption from tariffs on consumer electronics such as smartphones and laptops. This move, seen as a possible sign of willingness to negotiate trade deals, helped push the S&P 500 up over 1%, led by tech giants like Apple and Nvidia, as well as semiconductor stocks and bank shares like Goldman Sachs. The tariff exemption delays harsher reciprocal tariffs and the global 10% duties, but a 20% tariff on Chinese gadgets remains. While the exemption is temporary, it's part of a broader plan to reshape how tech imports are taxed. These political tensions have led to a few things: Shaken the U.S. dollar, now at a 3-year low, boosted gold prices to record highs, reduced consumer confidence and corporate investment, slowing GDP growth.

STORY OF THE WEEK:

Bayer, the parent company of Monsanto and maker of the weedkiller Roundup, is asking the U.S. Supreme Court to rule on whether federal pesticide labeling laws prevent states from allowing lawsuits that claim the company failed to warn users about cancer risks. This move follows a Missouri case where a man was awarded \$1.25 million after developing non-Hodgkin's lymphoma from Roundup use. Bayer is facing about 181,000 lawsuits over Roundup and has set aside \$16 billion for settlements, though it denies that Roundup causes cancer. The company has already lost several high-profile cases, including a \$2.1 billion verdict in Georgia. It's now pushing for state-level legislation that would block these lawsuits by affirming that federal labels are legally sufficient. Bayer warns that continued litigation could force it to stop selling glyphosate-based products in U.S. agriculture, where it is widely used with genetically modified crops.

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