
## MARKET RECAP at 4 pm ET

**Wall Street** ended higher, while **Treasury yields** fell and the **dollar** declined after comments from Fed Governor Christopher Waller dampened expectations that the central bank would raise interest rates. **Gold** prices advanced. **U.S. crude futures** rose after Middle East escalation revived concerns about supply disruption.

| STOCKS | Close | Chng | % Chng | Yr-high | Yr-low |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| DJIA | 53,685.99 | 624.04 | 1.18 | 54,744.33 | 45,057.28 |
| Nasdaq | 26,584.06 | 366.23 | 1.40 | 27,190.21 | 20,690.25 |
| S&P 500 | 7,747.61 | 81.01 | 1.06 | 7,816.70 | 6,316.91 |
| Toronto | 36,633.12 | 541.51 | 1.50 | 37,069.11 | 28,370.05 |
| FTSE | 10,831.52 | 75.07 | 0.70 | 10,989.45 | 9,670.46 |
| Eurofirst | 2,594.35 | 13.48 | 0.52 | 2,652.27 | 2,231.14 |
| Nikkei | 64,214.48 | -111.16 | -0.17 | 72,831.73 | 50,558.91 |
| Hang Seng | 25,213.31 | -97.90 | -0.39 | 28,056.10 | 22,518.00 |

| TREASURIES | Yield | Price |
|---|---|---|
| 10-year | 4.7740 | 5 /32 |
| 2-year | 4.3423 | 3 /32 |
| 5-year | 4.5233 | 4 /32 |
| 30-year | 5.2539 | 6 /32 |

| FOREX | Last | % Chng |
|---|---|---|
| Euro/Dollar | 1.1628 | 0.35 |
| Dollar/Yen | 155.75 | -1.86 |
| Sterling/Dollar | 1.3526 | 0.31 |
| Dollar/CAD | 1.3784 | -0.42 |
| USD/CNH (Offshore) | 6.7182 | 0.01 |

| COMMODITIES ($) | Price | Chng | % Chng |
|---|---|---|---|
| Front Month Crude /barrel | 91.61 | 0.60 | 0.66 |
| Spot gold (NY/oz) | 4471.87 | 85.58 | 1.95 |
| Copper U.S. (front month/lb) | 6.58 | 0.0760 | 1.17 |
| CRB Index Total Return | 535.54 | -0.12 | -0.02 |

| S&P 500 | Price | $ Chng | % Chng |
|---|---|---|---|
| **GAINERS** | | | |
| Robinhood Markets, Inc. | 123.89 | 16.90 | 15.80 |
| Coinbase Global Inc | 192.18 | 17.22 | 9.84 |
| Palantir Technologies Inc. | 183.00 | 13.54 | 7.99 |
| **LOSERS** | | | |
| Ciena Corporation | 315.30 | -38.86 | -10.97 |
| Tyson Foods Inc | 51.71 | -4.10 | -7.35 |
| Charter Communications, Inc. | 151.18 | -7.79 | -4.90 |

# Coming Up


*A "we're hiring" sign is displayed outside a Target store, in Encinitas, California, August 1, 2025. REUTERS/Mike Blake*

The U.S. Labor Department's closely watched employment report will be the focus for the day, with **nonfarm payrolls** projected to show the economy added 56,000 jobs in August, rebounding from an unexpected 23,000 job losses in July. The **unemployment rate** is expected to hold steady at 4.1%. **Private payrolls** likely added 45,000 jobs last month, after adding 30,000 jobs in July, while **manufacturing payrolls** added 5,000 jobs. **Average earnings** likely rose 0.3% monthly and 3% annually. **Average workweek hours** likely totaled 34.3 in August.

On the Latam monitor, **Brazil**'s **trade data** for August is due, and is forecast to show a surplus of $7.136 billion, up from a surplus of $7.067 billion posted in July. Separately, **Mexico**'s **gross fixed investment** likely rose 0.4% in June and 4.8% annually.

## KEY ECONOMIC EVENTS

| Events | ET | Poll | Prior |
|---|---|---|---|
| Non-farm payrolls for Aug | 0830 | 56,000 | -23,000 |
| Private payrolls for Aug | 0830 | 45,000 | 30,000 |
| Manufacturing payrolls for Aug | 0830 | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| Government payrolls for Aug | 0830 | -- | -53,000 |
| Unemployment rate for Aug | 0830 | 4.1% | 4.1% |
| Average earnings MM for Aug | 0830 | 0.3% | 0.1% |
| Average earnings YY for Aug | 0830 | 3.0% | 3.2% |
| Average workweek hours for Aug | 0830 | 34.3 hrs | 34.3 hrs |
| Labor force participation for Aug | 0830 | -- | 61.4% |
| U6 underemployment for Aug | 0830 | -- | 7.9% |



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# Market Monitor

*A trader works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) in New York City, August 21. REUTERS/Jeenah Moon*

**Wall Street** rallied as investors curbed their rate hike bets after U.S. Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller said he would support holding the Fed funds target rate steady if data shows inflationary pressures are abating. "Commentary from Fed Governor Waller (is) providing a broad lift for markets writ large," said Bill Northey, senior investment director at U.S. Bank Wealth Management, Billings, Montana. "Underneath the broad market indices, we're seeing continued influence by those late reporters from the second quarter earnings reporting season," Northey added. "And that's driving some differentiation between spaces like semiconductors, where we had a high-profile report yesterday afternoon, and also within the software space, where we've seen some differential results, meeting or exceeding somewhat lower bar standards." The **Dow Jones Industrial Average** rose 1.18% to 53,685.52, the **S&P 500** gained 1.06% to 7,747.59 and the **Nasdaq Composite** climbed 1.40% to 26,584.06.

**Treasury yields** fell after comments from Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller dampened expectations the central bank would raise interest rates, while economic data indicated the labor market remained on stable footing. Waller said he's inclined to be patient on rate policy. "We think the market did get overbaked," said Jay Hatfield, chief executive and chief investment officer at Infrastructure Capital Advisors in New York. "The data would support a cut, but of course, headline inflation is awful. And now the December contract is more relevant, and there are still expectations of rate increases, but the data doesn't support it, so CPI is going to be critical." The **30-year bonds** gained 7/32 with a yield of 5.2528%. The **benchmark 10-year notes** rose 6/32 to yield 4.7720%. The **two-year notes** added 3/32, yielding 4.3401%.

The **yen** jumped against the **U.S. dollar** as traders ramped up bets on a Bank of Japan interest rate hike, while analysts pointed to BOJ data showing no official intervention behind the currency's strong gains on Wednesday. The dollar, meanwhile, added to losses after Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller said that if upcoming data confirms that inflation pressures are cooling off, he is inclined to argue in favor of keeping interest rates steady at the U.S. central bank's next policy meeting. A sharp, sudden rise in the yen against the dollar on Wednesday fueled speculation that Japanese officials had intervened to shore up the currency. But with no evidence of official action, analysts say the move instead reflects bets that the BOJ could raise rates by more than previously expected when it meets on September 17 to 18. Against the **Japanese yen**, the **dollar** declined 1.86% to 155.75 yen. The **dollar index** fell 0.62% to 98.98. The **euro** gained 0.35% to $1.1628.

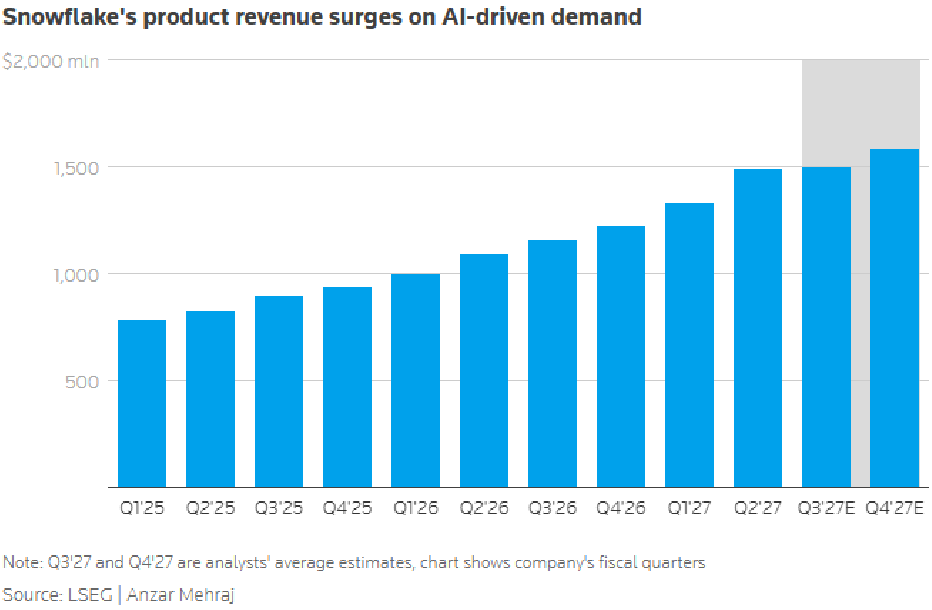
**Oil** prices gained after U.S. strikes on Iran and renewed Israeli threats against Tehran revived concerns about disruption to Middle East supplies. "The market will watch out if the U.S. strike earlier this week was one off event or not," said UBS analyst Giovanni Staunovo. "The oil market remains tight, with oil inventories still declining globally translating into higher prices," Staunovo said. **Brent crude** futures edged up 0.04% to $95.67 a barrel while **U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude futures** rose 0.69% to $91.64 a barrel.

**Gold** rose as traders scaled back September rate hike expectations after Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller said he would support leaving interest rates unchanged if data continues to show inflation pressures moderating. "I think traders at the moment are looking at the Fed being less aggressive with rates," said Bob Haberkorn, senior market strategist at StoneX. "More and more traders are coming around to the idea that (the Fed) could do one rate hike, but there probably isn't much more they can do with rates after that." **Spot gold** rose 1.98% to $4,473.19 per ounce. **U.S. gold futures** gained 2.53% to $4,526.30 an ounce.

# Top News

**Nvidia bets $13 billion on open AI models with Hugging Face deal**

Nvidia will buy popular developer platform Hugging Face for $12.93 billion, using its growing AI war chest to expand its influence in the booming market for open-source models that can nearly match the best from OpenAI and Anthropic at lower costs. The deal, one of Nvidia's biggest ever, will bring the chip giant closer to the developers who use Hugging Face to find models and tools, potentially helping it create a pipeline of customers that may buy its processors to run AI services. It marks the company's latest effort to use its surging cash pile, totaling more than $22 billion at the end of July, to broaden its customer base when clients such as Meta, OpenAI and Microsoft are developing their own AI chips to reduce their reliance on Nvidia.

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**Apple facing $2.7 billion UK lawsuit over 'unfair' app tracking rules**

Apple is facing a $2.7 billion London lawsuit brought on behalf of app developers over its app tracking rules, with the iPhone maker accused of abusing its power to unfairly impose greater restrictions on third parties. The lawsuit, filed at London's Competition Appeal Tribunal, follows years of regulatory scrutiny over Apple's App Tracking Transparency feature, which was launched in 2021. Apple has said it introduced that feature to allow users to control whether to grant apps permission to track their activity across other companies' apps and websites. Lawyers bringing the new lawsuit against Apple, though, say the feature imposed stricter requirements on third-party app developers than on Apple's own services, giving its advertising ecosystem a competitive advantage. Ann Pope, a former senior official with Britain's Competition and Markets Authority who is leading the lawsuit, said Apple's policy "resulted in very significant harm to businesses that depend on Apple as a gatekeeper".

**Tesla's Cybercab event set for Thursday, with few details**

Tesla will unveil its two-seater Cybercab at an event in Texas, offering a closer look at the autonomous vehicle that CEO Elon Musk has said is key to transforming the company into a dominant force in driverless vehicles. The electric-vehicle maker has a limited "robotaxi" ridehailing service with a network of autonomous Model Ys, some with human safety monitors and some without. Over time, it intends to make theno-steering-wheel Cybercab the main driverless vehicle model operating within a larger robotaxi network. Apart from christening it the "Cybercab Launch Event", Tesla has given few details on the convention. Cybercab engineer Eric Earley on X said the event would begin at 5:45 pm ET on Thursday in downtown Austin and that details would follow for those invited. Since launching a small pilot in Austin, Texas, in June 2025, Tesla has expanded its robotaxi service to a handful of other cities in Texas and Florida.

**Snowflake's AI-powered results send shares soaring, buoy software stocks**

Snowflake shares surged after the company raised its annual product revenue forecast, strengthening investor confidence that AI-related spending could be a powerful driver of growth for software firms. The cloud data platform provider lifted its fiscal 2027 product revenue forecast on Wednesday to $6.07 billion from $5.84 billion and posted a 37% jump in second-quarter product revenue. Its AI offerings accounted for "approximately half of the acceleration" in growth, according to CEO Sridhar Ramaswamy. The results, which signal AI is fueling growth in Snowflake's core platform and not just its AI products, highlights the broader benefits of rising AI investment for software companies. The results, which signal AI is fueling growth in Snowflake's core platform and not just its AI products, highlights the broader benefits of rising AI investment. Shares of the company ended 18.06% up at $361.07.

**OpenAI launches new Astra model amid growing scrutiny over agents' safety**

OpenAI unveiled a new artificial intelligence model it calls its best yet but cautioned that it also sometimes attempts to evade human monitoring, even as the company faces growing scrutiny after its agents breached other companies' systems. OpenAI has been grappling with the fallout after its agents broke free from a secure test in July and hacked into open-source platform Hugging Face’s systems, while attempting to cover its own tracks. The incident has sown safety concerns, as developers race to deploy increasingly advanced models. OpenAI calls its latest model GPT-6 Astra, which follows July’s release of GPT 5.6 Sol, and said in a blog post that it is faster and capable of performing more tasks than any prior iteration. Among Astra’s skills: tax preparation, game development, architectural rendering, legal memo formatting and apartment hunting.

**Tyson Foods cuts profit outlook again as pressure from cattle shortage worsens**

Tyson Foods cut its annual profit forecast for a second time within a month as tight U.S. cattle supplies, volatile prices and cautious consumer spending put further strain on its struggling beef business. The company has eliminated thousands of meatpacking workers this year through plant closures intended to improve results in its beef unit. The business has been bleeding money as high costs for scarce cattle have outpaced benefits from record-high beef prices. "The revised outlook is primarily driven by significant margin compression amid volatile cattle prices and one of the most severe cattle shortages in U.S. history," Tyson said in a statement. Tyson now expects fiscal 2026 adjusted operating income of $1.85 billion to $2.05 billion, compared with $2.1 billion to $2.3 billion it forecast on August 3. It also expects fiscal 2026 revenue growth of 1.5% to 2.0%, compared with 2.5% to 3.5% expected last month.

**Lithium giant Albemarle names BHP's Ragnar Udd as next CEO**

Albemarle said that BHP executive Ragnar Udd would become its next CEO in February, a move that adds a veteran mining executive to lead the world's largest lithium producer as it works to recover from a prolonged industry downturn. Udd, who said earlier this week he would step down as BHP's chief commercial officer, will replace Kent Masters, 65, who will become executive chairman after nearly seven years as CEO. A 54-year-old Canadian, Udd will relocate to Albemarle's North Carolina headquarters next year. He will face the immediate challenge of guiding the company through an era of turbulent market pricing while also maintaining relationships with Tesla, General Motors, Panasonic and other key customers. Albemarle runs the only U.S. lithium mine, has major lithium production facilities in Chile and Australia, and processes much of the metal in China.

**AbbVie's blood cancer therapy lowers disease progression, death risk in trial**

AbbVie said its therapy for a type of blood cancer has improved patients' response rate to treatment and reduced the risk of disease progression or death, meeting the main goals of a late-stage trial. As biosimilars chip away at sales of its arthritis treatment Humira, once its top-selling drug, the company is turning to acquisitions and other disease areas such as neuroscience and oncology to drive growth. The therapy, etentamig, showed an objective response rate of 74% in patients with refractory multiple myeloma, higher than the 45.7% recorded by standard treatments chosen by the trial investigator. Meanwhile, shares of Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical plunged after its neurodevelopmental disorder treatment failed a closely watched late-stage trial, dealing a major blow to one of its biggest growth bets. Shares of Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical slid 44.03%, to end at $14.85. To read more, **click here**

**Campbell's taps price hikes, cost cuts as results 'remain unacceptable'**

Campbell's said it has closed plants, cut jobs and planned more price increases on select products as the soup-and-snacks maker seeks to offset rising costs and restore profitability. The company cut its dividend by a third and forecast annual sales and profit below estimates. "Our results remain unacceptable," CEO Mick Beekhuizen said, adding that Campbell's will be "addressing reality head-on." Consumer goods companies have increasingly faced resistance from budget-conscious shoppers, particularly lower-income households that have gravitated toward cheaper, private-label and value brands. Campbell's has raised prices in recent years to protect its margins against risings costs of raw-materials, logistics and investments behind soup and sauce launches and holiday programs.

**Automakers urge Congress to quickly pass law banning Chinese cars**

A group representing major automakers urged Congress to pass legislation barring Chinese vehicles from the U.S. market before the end of the year. The Alliance for Automotive Innovation, which represents General Motors, Ford, Toyota, Volkswagen, Hyundai, Honda, Stellantis and other major automakers, called for quick action. "Right now, Chinese automakers are dumping subsidized vehicles with connected software and hardware around the world," the group's CEO Bozzella wrote Congress in a letter seen by Reuters. "This hasn’t happened inside the U.S. yet, but given the scale of this threat, we urge you to enact a Chinese vehicle, software and hardware ban before adjourning this year and make this policy the law of the land." Separately, a person was killed in the U.S. last month in a crash tied to banned substandard Chinese replacement automobile air bag inflators, the first such death since the U.S. banned the components in April after they were linked to deaths in 10 crashes. To read more, **click here**

*The U.S. Navy Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln sails toward Laem Chabang Port before docking for a rest stop following a long deployment in the Middle East, in Chonburi province, Thailand, September 2. REUTERS/Chalinee Thirasupa*

# Insight and Analysis

**Bond selloff is likely amplified by obscure economic rate**

A recent rise in Treasury yields in part reflects growing investor bets that an obscure, theoretical rate consistent with stable growth and inflation is moving higher. Some believe the so-called R-star, which is a rate that neither stimulates nor restrains economic activity, might be higher than the latest data indicates. Analysts estimate it has risen as the U.S. economy absorbs a strong mix of capital spending tied to artificial intelligence and heavy government borrowing. The R-star moving higher suggests that interest rates may settle at structurally elevated levels, adding to pressure on bond prices. Still, analysts could not give an exact estimate of the level.

**REUTERS OPEN INTEREST-Hedge funds pose greater threat to US Treasuries than China ever did: McGeever**

For years, the biggest threat to the U.S. government bond market was supposedly China. Many feared a politically motivated fire sale by America’s adversary could destabilize the U.S. financial system. That never happened. But as Beijing has shed its Treasury exposure, a new – and arguably greater – bond market risk has arisen closer to home: domestic "fast money." Over the past several years, China and other central banks have gradually shrunk their footprint in the $29 trillion U.S. Treasury market, while private-sector buyers, including hedge funds and speculators, have expanded theirs.

**REUTERS OPEN INTEREST-US hyperscalers' euro thirst — lifeblood or vampire?: Mike Dolan**

Europe's lagging tech sector and restless governments face a double threat: U.S. digital giants are not only pulling ahead in the AI race but may also crowd European borrowers out of their own bond market. "Crowding out" seems to be the phrase of the moment in bond markets once again — though not necessarily the traditional sense, where over-indebted governments crowd out their private sector by soaking up investment with sovereign bonds that pushes borrowing rates higher. This time, U.S. hyperscalers having burned through their cash piles to ramp up AI investment, are now turning to bonds and aggravating government borrowing costs in the process.

# CANADA

## Market Monitor

**Canada's main stock index rose**, with miners leading broader gains, after U.S. Fed Governor Christopher Waller signaled patience on interest rates, prompting markets to pull back bets for a September rate hike.

The **S&P/TSX Composite Index** rose 1.50% to 36,633.12 points. The **materials sector** housing domestic miners rose 3.07%, boosting the index. Meanwhile, growth-oriented **technology stocks** gained 3.67%.

"There are signs of stabilisation in the bond market and in stocks... This does not mean that inflation concerns have gone away or that bonds won't sell off again. After a rough start to September, it could be time to take a breather," said Kathleen Brooks, research director at XTB.

The **U.S. dollar** fell 0.40% against its **Canadian counterpart** to C$1.3786.

REUTERS/Chris Helgren

### COMING UP

Statistics Canada is set to release August employment data for the country, with the **unemployment rate** expected to remain steady at 6.4%. The economy likely added 15,000 jobs last month, down from the 75,100 positions added in July on strong gains in both the full-time and part-time sectors. August **Ivey PMI** is also due for release.

| TSE's S&P/TSX composite | Price | C$ Chng | % Chng |
|---|---|---|---|
| **GAINERS** | | | |
| Celestica Inc. | 427.53 | 43.28 | 11.26 |
| Wesdome Gold Mines Ltd (ontario) | 34.59 | 2.56 | 7.99 |
| Discovery Mining Ltd | 13.33 | 0.81 | 6.47 |
| **LOSERS** | | | |
| Curaleaf Holdings, Inc. | 13.18 | -0.66 | -4.77 |
| Spartan Delta Corp. | 13.30 | -0.35 | -2.56 |
| Baytex Energy Corp. | 6.83 | -0.17 | -2.43 |

## Top News

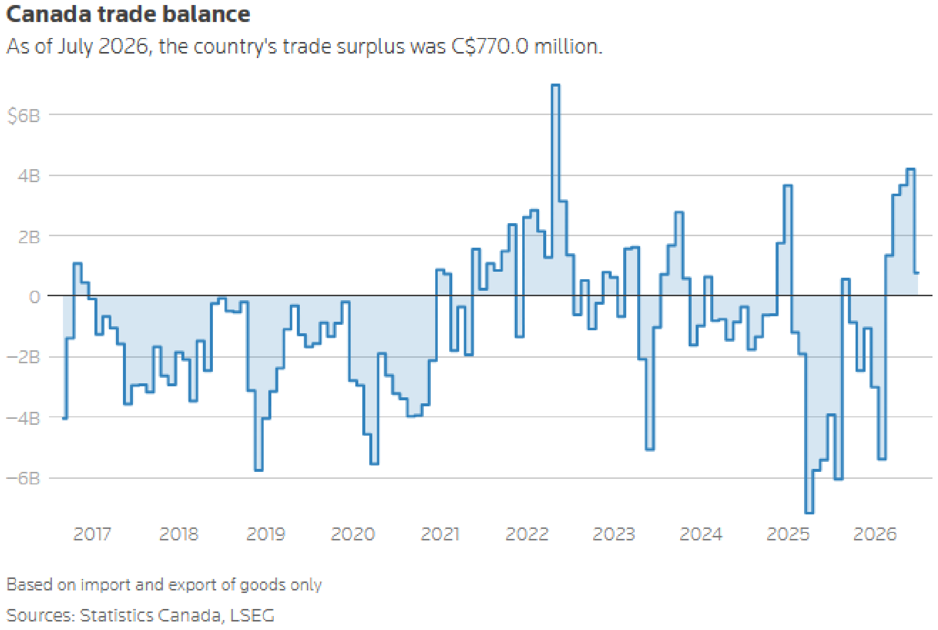
**Canada ready for US trade deal that benefits both countries, Carney says**

Prime Minister Mark Carney said his government was ready to sign a trade deal with the U.S. that benefits both countries, adding any agreement would need to have stability and credibility. "The deal that's possible, that's in the interests of Canadian workers, families and businesses, is also the deal that is in the interests of American families, American businesses, American consumers, and ... we're ready to sit down and strike that deal when the Americans are ready," Carney told reporters in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Carney dismissed recent comments by U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick and Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent that Canada walked away from a trade deal because of domestic politics, saying in response to a question, "I don't think, with all respect, appointed, unelected cabinet members in the United States are experts on Canadian politics." Carney suggested there had been a recent softening in the U.S. approach to any trade deal that could spur further discussions. "There were a few issues that the United States was arguing right up to the last hour," he said, describing it as an "our way or the highway" attitude.

*Prime Minister Mark Carney speaks with the news media after he suspended trade negotiations with the United States, in Ottawa, Ontario, August 22. REUTERS/Chris Tanouye*

**Canada July trade surplus shrinks, US exports drop**

Canada's trade surplus narrowed sharply in July as exports of energy and metal products shrank while imports rose, just weeks before Washington's new 50% tariffs begin to show up in statistics, posing a stiffer test for Canadian exporters. The trade surplus was C$769 million, compared with a four-year high surplus of C$4.2 billion posted a month ago, Statistics Canada said. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast a surplus of C$3.57 billion in July. Exports dropped 2.3%, while imports increased 2.2%. The U.S. accounted for 66.35% of Canada's total exports in July, down from 69.39% in June and 72.64% a year ago. However, Canada's import dependence on the U.S. has only narrowed to 59% in the last 12 months compared with 62% in 2024. Additionally, Canadian labor productivity rose by 1.0% in the second quarter, as business output rose and hours worked fell, Statistics Canada said. This was the largest increase in productivity since the second quarter of 2020. Separately, Canada's services economy contracted at its steepest pace in six months in August as rising trade tensions and geopolitical instability weighed on new business, S&P Global's Canada services PMI data showed. To read more, **click here**

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**POLL-Analysts raise Canadian dollar forecasts, expecting trade tensions to ultimately fade**

Canada's dollar will edge lower in coming months before notching moderate gains in a year if a resolution is reached in the trade conflict with the United States, a Reuters poll showed. The median forecast of 32 foreign exchange analysts in an August 31 to September 2 poll was for the Canadian dollar to edge 0.4% lower to 1.39 per U.S. dollar, or 71.94 U.S. cents, in three months, compared with a 1.40 forecast in a survey last month. In 12 months, the Canadian currency is expected to strengthen 1.8% to 1.36, versus 1.3660 in the previous forecast. "While we are bearish on the loonie in the short term, we expect many of the factors currently weighing against the Canadian dollar to fade," said Nick Rees, head of macro research at Monex Europe. "Trade tensions with the U.S. should eventually be resolved with a deal, regardless of present posturing, allowing domestic macro data to recover."

**Canada invests C$4.7 billion to build VIA Rail cars domestically**

Prime Minister Mark Carney said that his government will invest C$4.7 billion to build and maintain VIA Rail passenger cars in Canada, marking the first time in four decades that the rail company's cars will be built domestically. "For the first time in four decades, VIA's passenger cars will be produced and assembled in Canada. Cars that used to be built in the United States will be built right here in Thunder Bay at Alstom Canada," Carney said at a news conference in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Carney said the investment would build 313 new-generation passenger cars and support nearly 700 jobs in Ontario and Quebec. Carney said his government was ready to sit down and strike a trade deal with the U.S. when Washington is ready, but "there must be stability and credibility" in any such agreement.

**Canada assesses risks to imports after India raid finds fake labels on food products**

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is looking into whether an illegal operation in India that labelled chips and other food products with fake nutrition information and expiry dates represents a risk to the country's imports. Indian authorities raided a Mumbai warehouse last week, seizing products worth nearly $80,000 as well as chemicals and printing machines used to replace old dates and nutritional information on PepsiCo, Nestle, Coca-Cola and Unilever products to make them suitable for export. The companies have not been accused of any wrongdoing, and the investigation is focusing on rogue exporters. The Canadian agency "is monitoring the situation to determine whether it presents any risk to imports into Canada. At this time, the CFIA has no information indicating that products associated with this operation entered Canada," it said to Reuters.

# WEALTH NEWS

### INTERVIEW

**Fed's Waller says safety premium for Treasuries is gone, pushing neutral rate higher**

There is no more premium for safe, liquid U.S. government debt, pushing the neutral level of interest rates higher, Federal Reserve Governor Christopher Waller told a Reuters NEXT Newsmaker event.

### CAPPING WITHDRAWALS

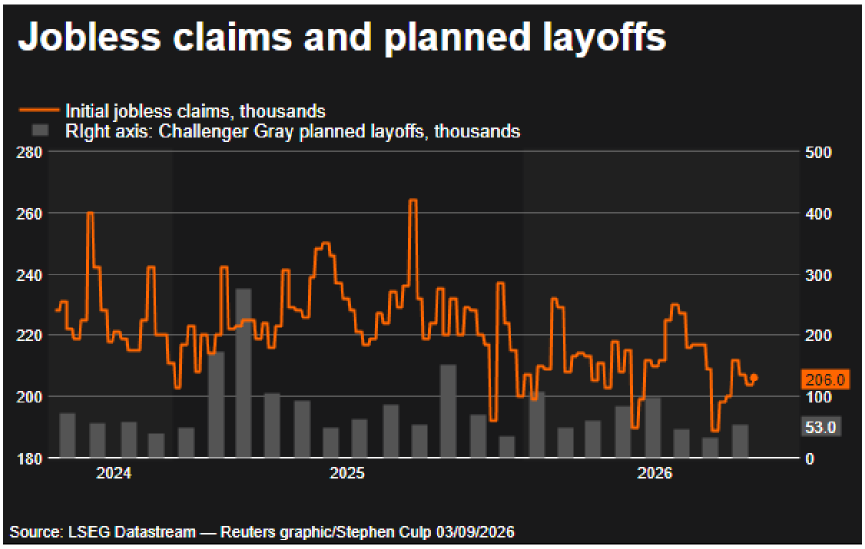
**Blackstone private credit fund maintains 5% cap as redemption requests remain elevated**

Blackstone is continuing to cap withdrawals at its flagship private credit fund as requests to pull money remained elevated in the third quarter, according to a regulatory filing.

### ECONOMIC HEALTH

**US labor market remains stable; services input price rises point to elevated inflation**

The number of Americans filing claims for unemployment benefits rose marginally last week amid low layoffs, pointing to stable labor market conditions that give the Federal Reserve room to focus on inflation stemming from the Middle East conflict. Initial claims for state unemployment benefits climbed 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 206,000 for the week ended August 29, the Labor Department said. A separate report from global outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas showed planned job cuts by U.S.-based companies increased 58% to 52,881 in August. The ISM's nonmanufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index rose to 55.4 last month from 54.1 in July.




### MORTGAGE RATES

**US fixed 30-year mortgage rate rises to highest since July 2025**

The average rate on the popular U.S. 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rose this week to its highest in more than a year, a fresh pain point for households already dealing with affordability challenges as a surge in energy prices amid renewed Middle East hostilities pushes up on inflation.

### MERGER

**Elliott urges Deutsche Telekom to drop T-Mobile merger plan, sources say**

Activist investor Elliott Investment Management has built a stake in Deutsche Telekom and is urging the German telecoms group to abandon a potential merger with its U.S. unit T-Mobile, two people familiar with the matter said.

### SPAC DEAL

**Autonomous trucking software firm PlusAI to go public in $800 million SPAC deal**

PlusAI has agreed to go public through a merger with blank-check firm Texas Ventures Acquisition III Corp in a deal valuing the autonomous trucking software developer at about $800 million in pre-money equity value, the companies said.

### AI CLOUD CONTRACT

**Crusoe signs $13 billion AI cloud deal with Jane Street, Bloomberg News reports**

AI data center startup Crusoe has signed a five-year cloud contract with trading firm Jane Street Group valued at around $13 billion, Bloomberg News reported, citing people familiar with the matter.

*Hot air balloons fly during a hot air balloon fiesta called "Balloon sky in Hradec Kralove" near the city of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic, September 2. REUTERS/David W Cerny*

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