

After the Close

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Positive News Flow Drives Stocks Higher

On the day

Equity markets were once again called higher today on the promise of positive developments surrounding the situation in Iran. The S&P 500 and Dow Jones Industrial Average each grew by nearly 2% each as they reached new record highs. The tech-heavy NASDAQ was up 2.6%.

On CNBC's *Squawk Box* program this morning, Treasury Secretary Bessent said that a deal on "freedom of movement" through the Strait of Hormuz could come as soon as today or Wednesday. Various news sources also reported that Iran is considering allowing European nations to clear mines in the Strait, a move that could help accelerate the restoration of energy flows along the route that accounts for nearly 20% of global oil shipments. As a result, the price of WTI crude fell ~5% on the day to just over \$80 per barrel and is down ~24% over the past three months.

Alone, the news about Iran might have been greeted more cautiously by investors, given the fairly steady cycle of optimism and disappointment surrounding the situation. But market sentiment also saw strong support from some solid overnight earnings reports. Caterpillar reported strong sales and earnings this morning and lifted its forward guidance. Investors bid the shares up nearly 6%, and the stock contributed about one-third of the Dow Jones Industrial Average's overall gains on the day.

While all three major equity market indices were solidly higher on the day, underlying sector performance was decidedly mixed. Six of the S&P 500's eleven sectors were in the green while five were lower. The Technology sector led the way higher with a gain of just over 4%, followed by Materials with a 2% gain. The Consumer Discretionary, Utilities, Health Care, Real Estate, and Energy sectors were all modestly lower in the session.

Corporate earnings have also been a tailwind for markets. In fact, with nearly two-thirds of companies having reported Q2 earnings, the S&P 500 is on pace for its seventh consecutive quarter of double-digit y/y earnings growth.

Committee View

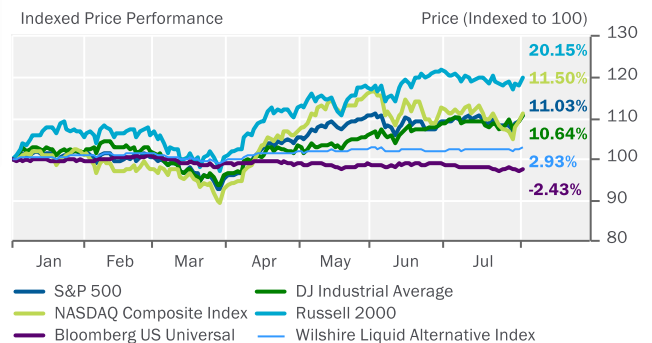
In our view, equity markets remain volatile with sentiment strongly susceptible to daily news flow out of Iran. Investors are also scrutinizing tech shares more cautiously amid concerns about the path to profitability for artificial intelligence investments. Nevertheless, we believe the fundamental foundation under this market and economy is stronger than the headlines suggest. A growing economy, a resilient consumer, and a profit engine still running at full throttle should continue to support a "stay invested" approach, in our view.

Today's Market Action at a Glance

Benchmark	Index Level	Net Change	% Change
S&P 500 Index	7,737	136.02	1.79%
Russell 2000 Index	3,037	55.07	1.85%
NASDAQ Composite	26,585	671.10	2.59%
Best Performing S&P Sector: Info Technology			4.09%
Worst Performing S&P Sector: Utilities			-0.60%
10-year U.S. Treasury Yield: 4.62%		-0.06 basis points	
West Texas Intermediate (WTI) Oil: \$75.29		-6.29% per barrel	
Spot Gold: \$4,134.20		1.07% per troy oz	

All data and charts via FactSet as of approximately 4 PM ET. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

Year-to-Date Price Performance Through the Prior Day



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