



Morning Brief

At market close, US stocks fell sharply — the S&P 500 ended -1.52%, while the Nasdaq finished -1.78%. On the safe-haven front, Gold fell 0.38% to \$5,096.30, the 10-year Treasury yield rose 6 bps to 4.27%, and the dollar strengthened (EUR/USD 1.1456). WTI crude fell 0.70% to \$95.06/bbl.

APAC markets closed broadly lower overnight, with ASX 200 leading at -0.14% and Nifty 50 lagging at -1.81%. European markets are trading lower. US futures are sending a mixed signal ahead of the open.

What This Means

Yesterday's selloff was broad and deep. The S&P 500 dropped 1.5%, but the story is in the width: small caps (Russell 2000 -2.12%), tech (Nasdaq -1.78%), blue chips (Dow -1.56%) all fell together — this wasn't sector rotation, it was risk-off across the board. A \$10,000 index portfolio lost roughly \$152.

Markets are repricing the Fed. Bond yields climbed 6 bps to 4.27% as headlines confirmed what the bond market has been telegraphing: hopes for rate cuts are rapidly fading. Higher yields at current levels make it harder to justify equity valuations, particularly in growth and small caps — which explains why the Nasdaq (-1.78%) and Russell (-2.12%) led the decline.

Trade risk added fuel. U.S. launches fresh Section 301 probes into 60 economies over forced-labor trade practices. Combined with ongoing Iran-Israel war tensions, investors are pricing in more geopolitical premium. Worth noting: gold fell 0.38% despite the equity selloff — a sign the dollar's tariff-driven strength is the dominant force, not a simple flight to safety.

This morning is binary. GDP and PCE / Personal Income both print at 8:30 AM ET. A weak GDP + hot PCE / Personal Income would be a stagflation signal, likely extending yesterday's losses. A strong GDP + tame PCE / Personal Income keeps the soft-landing narrative intact — mildly green futures (+0.07%) suggest the market is leaning that way, but isn't committing. Position before the print, not after.

Market-Moving Headlines

#	HEADLINE	SOURCE
1	U.S. allows temporary purchases of Russian oil already at sea to stabilize energy markets	CNBC
2	U.S. launches fresh Section 301 probes into 60 economies over forced-labor trade practices	CNBC
3	Adobe CEO Shantanu Narayen says he will step down after company installs successor	CNBC
4	Markets' hopes for Fed interest rate cuts are rapidly fading away	CNBC
5	Tesla's China sales climb in the first two months of 2026 while BYD numbers drop	CNBC
6	Jim Cramer: Don't let Iran war-induced market volatility scare you out of stocks	CNBC
7	Warren calls on State Department to provide more aid to Americans stuck in Middle East	CNBC
8	Trump tariffs: Martin Heinrich bill would give families tax rebate for higher import costs	CNBC

US Market Close

INDEX	CLOSE	DAILY %
10Y Treasury	4.27%	+6 bps
Gold	5,096.30	-0.38%
WTI Crude Oil	95.06	-0.70%
S&P 500	6,672.62	-1.52%
Dow Jones	46,677.85	-1.56%
Nasdaq	22,311.98	-1.78%
Russell 2000	2,488.99	-2.12%
USD Index	--	--

▲ Best: 10Y Treasury (+1.54%)

▼ Worst: Russell 2000 (-2.12%)

Overnight Markets

ASIA-PACIFIC (CLOSED)

INDEX	CLOSE	DAILY %	SESSION
Nikkei 225	53,819.61	-1.16%	Closed
Hang Seng	25,465.60	-0.98%	Closed
KOSPI	5,487.24	-1.72%	Closed

INDEX	CLOSE	DAILY %	SESSION
Nifty 50	23,210.25	-1.81%	Closed
ASX 200	8,617.10	-0.14%	Closed

EUROPE

INDEX	CLOSE/PRICE	DAILY %	SESSION
DAX	23,420.08	-0.72%	Early Session
FTSE 100	10,252.30	-0.51%	Early Session
CAC 40	7,918.66	-0.82%	Early Session
Euro Stoxx 50	5,710.35	-0.67%	Early Session

Currencies & Safe Havens

PAIR	RATE	DAILY %
EUR/USD	1.1456	-0.76%
GBP/USD	1.3269	-0.84%
USD/JPY	159.3280	+0.16%
AUD/USD	0.7044	-1.19%
USD/CNH	6.8977	+0.41%
CHF/USD	1.2687	-0.82%

Pre-Market Futures

CONTRACT	PRICE	DAILY %
S&P Futures	6,682.50	+0.07%
Nasdaq Futures	24,569.00	+0.04%
Dow Futures	46,759.00	+0.08%
Gold Futures	5,096.30	-0.38%
10Y T-Note	111.52	-0.04%
WTI Crude Oil	95.03	-0.73%

What Moved Markets Yesterday

No major events recorded.

Today's Watch List

TIME (EST)	EVENT	IMPORTANCE	EXPECTED
8:30 AM ET	GDP	High	See tradingeconomics.com
10:00 AM ET	New Home Sales	Low	See tradingeconomics.com
8:30 AM ET	PCE / Personal Income	High	See tradingeconomics.com

Positioning Notes

SIGNAL	SUGGESTED ACTION
GDP releases today	A weak print shifts sentiment toward defensives (XLU, XLP); a strong beat supports risk-on positioning in cyclicals (XLY, XLI).
PCE Price Index releases today	The Fed's preferred inflation gauge. A hot print could reprice rate-cut expectations; consider hedging bond duration (TLT) and adding inflation protection (TIPS, GLD).

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