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WEEKLY MARKETS ROUND-UP

Executive Summary

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Top news: US CPI on Tuesday along with Warsh testifying to congress, many banks and TSMC earnings this week – last week initially saw a drop for equities, which culminated on Wednesday with the June FOMC Minutes release, revealing a deeply divided and rather hawkish committee, as well as Trump officially declaring the US-Iran ceasefire cancelled following renewed Hormuz Iranian strikes. Equities then stabilized into Friday, as Oil stalled and investors looked through the geopolitical noise towards Q2 earnings optimism. The weekend has since brought renewed tensions as the US declared hitting dozens of Iranian military targets on Sunday in response to Iran targeting commercial ships in the Strait. The traffic there is now pretty much stalled again. This week starts with index futures just slightly lower this morning, and a heavy macro and earnings calendar ahead. It kicks off tomorrow pre-open with many large US banks earnings (Citi, Goldman, BofA, JPM, Wells Fargo), followed by US CPI (exp. slightly down on Core at 2.8% vs 2.9% prev. and quite a bit lower on Headline, 3.8% vs 4.2%) and Warsh's first testimony in front of the House. On Wednesday, June US PPI is then expected (also lower than in May) and Chair Warsh then testifies in front of the Senate. Earnings from ASML, BlackRock and Morgan Stanley will also be released earlier that morning. The week will end with earnings from Taiwan SemiConductor Manufacturing Co on Thursday pre-open, Netflix that evening and then the University of Michigan preliminary Consumer Sentiment and 12m Inflation Expectations data on Friday afternoon.

Equities: remain slightly Overbought on average. We would probably remain prudent for now considering the dovish CPI/PPI expectations and while FactSet is projecting 23.3% Q2 YoY EPS growth. Both may have room to disappoint.

Fixed Income: US and Bund 10Y yields are resuming their uptrend and could make marginal new highs during Q3.

Forex: USD remains slightly Overbought vs EUR or CHF. As geopolitics are heating up again and the FOMC remains rather hawkish, it may still push 1-2 figures higher into mid Q3. We then generally expect it to reverse down into Q4.

Commodities: Brent is bouncing from an Oversold position on the new escalation in the Gulf. It may extend into the mid/high 80s $/bbl. Gold suffers from the current hawkishness and USD strength and could drop further until mid Q3.

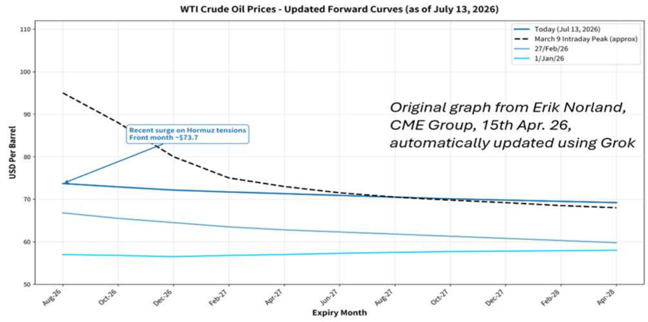
	Currencies	Price	Performance since 52 Week Low			Performance since 52 Week High			Performance	Trend	Exaggeration
			Date Low	Low Price	Rise %	Date High	High price	Decline %	YTD in %	last 6m[1]	OB / OS [2]
S&P500 Index	USD	7'575	Aug-25	6'238	21.4%	Jun-26	7'610	-0.5%	10.7%	up	slightly OB
Nasdaq100 Index	USD	29'825	Aug-25	22'763	31.0%	Jun-26	30'661	-2.7%	18.1%	up	slightly OB
Dow Jones Industrials Index	USD	52'637	Aug-25	43'589	20.8%	Jul-26	53'056	-0.8%	9.5%	up	slightly OB
EuroStoxx50	EUR	6'270	Aug-25	5'166	21.4%	Jul-26	6'413	-2.2%	8.3%	up	slightly OB
Swiss Market Index	CHF	14'235	Aug-25	11'755	21.1%	Jul-26	14'424	-1.3%	7.3%	up	slightly OB
Nikkei225	JPY	68'663	Jul-25	39'460	74.0%	Jun-26	72'366	-5.1%	36.4%	up	neutral
Shanghai Composite	CNY	3'997	Jul-25	3'504	14.1%	May-26	4'243	-5.8%	0.7%	neutral	neutral
US 10Y Treasury Yield	%	4.56%	Oct-25	3.95%	0.6%	May-26	4.67%	-0.1%	0.4%	up	slightly OB
German 10Y Bund Yield	%	3.03%	Oct-25	2.55%	0.5%	May-26	3.19%	-0.2%	0.2%	neutral	neutral
US 20Y Treasuries (TLT ETF, 17-18Y duration)*	USD	84	Jul-25	79	6.6%	Feb-26	88	-3.6%	0.6%	neutral	neutral
US Investment Grade (LQF ETF - 8-9Y duration)*	USD	107	Jul-25	101	6.0%	Jun-26	109	-1.4%	0.8%	neutral	neutral
US High Yield (HYG ETF, 3-4Y duration)*	USD	80	Jul-25	75	6.5%	Jul-26	80	-0.2%	2.1%	neutral	neutral
EM USD Sovereigns (EMB ETF, 7-8Y duration)*	USD	96	Jul-25	87	10.9%	Jul-26	96	-0.4%	2.4%	neutral	neutral
EUR/USD		1.14	Jun-26	1.14	0.5%	Jan-26	1.20	-5.1%	-2.8%	neutral	slightly OS
GBP/USD		1.34	Nov-25	1.30	2.9%	Jan-26	1.38	-3.2%	-0.5%	neutral	neutral
USD/JPY		162	Sep-25	146	10.4%	Jun-26	163	-0.5%	3.2%	neutral	neutral
USD/CHF		0.81	Jan-26	0.76	6.0%	Jul-25	0.81	-0.8%	2.0%	neutral	slightly OB
AUD/USD		0.70	Aug-25	0.64	8.3%	May-26	0.73	-4.2%	4.2%	neutral	neutral
Brent Oil (per Barrel)	USD	76	Dec-25	59	29.0%	Apr-26	118	-35.6%	24.9%	down	slightly OS
Gold Spot (per Ounce)	USD	4'119	Jul-25	3'275	25.7%	Jan-26	5'416	-23.9%	-4.6%	down	neutral

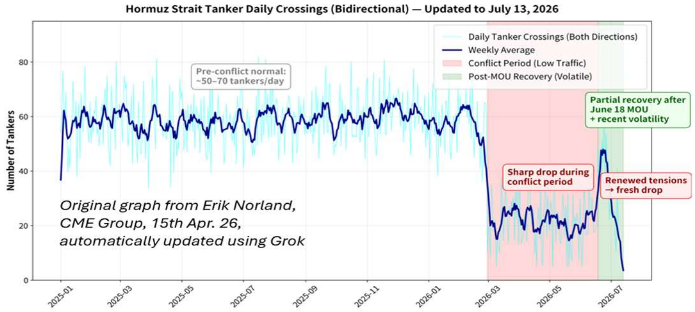
* These large fixed income ETFs are used as proxies to assess the state of duration trades as well as of credit markets

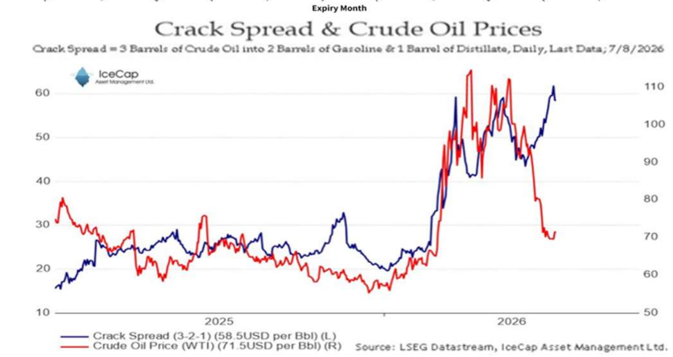
Source: Primis Investment (Suisse) SA

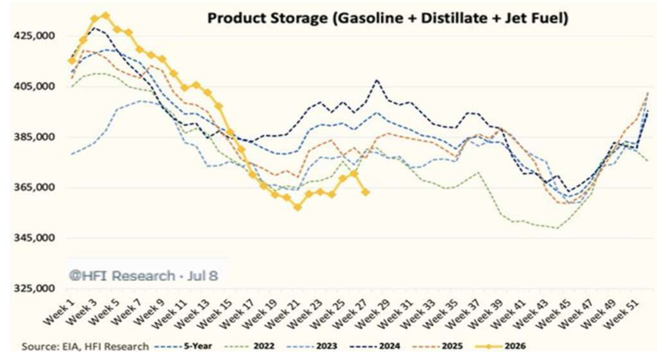
Oil focus: rebounding yet still in backwardation, Crack spread at record level

Brent has bounced back lately and is now approaching 80 $/bbl (WTI spot is around 74-75 and the Aug. Front Month slightly below, top-left) as the current escalation in the Strait of Hormuz is reversing the MoU-driven sell-off. The forward curve remains in slight backwardation (the differential between the front month and the December contract is not as acute as it was during the height of the crisis, yet still positive) reflecting continued physical tightness and some complacency towards Oil prices at the end of the year. This relative positiveness may be misplaced considering the sharp drop in Hormuz tanker crossings in recent day (top-right). Furthermore, the record 3-2-1 crack spread (i.e. the difference in price between 3 barrels of Oil vs 2 barrels of Gasoline & 1 barrel of Distillate, bot-left) adds another layer of stress as it is back at record levels around 60 $/bbl, even as Oil has dropped substantially. Such divergence is historic and reflects a refiners' margin, which is almost as high as the price of oil itself. Indeed, the price of downstream products remains stubbornly elevated because product storage (bot-right) is running dramatically below its 5-year average. This deficit should now attract continued Oil demand (and potentially support Oil prices) as refiners should continue to extract wide margins until the entire refined product supply chain normalizes. Refiners seem to win either way until then, i.e. the crack spread is the trade, not the price of an Oil barrel.









Notes:

1. **Trend last 6 months:** this Primis original algorithm, weighs the slope of the trend over the last 6 months vs the slope of the trend over the last 3 months yet factorised by the Fibonacci retracement ratio (0.618). Values are normalised using the average price over each period. If this combined slope is above +0.08% the trend is then "up", below -0.08% then "down", otherwise it is "neutral".
2. **Overbought (OB) / Oversold (OS) measures:** this Primis original algorithm is computed by comparing the difference between the 8 days moving average and the 100 days combined with the 3 days vs the 15 days one and normalises this difference by dividing it by the 1 year standard deviation (circa 260 open market days). Values above 225% or under -225% are Overbought "OB", resp. Oversold "OS", values above 100% or under -100% are "slightly OB", resp. "slightly OS", otherwise there is no relevant exaggeration and the situation is then "neutral".

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