

An aerial photograph of Miami, Florida, showing a dense cluster of high-rise buildings along the waterfront. The water is a deep blue, and the sky is a mix of orange and blue, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The buildings are mostly white and grey, with some colorful accents. The water is calm, reflecting the light from the sky and the buildings.

WEEK OF JUNE 29, 2026

Market Navigator

A technology sell-off centered on stocks tied to AI enthusiasm led to a mixed week for equities. Other areas of the market gained ground, with the Russell 2000 Index up 1 percent and the equal-weight S&P 500 outperforming the market-weighted index by 200 basis points (bps). Bond markets were broadly higher.

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Beyond the Headlines: What the 2000 Market Can Teach Investors Today

It's been said that history doesn't repeat itself, but it often rhymes. Consider a new technology that seems to be a game changer, stretched valuations for companies benefiting from that technology, and excitement about initial public offerings (IPOs) tied to that trend.

Although that may sound like today's AI environment, it also describes what was happening in 1999 and early 2000. Today's AI companies generally have more sustainable business models than their dot-com bubble counterparts, but echoes of 2000 are appearing below the surface of the stock market. Those similarities could offer useful insights for portfolio construction.

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Most investors remember the nearly 40 percent decline in the Nasdaq Composite in 2000 as the end of the internet boom. Although the Nasdaq was the worst-performing large-cap index, it reflected a violent rotation out of growth stocks. According to the Callan Periodic Table of Investment Returns, the S&P 500 Growth and Russell 2000 Growth indices each declined 20 percent.

The rest of the market, however, was composed of companies that weren't direct beneficiaries of the internet and were trading at relatively attractive valuations. Those businesses also had established models that tended to produce earnings and cash flow. The Russell 2000 Value Index rallied more than 20 percent, and the S&P 500 Value Index rose 6 percent that year. Bonds also posted double-digit returns.

Even in one of the toughest market environments, there were ways to add value to portfolios. There usually are.

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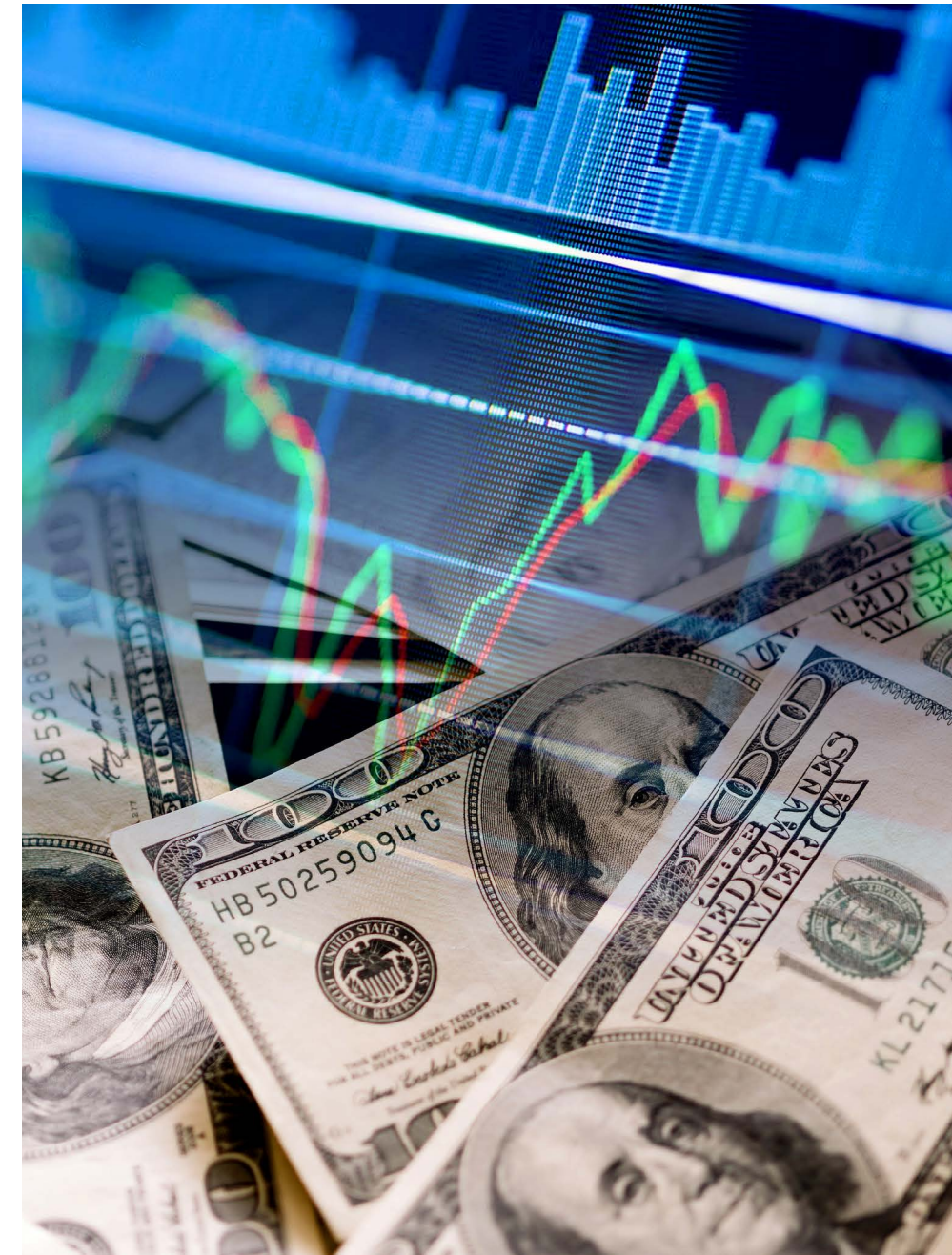
Today's Market Environment

We aren't experiencing the same environment today. AI companies have good business models—and AI adoption is happening faster than internet adoption did. It's worth noting, though, that only two of the stocks in the so-called Magnificent Seven have positive returns in 2026. The Nasdaq, while marginally positive, is the worst-performing of the three major U.S. indices. The Russell 1000 Value Index has outperformed its growth counterpart by 1,300 bps. The small-cap Russell 2000 has also outperformed the S&P 500 by a similar margin. After a strong 2025, international stocks have continued to outperform U.S. stocks this year.

Portfolio Implications

Despite the excitement around AI, growth investing, the SpaceX IPO, and upcoming deals for Anthropic and OpenAI, this has been a year for stealth diversification across equity markets. It also marks the second year that diversification has worked.

The market backdrop remains constructive, and impressive earnings growth from corporate America should be supportive moving forward. The AI opportunity remains compelling, and there is certainly a place in portfolios for growth. But areas of uncertainty—including the war in the Middle East, Federal Reserve (Fed) policy, and upcoming midterm elections—must be navigated. Historically, diversification has been the best way to manage downside risk and upside opportunities. This appears to be one of those times.



Report Releases: June 22–26, 2026

Preliminary Durable Goods Orders
May (Thursday)

Headline durable goods orders fell sharply last month due to a drop in volatile transportation orders. Excluding transportation, orders were stronger than expected.

- Expected/prior monthly change in durable goods orders: –5.0%/+8.5%
- Actual monthly change in durable goods orders: –4.5%



Personal Spending and Personal Income
May (Thursday)

Personal spending and income each rose 0.7 percent last month, exceeding expectations and indicating that consumers are still in a solid position to drive economic growth.

- Expected/prior monthly change in personal income: +0.4%/+0.0%
- Actual monthly change in personal income: +0.7%
- Expected/prior monthly change in personal spending: +0.6%/+0.4%
- Actual monthly change in personal spending: +0.7%



>> The Takeaway

- Durable goods orders, excluding volatile transportation orders, exceeded expectations.
- In an encouraging sign for consumer health, personal spending and income also rose more than anticipated.

Financial Market Data

Equity

A sell-off in AI-related technology stocks caused the Nasdaq Composite to tumble 4.5 percent and the S&P 500 to fall roughly 2 percent. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Russell 2000 Index, however, closed higher. In a further sign of market breadth, the equal-weight S&P 500 outperformed the market-weighted index by more than 200 bps. Health care topped sector performance, rising almost 8 percent. Utilities and real estate each rose roughly 4 percent. Communication services and technology were laggards, down approximately 6 percent and 5 percent, respectively. International markets closed lower.

Index	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
S&P 500	−1.94%	−2.88%	8.04%	21.17%
Nasdaq Composite	−4.59%	−6.15%	9.18%	26.23%
DJIA	0.60%	1.83%	8.82%	21.57%
MSCI EAFE	−1.28%	−0.95%	8.75%	20.98%
MSCI Emerging Markets	−4.44%	−2.35%	22.78%	42.37%
Russell 2000	1.03%	3.20%	22.06%	40.45%

Source: Bloomberg, as of June 26, 2026

Fixed Income

Bond markets were higher, with the Treasury yield curve flattening. The 10-year Treasury yield declined 8 bps to 4.37 percent. Core bonds were up 0.5 percent, and the municipal market posted a small gain.

Index	Week-to-Date	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date	12-Month
U.S. Broad Market	0.49%	0.61%	0.98%	4.31%
U.S. Treasury	0.50%	0.66%	0.65%	3.22%
U.S. Mortgages	0.58%	0.64%	1.41%	5.64%
Municipal Bond	0.15%	0.80%	2.15%	6.99%

Source: Bloomberg, as of June 26, 2026

>> The Takeaway

- A sell-off in AI-related stocks led to a mixed week for global equities. The Nasdaq dropped more than 4 percent, but the Russell 2000 rallied 1 percent.
- Fixed income markets rallied as the 10-year Treasury yield dropped 8 bps.

Looking Ahead

All eyes will be on the June employment report, due to be released Thursday. It's expected to show 130,000 new jobs, which would represent a fourth consecutive month of growth.

- The week kicks off on Tuesday with the **Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index** for June. Because of the recent drop in oil prices after the signing of the memorandum of understanding between the U.S. and Iran, confidence is expected to rebound.
- On Wednesday, we'll see the **Institute for Supply Management (ISM) Manufacturing index** for June. Manufacturing confidence is expected to fall slightly from the May reading.
- Finally, on Thursday, we'll receive the **employment report** for June. Economists expect the report to show a solid 130,000 new jobs.





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