

World Market Prognosis

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MARKETS NOW Wall Street fell a fourth straight session Thursday: the S&P 500 lost 0.58% to 7,591.70, the Nasdaq Composite 0.65% to 26,081.72, and the Dow 316.56 points to 52,064.10. Asia extended the slide Friday, with the Nikkei 225 down 2.00% to 63,962.30 and the Hang Seng off about 1% near 24,691. Germany's DAX closed 0.8% lower Thursday at roughly 25,361. The US 10-year yield sits near 4.95%, and futures now price better than a 70% chance the Fed raises rates on September 16.

COMMODITIES Energy drove everything. Brent topped \$108 Thursday, its highest since May 19, before easing 1.2% to about \$106.30 on Friday; WTI slipped to roughly \$101. Brent is up 19% in a month after Saudi August output fell about 1.9 million barrels a day and tanker rates hit records. Precious metals reversed hard: silver sank 5.5% Thursday to \$63.57 before steadying near \$64, gold fell 2% to \$4,310.90 then recovered toward \$4,355, and copper dropped 5.2% to about \$6.45 a pound. Soybeans and wheat each eased around 1%.

THE PROGNOSIS The base case is an oil-led inflation impulse that keeps central banks tightening. August producer prices rose 0.4%, lifting annual wholesale inflation to 5.4%, and the ECB raised rates Thursday while flagging upside risks. August CPI lands at 8:30am ET today, with consensus near 0.4% monthly and 3.4% annual. A hotter print hardens the September 16 hike and pressures equities further. Risks run both ways: wider Gulf escalation would push crude higher, while any pause in the fighting could unwind much of the past fortnight's move quickly.
