



Weekly Report



Global Equities



Middle East Conflict Escalation Drags Down US Benchmarks

Review: Escalating Mideast tensions sparked energy supply fears and risk-off sentiment. The Dow fell 2.11% as investors pivoted from growth sectors to defensive assets.

Outlook: Market focus stays on geopolitical-driven inflation risks. Persistent high energy costs may disrupt the Fed's rate path, keeping US equities under valuation pressure.



Geopolitical Crisis and Energy Fears Hit European Equities

Review: The STOXX 600 plunged 3.90% as Mideast conflict threats dampened manufacturing and consumer confidence. Concerns over energy supply chains dominated market sentiment.

Outlook: Investors are monitoring input cost fluctuations on Eurozone CPI. If the conflict persists, economic recovery will stall, likely keeping European stocks in a downtrend.



External Geopolitical Shocks Trigger Sharp A-Share Corrections

Review: Global risk aversion and rising energy costs prompted capital outflows, dragging the SSE down 3.38%. Market sentiment shifted toward caution amid external uncertainties.

Outlook: Eyes are on domestic fiscal responses to external shocks. Stronger stimulus is needed to stabilize growth; fundamental resilience will be key to any market rebound.



HSI Shows Resilience Amid Geopolitical Turbulence with Limited Loss

Review: The HSI outperformed peers with a 0.74% dip despite global turmoil. Persistent Southbound inflows provided a buffer against the widespread risk-off sell-off in markets.

Outlook: Attractive valuations offer a defensive edge. Future H-share performance hinges on USD trends and regional stability, with potential for a swift recovery if risks subside.



Global Bonds



Middle East War Sparks Safe Haven Volatility

Review: Escalating conflict spurred safe-haven demand, but surging energy prices fueled inflation fears. Treasury yields fluctuated, leading to a 0.11% weekly dip in the index.

Outlook: Focus shifts to the inflationary impact of geopolitical shocks. Persistent high oil prices may hinder central bank easing, keeping sovereign bond prices volatile in the short term.



Risk Aversion Widens Credit Spreads Amid Conflict

Review: Global risk appetite plummeted due to war, sending the Bloomberg High Yield Index down 0.46%. Emerging bonds faced pressure from a stronger USD and capital outflows.

Outlook: Rising credit default risks remain a key concern. If regional instability slows global growth, the sell-off in riskier debt classes will likely intensify amid heightened market stress.

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Commodities

WTI Crude Oil



Review: While Mideast conflict sustained oil near \$98, fears of a global slowdown dampening demand led to a slight 0.40% weekly decline amid high-level volatility.

Outlook: Focus remains on actual supply disruptions. If the conflict spares core oilfields and shipping lanes, demand-side weakness may exert downward pressure on prices.

Gold



Review: Gold spot plummeted 10.50% this week as massive profit-taking and an exceptionally strong USD outweighed safe-haven demand, sparking a dash for liquidity.

Outlook: With prices in oversold territory, the \$4,500 support level is key. Safe-haven buying may resume if risks escalate; otherwise, technical corrections will likely persist.

Bloomberg commodity Spot index



Review: The index fell 0.62%, dragged down by the gold sell-off and weak agricultural trends. Commodities suffered from intense risk aversion and a surging US dollar.

Outlook: Performance hinges on USD strength and inflation expectations. While high energy costs may provide a floor, the risk of industrial demand recession remains a concern.



Currencies

US Dollar Index



Review: Despite Middle East tensions driving safe-haven bids, expectations for Fed easing amid cooling inflation saw the DXY fall 0.71% to 99.65.

Outlook: Focus remains on how geopolitical shifts affect energy costs. Without a major inflationary spike from the war, the USD may continue its soft, range-bound trend.

CNY/USD



Review: Supported by central bank stabilization and macro recovery, the RMB spot rate held firm at 6.9036. It showed zero weekly change amid global volatility.

Outlook: Future performance hinges on export resilience and geopolitical pressures. If the USD retreats further and domestic data improves, the RMB should stabilize around 6.9.

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Major market indexes

Index Name	Price	Return (Weekly)	Return (Monthly)	Return (Annual)	Return (YTD)	Return (3Y)	Return (5Y)	Return (10Y)
Hang Seng Composite	25,277.32	-0.74	-4.30	4.37	-1.38	31.25	-12.81	22.31
Hang Seng China Enterprise	8,574.07	-1.12	-4.30	-4.20	-3.81	30.91	-24.02	-3.66
Shanghai Composite	3,957.05	-3.38	-3.06	16.08	-0.30	21.54	16.22	31.93
Shenzen Composite	2,589.10	-4.16	-3.41	23.20	2.30	24.12	17.96	37.66
Dow Jones Industrial	45,577.47	-2.11	-8.16	8.64	-5.17	39.98	39.69	159.22
S&P 500	6,506.48	-1.90	-5.83	14.90	-4.95	62.55	66.27	217.42
NASDAQ COMPOSITE	21,647.61	-2.07	-5.41	22.36	-6.86	82.52	63.81	348.97
FTSE 100	9,918.33	-3.34	-7.19	13.98	-0.13	31.61	47.84	60.16
DAX	22,380.19	-4.55	-11.40	-2.69	-8.62	47.28	53.07	124.03
NIKKEI 225	#N/A N/A	-0.83	-6.08	41.38	6.03	98.07	79.15	213.06

Source: Bloomberg 2026/3/23



Economic data

Country	Event	Previous	Forecast	Actual	Expection
Euro	CPI (YoY) (Feb)	1.70%	1.90%	1.90%	On Par
US	PPI (MoM) (Feb)	0.50%	0.30%	0.70%	Above
US	Crude Oil Inventories	3.824M	-1.500M	6.156M	Above
US	Fed Interest Rate Decision	3.75%	3.75%	3.75%	On Par
US	Philadelphia Fed Manufacturing Index (Mar)	16.3	8.3	18.1	Above
US	Initial Jobless Claims	213K	215K	205K	Below



Bond/Forex

Bond Instrument	Price	Change(%)	Yield (%)
US Treasury Bond 30Y	97.05	-0.45	4.94
US Treasury Note 10Y	97.95	-0.76	4.38
US Treasury Note 5Y	97.74	-0.60	4.01
US Treasury Note 2Y	99.02	-0.27	3.90
US Treasury Bill 3M	3.62	0.86	3.71
China Govt Bond 10Y	99.50	0.03	1.84
Japan Govt Bond 10Y	98.65	-0.09	2.27
German Bond 10Y	99.50	-0.45	2.96
UK Gilt 10Y	99.30	-1.16	4.84

Source: Bloomberg 2026/3/23

Currency	Price	Return (Weekly)	Return (Monthly)	Return (YTD)
USD/HKD	7.8331	0.06	0.24	0.65
HKD/CNH	0.8816	-0.08	-0.12	-1.64
USD/CNH	6.9067	0.00	0.13	-0.99
USD/JPY	159.23	-0.31	2.70	1.61
USD/CAD	1.3723	0.04	0.31	-0.01
GBP/USD	1.3341	0.84	-1.03	-0.99
AUD/USD	0.7023	0.60	-0.82	5.25
EUR/USD	1.1572	1.36	-1.80	-1.48

Source: Bloomberg 2026/3/23

ps: The US 30-year Treasury bond is typically quoted in 32nds, while the 10-year Treasury note is generally quoted in 64ths for finer precision. Though both are based on the standard fractional system.

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