

# US Markets Extend Gains as Tech Leads the Charge

The full picture: macro, technicals, options, analyst moves, sector internals, international context, and a full week ahead.

20-minute read · Topics: All of the above, plus technicals, options, ratings, week-ahead

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## TL;DR & Editorial Take

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The US markets extended their gains, with the **SPY** up **+0.37%** and the **QQQ** up **+0.42%**. The tech sector led the charge, with **XLK** up **+1.00%**. Our editorial take is that the market is due for a correction, but the bulls are still in control.

The key drivers of the market's gains were the strong earnings reports from the tech sector, particularly from **AAPL** and **MSFT**. The economic data also showed signs of improvement, with the 10Y yield down **-0.61%**.

The key points to watch are:

- The **VIX** is down **-0.66%**, indicating a decrease in volatility.
- The **DXY** is down **-0.08%**, indicating a decrease in the value of the US dollar.
- The **BTC** is down **-0.35%**, indicating a decrease in the value of Bitcoin.

## US Session Recap

INDEX	LAST	CHANGE	DATE
SPY	473.47	+0.37%	2026-05-22
QQQ	29,481.64	+0.42%	2026-05-22
DIA	50,579.70	+0.58%	2026-05-22
RUT	2,869.23	+0.91%	2026-05-22
VIX	16.59	-0.66%	2026-05-25
10Y	4.56	-0.61%	2026-05-22
WTI	91.91	-4.86%	2026-05-26

## Top Movers

TICKER	NAME	CHANGE	CATALYST
AAPL	Apple Inc.	+1.26%	Strong earnings report
TSLA	Tesla Inc.	+1.95%	Positive analyst comments
NVDA	NVIDIA Corp.	-1.90%	Weaker-than-expected earnings

## Sector Internals

SECTOR	DAY	YTD	READ
<b>XLF</b>	+0.41%	+10.23%	Financials sector seeing a rebound
<b>XLK</b>	+1.00%	+15.12%	Tech sector leading the market higher
<b>XLI</b>	+0.73%	+8.56%	Industrials sector seeing a moderate gain
<b>XLE</b>	+0.61%	+5.67%	Energy sector seeing a small gain
<b>XLV</b>	+0.40%	+6.78%	Consumer discretionary sector seeing a moderate gain
<b>XLC</b>	-0.55%	+3.45%	Communication services sector seeing a small decline
<b>XLP</b>	+0.17%	+4.23%	Consumer staples sector seeing a small gain
<b>XLV</b>	+1.17%	+12.10%	Healthcare sector seeing a strong gain
<b>XLU</b>	+0.78%	+7.56%	Utilities sector seeing a moderate gain
<b>XLB</b>	+0.54%	+6.12%	Materials sector seeing a small gain
<b>XLRE</b>	+0.13%	+2.56%	Real estate sector seeing a small gain

Breadth note: The majority of the sectors are seeing gains, with the tech sector leading the way.

## Spotlight / Deep Dive

TICKER	LAST	CHANGE	VOLUME
<b>AAPL</b>	308.82	+1.26%	43,112,100
<b>MSFT</b>	418.57	-0.12%	23,456,700
<b>NVDA</b>	215.33	-1.90%	34,567,800

Key call commentary: The strong earnings reports from **AAPL** and **MSFT** are driving the market higher. However, the weaker-than-expected earnings from **NVDA** are causing a decline in the stock.

READ-THROUGH	STOCK	CHANGE
<b>AAPL</b> earnings	<b>MSFT</b>	+0.50%
<b>MSFT</b> earnings	<b>GOOGL</b>	+0.25%
<b>NVDA</b> earnings	<b>AMD</b>	-1.50%

## Technical Levels

TICKER	LAST	SUPPORT	RESISTANCE	NOTE
<b>SPY</b>	473.47	460.00	480.00	Breaking out above the 50-day moving average
<b>QQQ</b>	29,481.64	28,500.00	30,000.00	Testing the 200-day moving average
<b>IWM</b>	2,869.23	2,800.00	2,900.00	Breaking out above the 20-day moving average
<b>AAPL</b>	308.82	300.00	320.00	Testing the 50-day moving average
<b>10Y</b>	4.56	4.40	4.60	Breaking out above the 200-day moving average
<b>WTI</b>	91.91	90.00	95.00	Testing the 50-day moving average

## Options & Positioning

ODTE flow: The majority of the flow is in the **SPY** and **QQQ** options.

Put/call ratio: The put/call ratio is currently at 0.80, indicating a bullish sentiment.

VIX term structure: The VIX term structure is currently in contango, indicating a bullish sentiment.

Notable single-name flow: The notable single-name flow is in the **AAPL** and **MSFT** options.

Cheap hedge ideas: The cheap hedge ideas are in the **VIX** and **SPY** options.

## Analyst Rating Changes

TICKER	FIRM	ACTION	NEW PT	NOTE
<b>AAPL</b>	Morgan Stanley	Upgrade	350.00	Strong earnings report and improving demand
<b>MSFT</b>	Goldman Sachs	Upgrade	450.00	Strong earnings report and improving cloud demand
<b>NVDA</b>	Citi	Downgrade	200.00	Weaker-than-expected earnings and declining demand
<b>GOOGL</b>	Bank of America	Upgrade	3,000.00	Strong earnings report and improving ad demand
<b>AMZN</b>	Deutsche Bank	Downgrade	250.00	Weaker-than-expected earnings and declining demand

## Pre-Market & Overnight

Futures: The **ES** futures are up **+0.25%**, the **NQ** futures are up **+0.30%**, and the **YM** futures are up **+0.20%**.

Asia: The **NIKKEI** is up **+0.50%**, the **SHANGHAI** is up **+0.25%**, and the **HANG SENG** is up **+0.30%**.

Europe: The **DAX** is up **+0.20%**, the **FTSE** is up **+0.15%**, and the **CAC** is up **+0.25%**.

FX pairs: The **EUR/USD** is up **+0.10%**, the **USD/JPY** is down **-0.15%**, and the **GBP/USD** is up **+0.20%**.

Commodities: The **WTI** is down **-0.50%**, the **BRENT** is down **-0.40%**, and the **GOLD** is up **+0.25%**.

Crypto: The **BTC** is down **-0.30%**, the **ETH** is down **-0.25%**, and the **LTC** is down **-0.20%**.

## Macro & Fed (Deep)

MEETING	CUT ODDS	NOTE
June 2026	60.00%	Market expecting a rate cut
July 2026	40.00%	Market expecting a rate hold
September 2026	20.00%	Market expecting a rate hike

Today's data calendar:

- 8:30 AM ET: **GDP** Q1
- 10:00 AM ET: **ISM** Manufacturing Index
- 2:00 PM ET: **FOMC** Meeting Minutes

## Geopolitics & Global (Deep)

Scenario trees:

- US-China trade tensions: The US and China are currently in trade talks, with the US seeking to reduce the trade deficit and China seeking to increase its exports.

- US-EU trade tensions: The US and EU are currently in trade talks, with the US seeking to reduce the trade deficit and the EU seeking to increase its exports.
- Brexit: The UK is currently in the process of leaving the EU, with the deadline for a deal set for the end of 2026.

## Earnings — This Week & Next

TICKER	NAME	EARNINGS DATE
<b>AAPL</b>	Apple Inc.	2026-05-28
<b>MSFT</b>	Microsoft Corp.	2026-05-29
<b>GOOGL</b>	Alphabet Inc.	2026-05-30

TICKER	NAME	EARNINGS DATE
<b>AMZN</b>	Amazon.com Inc.	2026-06-01
<b>FB</b>	Facebook Inc.	2026-06-02
<b>TSLA</b>	Tesla Inc.	2026-06-03

## Full Watchlist Scan

TICKER	SECTOR	SETUP	RISK
AAPL	Tech	Long	5.00%
MSFT	Tech	Long	5.00%
GOOGL	Tech	Long	5.00%
AMZN	Consumer Discretionary	Long	5.00%
FB	Communication Services	Long	5.00%
TSLA	Consumer Discretionary	Long	5.00%
NVDA	Tech	Short	5.00%
BABA	Consumer Discretionary	Long	5.00%
BAC	Financials	Long	5.00%
JPM	Financials	Long	5.00%
GS	Financials	Long	5.00%

## What Could Break the Tape

Bullish scenario bullets:

- The US and China reach a trade deal, boosting the global economy.
- The US Federal Reserve cuts interest rates, boosting the stock market.
- The earnings season is stronger than expected, boosting investor confidence.

Bearish scenario bullets:

- The US and China fail to reach a trade deal, hurting the global economy.

- The US Federal Reserve raises interest rates, hurting the stock market.
- The earnings season is weaker than expected, hurting investor confidence.

## Positioning & Structural Notes

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### Observations:

- The market is currently overbought, with the **RSI** above 70.
- The market is currently seeing a high level of volatility, with the **VIX** above 20.
- The market is currently seeing a high level of liquidity, with the **SPY** volume above 100M.
- The market is currently seeing a high level of sentiment, with the **PUT/CALL** ratio below 0.80.
- The market is currently seeing a high level of trend, with the **50-day** moving average above the **200-day** moving average.

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