

US Stocks Rise as Tech Sector Leads with +2.23% Gain in XLK

A 5-minute read of yesterday's US session and today's catalysts — what to watch before pre-market opens at 21:30 HKT.

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TL;DR

The US stock market saw a positive session with the **XLK** sector leading the gains, rising by **+2.23%**. The **S&P 500** closed at 7,580.06, up **+0.22%**, while the **Nasdaq 100** closed at 30,333.18, up **+0.36%**.

The market's positive performance was driven by gains in the tech sector, with **MSFT** rising by **+5.45%** and **AVGO** rising by **+4.73%**. However, the **Russell 2000** closed lower, down **-0.59%** at 2,919.34.

US Session Recap

INDEX/ASSET	CLOSE	CHANGE	NOTE
S&P 500	7,580.06	+0.22%	
Dow Jones	51,032.46	+0.72%	
Nasdaq 100	30,333.18	+0.36%	
Russell 2000	2,919.34	-0.59%	
VIX	15.32	-2.67%	
10Y Yield	4.45	-0.04%	
WTI Crude	87.36	-1.73%	

Top large-cap movers

TICKER	CLOSE	CHANGE
MSFT	450.24	+5.45%
AVGO	446.77	+4.73%
GS	1,025.56	+1.70%

Spotlight

KEY METRICS	VALUE
MSFT Earnings Per Share	2.35
MSFT Revenue Growth	+10.2%

MSFT reported strong earnings, with EPS of 2.35 and revenue growth of **+10.2%**. The company's cloud computing segment drove the growth, with Azure revenue increasing by **+20%**.

The strong earnings report from **MSFT** helped drive the tech sector higher, with the **XLK** sector rising by **+2.23%**. The report also helped boost investor sentiment, with the **S&P 500** closing at 7,580.06, up **+0.22%**.

Macro & Fed

- Current policy rate: 4.25%-4.50%
- 10Y Yield: 4.45, down **-0.04%**
- Today's data releases:
 - Personal Income (08:30 HKT)
 - Personal Spending (08:30 HKT)
 - PCE Price Index (08:30 HKT)

Geopolitics & Global

- Tensions between the US and China remain high, with ongoing trade negotiations
- The European Central Bank is expected to raise interest rates at its next meeting
- The Japanese government announced a new stimulus package to boost economic growth

Earnings — What to Watch

WHEN	TICKER	WHAT TO LOOK FOR
01 Jun 2026	AAPL	Q2 earnings, iPhone sales
02 Jun 2026	GOOGL	Q2 earnings, ad revenue growth

Stocks Worth Watching

- **NVDA** : upcoming earnings report and potential impact on the tech sector
- **TSLA** : production updates and potential impact on the electric vehicle market
- **JPM** : upcoming earnings report and potential impact on the financial sector
- **GS** : upcoming earnings report and potential impact on the financial sector
- **AVGO** : recent stock price movement and potential impact on the semiconductor industry

What Could Break the Tape

BEARISH TRIGGERS

A downturn in the global economy, led by a decline in China's economic growth, could negatively impact the US stock market. Additionally, a rise in interest rates by the Federal Reserve could lead to a decrease in consumer spending and business investment.

BULLISH TRIGGERS

A strong earnings season, with companies reporting better-than-expected profits, could boost investor sentiment and drive the market higher. Additionally, a resolution to the US-China trade tensions could lead to an increase in trade and economic growth.

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