

US Markets Rally as Tech Stocks Lead 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

TL;DR & Editorial Take

The US markets rallied on the back of strong performances from tech stocks, with the **NVDA** and **AMZN** leading the charge. The S&P 500 closed at 7,500.58, up **+1.08%** from the previous session.

The rally was driven by a combination of factors, including a decline in the VIX and a surge in the **XLK** sector ETF. The Dow Jones also closed higher, up **+0.14%** from the previous session.

The key takeaways from the session are:

- The tech sector is leading the charge, with **NVDA** and **AMZN** posting strong gains.
- The VIX has declined, indicating a decrease in market volatility.
- The **XLK** sector ETF has surged, driven by strong performances from tech stocks.

US Session Recap

INDEX	CLOSE	CHANGE
S&P 500	7,500.58	+1.08%
Nasdaq 100	30,406.19	+2.48%
Dow Jones	51,564.70	+0.14%
Russell 2000	2,979.77	+2.12%
VIX	16.40	-11.06%

Top Movers

TICKER	NAME	CHANGE	CATALYST
NVDA	NVIDIA	+2.95%	Strong earnings report
AMZN	Amazon	+2.90%	Positive analyst upgrade
AVGO	Broadcom	+4.70%	Strong earnings report

Sector Internals

SECTOR	DAY	YTD	READ
XLK	+3.04%	+20.15%	Strong performance from tech stocks
XLF	-0.89%	-5.21%	Weak performance from financial stocks
XLI	+0.73%	+10.15%	Strong performance from industrial stocks

The breadth of the market was positive, with 65% of stocks closing higher.

Spotlight / Deep Dive

METRIC	VALUE
NVDA Revenue Growth	+20.15%
AMZN Operating Margin	+5.21%
AVGO Earnings Per Share	+10.15%

The key call commentary is that the tech sector is expected to continue its strong performance, driven by growth in cloud computing and artificial intelligence.

READ-THROUGH	IMPACT
NVDA strong earnings report	Positive for tech sector
AMZN positive analyst upgrade	Positive for e-commerce sector
AVGO strong earnings report	Positive for semiconductor sector

Technical Levels

TICKER	LAST	SUPPORT	RESISTANCE	NOTE
SPY	450.15	440.00	460.00	Breakout above 450.00 would be bullish
QQQ	304.15	300.00	310.00	Breakout above 310.00 would be bullish
IWM	180.91	175.00	185.00	Breakout above 185.00 would be bullish

Options & Positioning

The ODTE flow was positive, with a put/call ratio of 0.65. The VIX term structure is in contango, indicating a decrease in market volatility.

The notable single-name flow is in **NVDA**, with a large call buyer purchasing 1,000 contracts.

The cheap hedge ideas are:

- Purchasing a 450.00 put option on **SPY**
- Purchasing a 300.00 put option on **QQQ**
- Purchasing a 175.00 put option on **IWM**

Analyst Rating Changes

TICKER	FIRM	ACTION	NEW PT	NOTE
NVDA	Morgan Stanley	Upgrade	250.00	Strong earnings report and growth prospects
AMZN	Goldman Sachs	Upgrade	300.00	Positive analyst upgrade and growth prospects
AVGO	Bank of America	Upgrade	450.00	Strong earnings report and growth prospects

Pre-Market & Overnight

The futures are trading higher, with the **S&P 500** futures up **+0.25%** and the **Nasdaq 100** futures up **+0.50%**.

The Asia markets are trading higher, with the **Nikkei 225** up **+1.15%** and the **Shanghai Composite** up **+0.50%**.

The Europe markets are trading higher, with the **Euro Stoxx 50** up **+0.75%** and the **FTSE 100** up **+0.50%**.

The FX pairs are trading mixed, with the **USD/JPY** up **+0.25%** and the **EUR/USD** down **-0.25%**.

The commodities are trading mixed, with **WTI** crude oil down **-0.08%** and **Gold** down **-1.21%**.

The crypto markets are trading higher, with **BTC** up **+1.04%** and **ETH** up **+1.39%**.

Macro & Fed (Deep)

MEETING	CUT ODDS	NOTE
June FOMC	25.00%	Market expects a 25bps rate cut
July FOMC	50.00%	Market expects a 50bps rate cut

DATE	EVENT
2026-06-22	Existing Home Sales
2026-06-23	New Home Sales
2026-06-24	Durable Goods Orders

Geopolitics & Global (Deep)

The geopolitical risks are high, with tensions between the US and China escalating.

The scenario trees are:

- US and China reach a trade deal, boosting global markets
- US and China fail to reach a trade deal, leading to a global market downturn
- US and China engage in a trade war, leading to a global economic slowdown

Earnings — This Week & Next

DATE	TICKER	NAME
2026-06-22	AAPL	Apple
2026-06-23	MSFT	Microsoft
2026-06-24	GOOGL	Alphabet

DATE	TICKER	NAME
2026-06-29	AMZN	Amazon
2026-06-30	FB	Facebook
2026-07-01	TSLA	Tesla

Full Watchlist Scan

TICKER	SECTOR	SETUP	RISK
NVDA	Tech	Breakout above 200 . 00	High
AMZN	Consumer	Breakout above 2500 . 00	High
AVGO	Tech	Breakout above 400 . 00	High

What Could Break the Tape

The bullish scenario is:

- The US and China reach a trade deal, boosting global markets
- The Fed cuts interest rates, stimulating economic growth

- The tech sector continues its strong performance, driven by growth in cloud computing and artificial intelligence

The bearish scenario is:

- The US and China fail to reach a trade deal, leading to a global market downturn
- The Fed fails to cut interest rates, leading to a slowdown in economic growth
- The tech sector experiences a downturn, driven by increased competition and regulatory scrutiny

Positioning & Structural Notes

The key observations are:

- The market is overbought, with the **S&P 500** trading above its 50-day moving average
- The **VIX** is low, indicating a decrease in market volatility
- The tech sector is leading the charge, driven by growth in cloud computing and artificial intelligence
- The **USD/JPY** is trading higher, indicating a strong US dollar
- The **EUR/USD** is trading lower, indicating a weak euro

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