



## Outlook Improving

On Sunday, the parties involved reportedly reached an agreement on a framework for a peace deal between the U.S. and Iran. The official signing ceremony is scheduled to take place this coming Friday in Switzerland. This will officially end the three-and-a-half-month war. The agreement provides for the lifting of the U.S.-imposed blockade of Iranian ports. The Strait of Hormuz will be opened to all immediately after the agreement is signed. The future of the approximately 440 kilograms of highly enriched uranium will be part of the peace agreement.

Among the recent losers is certainly the global economy, which has had to contend with a sharp rise in inflation rates due to energy prices. Some central banks have already responded with interest rate hikes. That will certainly not happen at the first meeting under new Fed Chairman Kevin Warsh. Rather, the outlook is now improving—for numerous poor countries as well as for the rich nations. Crude oil prices, which skyrocketed from \$60 at the start of the year to \$120, have already fallen back to \$83. Most futures prices are already closer to \$70. But before shipping through the Strait of Hormuz can resume smoothly, the sea mines must be cleared by Friday.

In the coming quarters, some countries will move not only to replenish their strategic oil reserves but also to significantly increase them. This additional demand is likely to keep prices above \$60, but at least inflation expectations are now easing. This means that key interest rate cuts may still occur over the course of the year, as we had expected at the start of the year. Both of these factors will significantly boost consumer sentiment in many countries, as well as the business climate.

This environment makes capital cheaper, bolsters investment plans, and improves earnings prospects. Capital-intensive investments in numerous infrastructure sectors (data centers, energy, transportation) are likely to yield returns more quickly. Capital-intensive business models (e.g., Holcim, Amrize, Deutsche Telekom) will also benefit, while others will benefit indirectly from the future increase in new construction and renovation activity amid falling interest rates (e.g., Geberit). Given the new environment, cyclical stocks should generally be favored.

Bond prices will rise again. The dollar could resume its downward trend amid prospects of lower interest rates and yields. This would pave the way for a substantial rebound in the price of gold, as various central banks would no longer need to make emergency sales to defend their currencies against the dollar. Lower energy prices and lower interest rates are likely to give European stocks a boost. The EuroStoxx 50 (+2.1%) and the Swiss Market Index (+2.4%) were already among the best weekly performers globally last week. In case you've forgotten: From the start of the year until the outbreak of the war, European indices have outperformed U.S. stock markets by around 6%. There is therefore a good chance that this will repeat itself in the coming weeks and months.

## Market data

Stock markets	since 31/12/2025	
SMI	13'708.0	+3.3%
SPI	19'326.9	+6.1%
DAX €	24'635.3	+0.6%
Euro Stoxx 50 €	6'187.6	+6.8%
S&P 500 \$	7'431.5	+8.6%
Dow Jones \$	51'202.3	+6.5%
Nasdaq \$	25'888.8	+11.4%
MSCI EM \$	1'716.0	+22.2%
MSCI World \$	4'788.2	+8.1%

Bond markets	since 31/12/2025	
SBI Dom Gov TR	220.0	-1.4%
SBI Dom Non-Gov TR	121.8	+0.3%

Real estate markets	since 31/12/2025	
SXI RE Funds	586.8	-2.4%
SXI RE Shares	4'733.2	+4.7%

Commodities	since 31/12/2025	
Oil (WTI; \$/Bbl.)	84.9	+47.8%
Gold (CHF/kg)	108'127.8	-1.8%
Bitcoin (USD)	63'418.5	-27.6%

Currencies	since 31/12/2025	
EUR/CHF	0.9219	-1.0%
USD/CHF	0.7971	+0.6%
EUR/USD	1.1568	-1.5%

Short-term interest rates	3-m	3-m. fcst.	12-m. fcst.
CHF	-0.04%	-0.1%–0.0%	-0.1%–0.0%
EUR	2.38%	1.9%–2.1%	1.7%–1.9%
USD	3.66%	3.4%–3.6%	3.0%–3.3%

Long-term interest rates	10-years	3-m. fcst.	12-m. fcst.
CHF	0.42%	0.2%–0.5%	0.4%–0.7%
EUR	2.99%	2.8%–3.0%	2.5%–2.8%
USD	4.48%	4.1%–4.4%	3.7%–4.0%

Inflation	2025	2026P	2027P
Schweiz	0.1%	0.3%	0.5%
Euroraum	2.2%	1.8%	1.8%
USA	3.0%	2.5%	2.0%

Economy (real GDP)	2025	2026P	2027P
Switzerland	1.2%	1.3%	1.5%
Eurozone	1.4%	1.4%	1.7%
USA	2.3%	2.2%	2.0%
Global	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%

## Topic of the week: It's Okay to Dream



SpaceX's IPO dealt a blow to the sober-minded analysts. None of the 23 banks involved in the IPO—which collectively received a whopping \$500 million in fees—were allowed to issue a report prior to the offering. That was part of the agreement to inspire people to dream. Sober figures shouldn't take center stage; visions should.

A politician would have to be envious. Because that is exactly what the majority of the population lacks: great politicians with visions. Hopefully, everything will turn out well with the visionary Elon Musk. The markets, as we are once again reminded, are not valued on the basis of profits, but on the basis of hopes and dreams. Between Tesla and now SpaceX, investors can finally express all the themes that have fired their imaginations: AI, robotics, space exploration, data centers, humanoids, robotaxis, pharmaceutical research, and the colonization of the Moon and Mars. The hopes and dreams are wildly exaggerated, but people like them.

Future profits will not justify current valuations. This may eventually bring the cycle of euphoric visions to an end, but it is a process that is likely to take some time to play out. Tesla, once a pioneer in electric mobility, has long since lost its market leadership, including in humanoids and AI. In the past quarter, the company posted a profit of just 43 cents per share. But that doesn't stop investors from paying a thousand times that amount for a Tesla share. The company is currently valued at a staggering \$1.526 trillion.

Despite enormous optimism surrounding Starlink and the space business, SpaceX (Space Exploration Technologies Corp.) is posting a loss of 83 cents per share. The free float is still small, yet 4,400 employees alone—one-fifth of the workforce—have now become millionaires on paper. Like many shareholders, they will eventually want to sell a portion of their holdings, but we are not certain whether there will be enough buyers at a valuation of \$2.1 trillion—with one exception: ETFs. They must buy, and in enormous quantities, as the lock-up period for old, pre-IPO shareholders will gradually expire after the 70th day.

## The most important data points in the new week

June 15, 2026	G7 Summit in Evian, France, through Wednesday
June 16, 2026	Japan: Bank of Japan interest rate decision
June 17, 2026	U.S.: First meeting of Chairman Kevin Warsh, Federal Reserve Governor
June 18, 2026	U.S.: Unemployment Claims, June Philly Fed Business Index

## Events

### Zugerberg Finanz Perspektive – Financial Knowledge on the Go

The podcast provides concise insights into markets, the economy, and investments. Chief Economist **Prof. Dr. Maurice Pedernana** and CIO **Cyrill von Burg** explain complex topics in an accessible way.

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### Zugerberg Finance Economic and Stock Market Outlook – June 2026

The next Zugerberg Finance Economic and Equity Market Outlook will take place on **Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at the Theater Casino in Zug**, and on **Thursday, June 18, 2026, at the KKL in Lucerne**.

The program will be led by founder and CEO **Timo Dainese**. Chief Economist **Prof. Dr. Maurice Pedernana** and CIO **Cyrill von Burg** will discuss the outlook for the economy and capital markets in a panel discussion. We are also pleased to welcome **Dr. phil. Helmut Stalder** as a guest speaker, a renowned historian, publicist, and author of numerous historical non-fiction books and biographies.

[To registration](#) (event in Swiss German)

### Information Session for Private Individuals – Presentation in English – Business, Economic, and Stock Market Outlook

Our next information session for private individuals in English will take place on **Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**

The event is aimed at English-speaking individuals who would like to get a non-binding impression of our company.

[To registration](#) (event in English)

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