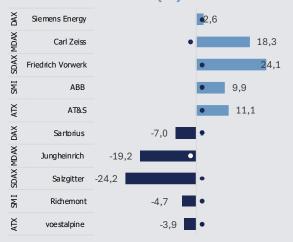


Capital Markets Weekly

Saturday, 19 July 2025

EVENTS CALENDAR	Where	Date
DB Technology Conference	LAX	27-Aug
Barclays Global Consumer	BOS	2-Sep
MS Industrial CEOs Unplugged	LON	2-Sep
UBS Business & Leisure Services	LON	2-Sep
CBK / ODDO Corp Conference	FRA	3-Sep
DB European TMT Conference	LON	3-Sep
GS European Healthcare Conf	LON	3-Sep
UBS Global Materials Conference	NYC	3-Sep

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Short Interest



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Forbo	Puts	7.4%
Barry Callebaut	Calls	3.3%
Boss	Puts	3.3%
DeliveryHero	Calls	2.0%

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Market wrap last week

European equities ended the week broadly flat as strong US earnings and cooling inflation supported sentiment, while President Trump's threat of 30% tariffs on EU goods weighed heavily. Markets balanced cautious optimism on US-China tech trade relief and solid Q2 results from key industrials with weak guidance from global sectors exposed to trade. Tech, Autos & Luxury underperformed amid tariff concerns, while Energy, Basic Resources, and income-defensive sectors outperformed in a risk-off rotation. Eurozone sentiment improved, while industrial activity rebounded. The ECB is expected to pause rate cuts in July, delaying decisions to September amid euro strength and tariff volatility. In France, PM Bayrou's fiscal plan triggered political unrest as opposition parties prepared censure votes. Next week brings the ECB meeting, PMI data, and key earnings from BNP, Nestlé, Roche, UniCredit & VW.

What you should know

M&A, IPO & ACTIVIST WATCH

Global capital flows show a gradual rotation from U.S. assets toward Europe, driven by several factors: dollar softness, tariff uncertainties, and a perceived retreat of U.S. asset managers from ESG engagement. European managers—such as Amundi, BNP Paribas Asset Management, and DWS—are winning mandates as institutional investors seek stable policy frameworks and credible transition strategies. Recent reports, including FT's "U.S. Green Retreat" (June 2025) and Gresham House's mid-year outlook, highlight increasing demand for European energytransition and climate-aligned equities. For IR managers, this trend presents an opportunity to emphasize ESG transparency, EU regulatory alignment (SFDR, CSRD), and euro-denominated performance advantages to attract foreign capital. Engaging proactively with ESG-focused ETFs or active funds can position European issuers as reliable partners in the global decarbonization transition. For detailed insights, please contact us at andreas.posavac@emberapartners.com.

MARKET UPDATE	<u>link</u>
ECB's newest rate-setter has seen the world order collapse before	P
Big food companies undergo 'self reflection' on business future as deals	Ø
Brussels to loosen merger rules for defence companies	Ø

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Activist investor takes on Swatch group and goes to court				ල		
Gerresheimer halts discussions on takeover with PE				Q		
Prosus offers to sell down 27% Delivery Hero stake to appease EU				ଡ଼		
MARKETS	Close	YTD %	QTD %	P/E (T12M)	P/B	
DAX	24 290	22,0%	1,6%	20,8	2,0	
MDAX	31 098	21,5%	2,0%	21,1	1,7	
SDAX	18 031	31,5%	2,7%	26,0	1,3	
SMI	11 983	6,5%	0,5%	17,9	3,9	
ATX	4 485	27,6%	1,4%	11,0	1,2	

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