

# Markets Rise on Ceasefire Hopes; Home Prices and Confidence Show Mixed Signals.

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The US and European stock markets closed higher following President Trump's announcement of a ceasefire agreement between Israel and Iran. While questions remain over the precise implementation timeline, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed that the ceasefire is already in effect. The 10-year U.S. Treasury yield closed at 4.30%, continuing its retreat from the May high near 4.60%, as risk appetite improved.

Overseas, Asian markets closed mostly higher, and European stocks followed suit. The U.S. dollar continued to weaken against major global currencies.

WTI crude extended Monday's decline in commodities after President Trump suggested China could resume oil purchases from Iran—a signal that could reduce geopolitical risk premiums. Global crude prices have now fallen below levels seen before Israel's initial June 12 airstrikes. This drop could help cushion some of the inflationary impact of recently imposed tariffs.

## Home Price Growth Cools More Than Expected

The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller 20-City Composite Home Price Index declined 0.3% month-over-month in April, missing expectations for a 0.1% gain. On an annual basis, prices rose 3.4%, down from 4.1% in the prior month.

The slower pace of home appreciation has contributed to a meaningful decline in the shelter component of the Consumer Price Index, which moderated to a 3.9% annualized rate in May, down from 5.1% a year ago. This continued cooling in housing costs is an encouraging sign for inflation containment. While recently enacted tariffs may temporarily push some higher prices, we expect the effect on broader inflation to be transitory rather than structural.

## Consumer Confidence Slips Amid Inflation and Job Concerns

Consumer sentiment deteriorated in June, with the Conference Board's Confidence Index dropping to 93.0, well below the consensus forecast of 99.0. The decline was primarily driven by increased pessimism regarding business conditions and labor market prospects.

According to survey responses, despite the overall drop, inflation expectations for the next year edged lower to 6.0%, from 6.2% in May. This was primarily attributed to rising prices for essential goods and ongoing tariff concerns. Fewer consumers indicated plans to purchase homes or automobiles, though interest in appliances and electronics ticked up. These shifts suggest cautious consumer behavior that could weigh on spending, although easing inflationary pressures and greater clarity on trade policy may help stabilize sentiment in the months ahead.

## Economic Data Highlights:

- **U.S. Current Account Balance:** rose to -450.17B, down from -311.97B last quarter.
- **Case-Shiller Composite 20 Home Price Index YoY:** fell to 3.39%, compared to 4.07% last month.

- **Case-Shiller Home Price Index:** fell to 327.90%, down from 329.25% last month.
- **Richmond Fed Manufacturing Index:** fell to -7.000, up from -9.000 last month.
- **U.S. Retail Gas Price:** rose to 3.265%, up from 3.235% last week.
- **Canada Consumer Price Index MoM:** rose to 0.25%, compared to -0.24% last month.
- **Canada Consumer Price Index YoY:** fell to 1.73%, compared to 1.74% last month.
- **Canada Core Consumer Price Index MoM:** fell to 0.26%, compared to 0.33% last month.
- **Canada Inflation Rate:** fell to 1.73%, compared to 1.74% last month.
- **Germany Ifo Business Situation Index:** rose to 86.20%, up from 86.10% last month.

#### Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600:** Closed at 540.98, up 5.95 points or 1.11%.
- **FTSE 100:** Closed at 8,758.99, up 0.95 points or 0.011%.
- **DAX Index:** Closed at 23,641.58, up 372.57 points or 1.60%.

#### Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average:** closed at 43,089.02, up 507.24 points or 1.19%.
- **S&P 500:** closed at 6,092.18, up 67.01 points or 1.11%.
- **Nasdaq Composite:** closed at 19,912.53, up 281.56 points or 1.43%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index:** closed at 3,934.11, up 101.47 points or 2.65%.
- **Birling Capital U.S. Bank Index:** closed at 7,053.97, up 94.29 points or 1.35%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note:** closed at 4.30%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note:** closed at 3.75%.



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