



Market Map MMM Report

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TODAY'S THEME

Oil slides as markets brace for Bessent's "toughest-ever" Iran sanctions package tonight — Tehran dismisses the threat.

Bitcoin cools but still upbeat after nearly touching \$80,000 Friday .

Gold pushes to a fresh high above \$4,630 ,equities retreat, with a heavy week ahead — PCE, GDP, Jackson Hole and Nvidia earnings all on deck.

KEY NUMBERS

Instrument	Price/Level	Change	Reference Note
DJ30	53,244.1	-0.03%	Prev close 53,261.6 (+0.91% Fri)
S&P 500	7,665.85	-0.06%	Prev close 7,670.68 (+0.31% Fri)
NAS100	29,213.25	-0.27%	Prev close 29,293.50 (+0.26% Fri)
DXY	98.74	0.00%	Prev close 98.74 (-0.02% Fri)
EURUSD	1.1680	+0.04%	Prev close 1.1675 (-0.01% Fri)
GBPUSD	1.3644	+0.01%	Prev close 1.3643 (+0.10% Fri)
USDJPY	158.86	-0.07%	Prev close 158.96 (-0.06% Fri)
XAUUSD (Gold)	4,636.64	+0.71%	Prev close 4,604.02 (+1.88% Fri)

Instrument	Price/Level	Change	Reference Note
XAGUSD (Silver)	68.84	-0.16%	Prev close 68.95 (+1.33% Fri)
Brent Oil — CFD Cash	94.11	-1.14%	Prev close 95.19 (+0.56% Fri)
WTI Oil — CFD Cash	86.41	-1.25%	Prev close 87.50 (+0.47% Fri)
BTCUSD	77,118.85	-0.34%	Prev close 77,475.35 (+6.74% Fri)

MACRO / MICRO & GEOPOLITICAL HEADLINES

Bessent's "economic D-Day": toughest-ever Iran sanctions due tonight

› Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent is set to unveil what Washington is calling its toughest-ever sanctions campaign against Iran, describing it on social media as "the single greatest financial offensive ever marshaled against an adversary." Tehran has already dismissed the threat of intensified pressure.

Source: CNBC

This week's calendar: PCE, GDP and Jackson Hole

› US Core PCE and preliminary Q2 GDP are due Wednesday, while Fed Chair Kevin Warsh speaks at the Jackson Hole symposium on Friday — both key inputs for the September rate-path debate.

Earnings to watch this week

› Nvidia, Marvell Technology and Best Buy all report this week, with Nvidia's results on Wednesday likely to set the tone for the broader AI/chip trade after last week's yield-driven semiconductor selloff.

interest rate expectations after last week major events:

- › the Treasury buyback announcement and Trump's pledge to strangle Iran economically.

Rate hikes by year-end

- › RBNZ: 52 bps (91% probability of rate hike at the next meeting)
- › ECB: 40 bps (94% probability of rate hike at the next meeting)
- › BoJ: 35 bps (67% probability of rate hike at the next meeting)
- › BoE: 27 bps (81% probability of no change at the next meeting)
- › Fed: 23 bps (65% probability of no change at the next meeting)
- › BoC: 20 bps (97% probability of no change at the next meeting)
- › RBA: 15 bps (85% probability of no change at the next meeting)
- › SNB: 5 bps (91% probability of no change at the next meeting)

KEY EVENTS TODAY

- 21:00 USD Treasury Sec. Bessent Press Conference — New sanctions/economic measures against Iran

MARKET PULSE — WHAT'S DRIVING MARKETS

■ **Oil:** Brent (94.11) and WTI (86.41) slide over 1% as traders position defensively ahead of tonight's sanctions announcement, with Tehran's dismissive response tempering expectations of any near-term breakthrough.

🏆 **Gold & Silver:** Gold (4,636.64) pushes to a fresh high while silver (68.84) eases modestly, a divergence that points to gold drawing its own bid from the softer risk tone rather than simply tracking the broader metals complex.

GOLD NEW TARGET COULD REACH 4900 BUT NOT NECESSARILY IN A STRAIGHT LINE. Both the technical and fundamentals still favor a buy on dips strategy for the time being.

Major Support : sits around 4400 IF TESTED.

📊 **Equities:** A quiet start to the week — small losses across the board as markets digest last week's volatility and position ahead of Wednesday's PCE/GDP data and Friday's Jackson Hole speech.

🇺🇸 **FX:** The dollar sits flat (DXY unchanged) after falling 0.8% last week, with GBP and EUR both edging modestly higher.

BITCOIN: TREND STILL UP WITH ODDS FAVORING 82800 AS THE NEXT TARGET

MAJOR SUPPORT 7500 TO 7300 AREA

- › **Short Liquidations:** Last week Widespread forced buying triggered over \$1.25 billion in crypto short liquidations accelerating the week's upward squeeze.
- › **ETF Inflows:** A surge in U.S. spot Bitcoin ETF inflows directly supported the rally, driven by macro liquidity injections from the U.S. Treasury.

KEY TAKEAWAY

- › Tonight's Bessent press conference is the session's real catalyst for major asset classes, in particular oil — a genuinely severe sanctions package risks reigniting supply fears and pushing oil higher and equities lower, while a softer-than-billed announcement could extend today's oil profit-taking pullback.
- › This week's calendar— PCE, GDP, Jackson Hole and Nvidia earnings all within five days — expect volatility to build into Wednesday and Friday.

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