



## Market in a Minute

August 19, 2025

### Index Performance: As of August 15, 2025

| Index                                 | Price     | Last Week | YTD    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| S&P 500                               | 6,449.80  | 0.94%     | 9.66%  |
| Dow Jones                             | 44,946.12 | 1.74%     | 5.65%  |
| NASDAQ                                | 21,622.98 | 0.81%     | 11.97% |
| Russell 2000                          | 12,468.50 | 3.12%     | 3.39%  |
| Russell 2000 Growth                   | 11,259.08 | 2.81%     | 4.38%  |
| Russell 2000 Value                    | 17,979.65 | 3.46%     | 2.33%  |
| Russell 1000 Growth Total Return      | 4,678.88  | 0.68%     | 12.22% |
| SPDR Gold Shares                      | 307.43    | -1.80%    | 26.97% |
| Powershares US \$ Index               | 27.34     | -0.33%    | -7.07% |
| iShares EAFE Index                    | 92.19     | 2.01%     | 21.93% |
| Barclays Aggregate Bond Index         | 98.94     | 0.00%     | 2.11%  |
| iShares Barclays 20+ Yr Treasury Bond | 86.4      | -1.02%    | -1.06% |
| Utilities Select Sector ETF           | 85.62     | -0.65%    | 13.12% |
| Vanguard REIT ETF                     | 89.67     | 0.68%     | 0.66%  |
| iShares Mortgage Real Estate          | 22.25     | 0.91%     | 4.22%  |
| Alerian MLP ETF                       | 48.06     | -2.10%    | -0.21% |
| iShares Global Telecom                | 118.92    | 2.73%     | 23.02% |
| ETFMG Alternative Harvest ETF         | 30.16     | 24.01%    | 12.20% |
| Grayscale Bitcoin Trust               | 91.9      | 0.35%     | 24.16% |
| Shanghai SE Index                     | 3,696.77  | 1.70%     | 10.29% |

### A Word on the Market

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### Stock Market Update:

- **Powell's speech at Jackson Hole** will be key for the market as clearly there has been a slowing in the economy with weak employment numbers, while inflation is moderating at a slow rate.
- **Over the past 12 months M2 has grown at 4.5%, which is higher than the past 25 years of 6.3%. We think that 4.5% M2 equates to around 4.5% nominal GDP, if inflation is around 2.5%-3% then real GDP is around 1.5%-2%.** The issue is GDP can be lumpy, or perhaps a better way to describe the economy as bumpy.
- **If Powell does not make a clear shift with his speech on Friday, with the market at a high it may start to have the seasonal correction we have been anticipating.**
- **Without an accommodative Fed the rotation will have no legs to continue.**
- **As we discussed last week, we believe the MAG 7 or 8, the fundamentals are pretty much priced in on 12-months forward earnings (please see Market in a Minute for 8/12/2025).**
- **We believe there are some ways to invest in the continued build out of AI and they are in the secondary stocks and not the top 8.**
- **The rest of the market will need multiple interest rate cuts to get them moving to support the expected growth for 2026.**
- **Reshoring in time will become a big theme and will exhibit significant GDP growth.**

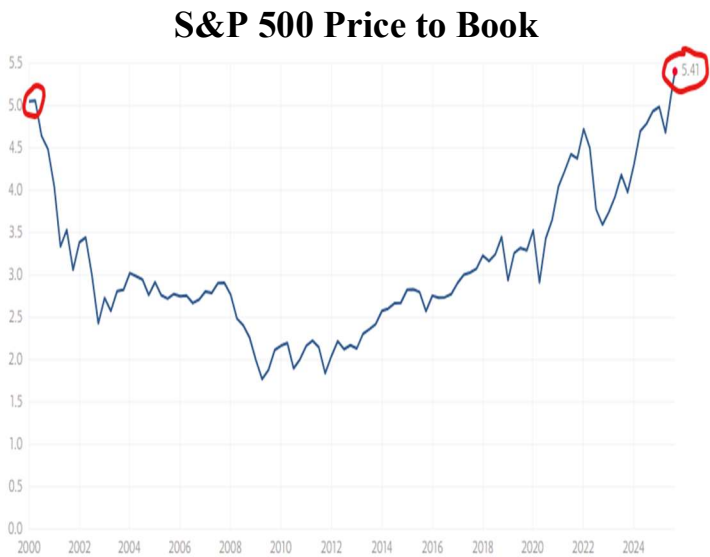
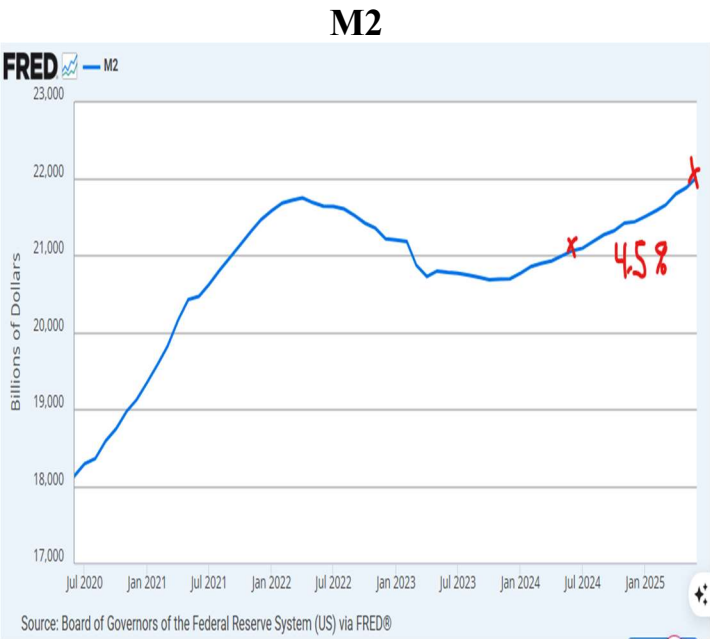
Source: Bloomberg & Yahoo.com, Returns are appreciation only.

| S&P Sector Performance: As of August 15, 2025 |          |           |        |
|---|----------|-----------|--------|
| Index   | Price    | Last Week | YTD    |
| Information Technology                        | 5,323.27 | -0.14%    | 15.48% |
| Consumer Disc.                                | 1,846.34 | 2.50%     | 0.83%  |
| Consumer Staples                              | 899.56   | -0.77%    | 5.38%  |
| Health Care                                   | 1,585.34 | 4.62%     | -1.21% |
| Financials                                    | 871.3    | 1.16%     | 8.31%  |
| Industrials                                   | 150.44   | -0.26%    | 14.18% |
| Energy  | 651.64   | 0.46%     | -0.49% |
| Communications Services                       | 401.19   | 2.13%     | 17.42% |
| Utilities                                     | 433.49   | -0.83%    | 12.61% |
| Materials                                     | 572.07   | 1.76%     | 7.98%  |
| Real Estate                                   | 259.25   | 0.15%     | 1.30%  |

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| PVG Strategies            |        |        |                                     |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Tactical Strategies       | QTD    | YTD    | Average Annual Return as of 6/30/25 |
| Tactical Total Return     | 0.20%  | 1.73%  | 8.11%                               |
| Dynamic Core              | 2.49%  | 3.76%  | 8.48%                               |
| Tactical Growth           | -1.66% | -1.00% | 18.50%                              |
| Loss Averse               |        |        |                                     |
| Loss Averse Equity Income | 1.85%  | 3.16%  | 3.66%                               |
| Specialty                 |        |        |                                     |
| Emerging Healthcare       | -2.15% | 9.40%  | 68.64%                              |
| Focus                     |        |        |                                     |
| High Income Focus 10      | 2.07%  | 7.19%  | 6.80%                               |
| Growth Focus 10           | -1.97% | 7.26%  | 11.66%                              |

- For now, we have an expensive market that needs to rotate to keep moving and is very dependent on what the Fed does!!!
- The S&P 500 is now at 22.9x for the next 12 months' earnings, which is a little below the high in 2000 of 24. On a price to book value basis it is 5.4 versus 5.0 in 2000.



Out of Favor Healthcare:

- We pointed out several weeks ago that the Healthcare Sector was attractive on a relative valuation basis...about as low as it has ever been.
- Buffet bought a large position in UNH which certainly shined some light on the group.
- Drug pricing has been an issue, but we think the big pharmaceutical companies can work around the issue, as LLY just announced they will go direct

|                              |        |       |        |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Emerging Healthcare Focus 10 | 5.58%  | 8.81% | 11.29% |
| <b>Strategic</b>             |        |       |        |
| Tactical Aggressive          | -2.16% | 3.99% | 15.66% |
| Tactical Moderate            | 1.54%  | 1.42% | 10.45% |
| Tactical Conservative        | 2.16%  | 4.27% | 7.56%  |
| Tactical Income              | 2.62%  | 7.66% | 7.21%  |

| Interest Rates |        |         |       |
|----------------|--------|---------|-------|
| Fed Fund       | 4.33 % | 5-Year  | 3.82% |
| 3-Month        | 4.30%  | 10-Year | 4.29% |
| 6-Month        | 4.12%  | 30-Year | 4.88% |
| 2-Year         | 3.74%  |         |       |

Source: Bloomberg.com

| Economic Events This Week |                        |          |          |
|---------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Date                      | Report                 | Forecast | Previous |
| Aug 19                    | Housing Starts         | 1311K    | 1321K    |
| Aug 19                    | Building Permits       | 1390K    | 1393K    |
| Aug 21                    | Philadelphia Fed Index | 9.0      | 15.9     |
| Aug 21                    | Existing Home Sales    | 3.92M    | 3.93M    |
| Aug 21                    | Leading Indicators     | -0.1%    | -0.3%    |

| Economic Events Last Week |  |
|---------------------------|--|
| Aug 12                    | CPI shows key inflation rate shows biggest rise in 6 months, but Fed rate cut is still in play |
| Aug 14                    | Wholesale-prices make biggest jump in three years  |
| Aug 15                    | Car buyers rev up U.S. retail sales in effort to beat tariff price hike.                       |

- to patients at a much cheaper price, cutting out all the middlemen.
- The XLV (healthcare) is right at a resistance level.



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