PVG Asset Management
LOSS AVERSE INVESTING

Market in a Minute

August 25, 2026

Index Performance: As of August 21, 2026			
Index	**Price**	**Last Week**	**YTD**
S&P 500	7,674.37	-1.43%	12.11%
Dow Jones	53,277.01	-0.85%	10.85%
NASDAQ	26,180.46	-2.05%	12.64%
Russell 2000	16,662.42	-1.60%	22.48%
Russell 2000 Growth	14,639.97	-2.06%	19.52%
Russell 2000 Value	24,737.94	-1.12%	23.79%
Russell 1000 Growth Total Return	5,129.49	-2.31%	3.06%
SPDR Gold Shares	423.36	5.45%	6.83%
Powershares US $ Index	27.9	-0.75%	3.22%
Ishares EAFE Index	108.24	-0.37%	12.71%
Barclays Aggregate Bond Index	97.35	-0.13%	-2.53%
iShares Barclays 20+ Yr Treasury Bond	82.05	0.01%	-5.86%
Utilities Select Sector ETF	42.77	-3.48%	0.19%
Vanguard REIT ETF	98.5	-0.33%	11.31%
iShares Mortgage Real Estate	22.02	-0.45%	-0.72%
Alerian MLP ETF	54.75	-0.38%	16.44%
iShares Global Telecom	116.67	-1.15%	-3.75%
ETFMG Alternative Harvest ETF	26.35	5.44%	-11.55%
Grayscale Bitcoin Trust	59.63	22.49%	-12.77%
Shanghai SE Index	3,905.20	-0.56%	-1.60%

A Word on the Market

By: Patrick Adams, CFA

Market Update:

- **Treasury Secretary Bessent does the twist (September 9th)! As we mentioned last week the Treasury announced they would be adding some liquidity to the long end of the bond market buying back some of the illiquid off-the-run-10-Year and 30-Year Treasury bonds.**
- **The idea behind this is to keep the long-term rates down by shrinking the supply and using more short-term paper.**
- **Also, as we mentioned last week we thought we were hearing just the beginning. Bessent has close to $1 trillion set aside to make these purchases!!!!**
- **There are approximately $5.48 trillion of 10-30 year maturity Treasury bonds outstanding. Buying back 20% would certainly put a top in yields. With Yellen it proved to be a temporary fix, but a darn good one.**
- **Yellen as Treasury Secretary did this in 2024 and only bought about $100 billion and dropped the yield on the 10-Year by about 1% initially from 4.7% to 3.7%.**
- **We think Bessent has a much bigger bazooka, but he is fighting with a massive amount of AI build out debt issuance by the private sector.**
- **Long-term bond yields are key for the housing market and the method of valuing other asset classes, such as stocks. A drop in bond yields would be very positive!**
- **NVDA reports on Wednesday, the consensus is for $91.9 billion in revenues, the high estimate is $93**

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

S&P Sector Performance: As of Aug 21, 2026

Index	Price	Last Week	YTD
Information Technology	6,816.49	-3.21%	19.92%
Consumer Disc.	1,933.50	-0.23%	0.26%
Consumer Staples	941.25	-0.99%	8.83%
Health Care	2,033.37	4.30%	12.60%
Financials	955.09	-1.19%	4.77%
Industrials	180.25	-3.36%	16.20%
Energy	970.78	2.51%	41.24%
Communications Services	451.38	-1.45%	-0.22%
Utilities	432.81	-3.61%	-0.23%
Materials	671.95	2.33%	16.98%
Real Estate	286.71	-0.50%	12.42%

Source: Bloomberg website, Returns are appreciation only

PVG Strategies

Tactical Strategies	QTD	YTD	Average Annual Return as of 6/30/26
Tactical Total Return	1.82%	-1.29%	9.53%
Dynamic Core	3.24%	-0.48%	9.87%
Tactical Growth	2.67%	-7.75%	19.33%
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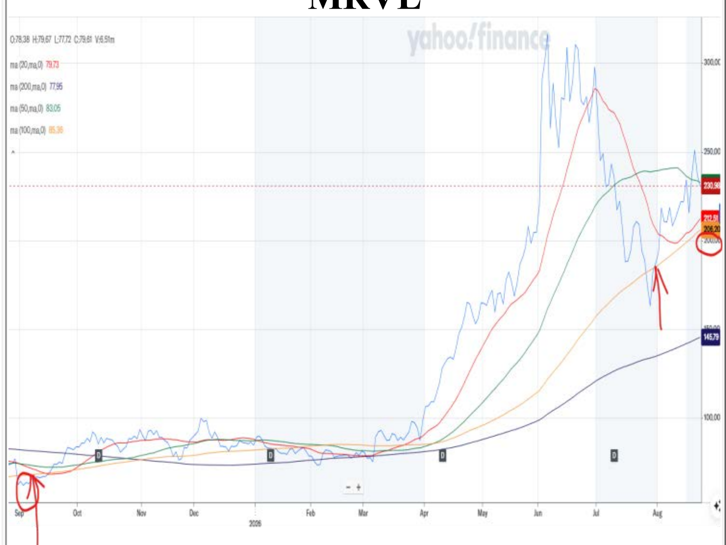
Loss Averse			
Loss Averse Equity Income	1.35%	2.87%	4.51%
Specialty			
Emerging Healthcare	0.13%	-16.66%	64.91%
Focus			
High Income Focus 10	0.04%	2.18%	7.22%
Growth Focus 10	-0.81%	-8.89%	13.78%

billion and low estimate is $90.3 billion. Our regression gets us to $95 billion. We would expect that if they do not come in around $95 billion with a positive view the technology sector could sell off.

- **MRVL is the new hot play with their potentially massive amount of business coming from GOOG, they report on Thursday.**
- **The market is anticipating the Warsh speech on Friday morning from Jackson Hole. What the market is trying to figure out is what are the triggers for Warsh to raise or cut. We strongly believe the odds of raising rates in September are low.**

10-Year Treasury Yield 4/15/2024-9/15/2024

MRVL



Emerging Healthcare Focus 10	-0.57%	-24.87%	12.36%
Strategic			
Tactical Aggressive	1.03%	-4.05%	15.15%
Tactical Moderate	1.44%	-2.26%	12.00%
Tactical Conservative	0.99%	2.17%	8.88%
Tactical Income	0.37%	1.42%	7.83%

Interest Rates

Fed Fund	3.63 %	**5-Year**	4.39%
3-Month	3.87%	**10-Year**	4.69%
6-Month	3.94%	**30-Year**	5.23%
2-Year	4.19%		

Source: Bloomberg.com

Economic Events This Week

Date	Report	Forecast	Previous
Aug 25	S&P Case-Shiller Home Price Index	1.8%	1.6%
Aug 25	Consumer Confidence	90.6	90.8
Aug 25	New Home Sales	620k	628k
Aug 26	Personal Income	0.2%	0.2%
Aug 26	Personal Spending	0.2%	0.3%
Aug 26	PCE Prices	0.1%	-0.1%
Aug 26	PCE Prices – Core	0.2%	0.1%
Aug 26	GDP- Second Estimate	1.5%	1.5%
Aug 26	GDP Deflator Second Estimate	6.3%	6.3%

Biotechnology
Precision Medicine

- **Do you remember when Larry Ellison (ORCL), Sam Altman (OpenAI), and Masayoshi Son (SoftBank) were at the White House in January. Larry was asked by President Trump an example of how this AI initiative would benefit society. Larry discussed a blood test (GRAL) that would detect cancer, stage, type and location, then a personalized drug would be administered for that patient's unique needs.**
- **MRNA announced last week positive results for their phase 3 vaccine in late-stage melanoma trial. After the cancer is detected, hopefully by using GRAL, a vaccine could be created for that specific patient. We have not yet seen how good the drug worked over just the Merck drug KEYTRUDA. Regardless this is a step in the right direction and likely could be useful in many other cancers.**
- **Our main play on cancer has been GRAL which on September 23rd they have an FDA advisory committee vote on their blood test. This should be a positive step for approval soon…insurance reimbursement.**
- **Biotech is funny…stocks tend move one at a time in a big way.**

MRNA

Aug 26	Durable Orders	0.5%	0.3%
Aug 26	Durable Goods -ex transportation	0.5%	0.6%

Economic Events Last Week	
August 17	Empire State manufacturing index shows strongest readings in months signaling improving business conditions in the region
August 18	Housing starts down -12.4% MoM. The sharp drop in new constructions indicates ongoing weakness in the housing sector
August 20	Initial jobless claims remain low at 206,000 pointing to a resilient labor market
August 21	Services sector showed solid expansion (strongest growth in almost two years) while manufacturing was more mixed due to supply constraints.