GLOBAL MARKETS SNAPSHOT



AUGUST 2025

S&P 500 \triangle 6460.26 1.91%

Stock market closing figures are as of end-August 2025

U.S. markets ended August on a strong note, with the Dow gaining 3.2% and the S&P 500 up 1.91%, while the Nasdaq added 0.85%. The momentum was fueled by strong earnings, including from Nvidia, which posted 56% revenue growth last quarter. In contrast, Bitcoin slid 6.38%, reflecting profit-taking after recent highs. As investors head into September, historically a volatile month - momentum in equities will be tested against macro headwinds and policy cues

GLOBAL INSIGHTS: MONTHLY RECAP



APPLE BOOSTS US INVESTMENT PLEDGE TO \$600B:

With Apple's \$600B U.S. investment in chips & suppliers, the future of American tech looks stronger than ever. Investing through U.S. tech ETFs is the smartest way to benefit.



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TENCENT TARGETS SOAR AFTER EARNINGS BEAT

Tencent is up 21% YTD, fueled by Al-powered ads and strong gaming demand, with fresh targets pointing to another 16% upside. For investors, Tencent's dual strength in gaming and Al makes it a standout play in both China tech and the global gaming sector.



TSMC SALES JUMP 26% ON AI DEMAND

With TSMC's sales surging 26% YoY to \$10.8B on soaring Al chip demand, and U.S. policies favoring domestic semiconductor production, the future of global chipmakers looks brighter than ever. Investing through semiconductor ETFs is one of the smartest ways to capture this growth.

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JOBY & L3HARRIS DEVELOP NEXT-GEN DEFENSE AIRCRAFT

Joby Aviation and L3Harris are partnering to build a next-gen hybrid military aircraft that can fly with or without a pilot. With FAA approval in progress and production expanding, this move accelerates the defense sector's push into autonomous tech, offering investors exposure to the future of military innovation.



OKLO LANDS MILITARY DEAL, STOCK ROCKETS

Oklo has secured a U.S. Air Force contract to deploy its Small Modular Reactor at Eielson Base in Alaska, marking a major step for nuclear energy in defense. With the stock up over 250% this year, this deal underscores rising demand for clean, reliable power in military infrastructure-benefiting investors in nuclear-focused ETFs.



CHINA'S CHIPMAKERS PUSH BACK AGAINST NVIDIA

China is building its own Al chips as Alibaba, Huawei & Cambricon challenge Nvidia - a government-backed chip boom that could unlock the next big investor opportunity in China tech.



GOOGLE CLOUD BUILDS ITS OWN BLOCKCHAIN FOR FINANCE

With Google Cloud launching GCUL, its own Layer-1 blockchain for payments and settlements, Big Tech is moving directly into digital money infrastructure. Early pilots with CME Group show the potential for faster, cheaper cross-border transfers - giving investors exposure to growth in the fintech and blockchain sector, the future rails of global finance.