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NEWSLETTER

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Summary

- Economic News – The Fed kept the Fed funds rate unchanged.
- Market Events – The S&P 500 gained 20.07% over the past year.

Economic News

The US Real GDP increased at an annual rate of 1.5% in the second quarter of 2026.

Inflation measured in the 12-month Consumer Price Index (CPI) percentage change was 3.5% in June 2026. The Personal Consumption Expenditure Price Index (PCE) change was 3.7% in June 2026. The Fed's objective for inflation continues to remain at a 2 percent average and they expect to return to this level over time.

The Fed left the fed funds rate unchanged to a target rate range of 3.5 to 3.75 percent in the July 29th FOMC meeting. Ongoing rate changes are undecided, but the Fed will continue restrictive monetary policy. The Fed believes this will assist in lowering inflation. President Trump continues to impose tariffs on other countries.

The US Dollar strengthened with the US Dollar Index at 99.96. Oil prices have decreased to $80.06 a barrel.

Market Events

The S&P 500 today is 20.07% higher from a year ago. The 10-year treasury rate is at 4.68%.

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