World Market Prognosis

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MARKETS NOW

Wall Street closed a volatile week lower on Friday. The Dow fell 652.82 points, or 1.23%, to 52,215.16, the S&P 500 slipped 0.52% to 7,623.68 and the Nasdaq Composite eased 0.21% to 25,955.34. Treasury yields rose about five basis points across the curve, with the ten-year settling at 4.999% and the thirty-year at 5.312%, as firmer oil revived inflation worries. Abroad, Frankfurt's DAX lost 0.86% to 25,152.30 and Tokyo's Nikkei 225 eased 0.34% to 62,693.16, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng gained 0.69% to 23,093.37.

COMMODITIES

Energy led. Brent settled at $116.72 a barrel, up 3.14% and its highest close since April 29, roughly 6% higher on the week, while WTI rose 3.8% to $103.27. Traders pointed to Houthi attacks on Saudi energy infrastructure, which prompted Saudi Aramco to evacuate its Dhahran headquarters on October 22. Metals softened as yields firmed: spot gold traded near $3,996.90 an ounce, silver about $54.05 and copper around $6.53 a pound. Chicago wheat headed for an eighth straight weekly loss, down 4.7%, its longest run since 1997.

THE PROGNOSIS

The base case is a cautious, range-bound market into Wednesday's Federal Reserve decision, where a hold at 3.75%-4.00% is widely expected alongside a tightening bias; CME FedWatch puts December hike odds near 71%. The clearest risk is further Gulf escalation, since a confirmed strike on a Saudi export facility or a loaded tanker would test $120 Brent and lift inflation expectations already running at 4.7% one year ahead. Watch the Fed statement, Strait of Hormuz flows, and France's bond spread near 170 basis points.

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