Weekly Equity Market Outlook

AI Optimism Offsets Rate Fears as Global Markets End Week Higher

31st August 2026 to 4th September 2026

The Week That Was *(24th Aug – 28th Aug) : Geopolitics, Crude Oil and Global Rates Drive Another Volatile Week*

- Indian equity markets remained volatile during the week, with the Nifty and Sensex ending lower for the third consecutive week. Investor sentiment was weighed down by elevated crude oil prices, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East, and concerns that US interest rates could remain higher for longer. However, a sharp rebound on Friday helped limit weekly losses, supported by strong gains in technology stocks.
- Global investors closely tracked developments surrounding Iran and the Strait of Hormuz, as disruptions to energy supplies had pushed crude oil prices higher during the week. Markets also focused on the Jackson Hole Symposium, where investors awaited guidance from US Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh on future monetary policy. Meanwhile, stronger-than-expected Nvidia earnings boosted confidence in global AI spending and improved sentiment toward technology stocks worldwide.
- Despite external headwinds, India's macroeconomic backdrop remained supportive. The RBI's August Bulletin highlighted robust domestic demand, healthy manufacturing and services activity, easing liquidity conditions, and a return of foreign capital inflows. Investors also looked ahead to the Q1 FY27 GDP release and August GST collections for a clearer assessment of economic momentum.
- Sectorally, IT, Metals and Healthcare were the strongest performers. Indian IT stocks rallied after Nvidia's strong results reinforced optimism around AI-driven technology spending. Metal companies benefited from improving global risk appetite and easing concerns about commodity demand. On the other hand, FMCG, Auto, Oil & Gas and Financial stocks underperformed due to concerns over input costs, profit booking and higher energy prices.
- Among large-cap stocks, Adani Enterprises, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, JSW Steel and Tata Steel emerged as notable gainers. Conversely, Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel, NTPC, Power Grid, Shriram Finance and Mahindra & Mahindra were among the major laggards. Domestic institutional investors remained strong buyers during the week, helping cushion the market from global volatility and supporting broader market resilience.

Interesting Charts … that speak a thousand words

NASDAQ 100- Strong Set-up!

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The Week Ahead *(31st Aug to 4th Sep) : Domestic Growth vs Global Rate Fears*

- Indian equities are likely to remain broadly positive next week, supported by strong domestic growth expectations. Investors will closely watch India's Q1 FY27 GDP data and PMI readings for cues on economic momentum and corporate earnings.
- Globally, market sentiment will be influenced by the US Federal Reserve after Chair Kevin Warsh's hawkish Jackson Hole commentary increased expectations of a September rate hike. Higher US yields and a stronger dollar could lead to some volatility in FII flows.
- Sectorally, banks, capital goods, infrastructure and power stocks remain well positioned on the back of domestic capex trends. IT stocks may benefit from Nvidia's strong outlook and continued global AI spending, while metals will track Chinese economic data and commodity prices.
- Key stock-specific triggers include August auto sales data, infrastructure order announcements, and developments in crude oil prices amid ongoing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

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Nifty 50 Technical Outlook

Source: Tradingview

- The Nifty index remained under pressure for the third consecutive week and formed a bearish candle on the weekly chart, indicating continued weakness. The index is facing stiff resistance near its 21-DMA at 24,370, and a decisive breakout above this level could trigger an upmove towards 24,500. On the downside, immediate support is placed at the 100-DMA near 24,020, and a sustained break below this level could drag the index further towards 23,900. Momentum indicators have turned bearish on the daily chart, suggesting a sideways-to-weak undertone in the near term. Meanwhile, the volatility index, INDIAVIX, remains subdued around 10.80 levels, indicating limited volatility. Overall, we expect the Nifty to remain rangebound within the broader range of 23,800–24,300 in the near term.

Nifty Bank Technical Outlook

Source: Tradingview

- The Bank Nifty consolidated within a narrow range throughout the week and formed a Doji candlestick pattern on the daily chart, indicating indecision among market participants.
- The index is hovering near its crucial 200-DMA at 57,450 which is acting as make or break level.
- The immediate hurdle of 21 and 50-DMA is placed at 57620 levels. The major support is at 57000.
- For the coming week, the broader trading range is expected to be 57,000–58,000.

Global Markets

Developed Markets

US (S&P 500)	+0.49%
Germany (FSE DAX)	+1.66%
UK (FTSE 100)	+0.07%
Eurozone (Eurostoxx 50)	+0.36%
Japan (Nikkei 225)	+0.32%

Emerging Markets

Indonesia (IDX Composite)	-0.12%
India (Nifty 50)	-0.31%
China (CSI 300)	-0.21%
South Korea (KOSPI 100)	-2.85%
Brazil (Bovespa)	+2.71%

Sectoral Gainers and Key Commodities

Sectoral Indices

Nifty Metal – TRI	+2.69%
Nifty IT – TRI	+2.45%
Nifty Oil & Gas – TRI	-1.03%
Nifty India Tourism – TRI	-1.37%
Nifty FMCG - TRI	-1.46%

Commodities

Gold	-3.23%
Silver	-3.77%
Brent Crude	-4.74%

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