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Market Snapshot

S&P 500: 7,515.34 | Monday's close was a 0.8% drop, and Tuesday premarket trading stayed split with S&P futures off about 0.1% while investors waited for 8:30 AM ET CPI and the first wave of bank earnings

Brent Crude: \$85.45 | Brent pushed higher again after a third night of U.S. strikes on Iran and renewed Strait of Hormuz disruption fears, keeping the inflation risk premium alive even before the June CPI print lands

Gold: \$4,040 | Gold added nearly 1% in premarket trading as investors balanced haven demand against a still-firm Treasury market, with the 10-year yield holding near 4.62%

Fed Funds Rate: 3.50-3.75% | Held June 17 - June CPI at 8:30 AM ET and Kevin Warsh at 10:00 AM ET will set the tone for whether July hold odds strengthen or hawkish rhetoric keeps tightening risk in play

The Lead

CPI Has to Beat Oil. Bank Earnings Need More Than Beats to Lift the Tape.

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 opens with S&P futures down about 0.1%, Dow futures lower by roughly 0.6%, Nasdaq futures higher by about 0.5%, Brent crude near \$85.45 a barrel, gold around \$4,040, U.S. natural gas near \$2.87 per mmBtu, the dollar index near 101.11, EUR/USD around 1.1430, and USD/JPY near 162.4 as investors weigh a premarket flood of big-bank earnings, a June CPI report due at 8:30 AM ET, and Kevin Warsh's first semiannual testimony to Congress at 10:00 AM ET.

The market arrives at Tuesday's open with two narratives colliding. One says the economy is still resilient enough for banks to post strong numbers and for risk appetite to survive another inflation test. The other says Brent crude back above \$85 after a fresh U.S.-Iran escalation has already changed the inflation conversation before a single CPI line is released.

That is why the bank earnings matter, but not on their own. JPMorgan, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs, and Citigroup all reported before the bell, and the broad message was better-than-expected profit generation with only modest enthusiasm in the initial price action. Goldman rose in premarket trading, but several peers traded lower, which suggests investors are treating earnings as a secondary input until macro gives permission for multiples to expand again.

Oil is the reason that permission is harder to earn. Monday's market already absorbed a sharp jump in crude after the U.S. resumed a blockade posture around Iranian shipping, and Tuesday begins with Brent extending higher to roughly \$85.45. Even if June CPI shows the expected moderation tied to last month's lower gasoline prices, the market still has to decide whether that softer print is already stale against a July energy backdrop moving the

other way.

Rates and foreign exchange are reinforcing that tension instead of offsetting it. The 10-year Treasury yield is hovering near 4.62%, the dollar index is near 101.11, EUR/USD is holding around 1.1430, and USD/JPY is back in the 162 area that keeps Japanese intervention sensitivity in the frame. Those levels do not signal panic, but they do signal that financial conditions remain tight enough to punish any inflation disappointment quickly.

The equity leadership map is also more complicated than a simple risk-on or risk-off call. SK Hynix's ADRs rebounded in premarket trading after Monday's violent semiconductor washout, yet IBM fell more than 20% after a weak preliminary update blamed on delayed deal timing and shifting enterprise spending patterns. That combination says the market is still willing to reward AI infrastructure exposure, but it is getting less forgiving about execution misses and less willing to treat every tech name as the same trade.

Kevin Warsh's testimony then determines whether a softer CPI, if it arrives, can actually stick. His recent messaging has emphasized inflation credibility and less forward guidance, so even a friendlier data print may not be enough if the policy tone remains stern and oil keeps climbing. For the opening bell to feel cleaner, the market likely needs both cooler data and a message that does not immediately reinstall rate-hike risk.

Callout

Key insight: Tuesday's first move may come from CPI, but the durable move depends on whether markets decide June's disinflation is still relevant once \$85 Brent, Warsh, and earnings guidance are all in the room together.

What Moves Today

Three Signals

Possible Paths - Tuesday, July 14, 2026

The decisive question is whether softer June inflation can outrun a fresh oil shock long enough for earnings and policy nuance to reset the tape.

Relief path: If CPI comes in soft, Warsh avoids amplifying hike risk, and Brent stops accelerating, equities can broaden beyond a narrow defensive bid and let bank earnings matter more. In that outcome, Treasury yields drift lower, the dollar eases against both the euro and yen, gold gives back some haven premium, credit stays firm, and earnings guidance gets judged on operating quality instead of macro fear.

Split-tape path: If CPI is close to consensus but the details stay sticky or Warsh keeps a clearly hawkish tone, the market can remain divided rather than break cleanly in either direction. That would likely leave equities uneven, rates only slightly softer or even unchanged, DXY supported, Brent still commanding attention, gold steady, credit discriminating harder by quality, and earnings beats rewarded only when guidance is strong enough to offset a tighter macro backdrop.

Repricing path: If CPI disappoints, oil climbs further, or Warsh sounds willing to keep

tightening pressure alive, the opening move turns into a broader regime reset. Equities would face another valuation squeeze, longer-dated yields and front-end expectations would both harden, EUR/USD would come under pressure while USD/JPY moves deeper into intervention-sensitive territory, commodities would reinforce the oil-over-growth signal, lower-quality credit would widen first, and earnings season would start under a much tougher test for margins, funding, and demand durability.

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