

Kisher Capital — Market Update

September 2nd, 2025

-August 2025 Market Snapshot-

Asset	August-25 Return	2025 YTD Return (as of 8/29/25)
S&P 500 (SPY)	2.05%	10.72%
Dow Jones Industrial Average (DIA)	3.41%	8.14%
Nasdaq Composite (QQQ)	0.95%	11.87%
iShares Core U.S. Aggregate Bond (AGG)	1.19%	5.01%

-Three Key Stories-

1: All Eyes on Jobs Report

Jobs growth has slowed considerably, with July adding just 73,000 new positions and prior months revised lower. This marks a sharp break from the stronger pace of hiring seen in 2024 and highlights growing caution among employers. The **unemployment rate is holding around 4.2%** and layoffs remain limited, which suggests companies are reluctant to let go of workers, but the decline in labor force participation hints at emerging cracks in the labor market. Taken together, the data points to a cooling trend that could become more pronounced if hiring momentum continues to fade.

At Jackson Hole, Fed Chair Jerome Powell acknowledged that current policy rates may be close to neutral and stressed **that risks to the labor market could materialize quickly**. While the Fed has spent the past two years focused on controlling inflation, Powell's tone reflected a **heightened sensitivity** to the possibility of **weaker employment**. With the September jobs report due in just days and the Fed's next policy meeting following shortly after, officials are entering a critical stretch where fresh data could dictate the timing and scale of policy adjustments.

For investors, the focus is now firmly on whether the Fed will pivot to easing before year-end. Market expectations are building **for at least two rate cuts by December**, but much **depends on the September jobs numbers** and their signal about labor market health. A weaker report would likely accelerate calls for rate cuts as the Fed moves to cushion the economy, while a stronger showing might buy policymakers more time. Either way, the path of **employment data has become the clearest driver of near-term Fed policy** and financial market direction.

2: NVDA's Earnings Recap

NVIDIA reported its fiscal **second-quarter results** (ending July 27, 2025) with **revenue of \$46.74 billion**, marking a 56% year-over-year increase and a 6% sequential gain. Data center sales, which drove much of this growth, reached \$41.1 billion, also up 56% year over year, although it fell slightly short of some forecasts. **Earnings per share came in at \$1.08**. The company's **outlook for Q3** projects continued momentum, with **revenue expected to be around \$54 billion**, supported by **\$60 billion** in new **share buyback authorization** and sustained demand for its Blackwell AI platform.

Despite the strong results, shares slipped in after-hours trading as uncertainty surrounding sales of NVIDIA's **H20 chips to China weighed on investor enthusiasm**. The company confirmed no H20 shipments to China during the quarter and did not include any such revenue in its forward guidance. It is in talks to potentially resume licensed sales, **which could yield \$2 billion to \$5 billion in additional revenue** if regulatory issues are resolved.

3: Are The Tariffs Constitutional?

A **federal appeals court** has **struck down much of President Trump's "Liberation Day" tariffs**, ruling that the emergency powers he used to impose broad "reciprocal" tariffs went beyond the authority granted by Congress. The court's decision **found the tariffs unlawful** but allowed them to remain in place until mid-October while the administration **appeals to the Supreme Court**. If the ruling is upheld it **could force the government to refund billions of dollars** already collected from importers, delivering a major blow to one of Trump's signature economic policies.

Trump responded forcefully, warning that the United States would be destroyed without tariff revenue and claiming the decision would push the country toward becoming a "third world nation." He defended the tariffs as a key driver of investment and growth, while framing the ruling as politically motivated. The decision narrows the scope of executive power on trade and sets up a **high stakes showdown at the Supreme Court** that could **reshape U.S. economic policy**.

-What to Watch-

09/05/2025: Unemployment Rate and Non-Farm Payrolls

09/11/2025: August 2025 CPI Data Release

09/17/2025: Sept-25 Federal Reserve Meeting and Fed Funds Rate Announcement



References

nvidianews.nvidia.com/news/nvidia-announces-financial-results-for-second-quarter-fiscal-2026

www.businessinsider.com/biggest-takeaways-from-the-nvidia-second-quarter-earnings-call-2025-8

www.cnbc.com/2025/08/30/trump-trade-tariffs-aspeals.html

www.foxbusiness.com/politics/trump-warns-us-become-third-world-nation-federal-courts-strike-down-his-tariffs

www.usbank.com/investing/financial-perspectives/market-news/effect-of-job-market-on-the-economy.html?

[www.marketwatch.com/story/powell-just-gambled-big-in-jackson-hole-will-it-pay-off ab1b64a4?](https://www.marketwatch.com/story/powell-just-gambled-big-in-jackson-hole-will-it-pay-off-ab1b64a4?)

Disclosures

Advisory services offered through Kisher Capital, LLC, an investment adviser registered with the state of Illinois. Advisory services are only offered to clients or prospective clients where Kisher Capital, LLC and its representatives are properly registered or exempt from registration. The information in this document is not intended as tax, accounting, or legal advice, nor is it an offer or solicitation to buy or sell, or as an endorsement of any company, security, fund, or other offering. The information provided should not be solely relied upon for decision making. Please consult your legal, tax, or accounting professional regarding your specific situation. Investments involve risk and have the potential for complete loss. It should not be assumed that any recommendations made will necessarily be profitable. The information in this document is provided "AS IS" and without warranties either express or implied and the information may not be free from error. Your use of the information provided is at your sole risk. Performance data comes from Yahoo Finance. This report was prepared by Kisher Capital and reflects the current opinion of the authors. It is based upon sources and data believed to be accurate and reliable. Opinions and forward-looking statements expressed are subject to change without notice.