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TRADEHIVE MORNING CROSS-ASSET REPORT

Macro Setup (Overnight → U.S. Open)

This morning's tape is being driven by a **clean but fragile tug-of-war**:

- **Oil sharply higher** on stalled U.S.–Iran talks and continued disruption in the Strait of Hormuz
- **Dollar steady-to-firm**, reflecting geopolitical uncertainty and “higher-for-longer” rate expectations
- **Equity futures initially pressured**, but **AI/semiconductor momentum continues to provide a bid underneath risk**

What Is Specifically Moving U.S. Stock Indexes

1. Oil Shock / Geopolitics (Primary Macro Driver)

- Crude is back above ~\$108 as peace talks stall and shipping through Hormuz remains constrained
- ~10–13 million barrels/day still disrupted → persistent supply shock

This is feeding:

- Inflation expectations
- Higher yields / fewer rate cuts
- Downside pressure on equity futures

2. AI / Semiconductor Momentum (Primary Micro Driver)

- Global equities (especially Asia) continue to rally on AI-driven earnings and capex expectations
- Chip earnings growth and hyperscaler spending expectations are the dominant bullish force

This is:

- Supporting Nasdaq leadership (NQ bid)
- Preventing broader risk-off despite macro pressure

3. Rates + Central Bank Expectations

- Markets expect central banks (Fed, ECB, BoE) to stay on hold, with bias toward restrictive policy
- Oil-driven inflation is reducing confidence in near-term rate cuts

This creates a valuation headwind, especially for growth

Cross-Asset Confirmation vs Divergence

Confirmations

- Oil ↑ → Inflation risk ↑ → Rate cuts ↓ (macro tightening signal confirmed)
- Dollar stable/firm alongside geopolitical stress

Divergences

- Equities holding up despite oil spike
- AI-driven equity strength vs macro tightening backdrop
- Global stocks rallying while energy shock persists

Classic takeaway:

This is not a clean risk-on environment — it is a leadership-driven market.

Tail Winds (Into Today's Session)

1. Semiconductor / AI Earnings Momentum

- Still the strongest force globally
- Hyperscaler spending expectations are anchoring sentiment

2. Positioning + Momentum

- Trend remains upward in tech-heavy indices
- Buyers continue to step in on dips

3. Any De-escalation Headlines

- Even small progress on Iran → immediate upside for equities
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Head Winds (Into Today's Session)

1. Oil Supply Shock (Active and Escalating)

- Strait of Hormuz disruption remains unresolved
- Oil up ~3% overnight and still structurally elevated

2. Inflation → Rates Feedback Loop

- Higher oil = sticky inflation = fewer rate cuts
- Keeps pressure on equity multiples

3. Event Risk Cluster

- Mega-cap tech earnings (Mag 7 concentration)
 - Fed + global central bank decisions
 - Market needs validation at highs
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Regime Read

“AI-Led Risk-On vs Energy-Driven Macro Tightening”

- Micro (AI / semis) → bullish and dominant
- Macro (oil / inflation / rates) → restrictive
- Geopolitics → volatility amplifier

This is a split regime:

- Strong trend
 - Narrow leadership
 - Elevated fragility
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Trading Implications

ES (S&P 500 Futures)

- Balanced between tech strength and macro pressure
- More vulnerable than NQ to:
 - Oil spikes
 - Yield moves

Bias:

Constructive, but dependent on tech holding up

NQ (Nasdaq Futures)

- Clear leader due to semiconductors / AI
- Strongest relative momentum

Risk:

- Highly sensitive to rates repricing

Bias:

Leadership intact unless yields spike sharply

YM (Dow Futures)

- Weakest structure in current regime
- More exposed to:
 - Energy costs
 - Industrial / macro sensitivity

Bias:

Relative laggard unless market broadens

Bottom Line

This morning's setup is defined by one key tension:

Oil and geopolitics are tightening financial conditions, while AI and semiconductors are keeping equities afloat.

- Macro says: be cautious
- Micro says: stay long tech leadership

Until one side wins decisively, expect:

- Choppy index behavior
- NQ leadership
- ES conditional strength
- YM underperformance

The critical intraday trigger remains unchanged:

Oil direction + yields reaction = whether macro starts to override tech

“Stay disciplined, stay prepared, and let context guide execution.”

Britton Brown

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