Global markets still displaying broad optimism

Our global market indicator is currently just above 80, which indicates that around 80% of the global equity markets we track are above their 50-dma. Most markets are also above their 200-dma.

Overall, global markets continue to demonstrate broad optimism.

While the 10-dma of our GMI is at 80, the current reading of the underlying index is 85, up from 70 on 23 June. Hence, it appears as though market sentiment cooled a bit through mid-June, with some markets slipping below their 50-dma, with an improved performance overall toward month end.

Market focus

Among recent developments, the S&P 500 has hit a new record high, rising above 6,200, and finally taking out its mid-February peak. Other US markets have also rallied of late, notably the NASDAQ, and the Philadelphia Semi-conductor index. However, not all US markets are faring as well with the Dow Jones Industrial Index, and the Russell 2000 still well below their pre-Liberation Day peaks. The lacklustre performance of the Russell 2000 stands out.

Also standing out is the steady upswing in the S&P/TSX, which has rebounded solidly from lows hit in the wake of Trump47's "Liberation day" tariff announcement on 2 April.

The upswing in the S&P/TSX has been led by the consumer discretionary and financials sectors. In context, this is interesting because the strong performance of the consumer discretionary sector seems an odd juxtaposition to some of the bearish signals regarding the Canadian economy highlighted by the unemployment rate hitting 7.00% in May. The unemployment rate has hit its highest point since January 2021 and is up 2.1 percentage points from its July 2022 low of 4.8%. As well, monthly GDP reports point toward GDP growth of -0.3% QoQ in Q2.

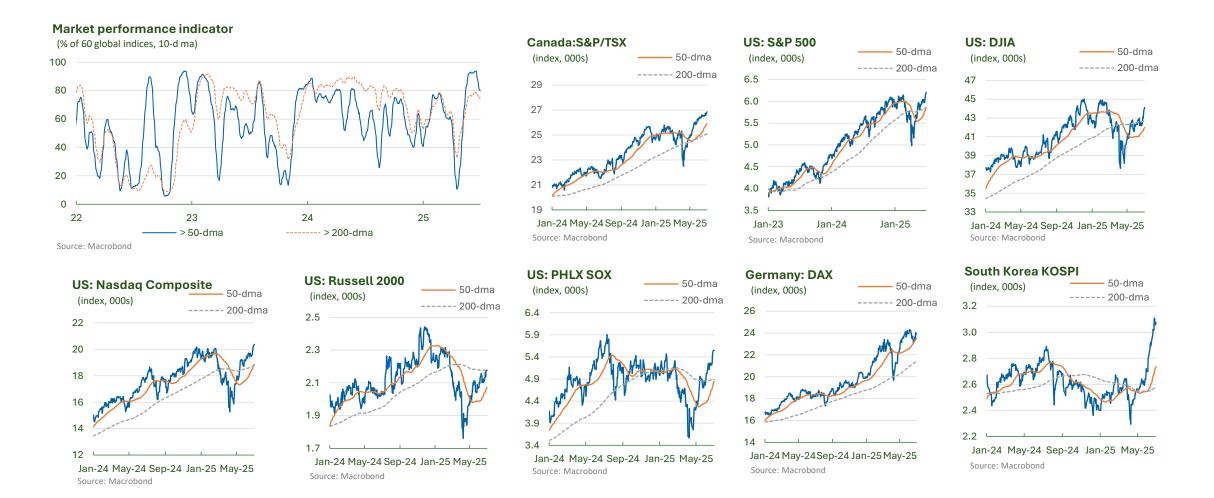
Other markets

Some other markets have also been hot of late. For example, South Korea's KOSPI has been on strong run since the 3 June presidential election won by Democratic Party leader Lee Jae Myung, who has pledged to boost the economy.

Vietnam's VN index, and Estonia's OMX have also been standouts, although Estonia's OMX index has lost some momentum though it still remains above its 50-dma.

Other markets, many also in Europe, retain most of their recent gain but have cooled off slightly including Germany's DAX, the UK's FTSE, Netherland's AEX, Spain's IBEX, and the Czech PX50.

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UK: FTSE 100

(index, 000s)

9.0

1.1

1.0

Source: Macrobond

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Jan-24 May-24 Sep-24 Jan-25 May-25

Ireland: ISEQ

Source: Macrobond

(index, 000s)

12.5

11.5

10.5



Jan-24 May-24 Sep-24 Jan-25 May-25

----- 200-dma













50-dma

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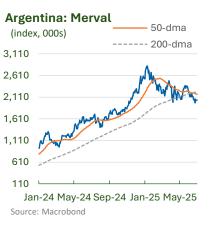












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