US Stock Express

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Petroleum price goes back to pre-war level of Feb, Bollinger Bands curved up.

Vix Index of CBOE

17.28 (+7.13 +1.15%)

1) Calm Period : between 10 to 20 points
2) Normal Period : between 20 to 30 points
3) Warning Period : between 30 to 40 points
4) Fear Period : between 40 to 50 points
5) Panic Period : Over 50 points

The CBOE Volatility Index (VIX) measures the market's expectation of 30-day volatility for the S&P 500 and is probably the most popular index concerning the fear of investors.

North East West South is ***NEWS***

The US launched a new wave of airstrikes against Iran, accusing Tehran of attacking three merchant ships in the Strait of Hormuz and revoking its oil export licenses. This followed the hitting of three oil tankers by unidentified missiles in the Strait of Hormuz, further straining the already fragile ceasefire.

Leaders of the 32-member NATO alliance held a summit in Ankara, Turkey, to meet with President Trump. NATO stated that core defense spending in Europe and Canada increased by 11% this year, pressured by President Trump to allies to fulfill their promises to increase defense budgets.

New internal data from Netflix shows a significant drop in viewership for the second season of many popular shows, with some losing as much as 70% of their audience. Netflix's current competitors are no longer traditional television, but video applications like TikTok and YouTube.

When Amazon issued its largest bond issuance ever earlier this year, investor enthusiasm surged, driven by the artificial intelligence (AI) hype. This time, however, the enthusiasm has waned. Amazon's latest $25 billion bond issuance saw peak demand of $62 billion. This is roughly half the demand attracted by its previous $37 billion deal in March.

Top meteorologists said today that the current El Niño phenomenon could break previous records in overall intensity, and affected areas will face risks of extreme weather events such as drought and flooding.

I just moved into my new studio in Kwun Tong (on Kowloon side) and ready to have first shooting on July 18 (Sat) and release on July 19 (Sun).

My YouTube video channel

<u>will be resumed at 1:30am New York time on July 19th (Sun) 2026</u>

Channel Name: “Daniel Yue & US stocks weekly”

Anti-war recital of 2022

[作品的說話 What the work Says (Piano Cover) 港人為千里外創作的反戰歌 2022 An anti-war song for faraway places in 2022]

Channel Name: “Music Therapy & Daniel Yue”

This channel cannot make you rich, but can re-charge your energy to face the ups and downs of life as well as the market

SK hynix Inc. (000660.KS) ☆

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2,076,000.00 -125,000.00 (-5.68%)

As of 3:30:18 PM GMT+9. Market Open.

SK Hinx already fell more than 20%, technically in bear market.

Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd. (005930.KS) ☆

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277,500.00 -18,500.00 (-6.25%)

As of 3:30:24 PM GMT+9. Market Open.

Samsung also in bear market and selling pressure is greater than SK Hynix for already broken neckline

TSM account for 44% in the Taiwan Weighted Stock Index

NASDAQ still in the middle of descending triangle.

World Observation

Day	1597
Russia/Ukraine Conflict	

No More Anti-war Sentiment

Donald Trump said that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Iran is over. Exchange of fire re-starts. Ukraine used a large number of drones to attack the city of Moscow, and launched the debut of their self-developed ballistic missile Sapsan (1KR1), hoping to bring the war back to Russia. However, there is no panic selling in the market, or anti-war sentiment is too weak to mention.

Do you still hear anti-war music on YouTube, TikTok or Netflix? Not at all.

Once they were the market movers, but it already happened long, long ago. Market focus is still on SPCX, why they are included in NASDAQ still going down. Actually, after the purchase of Cathy Wood, it stopped falling and just went horizontally. As a rule, for the IPO of the US, the traditional saying is that do not touch it in the first 3 days, 3 weeks or 3 months for it will have great velocity and be hard to predict. However, this time people believe in Elon Musk more than the market, for he is a superman. Most investment banks are looking good upon it; Morgan even placed the target at $300.

One week ahead of the IPO of SPCX, it triggered the cipher effect and NASDAQ fell prominently to the bottom of the descending triangle. This time SY Hynix cannot have such a prominent effect. Mind that it is in the format of ADR, therefore it follows the market of Korea and not the US, such as TSM follows the market of Taiwan. But from the chart of page 4, we can measure that both SY Hynix and Samsung already fell more than 20% from the high, that is technically in the bear market. The selling pressure is much more than NASDAQ, and Samsung already broke the neckline of a M shape even though the result announcement is having a year-to-year operating profit of 1,810% @ USD 67.5 billion and revenue year over year is up 129% @ 130.5 billion USD.

Why it still falls greatly? It was due to in the future hard to have such a nice report again. Who start it? It was in November 2025, the Harvest Moon, NVDA started such a scene and followed by TSLA on the following week. Nice announcement made the stock price fall.

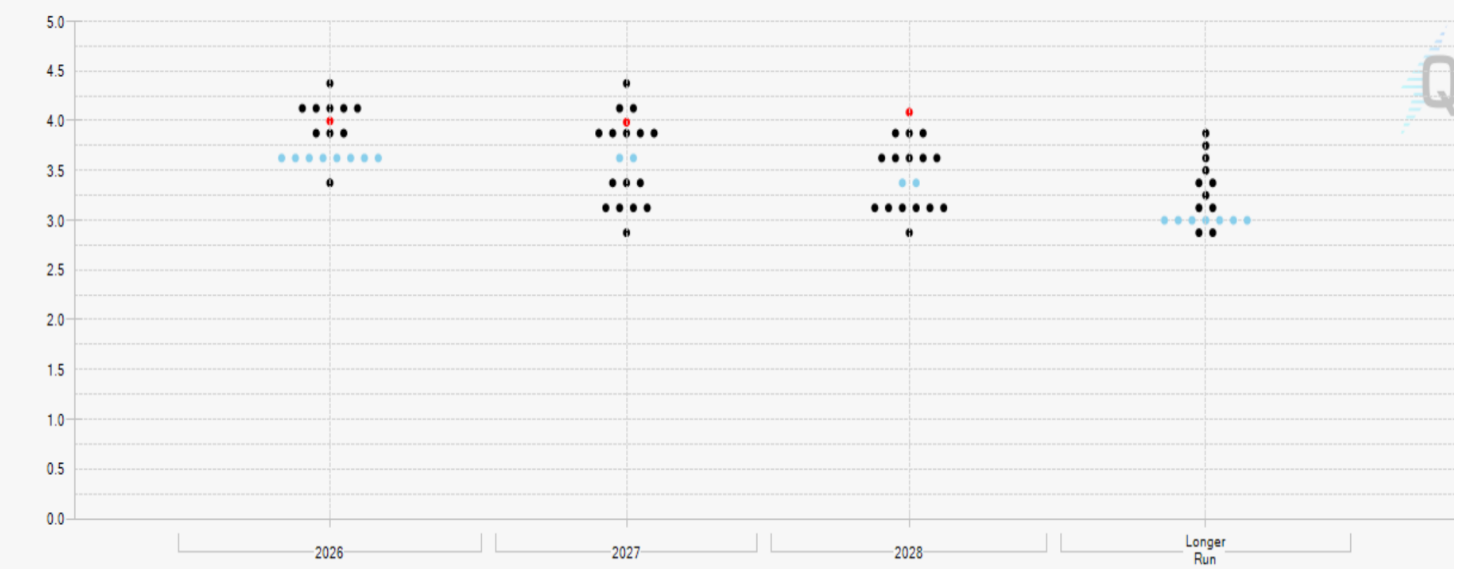
So, if you can have deep research and understanding of TSM, SK Hynix, Samsung and other NASDAQ stars, you would know which one you should put your investment in. Yesterday, I showed readers my piano playing in Kumamoto. Why did I choose this place and no other parts of Japan? For those readers that have a market diary should remember after the opening of the TSMC factory in Arizona, the result was not so nice even Trump granted that overtime working would not be taxed. Americans are not as diligent as Asians where the latter are willing to work for 3 shifts of 24 hours a day. The US worker union insists on work-life balance and should only work for 8 hours a day. Therefore, TSMC opened another factory in Kumamoto, Japan and now the production is quite satisfactory and the trend of TSM not only outperformed NASDAQ, but said to be the most ideal rising trend which is in a steady trend of 45 degree.

In Kumamoto, you also can have work-life balance with my piano music.

The re-start of the Iranian War was due to misunderstanding as said in the Express of 20260630. The breach of ceasefire is not bad news that triggers panic selling, instead it is good news that rate hike will become rate cut (page 8). Anyway, now even the price had dropped, but still higher than the re-starting day of the war.

	CME FEDWATCH TOOL - CONDITIONAL MEETING PROBABILITIES								
MEETING DATE	275-300	300-325	325-350	350-375	375-400	400-425	425-450	450-475	475-500
7/29/2026	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	67.4%	32.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
9/16/2026	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	31.2%	51.3%	17.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
10/28/2026	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.6%	46.4%	25.7%	4.3%	0.0%	0.0%
12/9/2026	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.7%	37.8%	33.6%	12.4%	1.6%	0.0%
1/27/2027	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.3%	34.0%	34.2%	15.8%	3.3%	0.3%
3/17/2027	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.9%	29.8%	34.2%	19.4%	5.8%	0.9%
4/28/2027	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.5%	28.9%	34.0%	20.1%	6.4%	1.1%
6/9/2027	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	10.4%	29.2%	33.3%	19.4%	6.1%	1.0%
7/28/2027	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	12.3%	29.6%	31.9%	18.1%	5.6%	0.9%
9/15/2027	0.0%	0.2%	2.9%	14.6%	29.9%	30.1%	16.4%	5.0%	0.8%
10/27/2027	0.0%	0.4%	3.7%	15.6%	29.9%	29.2%	15.6%	4.7%	0.8%
12/8/2027	0.2%	2.0%	9.5%	22.6%	29.5%	22.6%	10.3%	2.8%	0.4%

FOMC PARTICIPANTS' ASSESSMENTS OF APPROPRIATE MONETARY POLICY : "DOT-PLOT"



Blue dots indicate the median projection. Data is based on the economic projections published on June 17, 2026.
Red dots indicate the effective rate implied by the year-end FedFund future price.