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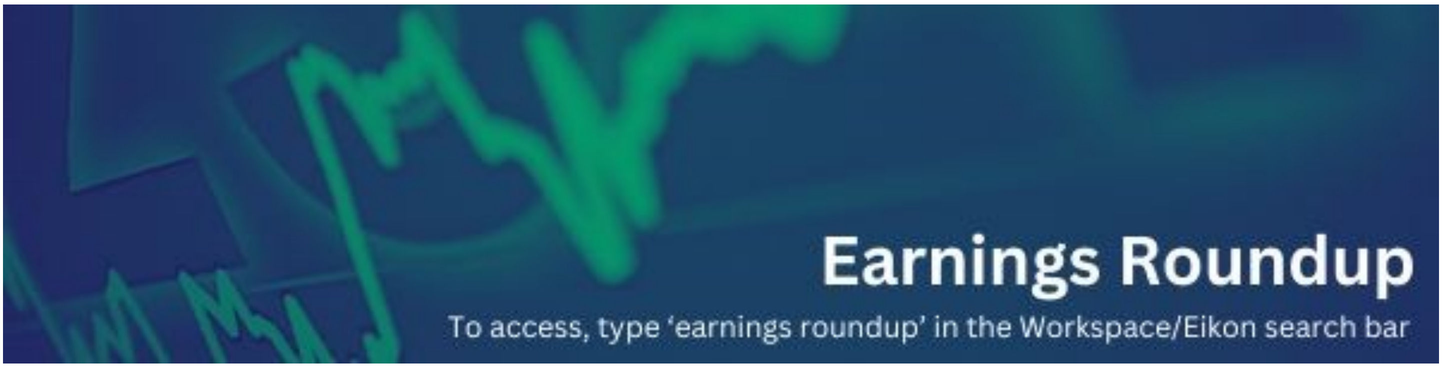


TOP NEWS

Iran says no talks are under way with United States after Trump calls off attacks
Iran said there were no talks under way with the United States and no plans for any meetings, contradicting U.S. President Donald Trump who had cited talks he said would take place that afternoon as justification for calling off attacks.

AstraZeneca investors baulk at $400 billion Bristol Myers talks
AstraZeneca's shares fell sharply as investors baulked at reports of merger talks with Bristol Myers Squibb about forming what would become one of the world's biggest drugmakers with a combined value of nearly $400 billion.

PREVIEW-SpaceX's first results put Musk's AI spending under Wall Street microscope
SpaceX's first earnings report since its record-breaking IPO will provide an early gauge of whether Starlink's profits can sustain the company's rapidly growing spending on AI and space ventures.

Tesla's European registrations uneven in July despite broader EV momentum
Tesla's registrations across several European markets painted a mixed picture in July, with strong gains in France and Denmark contrasted by sharp declines in Norway and Sweden.

Planemakers and repair shops take steps to conserve aircraft windows in tight market
Planemakers, airlines and repair shops are conserving aircraft windows after an incident at a key California factory worsened shortages of a part needed for both new aircraft and routine maintenance, companies and industry sources said.

BEFORE THE BELL

Wall Street futures were slightly higher as hopes of a peace deal in the Middle East weighed on **crude** prices, while investors braced for another week packed with earnings and economic data.

On the results front, SpaceX is due to report its first earnings since its record-breaking IPO after the closing bell on Tuesday, while the non-farm payrolls figures for July will be on the economic calendar.

Bristol Myers Squibb shares rose in premarket trading as traders assessed a potential consolidation in the healthcare sector, after a report said Bristol Myers and AstraZeneca held preliminary merger talks.

Oil prices were down after U.S. President Donald Trump held off a fresh attack on Iran as he sought a quick deal that would halt Tehran's nuclear ambitions and reopen the Strait of Hormuz. **European shares** were in the green after Trump said talks with Iran were expected later in the day.

Japan's **Nikkei** share average fell from a one-week high in the previous session, pressured by a rapid appreciation in the **yen** after Tokyo and Washington confirmed they had carried out a rare joint currency intervention late last week. Meanwhile, the yen rose for a third straight session, keeping market participants on alert for further intervention. A weaker **dollar** pushed **gold** prices up.

STOCKS TO WATCH

• **Alphabet Inc**: Google said on Friday it was rolling back an AI image-generation feature it had introduced in Google Earth just a day ago, after users shared images that appeared to violate the company's policies. "We've seen geospatial professionals using this feature for a range of useful purposes, however we've also seen people sharing screenshots of generated imagery that appear to violate our policies," Google said on X, adding that it was pausing the capability while it works on stronger guardrails. Google did not specify what types of images violated its policies. It said the images did not appear in the main Google Earth experience and were watermarked as AI generated.

• **Amgen Inc**: The drugmaker said on Friday hackers stole company data and patient health information in a cybersecurity incident involving cloud storage systems run by third-party providers, becoming the latest healthcare firm to disclose a breach. Amgen has activated its cybersecurity response plan, put containment measures in place, and brought in independent forensic experts to investigate. The company said it was assessing whether and/or the extent to which patient, confidential business information, intellectual property, research and development, or other information may have been accessed or stolen. To date, it said it has not found any impact on its products, manufacturing operations, financial reporting systems, or its ability to meet patient needs.

• **Apollo Global Management Inc**: EasyJet extended the deadline for suitor Castlelake to decide whether to make a firm takeover offer, bringing it into line with the deadline facing Apollo as the bidding war for the budget carrier enters a decisive week. The UK Takeover Panel consented to an extension of Castlelake's "put up or shut up" deadline to August 7 from August 3, matching Apollo's existing deadline. EasyJet said it has been providing diligence access to both Apollo and Castlelake since the last proposal was made. EasyJet backed a £5.7 billion takeover bid tabled by Apollo Global Management in July, which trumped an earlier £5.5 billion bid by Castlelake.

• **Apple Inc**: India has proposed extending tax exemptions until 2041 for foreign companies that provide machinery to contract manufacturers, handing a major win to Apple which had lobbied for such changes, and is fast expanding in the market. According to a draft of the proposed tax amendments seen by Reuters, "to provide (tax) certainty" the government has extended tax breaks until March 31, 2041 to foreign companies that provide equipment to their contract manufacturers in India. Apple had feared that, unlike in China, tax laws in India could treat ownership of machinery supplied to its contract manufacturers as so-called "business connection", exposing its iPhone profits to tax.

• **Atkore Inc**: Prysmian has agreed to acquire Atkore in a $3.8 billion deal as it bets on electrification and AI-driven infrastructure demand. Prysmian is offering $95 per Atkore share in cash, a 30% premium to Friday's closing price of $72.96 based on Reuters calculations, and plans to finance the deal with a mix of equity and debt with a view to protecting its investment grade credit rating. Prysmian expects the acquisition to yield around $150 million of pre-tax annual benefits within three years of closing, which is expected by December 31. It said the combined company would have reported about €22 billion in revenue for 2025 on a pro-forma basis, and €2.7 billion in adjusted EBITDA.

• **Bristol Myers Squibb Co**: AstraZeneca's shares fell sharply as investors baulked at reports of merger talks with Bristol Myers Squibb about forming what would become one of the world's biggest drugmakers with a combined value of nearly $400 billion. If the two companies were to merge, it would create the world's fourth-largest drugmaker by market capitalization and the largest by revenue, combining one of Europe's top pharmaceutical firms with a U.S. competitor. However, analysts and investors questioned the logic of a deal for AstraZeneca, which has been one of the most successful companies in the sector under long-time CEO Pascal Soriot.

• **Capital One Financial Corp**: The company hit back on Friday against a lawsuit over its decision to close the Trump Organization's bank accounts years ago, stating that it did so after a review by anti-money laundering experts. Capital One has never accused the Trump Organization of illegal money laundering. But Friday's filing argues that "documents and Plaintiffs' own allegations make clear that Capital One closed Plaintiffs' accounts for anti-money laundering ("AML") reasons. The closures were the result of months of analysis and a careful review by Capital One's AML team in accordance with bank policies and regulatory guidance."

• **IonQ Inc** & **SkyWater Technology Inc**: The Federal Trade Commission cleared quantum computing firm IonQ's $1.8 billion acquisition of chipmaker SkyWater Technology after the agency's leaders disagreed over whether to impose conditions, they said on Friday. Chairman Andrew Ferguson said in a statement that he had proposed requiring IonQ to agree to granting fair access to rival quantum computing companies, some of whom have ongoing contracts with SkyWater, among other measures to protect competition as the U.S. adds chip manufacturing capacity. Commissioner Mark Meador said in a statement that he believes the merger would not lessen competition.

• **Londian Wason New Energy Tech Inc**: The copper foil maker is targeting a valuation of up to $1.7 billion in its U.S. initial public offering, the company said. Cantor, Huatai Securities, CMB International, US Tiger Securities, Fortune Securities and VC Brokerage are the underwriters for the offering. Londian Wason will list on the NYSE under the symbol "FOIL."

• **Peloton Interactive Inc**: Peloton owes Japanese electronics company NEC Corp $20.5 million for violating its patent rights in content-streaming technology, a federal jury in Delaware determined on Friday. The jury agreed with NEC's argument that Peloton's Bike and Tread exercise equipment infringe a U.S. NEC patent covering improved technology for distributing digital media to multiple devices simultaneously. NEC first sued Peloton for patent infringement in 2022. Peloton argued that it did not infringe NEC's patent and that the patent was invalid.

• **Space Exploration Technology Corp**: The company's first earnings call as a public company may be expected to focus on AI spending and profits from its Starlink satellite communications network, but many retail investors have other things on their minds. SpaceX has opened an online venue for investors to ask questions ahead of a call about results that is expected to feature Musk. Among the most popular shareholder questions submitted ahead of Tuesday's call were requests for more footage of Starship's Human Landing System. Investors also asked whether Asteroid, SpaceX's recently unveiled Shiba Inu mascot, could take on a larger role in education, children's charities and outreach. Other shareholders wanted to know when the new Starship would begin refueling in orbit, when it would catch both its booster and upper stage, and how to improve the rocket's look.

• **Tesla Inc**: The electric vehicle maker's registrations across several European markets painted a mixed picture in July, with strong gains in France and Denmark contrasted by sharp declines in Norway and Sweden. Registrations of Tesla's vehicles rose 86% in France and 52% in Denmark from a year ago, according to data from French car body PFA and Denmark's bilstatistik.dk. However, they plunged 97% in Norway and 60% in Sweden in the same time frame, numbers from compilers OFV and Mobility Sweden showed. Tesla's sales in Europe have so far rebounded this year after two straight annual declines, helped by easier year-ago comparisons, higher fuel prices, government incentives and growing consumer interest in electric vehicles.

• **Warner Music Group**: The label behind artists such as Ed Sheeran and Dua Lipa, said finance head and Chief Operating Officer Armin Zerza has decided to step down for personal reasons, effective immediately. Chief Accounting Officer Lou Dickler was named acting CFO as the label launches a formal search for Zerza's successor. Zerza, who joined Warner Music as CFO in May 2025 after serving as finance chief at Activision Blizzard, will remain available through the end of the fiscal year, WMG said. The label has promoted Warner Records COO Tom Corson to chief operating officer of Warner Music Group, where he will report directly to CEO Robert Kyncl.

• **WeRide Inc**: The autonomous driving technology company said it would enter Denmark through a partnership with electric mobility operator GreenMobility, extending its European footprint to a sixth country as Chinese self-driving firms accelerate overseas expansion. Under the partnership subject to regulatory approvals, WeRide and GreenMobility plan to launch a public robotaxi service in the first half of 2027, according to a company statement. The move follows WeRide's expansion into Spain and Slovakia earlier this year, adding to autonomous driving deployments in France, Belgium and Switzerland. While the company's European activities are currently focused on testing and pilot programmes, it already operates commercial autonomous driving services in China and the United Arab Emirates.

ANALYSIS

Obesity battle heats up again as Novo claws way back into race with Lilly

Novo Nordisk investors have found little cause for optimism during a bruising two-year period of profit warnings, leadership upheaval and a sliding share price as rival Eli Lilly streaked ahead. Now they may have reason for hope.

ANALYSTS' RECOMMENDATION

• **Amazon.com Inc**: Roth MKM raises target price to $325 from $300, saying the company is demonstrating the highest AI return on invested capital (ROIC) versus peers.

• **Chain Bridge Bancorp Inc**: Piper Sandler raises target price to $50 from $39 after the company's better-than-expected second quarter results.

• **Fulton Financial Corp**: Piper Sandler raises target price to $27 from $23 after the company successfully closed its Blue Foundry Bancorp acquisition and its '26E outlook leans positive on lower credit costs.

• **Illumina Inc**: Piper Sandler raises target price to $225 from $200, citing another strong instrument placement quarter for the company as it also tends to lead to future quarter consumable pull-through.

• **Ingersoll Rand Inc**: Stifel raises target price to $101 from $84, citing longer-cycle orders progressing, volume leverage, and pricing leading to margin expansion.

ECONOMIC EVENTS (All timings in U.S. Eastern Time)

0945 **S&P Global Manufacturing PMI Final** for Jul: Prior 53.8
1000 **Construction spending mm** for Jun: Expected 0.2%; Prior 0.1%
1000 **ISM Manufacturing PMI** for Jul: Expected 54; Prior 53.3
1000 **ISM Manufacturing Prices Paid** for Jul: Prior 73.0
1000 **ISM Manufacturing Employment Index** for Jul: Prior 49.7
1000 **ISM Manufacturing New Orders Index** for Jul: Prior 56.0

COMPANIES REPORTING RESULTS

Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of 86 cents per share
Clorox Co: Expected Q4 earnings of $1.65 per share
Diamondback Energy Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of $6.01 per share
EchoStar Corp: Expected Q2 earnings of $1.70 per share
Marriott International Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of $3.09 per share
ON Semiconductor Corp: Expected Q2 earnings of 71 cents per share
ONEOK Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of $1.46 per share
Palantir Technologies Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of 35 cents per share
SBA Communications Corp: Expected Q2 earnings of $1.88 per share
TKO Group Holdings Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of $1.44 per share
Tyson Foods Inc: Expected Q3 earnings of 99 cents per share
Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of $4.73 per share
Williams Companies Inc: Expected Q2 earnings of 51 cents per share

CORPORATE EVENTS (All timings in U.S. Eastern Time)

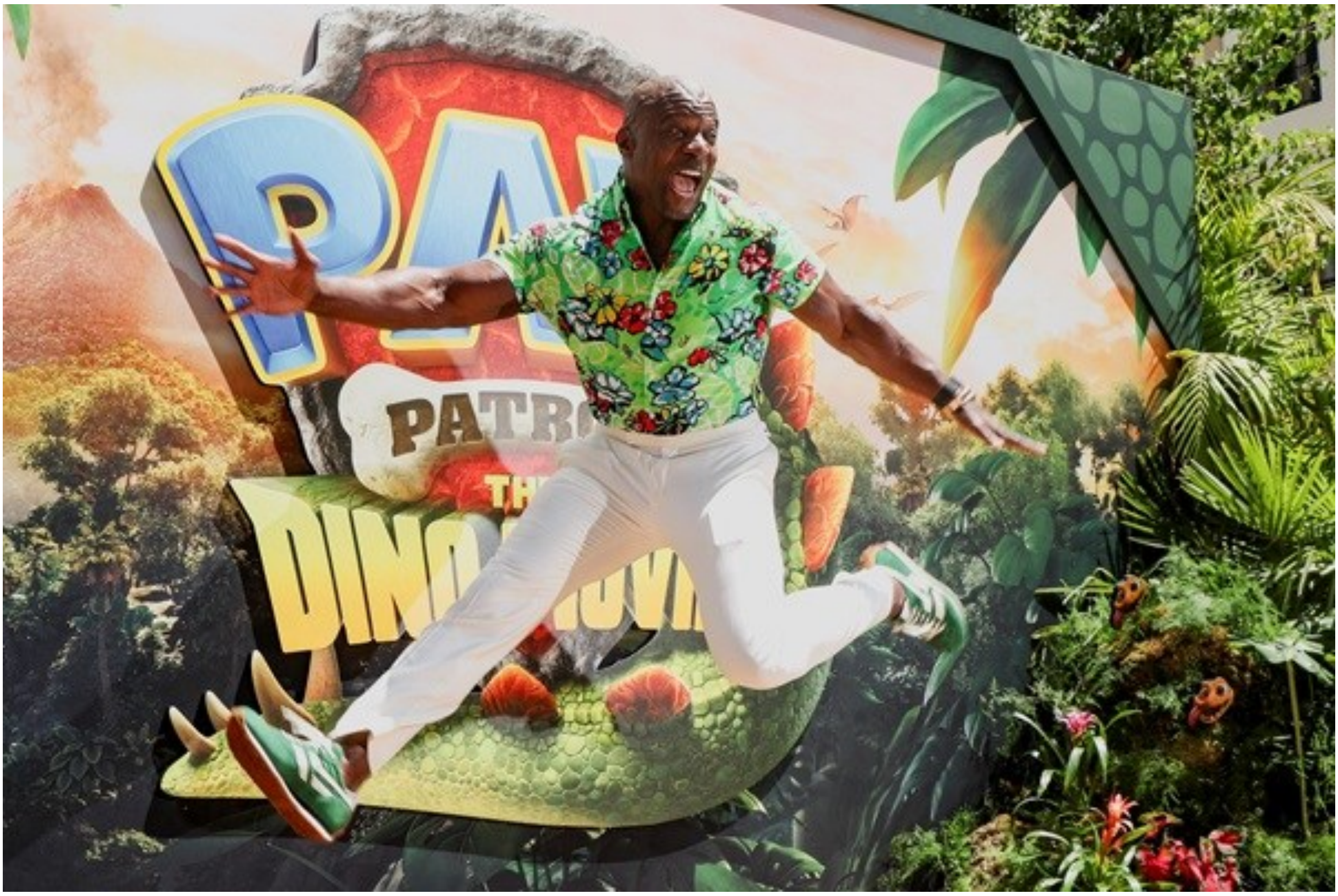
0830 **Marriott International Inc**: Q2 earnings conference call
0900 **Tyson Foods Inc**: Q3 earnings conference call
1200 **EchoStar Corp**: Q2 earnings conference call
1630 **Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc**: Q2 earnings conference call
1700 **Clorox Co**: Q4 earnings conference call
1700 **ON Semiconductor Corp**: Q2 earnings conference call
1700 **Palantir Technologies Inc**: Q2 earnings conference call
1700 **SBA Communications Corp**: Q2 earnings conference call
1700 **TKO Group Holdings Inc**: Q2 earnings conference call

EX-DIVIDENDS

Ameriprise Financial Inc: Amount $1.7
Aon PLC: Amount $0.82
Blackstone Inc: Amount $1.29
Citigroup Inc: Amount $0.67
Kinder Morgan Inc: Amount $0.2975
NRG Energy Inc: Amount $0.475
ONEOK Inc: Amount $1.07
Pinnacle West Capital Corp: Amount $0.91

(All analysts' estimates are according to LSEG IBES data)

PICTURE OF THE DAY



Terry Crews attends the global premiere for the film "Paw Patrol: The Dino Movie" at Paramount Pictures in Los Angeles, California, August 2. REUTERS/Mario Anzuoni

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