

Trump Flies to Beijing as US and China Sit Down to Tackle World's Biggest Problems

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- The two leaders are expected to discuss the ongoing conflict with Iran, which has closed the Strait of Hormuz — a key shipping lane for global oil — since late February.
- Trade, Taiwan, and rare-earth minerals are also on the table, with both sides looking for progress on issues that affect everyday life and global prices.
- Markets are watching closely, as any sign of cooperation between the world's two largest economies could ease energy costs and calm inflation pressures worldwide.

KEY DRIVER

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WHAT TO WATCH

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MARKET INSIGHT

S&P 500 Hits a New Record High as Markets Stay Cautiously Optimistic

- The S&P 500 reached a fresh all-time high of 7,401 points this morning, a small but meaningful gain of 0.14%.
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average also edged higher to 49,760 points, showing that traditional blue-chip companies remain resilient despite rising interest rates.
- The Nasdaq 100, home to big tech companies, was essentially flat at 29,064 points after chip stocks like Micron and Intel sold off sharply yesterday.
- European stocks are under more pressure, with Germany's DAX falling 0.39% to 23,954 points, reflecting concern about global inflation and rising bond yields.

Key Economic Numbers Every Investor Is Watching Right Now

10-YEAR TREASURY YIELD

4.46%

US government bond yield spiked sharply after inflation data came in hotter than expected.

FEAR & GREED INDEX

64 (Greed)

Investor sentiment leans optimistic, but not euphoric — markets are greedy but aware of risks.

GOLD PRICE

\$4,709/oz

Gold remains near record highs as investors use it to protect against inflation and uncertainty.

US PPI DATA DUE

12:30 ET Today

Today's Producer Price Index reading will show whether factory-level inflation is easing or worsening.

Oil Above \$100, Gold Near Records — Commodity Prices Stay Elevated

1

WTI Crude Oil

Trading at \$100.89 per barrel, slightly lower today but still well above the \$100 mark due to the Iran conflict and closed shipping routes.

2

Brent Crude

At \$106.44 per barrel, Brent remains high as global oil supply from the Middle East stays severely disrupted.

3

Gold







Holding near \$4,709 per troy ounce — a slight dip today but still historically very elevated as an inflation and safety hedge.

4

Bitcoin

Quietly steady at \$81,188, with crypto markets in mild fear territory while traditional markets reach new highs.

Where Markets Stand Right Now

ASSET CLASS	SENTIMENT	KEY DRIVER	DIRECTION
US Equities	● VOLATILE	S&P 500 record highs but Nasdaq flat and valuations look stretched	
European Equities	● BEARISH	Rising inflation, bond yields rising, DAX falling	
Gold & Silver	● BULLISH	Inflation hedge demand strong, Iran war risk premium	
Oil & Energy	● BULLISH	Strait of Hormuz closure keeps supply tight, prices above \$100	
US Dollar	● BULLISH	Rising Treasury yields attract capital into dollar assets	
Crypto	● NEUTRAL	Bitcoin holding steady, no major catalyst, mild fear reading	

CONCLUSION: The world is dealing with real inflation and real geopolitical risk — gold, oil, and the dollar are winning, while tech stocks and European markets are feeling the pressure.