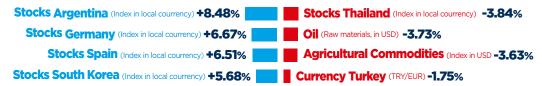
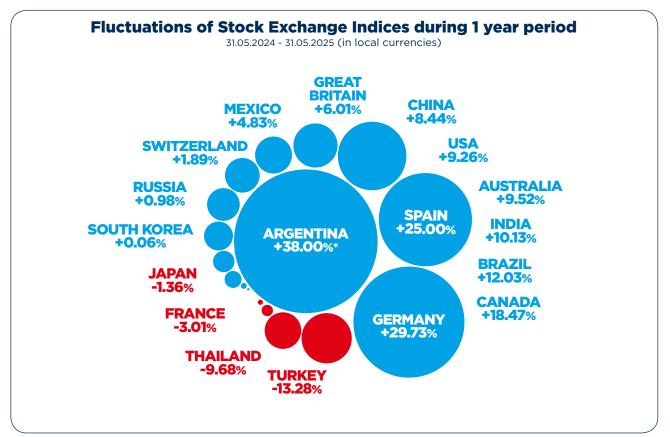
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Dear Reader, we trust you are already well informed about most of the items you encounter here, but, browsing the headlines below, you might stumble across something new that interests you.

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Biggest Winners and Losers in May 2025





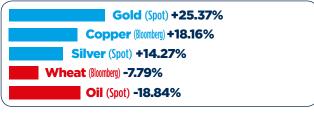
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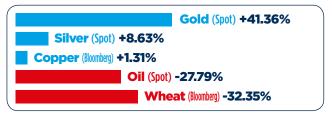
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Raw materials (in USD)

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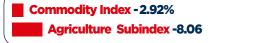




Raw materials indices (in USD)

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Selection of global news events

May 5, 2025	Outgoing Interior Minister Faeser announces that the Office for the Protection of
	the Constitution classifies the AfD as "definitely right-wing extremist", AfD files a lawsuit
May 6, 2025	Chancellor election disaster: Merz fails in the first round of voting, a first in German
	history. He is elected in the second round of voting
May 8, 2025	Until a court ruling, the Office for the Protection of the Constitution will no longer
	designate the AfD as "certainly right-wing extremist"
	Celebrations in Europe to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the Second World War
	Leo XIV is elected as the new Pope in the 2025 conclave
May 9, 2025	Major celebration in Moscow to mark the 80th anniversary of the end of the
	Second World War, highest national holiday, large parades
May 12, 2025	Turkey: PKK decides to dissolve itself
May 13, 2025	USA accepts 50 white South Africans as refugees

Selection of global news events

May 15, 2025	US President Trump visits the Gulf region, State receptions in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Oman Pfizer-Gate: defeat for von der Leyen and the EU Commission in court. The ECJ ruled that von der Leyen must make her text message correspondence with Pfizer boss Bourla on Covid vaccinations public.
May 26, 2025	Socialist Maduro party wins elections in Venezuela ECB Director Peter Kazimir convicted of bribery Ukraine attacks Russian airbases with strategic nuclear bombers using drones - dangerous escalation
	Parallel to these attacks, some of which took place deep in the Russian hinterland, there were several terrorist attacks on railroad lines in Russia.
June 1, 2025	National-conservative Nawrocki wins the run-off presidential election in Poland Ukraine war: Second round of negotiations between Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul ends without results as expected
June 3, 2025	Centre-left candidate Lee Jae-myung wins the presidential election in Seoul, Korea

Upcoming significant events

September 8, 2025 Parliamentary elections in Norway September 14, 2025 Local elections in NRW October 2025 Parliamentary elections in the Czech Republic November 2025 G20 summit in South Africa

Potential risks to keep an eye on:

- Dangers of war, danger of a world war (e.g. takeover of Taiwan by China)
- Energy blackouts or brownouts
- Cash ban, special taxes,
- Disruptive technologies, e.g. in the field of quantum computers, cyber attacks
- Liability of the German state for the debts of eurozone countries, Target balances, European transfer union

- (Hyper)inflation, interest rate hikes
- State bankruptcies, state collapses, mass unemployment, bad loans from banks, wave of bankruptcies at 'zombie companies', financial crisis, bursting of asset bubbles
- Pandemics, lockdowns, disruption of global supply chains, energy crisis
- Migration waves

- Natural disasters (earthquakes....), man-made environmental disasters, environmental pollution (e.g. plastic particles in the sea), water shortages Migration of peoples (migration), famine disasters
- Black swans (e.g. pandemics, "monster waves/cavengers", volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, wars/weapons of mass destruction, civil wars/ insurrections/unrest)

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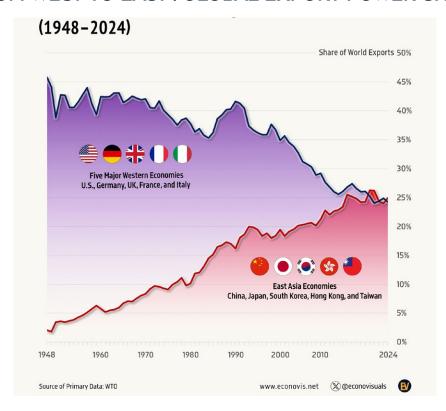
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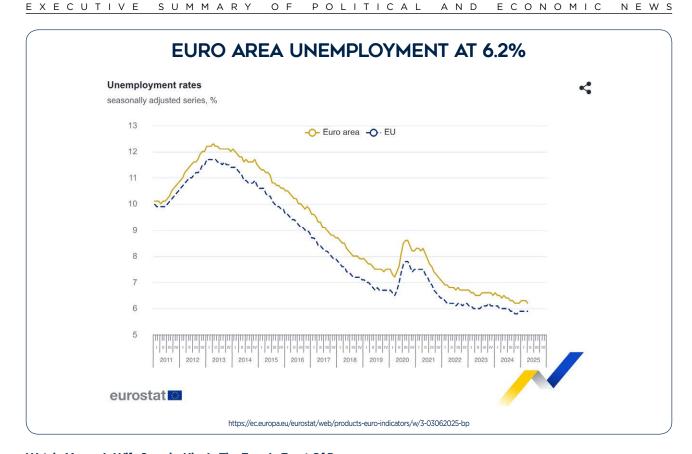
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World indices 1 year period and current year

Stock Indices	Price April 30, 2025	Price ending 2024	Price April 30, 2024	Change in %	
Each in country currency				YTD	1 Year
Argentina	2,100,843.75	2,533,634.75	1,323,585.88	(17.08)	58.72
Germany	22,496.98	19,909.14	17,932.17	13.00	25.46
Spain	13,287.80	11,595.00	10,854.40	14.60	22.42
Canada	24,841.68	24,727.94	21,714.54	0.46	14.40
India	80,242.24	78,139.01	74,482.78	2.69	7.73
Switzerland	12,116.98	11,600.90	11,260.91	4.45	7.60
USA	40,669.36	42,544.22	37,799.90	(4.41)	7.59
Brazil	135,067.00	120,283.00	125,924.00	12.29	7.26
Australia	8,126.20	8,159.10	7,664.10	(0.40)	6.03
China	3,279.03	3,351.76	3,104.82	(2.17)	5.61
Great Britain	8,494.85	8,173.02	8,144.13	3.94	4.31
Mexico	56,259.28	49,513.27	56,727.98	13.62	(0.83)
Russia	1,128.17	893.22	1,174.42	26.30	(3.94)
France	7,593.87	7,380.74	7,984.93	2.89	(4.90)
Japan	36,045.38	39,894.54	38,405.66	(9.65)	(6.15
Thailand	775.79	906.23	837.97	(14.39)	(7.42
South Korea	2,540.59	2,395.42	2,746.72	6.06	(7.50)
Turkey	9,078.43	9,830.56	10,045.74	(7.65)	(9.63)

Raw Materials Indices	Price April 30, 2025	Price ending 2024	Price April 30, 2024	Change in %	
Prices in USD				YTD	1 Year
Commodity Index	100.9267	98.7611	101.6744	2.19	(0.74)
Agriculture Subindex	58.0242	57.0091	58.9283	1.78	(1.53)

Raw materials	Price April 30, 2025	Price ending 2024	Price April 30, 2024	Change in %	
Prices in USD				YTD	1 Year
Gold (Spot)	3,288.59	2,623.81	2,284.57	25.34	43.95
Silver (Spot)	32.62	28.87	26.27	12.97	24.17
Copper	381.87	340.67	394.09	12.09	(3.10)
Wheat	3.90	4.25	5.15	(8.35)	(24.37)

Oil (Crude, WTI, Spot) 58.0	71.56	81.69	(18.84)	(28.90)
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Currencies		Price April 30, 2025	Price ending 2024	Price April 30, 2024	Change i	n %
Value of foreign currency in Euros					YTD	1 Year
Russia	RUB/EUR	0.01077	0.00851	0.01008	26.56	6.85
Switzerland	CHF/EUR	1.06840	1.06440	1.01930	0.38	4.82
Thailand	THB/EUR	0.02640	0.02810	0.02525	(6.05)	4.56
Japan	JPY/EUR	0.61700	0.61430	0.59400	0.44	3.87
Great Britain	GBP/EUR	1.17680	1.20830	1.17090	(2.61)	0.50
USA	USD/EUR	0.88270	0.96580	0.93740	(8.60)	(5.84)
Canada	CAD/EUR	0.63970	0.67140	0.68020	(4.72)	(5.95)
China	CNY/EUR	0.12140	0.13230	0.12940	(8.24)	(6.18)
Australia	AUD/EUR	0.56520	0.59750	0.60660	(5.41)	(6.82)
India	INR/EUR	0.01043	0.01128	0.01123	(7.54)	(7.12)
South Korea	KRW/EUR	0.00062	0.00065	0.00068	(5.07)	(8.48)
Brazil	BRL/EUR	0.15560	0.15610	0.18050	(0.32)	(13.80)
Turkey	TRY/EUR	0.02290	0.02730	0.02890	(16.12)	(20.76)
Argentina	ARS/EUR	0.00075	0.00094	0.00107	(20.21)	(29.91)



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