

Performance Recap: This week we present a performance recap for all stocks selected since April 2025, (including mid-week social media messages). Please see the last section for a performance chart and table.

🔥 Chips, Charts & Caution: Tech Rockets as Market Eyes a Breather

Wall Street kicked off earnings season with a bang last week, and the market didn't miss a beat. Financial giants and semiconductor leaders impressed with strong numbers, pushing the AI-fueled tech rally even higher. Taiwan Semiconductor (TSM), the world's chip kingpin, reported record-breaking sales—thanks to skyrocketing demand from AI applications—which added fuel to the fire across chipmakers and broader tech.

Economic indicators were mostly upbeat: June retail sales ticked up, consumer sentiment improved, and jobless claims dropped. However, the housing market continued to show cracks. Inflation stayed on track with expectations, although tariffs started nudging goods prices upward. The good news? A drop in auto prices helped keep the core CPI in check with just a 0.2% monthly rise.

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq surged to new highs, signaling a strong uptrend, while the Dow slipped slightly. Semiconductors led the charge, with Nvidia, AMD, and TSM all notching big gains. Nvidia especially benefited from reports that the Trump administration cleared it to resume selling AI chips to Chinese clients—a bullish move for both Nvidia and AMD, and a green light for the entire AI sector.

Still, there are some warning lights flashing on the dashboard. Historically, August through October is known for cooling momentum or consolidation in the tech space. Technical indicators, such as a flattening PPO line on the S&P 500, suggest that the rally may be due for a pause—or even a pullback. Add to that the historically weak stretch post-options expiration (July 19–26),

Poor market breadth is also a sign that market is growing nervous about several risks, the S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF and Dow Jones Ind average both dipped last week besides Nasdaq and S&P 500 ending in green territory. Any bad news on Fed's future policies or tariff related disappointment could trigger a selling spree at high prices. Investors, therefore, might want to tread with a bit more caution heading into late summer.

Major Index Performance (Week Ending July 18):

Index	Friday Close	Weekly	Monthly	YTD	1-Year
S&P 500	-0.04%	0.59%	5.28%	7.06%	13.57%
Dow Jones Industrial	-0.32%	-0.07%	5.15%	4.23%	3.18%
Nasdaq 100	-0.05%	1.25%	6.20%	9.77%	17.05%

Index	Friday Close	Weekly	Monthly	YTD	1-Year
Nasdaq Composite	0.05%	1.51%	6.90%	8.21%	16.92%
Russell 2000	-0.71%	0.28%	6.05%	1.12%	3.18%

Sector Performance (Past Week):

Sector	Weekly Change	One-Month Trend
Technology (XLK)	+1.97%	+8.16%
Utilities (XLU)	+1.58%	+4.68%
Industrials (XLI)	+0.84%	+6.83%
Financials (XLF)	+0.73%	+4.98%
Real Estate (XLRE)	+0.65%	+0.91%
Discretionary (XLY)	+0.33%	+5.80%
Communications (XLC)	+0.17%	+2.88%
Staples (XLP)	+0.10%	+1.26%
Materials (XLB)	-1.42%	+4.22%
Health Care (XLV)	-2.48%	-0.58%
Energy (XLE)	-3.56%	-1.61%

Hot & Cold Sectors:

Tech (XLK) stole the show, climbing over 8% in a month, thanks to bullish breakouts from Nvidia, AMD, and TSM. Utilities (XLU) quietly surged too, with names like CEG, ETR, and NI showing strong uptrends. Industrials remained solid—no surprise, given their ties to building AI data centers and powering their energy needs. Even Discretionary (XLY) bounced a bit on upbeat retail sales.

Meanwhile, Energy, Staples, and Health Care couldn't catch a break. Health Care (XLV) continues to wrestle with regulatory overhangs on drug pricing and insurance, keeping performance muted. On the flip side, Uranium and Nuclear stocks (tracked by ETF NLR) popped 8.28%, signaling fresh momentum in alternative energy plays.

Outlook:

As July winds down, the heat may cool off in Tech and AI. With seasonality, options expiration, and technical signals pointing to potential resistance, next week might be a breather. Bulls should stay sharp—and maybe keep one hand near the profit-taking button.

Important Economic events next week:

Some important economic events scheduled for the upcoming week are:

Tuesday (07/22): Fed Chair Powell Speaks

Wednesday (07/23): Existing Home Sales (Jun), Crude Oil Inventories

Thursday (07/24): Initial Jobless Claims, S&P Global Manufacturing PMI (Jul), New Home Sales. S&P Global Services PMI (Jul)

Friday (07/25): Durable Goods Orders (MoM June)

Important Earnings this week:

Earnings season is starting again for the 2nd Quarter 2025 starting this week:

Monday (07/21): Verizon (VZ)

Tuesday (07/22): Intuitive Surgical (ISRG), Pegasystems (PEGA), SAP (SAP)

Wednesday (07/23): CME Group (CME), Chipotle Mexican Grill (CMG), GE Vernova (GEV), Alphabet (GOOGL), ServiceNow (NOW), Southern Copper (SCCO), Tesla (TSLA)

Thursday (07/24): Blackstone (BX), Honeywell International (HON), Newmont (NEM)

Long-Term Stock Picks:

Our long-term stocks are those in which we have the conviction that they have strong business fundamentals and enjoy moats in their respective industries; hence the chances of long-term profits are high.

NVDA	<p>Nvidia gained another 4.54% last week as it capitalized on China chips clearance news. The stock is up by 79% since we first mentioned it in April after a rebound around 96, but as it is climbing higher, it is also getting extended from the last buy point of 153. It remains a long-term leader and can increase 5-10% easily but it might take a breather in next 2-3 months to absorb these gains.</p> <p>Therefore, for Nvidia it is suggested to wait for a pullback for a better entry which could give us a better risk-to-reward ratio.</p>
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Interesting new picks for Watchlists:

1. IONQ: IONQ Inc. provides quantum system through the cloud on Amazon, Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud. Current prices provide an actionable entry point for this quantum computing-related company. Caution: It is a high volatility stock due to the nature of quantum computing ... Suggest a smaller position size ...

Medium- and Short-Term Picks:

These are newly picked stocks which have come out of bases during recent market correction.

ATAT	Atour gained 1.33% on top of 4.94% gain in the last week. Shares are still in a buy zone starting from 34.32.
GBTC	GBTC took some rest last week as bitcoin first pulled back and then recovered some. GBTC and IBIT are bitcoin proxies expected to rise, as are COIN and MSTR, which also depend on bitcoin. GBTC is still in a buy range.
SAP	SAP will report on 7/22. Analysts project a 17% growth in revenue and 39% in earnings from the second quarter last year. The enterprise software maker has been transitioning to cloud-based subscription services. The stock gained 1.7% for the week as it moved to an all-time high in the past week. It is suggested to wait for earnings to explore the way forward.
AMZN	Amazon continued to edge upwards as it gained 0.50% for the week. It is still currently in a buy zone as per our TR indicator as it is likely to test 242.52 (previous high).
AVGO	Picked now four weeks ago, Broadcom made another new high and gained 3.27% for the week. It was mentioned that besides being in a long-term bullish trend, it is approaching overbought territory and pullback to its 20-day EMA line (264) could provide another entry. Till that time, investors could ride the trend.
RCL	Picked four weeks ago now, Royal Caribbean Cruises gained another 3.42%, making it five weeks in a row. We recommend taking some profits and holding the rest for a few weeks to continue the run.
AEM	AEM pulled back with a 1.79% loss last week. We still think that it provides an actionable entry at current prices as the gold is likely to resume its uptrend after a three-month consolidation with a stop loss below 112.43.
CRDO	<p>It was highlighted that CRDO appears overbought and to reduce the position size by securing some profits. Accordingly, it lost 5.13% last week and the consolidation phase could continue for some time.</p> <p>Caution: These types of stocks are suited only to aggressive investors because of high volatility.</p>
CIBR	<p>CIBR performed better than ZS by gaining 2.25% last week. It is actionable at current prices with a stop loss below 70.</p> <p>For long-term investors in AI, semiconductors, and cybersecurity, the Cybersecurity ETF CIBR is another way of investing in these stocks.</p>
MELI	After a losing prior week, MELI regained 1.09% last week as it seeks to find support around 50-day EMA at 2416. We maintain a hold stance for this Latin American company stock at the moment till it finishes the week above the 50-day EMA line.

AU	Anglogold Ashanti gained another 1.17% last week. We maintain a hold stance on it and suggest taking some partial profits as its rebounds continues.
NOW	ServiceNow rebounded from its 200-day EMA and gained 2.62% for the week. Its earnings are scheduled for 7/23 so care should be taken for any new entry at this stage.
META	META lost 1.84% last week as it pulled back from record highs and found support at 20-day EMA (as mentioned last week). It has earnings scheduled for 7/30 and therefore, it might consolidate in a range before a direction is taken.
TSLA	It was mentioned last week that 313.58 is the level to watch which Tesla should hold. It exactly did this and moved by 5.15% for the week now eyeing 370 level. Its earnings are scheduled for 07/23 so care should be taken before making any new entry.
MSFT	Microsoft gained another 1.34% as the software group is hovering around all-time highs. Although it cleared the resistance around 500 but it is still extended and could take a breather towards its moving averages. We should wait for a pullback to get a proper buy point such as 450-461 range.
GOOGL	Google gained 2.70% for the week and ended at 5 months high. Aggressive investors could still try another alternate entry at current prices with a stop loss below 162 while on the upside it could hit 206.56 (all time high).
CVX	Although Chevron lost 3.39% for the week it rebounded from the 50-day EMA and is still in a buy range. Chevron shares are likely to move up to 166 level eventually as it scored a big win against the rival Exxon in its legal battle over Hess's assets in Guyana. Its 4.56% dividend is also a plus point although it is not a growth stock.
ZS	ZS continued its consolidation with another 0.35% decline for the week. Although it looks strong, but this consolidation phase could continue. We still think we still think it is better to invest in the Cyber Security ETF CIBR instead of one stock. Therefore, it is being removed from the list.
SMH	Semiconductor ETF continued to move higher (1% weekly gain) because of the strong performance of Nvidia, AMD and TSM. Given that next week is expected to cool off the hot semiconductor sector, a fresh entry is not recommended at this stage.
ATGE	As mentioned last week, it fell below 117 but rebounded and settled at 117. Due to this breakdown, the position is closed and removed from the list for the time being.

MPLX/HESM	MPLX gained 0.28% but HESM was a winner with 6.66% gain due to clearance of HESS assets for Chevron over the rival Exxon. With high dividend yields, these pipeline operators are ideal for investors who want a continuous stream of income.
BABA	Finally, BABA rebounded strongly confirming our conviction that it was at an important support as it moved 12.66% on Nvidia's China chip clearance news. As mentioned earlier, it is still undervalued and could rise to next resistance at 131.21.
GLDM	Gold was flat with a 0.26% loss for the last week as it continues to come out of its consolidation phase (last 3 months). We think there are good long-term prospects for gold, and it provides an actionable entry at current levels with a stop loss below 62.70.

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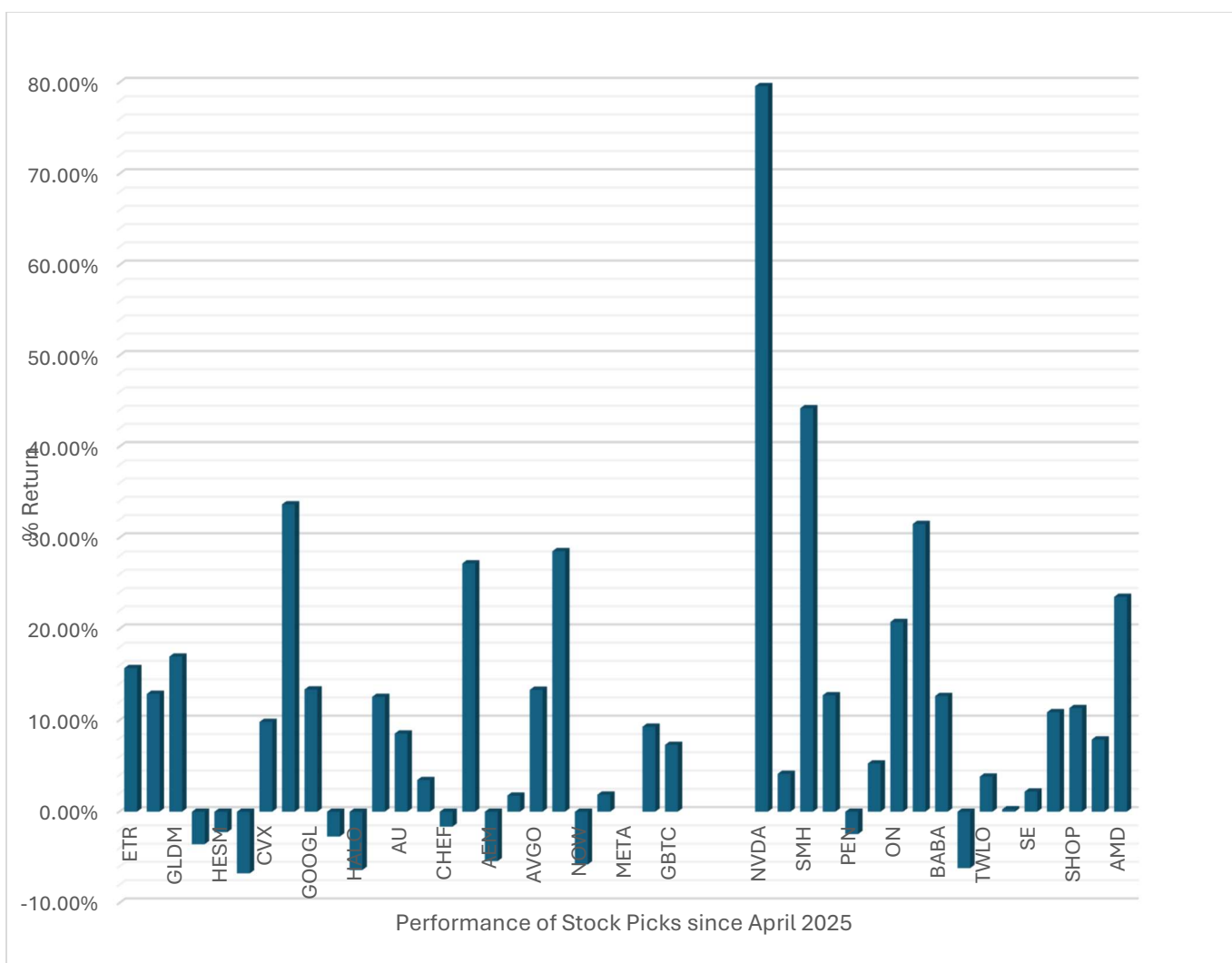
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Performance Summary (April till year-to-date):

Note: This summary includes all positions from April onwards only (also includes picks selected before April 2025 which are still open)

Last Date:	18-Jul-25	S&P 500 YTD Return:	7.06%
Max Stop Loss:	8%	Nasdaq 100 YTD Return	9.77%

Annualized Losses / Max Losses are capped at Max Stop Loss level

Date recommended	Status	Symbol	Entry Price	Close Date	Latest Price	Return %	Annualized Return %	Notes / Remarks
Weekly Commentaries Stop Picks:								
27-Dec-24	Open	ETR	74.67		86.4	15.71%	28.25%	2.78% Div yield
27-Dec-24	Open	NI	36.23		40.9	12.89%	23.18%	2.74% Div yield
7-Feb-25	Open	GLDM	56.69		66.31	16.97%	38.47%	
21-Mar-25	Open	MPLX	52.67		50.8	-3.55%	-8.00%	7.53% Div yield
21-Mar-25	Open	HESM	41.94		41	-2.24%	-2.24%	6.84% Div yield
25-Apr-25	Open	BYDDY	103.75		96.75	-6.75%	-8.00%	
25-Apr-25	Open	CVX	136.63		150.04	9.81%	42.65%	* pulled back from 157. 4.6% Div yield
25-Apr-25	Open	ZS	216		288.72	33.67%	146.29%	hit 318.46 high on 7/8/25
2-May-25	Open	GOOGL	163.23		185.06	13.37%	63.40%	
2-May-25	Closed	BSX	104.93	6-Jun-25	102.09	-2.71%	-2.71%	Position closed on 6 jun on breach of 50-day ema
2-May-25	Closed	HALO	61.19	13-May-25	57.29	-6.37%	-6.37%	Position closed
16-May-25	Open	MSFT	453.13		510.05	12.56%	72.78%	
30-May-25	Open	AU	43.91		47.66	8.54%	63.62%	
30-May-25	Open	CIBR	71.73		74.21	3.46%	25.75%	High 76.36 on 7/9/25
3-Jun-25	Open	CHEF	65.89		64.82	-1.62%	-8.00%	
13-Jun-25	Open	CRDO	73.49		93.47	27.19%	283.53%	* pulled back from 104.35
13-Jun-25	Open	AEM	124.46		117.73	-5.41%	-8.00%	
13-Jun-25	Open	MELI	2371.98		2413.57	1.75%	18.29%	
20-Jun-25	Open	AVGO	249.99		283.33	13.34%	173.85%	
20-Jun-25	Open	RCL	272.39		350.1	28.53%	371.90%	
27-Jun-25	Open	NOW	1022.42		963.4	-5.77%	-8.00%	
27-Jun-25	Open	TSLA	323.63		329.65	1.86%	32.33%	
27-Jun-25	Open	META						Entry price level not triggered
3-Jul-25	Open	ATAT	33.79		36.93	9.29%	226.12%	
3-Jul-25	Open	GBTC	86.07		92.36	7.31%	177.83%	Bitcoin ETF
Midweek (through Social Media) Stock Picks:								
8-Apr-25	Open	NVDA	96		172.41	79.59%	287.64%	
8-Apr-25	Closed	COST	962.16	11-Jun-25	1002	4.14%	4.14%	Position closed
8-Apr-25	Open	SMH	201.31		290.31	44.21%	159.77%	
8-Apr-25	Closed	ATGE	103.78	18-Jul-25	117	12.74%	12.74%	Position closed
23-Apr-25	Closed	PEN	288.57	15-May-25	281.53	-2.44%	-2.44%	Position closed
23-Apr-25	Closed	T	25.99	11-Jul-25	27.36	5.27%	5.27%	Position closed. Hit high at 28.90 on 7/1/25
4-Jun-25	Open	ON	50.28		60.72	20.76%	172.24%	
30-Jun-25	Open	IONQ	42.97		56.51	31.51%	638.96%	
11-Jul-25	Open	BABA	106.72		120.23	12.66%	660.09%	
14-Jul-25	Open	MSTR	451.02		423.22	-6.16%	-8.00%	
15-Jul-25	Open	TWLO	126.16		131	3.84%	466.76%	
17-Jul-25	Open	MTSI	141.76		142.11	0.25%	90.12%	
17-Jul-25	Open	SE	164.94		168.55	2.19%	798.87%	
14-May-25	Open	IBM	257.82		285.87	10.88%	61.09%	high 296.16 hit on 6/25
11-Jun-25	Open	SHOP	114.13		127.07	11.34%	111.85%	
16-Jun-25	Open	IBIT	61.8		66.68	7.90%	90.07%	Bitcoin ETF
17-Jun-25	Open	AMD	127.1		156.99	23.52%	276.89%	