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Following a volatile week dominated by the Federal Reserve's rate hold (keeping the federal funds rate at 3.50%–3.75%) and strong earnings from tech megacaps, investors are turning their focus to crucial labour market data and economic growth indicators.

Here is everything you need to know to position your portfolio for the week ahead.

🎯 Executive Summary & Core Themes

1. **The Jobs Report Anchors the Week:** Friday's U.S. Nonfarm Payrolls (NFP) report is the marquee event. After June's modest additions, markets are watching for signs of labour market stabilization or further cooling.

2. **Services & Manufacturing Sentiment:** Both ISM Manufacturing and ISM Services PMIs will offer fresh snapshots of economic momentum amidst restrictive interest rates.

3. **Global Economic Health Check:** Key releases from China (PMI data), Canada (labour report), and New Zealand (unemployment) will drive currency and commodity trends.

📅 Economic Calendar: Day-by-Day Focus

Day	Key Economic Release	Country	Market Impact & Significance
Mon, Aug 3	ISM Manufacturing PMI, China RatingDog PMI	US U.S. / CN China	Measures factory sector expansion/contraction and input costs.
Tue, Aug 4	Factory Orders, Trade Balance, NZ Labor Data	US U.S. / NZ N.Z.	Evaluates business investment and Pacific-rim labour market tightness.
Wed, Aug 5	ADP Employment, ISM Services PMI	US U.S.	The ISM Services index is vital given services inflation sticky points.
Thu, Aug 6	Productivity & Costs, Eurozone Retail Sales	US U.S. / EU E.U.	Gathers productivity metrics and European consumer resilience.
Fri, Aug 7	**U.S. July Employment Report (NFP)**	US U.S.	**Main Event:** Payrolls, unemployment rate, and wage growth.

🔍 Spotlights & Market Catalysts

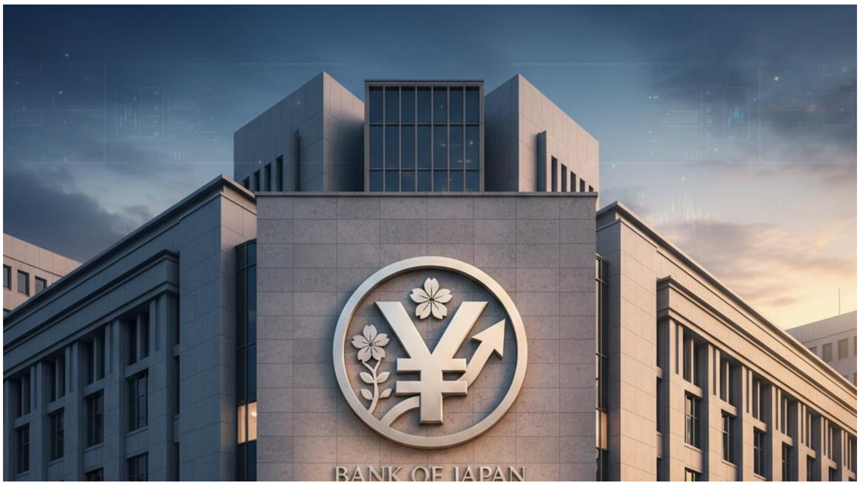
1. Friday's U.S. July Nonfarm Payrolls (8:30 AM ET)

Friday’s jobs data is the single most critical release of the week. Consensus expectations lean toward a modest bounce in job growth (~85,000 expected).

- **Bullish Scenario:** A balanced job gain alongside steady wage growth would support the "soft landing" narrative, bolstering equity markets.
- **Bearish Scenario:** A significant downside miss could trigger growth scare concerns, weighing on yields and cyclical stocks.

2. ISM Services PMI (Wednesday)

Because the U.S. economy is predominantly service-driven, Wednesday's ISM Services reading carries substantial weight. Traders will look closely at the *Prices Paid* sub-component to confirm if disinflation continues across service industries.



Earnings & Corporate Updates

While the mega-cap tech heavyweights reported last week, Q2 earnings season remains active with mid-cap leaders and sector bellwethers reporting:

- **Technology & AI:** Palantir (PLTR), ON Semiconductor (ON), Lattice Semiconductor (LSCC).
- **Consumer & Industrial:** Tyson Foods (TSN), Energizer Holdings (ENR), AECOM (ACM).
- **Energy & Materials:** Diamondback Energy (FANG), Transocean (RIG).

Strategic Takeaway for Traders & Investors

- **Keep Position Sizes Manageable Ahead of NFP:** Volatility typically compresses early in the week before expanding rapidly around Friday's labour data release.
- **Watch USD & Bond Yields:** Following cooler PCE inflation data, Treasury yields have steadied. Any surprises in Friday's wage figures will drive the next major leg in the U.S. Dollar Index (DXY).
- **Manage Pending Orders:** If trading short-term instruments, remember that high-impact news like the jobs report can cause price gaps—ensure stop-losses and pending entry instructions account for potential slippage.

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