

Global Financial Markets in 2026: Inflation, AI, and Geopolitical Shifts Shape T

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1. According to J.P. Morgan Global Research, what is the projected global core inflation rate for 2026?

- A) 2.8%
- B) 3.2%
- C) 2.4%
- D) 1.9%

2. What is the aggregate projected economic growth for Emerging Markets (EMs) in 2026, according to Lazard Asset Management?

- A) Near 4%
- B) Around 5%
- C) Just over 3%
- D) Approximately 6%

3. Morgan Stanley's Global Investment Committee projects that the U.S. equity bull market will continue into its fourth year in 2026, with a target for the S&P 500 Index of approximately:

- A) 7,500
- B) 6,000
- C) 8,500
- D) 7,000

4. Which sector is identified as a dominant narrative driving investor optimism and growth in 2026, according to Morgan Stanley?

- A) Artificial Intelligence (AI) related capital expenditures
- B) Renewable Energy Infrastructure
- C) Biotechnology and Pharmaceuticals
- D) Global Tourism and Hospitality

5. J.P. Morgan Global Research forecasts double-digit gains for global equities in 2026. What is a key factor supporting this bullish outlook?

- A) Robust earnings growth, lower rates, and the rise of AI
- B) A decrease in global trade due to protectionism
- C) A significant slowdown in emerging market economies
- D) Increased geopolitical instability leading to market caution

6. According to Mercer's outlook, what is a significant driver for U.S. economic growth in 2026?

- A) AI-driven investment approaching USD 500 billion
- B) A sharp decline in consumer spending
- C) A contraction in the manufacturing sector
- D) Reduced government stimulus measures

7. What trend is expected to make cryptocurrencies transition from a speculative boom to structural growth in 2026, according to Keyrock market analysis?

- A) Increased focus on tokenization and AI integration
- B) A significant decrease in regulatory oversight
- C) A widespread shift away from decentralized finance (DeFi)
- D) Reduced institutional investment in blockchain technology

8. Which region is expected to see inflation hold near 2% in 2026, benefiting from fading energy price impacts and moderated wage growth, according to Mercer's economic outlook?

- A) Euro area
- B) United States
- C) United Kingdom
- D) Japan

9. The IMF projects that global headline inflation will rise modestly in 2026 before resuming its decline in 2027. This trend is expected to be particularly pronounced in:

- A) Emerging market and developing economies
- B) High-income developed economies
- C) Resource-rich Scandinavian countries
- D) Island nations in the Pacific

10. According to Goldman Sachs Research, what is the forecast for global real GDP growth in 2026?

- A) 2.8%
- B) 2.5%
- C) 2.2%
- D) 3.0%

11. Which commodity is projected to swing into a deficit in 2026 due to increased demand from data centers and electric vehicles, according to BloombergNEF?

- A) Copper
- B) Oil
- C) Natural Gas
- D) Gold

12. What is the projected average price for Brent crude oil in 2026, according to S&P Global Ratings' baseline scenario?

- A) \$80 per barrel
- B) \$65 per barrel
- C) \$70 per barrel
- D) \$90 per barrel

13. The Conference Board's Leading Economic Index (LEI) for the US saw a slight decrease in January 2026. What was the primary reason cited for this softening?

- A) Retreating consumer expectations and softening building permits
- B) A surge in manufacturing output
- C) Increased business investment
- D) Strong performance in the housing market

14. In 2026, which of these countries is India's economy expected to grow at a significant rate, with real GDP growth projected at 6.2%?

- A) India
- B) China
- C) Brazil
- D) Russia

15. What is a key theme that Coinbase Institutional Market Intelligence is focusing on for crypto markets in 2026?

- A) Clearer regulation and accelerating institutional integration
- B) A complete ban on cryptocurrency trading
- C) A significant decrease in stablecoin usage
- D) The complete absence of technological innovation

16. According to World Bank projections, global commodity prices are forecast to fall to their lowest level in six years in 2026, marking the fourth consecutive year of decline. What is a primary driver for this projected drop?

- A) Weak global economic growth
- B) A surge in industrial demand
- C) Increased commodity production costs
- D) Strong geopolitical stability

17. Which sector is expected to lead stock market gains in early 2026, with technology names faltering, according to Morningstar?

- A) Industrial, consumer defensive, and energy stocks
- B) Technology and communication services stocks
- C) Financials and real estate stocks
- D) Healthcare and biotechnology stocks

18. The European Central Bank (ECB) Governing Council's March 2026 projections indicated a headline inflation average of what for 2026?

- A) 2.6%
- B) 2.0%
- C) 2.3%
- D) 2.1%