

# Technical Speculator

Timely Analysis for the Informed Investor

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July 2026

## Commodities Sequence of events

### Key Points:

- **Short-term crest in GTX. CPI hits a new high.**
- **Inflationary pressures keep building in Q3.**
- **The GTX continues to outperform stocks (SPX & NASDAQ).**
- **The energy sector continues to hold the top commodity group in 90-day performance.**
- **WTI prices expected to ease down to \$80 support level.**
- **Gasoline prices are expected to soften to \$2.90.**
- **Gold prices stabilize as oil prices decline.**
- **Industrial Metals ETF (GYX) posts a new high in Q3 as demand increases.**
- **Copper prices set a new high at \$6.64.**
- **The weakness of the US dollar continues. US/Iran risk premium eases.**

A sequence of events precedes increases in inflation and CPI. Gold prices, which are most sensitive to a weak US dollar and early inflationary pressures, began to advance in early 2024. Copper's rise began around mid-2024. The price of light crude oil jumped in early 2026. The end result of this steady parade of rising commodity prices is inflation and an increase in CPI levels (**Chart 1a on page 2**). US CPI is projected to reach a new all-time high in Q3.

	<i>Since Last Month</i>	<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Since Inception mid-2003</i>
<b>TS Model Portfolio</b>	1.09%	17.70%	<b>1,474.70%</b>
S&P 500	-0.22%	9.55%	656.36%

The 19-year average for the TS Model Portfolio is 12.71%  
The 19-year average for the S&P 500 is 9.18%

**Five-Year Performance**  
2021-**16.25%** 2022-(-**15.88%**)  
2023-**23.29%** 2024-**19.14%** 2025-**15.51%**

TS Model Income Portfolio – 10.93% average div. yield

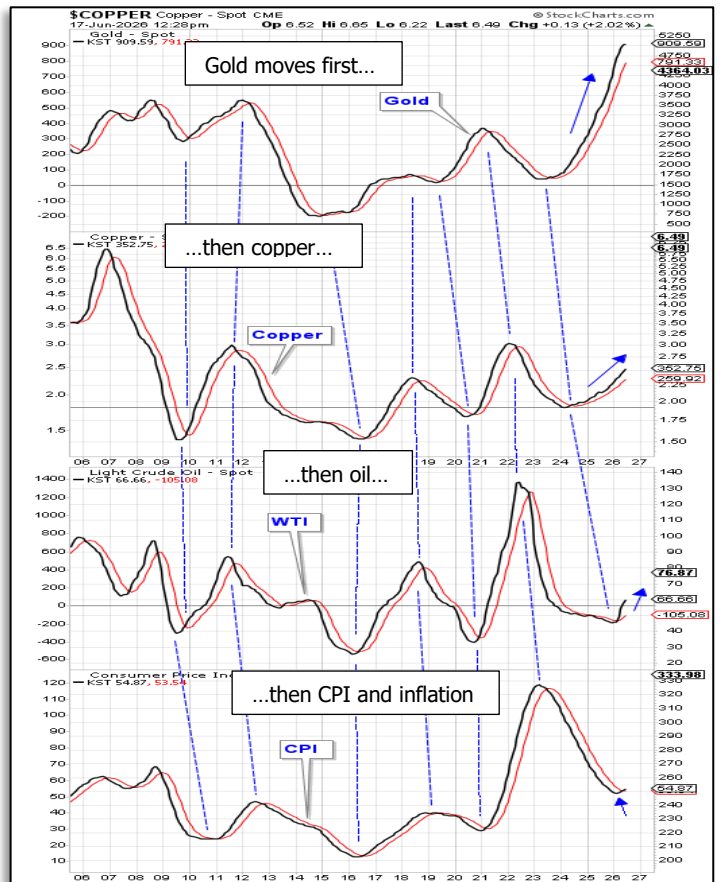


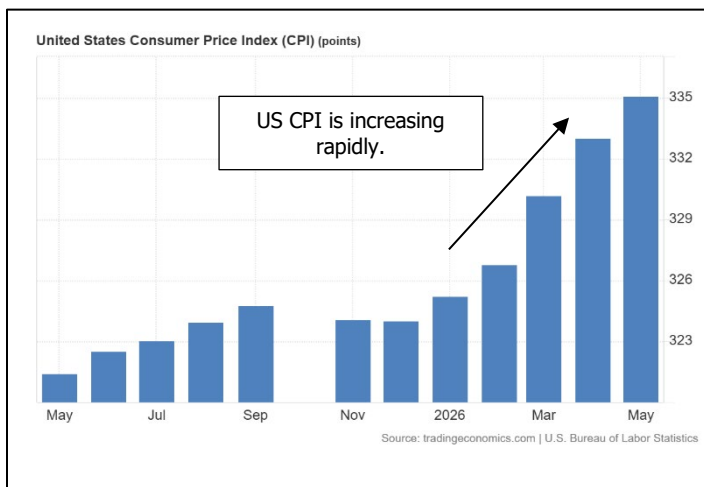
Chart 1

**GTX: Commodities = Inflation**

**Outlook Positive:** The steady rise in commodities should come as no surprise that inflation is the end product.

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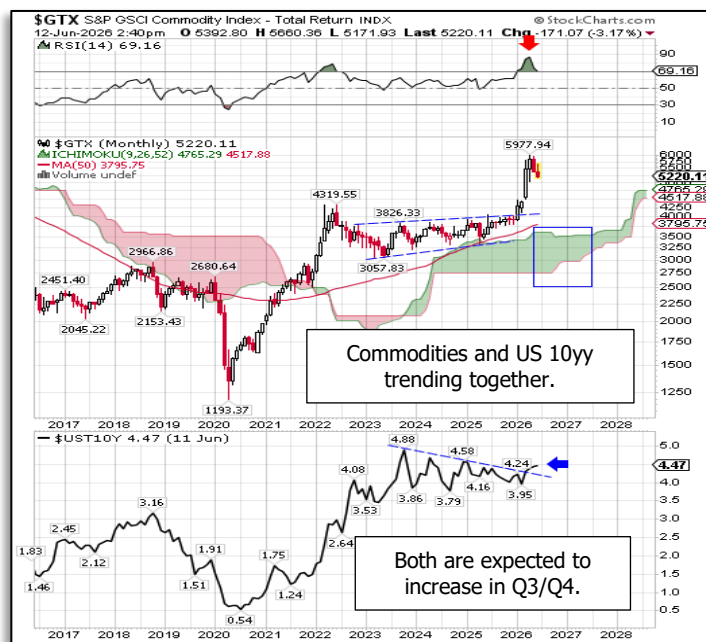
**Chart 1a**

The commodity index (GTX) appears to be fading after reaching a 46% YTD advance (**Chart 2**). Buying momentum is neutral, fading (not confirming additional upward pressure). There is a positive 'Green Cloud' in Q3. This suggests commodity prices will continue to advance after the current shack-out is complete. 1st support is at 5000.



**Chart 2**

The long-term view of the GTX is for higher levels in Q3/Q4 (**Chart 2a**). Buying momentum (RSI) is overbought, suggesting a potential retracement. The 1<sup>st</sup> support is at 5000. There continues to be a positive 'Green Cloud' throughout 2026, pointing to higher levels. 10-year T-bond yields, which track commodity price trends, are beginning to break out, adding evidence of additional upward movement.



**Chart 2a**

**What does it mean?** A short-term stall/pullback for GTX appears to be building. However, the primary trend remains favourable in the months ahead. The target has been updated to 6500. Continue to hold the position.

10-year bond yields are also expected to remain elevated this year. 4.66% is the 1<sup>st</sup> target, followed by 4.88%.

## Inflation vs Deflation: Consolidation

**Outlook: Neutral/Positive.** Inflationary assets and deflationary assets are displaying equal performance since early Q1. This action is expected to change and favour inflationary assets in Q3 (**Chart 3**).



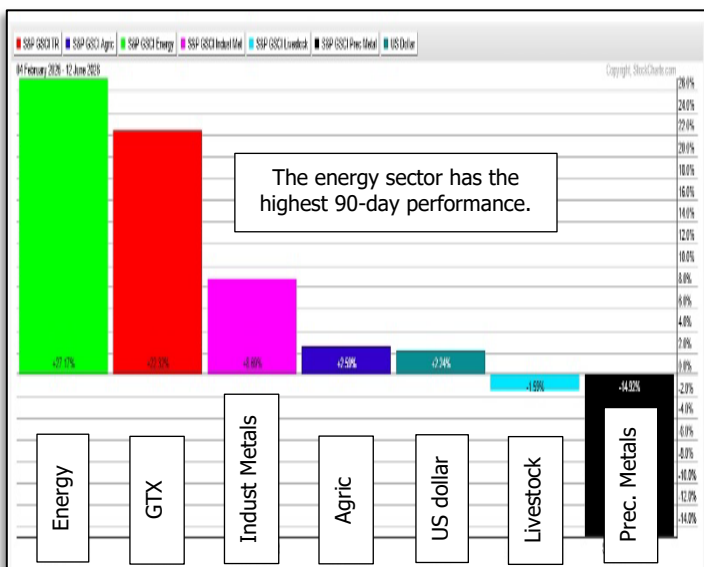
**Chart 3**

**What does it mean?** This equal performance between inflationary and deflationary assets should shift back in favour of inflation in Q3. Investors should expect higher returns from inflationary assets than from deflationary assets.

### Commodity Performance: All Energy

**Outlook: Positive:** The energy sector roared up 27.17% over the last 90 days. The GTX posted an equally impressive jump with 22.32%. Industrial metals had 8.69%. Precious metals plunged -14.92%. The US dollar edged up by just 2.24%.

**What does it mean?** Note the weakness in the precious metals sector and the strength of the energy sector. With the possible reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, energy prices should decline further, and precious metals are expected to recover (**Chart 4**). The energy and precious metal sectors move in opposite trends.



**Chart 4**

### WTIC: Plunging, for now

**Outlook: Negative:** A peace arrangement aimed at ending the Middle East conflict that began with Trump's unprovoked attack on Iran. Oil shipments through the Strait of Hormuz could soon resume, easing supply concerns.

**The 1-year trend is up.** Buying momentum (RSI) trend is easing, now negative (not confirming additional upward strength). A broadening negative 'Red Cloud' extends into mid-year, suggesting prices will likely pull back marginally in mid-year. The first price support at \$79.50 has been breached near the 2nd support level at \$70.00 (**Chart 5**).

**What does it mean?** Oil prices are expected to retrace in Q3 and remain around \$70. Models point to a possible increase bounce in Q4.



**Chart 5**

### Natural Gas: Breakdown continues

**Outlook: Negative:** US natural gas production continued to fall as energy markets followed the US/Iran peace deal. Both sides have reached an agreement to end their war. The key chokepoint for oil and LNG supplies, the Strait of Hormuz, will formally open on June 19. Additional downward pressure continues as US gas inventories have risen to around 6% above five-year seasonal averages.

Mild weather forecasts across the key US regions are limiting heating demands (**Chart 6**).



**Chart 6**