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Top 25 Financial & Economic Headlines of the Day

1. Financial Times – US tech stocks hit by concerns over future of AI boom.
2. Financial Times – Powell to deliver Jackson Hole address under fire on multiple fronts.
3. Financial Times – US in talks for a 10% Intel stake, White House says.
4. Financial Times – ‘On another level’: crypto industry hosts rival gathering in Jackson Hole.
5. Reuters – China leaves benchmark lending rates unchanged, matching forecast.
6. Reuters – Nasdaq tumbles as Jackson Hole jitters hit tech stocks.
7. Reuters – Trump again attacks Fed chair, says Powell 'hurting' the housing industry.
8. Reuters – US hikes steel, aluminum tariffs on more than 400 products.
9. Reuters – US targets steel, copper, lithium imports under Uyghur forced labor law.
10. Reuters – China’s Pop Mart says profit soars nearly 400% in first half.
11. Reuters – Walmart's earnings report will test investor confidence in US market.
12. Reuters – Israel weighs Hamas offer of 60-day Gaza truce and hostage release.
13. Reuters – Wooden church sets off on slow Swedish road trip to escape mining subsidence.
14. Reuters – Wildfires stabilising in Spain; cooler forecast fuels hope worst is over.
15. Morningstar / Dow Jones – Tech-Stock Slide Drags Nasdaq Lower; Home Depot rallies, Dow stays positive.
16. WSJ – Tech-Stock Slide Drags Down S&P 500 and Nasdaq Indexes.
17. Dow Jones – Activist Ancora pressures CSX to explore deal; Google news developments.
18. Yahoo Finance – Market pre-open updates (e.g., Prime Minister meets Mayor of Montréal).
19. Yahoo Finance – August 2025’s top growth stocks with strong insider activity.

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20. Financial Times – US drops probe of gun-sales payment company backed by Trump’s son.
21. Financial Times – CFPB suggests Biden-era investigation into Credova Financial was politically motivated.
22. Financial Times – European Central Bank likely to cut once more this year amid disinflation.
23. Financial Times – Restrictive US interest rates are fighting loose financial conditions.
24. Financial Times – US drops probe of gun-sales payment company backed by Trump’s son.
25. Financial Times – Lex: Uncle Sam taking a stake in Intel is sane in an absurd world.

Final Reflections

From the Desk of Dr Aditya Vijay Kashyap

Today’s financial landscape underscores a compelling duality. On one side, continued regulatory scrutiny, geopolitical tensions, and tech-sector volatility—especially across AI and supply chains—create palpable market headwinds. On the other, resilient corporate earnings, strategic central bank policy shifts, and targeted value opportunities such as Intel and select growth-stock plays offer tangible upside. In this environment, adaptive caution is paramount: portfolios should maintain defensive balance while tactically positioning for discrete upside, particularly in high-conviction sectors benefiting from structural trends. Let market catalysts unfold—but be ready to act with conviction when clarity emerges.

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