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Today's Financial Newsletter

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Top 25 Financial Headlines

1. Global overdraft fees rise among major U.S. banks amid regulatory shifts.
2. Executive order issued to curb proxy advisory firms, impacting shareholder activism.
3. Fitch places Euroclear Bank on Rating Watch Negative over asset exposure.
4. U.S. business activity growth slows to a six-month low.
5. Dallas Fed study questions long-term effectiveness of federal funds rate.
6. Goldman Sachs restructures TMT group to focus on AI and digital infrastructure.
7. Saudi firm Midad emerges as key contender for Lukoil global assets.
8. Medline IPO becomes the largest public issue of 2025.
9. IIFL Finance outlook upgraded to Positive by global rating agencies.
10. India's rice exports face pressure amid geopolitical disruptions.
11. SEBI considers revamp of mutual fund fee structure.
12. Apple records highest-ever iPhone exports from India.
13. Euro stabilises against dollar on easing U.S. inflation outlook.
14. Broadcom shares decline amid valuation concerns.

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15. Cocoa prices rebound as global surplus projections narrow.
16. ARK Invest increases exposure to crypto-linked equities.
17. Global stocks show mixed trend amid macro uncertainty.
18. Warner Bros rejects hostile acquisition proposal.
19. Fund managers remain bullish despite bubble concerns.
20. Dow Jones slips following weaker U.S. labour data.
21. Silver prices consolidate near recent highs.
22. Younger investors favour fiscal reforms over higher taxes.
23. S&P 500 and Dow trade near record highs.
24. UK media consolidation intensifies with major takeover bids.
25. Rupee volatility sparks speculation of RBI intervention.

Final Views from the Desk of Dr Aditya Vijay Kashyap

Global financial markets continue to balance optimism with caution. While equity indices remain near record highs, underlying economic indicators signal moderation in growth. Central bank policy expectations, particularly around interest rate trajectories, will remain a decisive factor for capital allocation.

Corporate activity reflects strategic realignment, with technology, digital infrastructure and AI-linked sectors attracting sustained investor interest. At the same time, valuation discipline and risk management remain essential.

India stands relatively resilient, supported by export momentum, regulatory reforms and domestic consumption. Currency volatility may persist, but policy intervention is expected to remain calibrated.

Investors are advised to maintain diversified portfolios, balance growth with defensive assets, and stay agile in response to evolving macroeconomic signals as we approach the next financial cycle.

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