WEEKLY TRADER CALL SUMMARY – RUSSELL THOMPSON

Watershed Friday: US Equities, Yields And The Road Ahead

Weekly Market Update

Friday the 6th of June delivered a watershed moment for markets. US equities fell sharply, bond yields spiked, commodities sold off and the traditional 60/40 portfolio was hit hard. With no Fed put in sight, a fragile Iran ceasefire under fresh pressure and inflation expectations still elevated, the next 48 hours are described as pivotal for short term direction.

THE MACRO INFLECTION: NO FED PUT

Friday was described as a watershed day. At one point the Nasdaq was down 6 percent. US bond yields spiked, commodities across the board sold off, and the classic 60/40 portfolio construction held by pension plans and endowments took significant pain. The core issue is the absence of a Federal Reserve backstop. Non-farm payrolls on Friday beat expectations convincingly. Even President Trump tweeted his confusion at why equities were falling on good economic news. The answer is that markets are pricing the reality that strong employment data means inflation stays elevated, the Fed cannot cut, and the long discussed Fed put is simply not available.

Russell wrote a note over the weekend examining whether the Fed is effectively conducting informal yield curve control by trying to cap movements in Treasury yields. The structural problem is significant: approximately 2 trillion dollars of new US debt needs to be issued in the next year, outside of any debt refinancing. Unless yields come down, the cost of financing that debt becomes an increasingly serious drag on US GDP. Republicans need lower yields but the macro backdrop is not cooperating.

> **Fed fund futures:** Zero percent probability of any rate cuts this year. The market has fully priced out any easing, and Fed Chairman Warsh's first committee meeting is not expected to deliver any change. Rate cuts would require either a clearly slowing economy or a meaningful drop in inflation expectations. Neither condition is in place today.

GEOPOLITICS: IRAN CEASEFIRE ON THE BRINK

The fragile Iran ceasefire framework is under severe stress. This morning, Israeli forces hit targets in northern Iran. Trump had reportedly asked Netanyahu not to retaliate to earlier Iranian strikes. Netanyahu ignored the request and struck anyway. Trump has now called Netanyahu, made clear he calls the shots and has almost openly pleaded with Iran not to respond to the Israeli action. The situation is described as right on the brink.

Oil prices remain stubbornly elevated and, crucially, are now feeding directly into the downstream inflation supply chain. For the first few weeks of elevated oil prices the pass-through effect is limited. That window has now closed. Higher oil is hitting producer prices, which are flowing through into the wider consumer price basket. Resolution in Iran is described as a prerequisite for any meaningful relief in commodity prices and, by extension, any basis for the Fed to justify rate cuts on demand destruction grounds.

> **What the market needs:** A meaningful US-Iran memorandum or ceasefire framework that can credibly reduce oil supply risk, combined with any economic data softness that gives the Fed justification to look through inflation and prioritise demand destruction. Until one or both of those conditions materialises, the macro backdrop remains hostile to risk assets.

US EQUITIES AND THE IPO ROTATION NARRATIVE

Some commentators attributed Friday's equity selloff to liquidity draining into the SpaceX IPO, with investors front-running the deal by selling existing positions to fund the new allocation. Russell dismissed this narrative as, in his words, absolute rubbish. What markets are experiencing is a genuine risk-off move consistent with the extended overvaluation of US equities that has been flagged repeatedly in these calls. The SpaceX IPO may attract rotation within the equity universe, with traditional equities losing ground to high growth names, but it does not explain the breadth of Friday's selloff.

This week is described as absolutely pivotal. If US equity selling accelerates and Treasury yields push higher again when the US session opens today, the pressure on risk assets will intensify significantly. If the large IPOs price well and geopolitical headlines stabilise, there is a base for a short term relief rally. The next 48 hours will determine which path the market takes.

BITCOIN: RESILIENT BUT VULNERABLE

Bitcoin sold off sharply last week alongside broader risk assets, touching the low 59,000s before finding support. The key observation is that there was no meaningful follow-through below 60,000 despite the severity of the macro backdrop. Bitcoin has held up remarkably well over the weekend, overnight and into Monday morning. There is a visible buy wall and significant bids below the 60,000 level, and the price action on the way down was described as orderly rather than disruptive.

ETF outflows have been significant as institutional investors rotated out of crypto exposure alongside other risk assets. Open interest, however, has remained elevated and funding rates are normalising, suggesting the market is net short at current levels. Russell's view is that if the market is going to make a 5 percent single day move from here, that move is more likely to be to the upside than the downside, precisely because positioning is so negatively skewed and so much bad news is already reflected in the price.

Bitcoin level	Significance	Notes
~60,000	Key support level	Buy wall present; tested and held last week
Low 59,000s	Recent low	No sustained follow-through below this level
55,000 to 53,000	Downside scenario target	Technical support if 60,000 breaks convincingly
Above 60,000	Current level (Monday AM)	Holding well despite macro pressure

Source: Hilbert Trader's Call 8 June 2026

> **RUSSELL THOMPSON, CIO**
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> *"I have never seen so much negativity on crypto. I think the market is short right now and the surprise move, if we get one, is much more likely to be to the upside."*

CRYPTO SPECIFIC CATALYSTS: CLARITY STILL IN PLAY

The market has largely stopped talking about the CLARITY Act but Russell flagged it as still very much alive. President Trump has set July the 4th as the target deadline and, given his personal association with the crypto industry, there is a credible case that efforts are ongoing behind the scenes to get the legislation over the line. If CLARITY passes before or around the July 4th deadline, it would represent a significant positive catalyst for the entire digital asset space at a time when sentiment is deeply negative.

Options market skew remains extreme. Five delta puts are trading at implied volatility of 100 to 110, while call wing implied volatility is roughly flat to at-the-money levels. The premium of downside protection over upside speculation reflects how one-sided sentiment has become. From a contrarian standpoint, this level of put premium suggests the market has already paid heavily to hedge the bearish scenario, making an upside surprise disproportionately powerful if macro conditions shift.

Options metric	Level	Comment
5 delta put implied vol	100 to 110	Extreme downside hedge demand
5 delta call implied vol	Flat to ATM	Very cheap upside optionality
Put/call skew	Heavily put-skewed	Market positioned for further downside
Open interest	Elevated and stable	Positions held; not a washout
Funding rates	Normalising	Suggests net short positioning

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BY THE NUMBERS

BITCOIN

Current level
Above 62,000

Week low
Low 59,000s

Key support
60,000 (buy wall)

Downside target
53,000 to 55,000

Positioning
Net short, contrarian bullish

OPTIONS SKEW

5d put implied vol
100 to 110

5d call implied vol
Flat to ATM

Skew direction
Heavily put-skewed

Funding rates
Normalising

MACRO

Fed rate cut prob.
0% in 2026

Non-farm payrolls
Beat expectations

US 10yr trend
Spiking, problematic

New US debt issuance
~$2tr needed next 12m

Oil
Stubborn, feeding CPI

GEOPOLITICS

Iran ceasefire
On the brink

Israel strikes
Hit N. Iran this morning

Trump/Netanyahu
Open tension on retaliation

Key requirement
US-Iran memorandum to ease oil

CRYPTO CATALYSTS

CLARITY Act deadline
July 4th (Trump target)

CLARITY status
Still in play, background efforts ongoing

ETF flows
Significant outflows last week

Open interest
Elevated and holding

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Inverse basis trade
Active and performing

Funding arb
Active and performing

Vol arb
Small size, elevated vol

Overall risk posture
Deliberately low

KEY WATCH POINTS

Next 48 hours
Pivotal for short term direction

SpaceX IPO
Today; market impact to watch

US yields on open
Direction setter for risk assets

Iran headlines
Primary macro risk driver

TOP ASSETS PERFORMANCE - 7D

#	Asset	7d
1	BTC	-13.27%
2	ETH	-15.72%
3	BNB	-13.48%
4	XRP	-12.41%
5	SOL	-18.46%
6	TRX	-6.97%
7	HYPE	-13.99%
8	DOGE	-13.90%
9	ZEC	-21.97%
10	XLM	-21.64%