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### Key Global and Regional Developments over the Past Week

#### **Reuters: China's industrial profits extend decline as demand, deflation woes take toll**

China's industrial profits fell for a third consecutive month in July, as businesses struggled in the face of subdued demand and persistent factory-gate deflation despite policy measures to help shore up the economic recovery. Exports beat expectations last month but a slew of underwhelming indicators have kept pressure on Beijing to roll out more stimulus.

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#### **Reuters: German consumer sentiment dips in September on job loss concerns, finds GfK**

Sentiment among German consumers is expected to fall for the third time in a row in September, with households' growing concerns about possible job losses and uncertainty about inflation weighing on the mood, a survey showed on Wednesday.

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#### **BBC: Cook to sue Trump over order to fire her from Federal Reserve**

Federal Reserve governor Lisa Cook will file a lawsuit challenging her removal by President Donald Trump, setting up a potential standoff between the president and the US central bank. "President Trump has no authority to remove Federal Reserve Governor Lisa Cook," her lawyer Abbe David Lowell said in a statement.

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### [BBC: Trump's 50% tariff on India kicks in as Modi urges self-reliance](#)

US tariffs of 50% on goods from India took effect on Wednesday as Donald Trump sought to punish Delhi for buying Russian oil and weapons. The tariffs – among the highest in the world – include a 25% penalty for transactions with Russia that are a key source of funds for its war in Ukraine.

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Global foreign direct investment (FDI) fell by 11% to \$1.5 trillion in 2024, marking the second straight year of decline.

While the overall data shows a 4% rise, it masks deep underlying weaknesses. The apparent growth was inflated by volatile financial conduit flows through several European economies, which often serve as transfer points for investments.

The outlook for 2025 has turned negative. Modest growth seemed possible at the start of the year, but escalating trade tensions, geopolitical fragmentation and economic volatility have led to sharp downward revisions of most FDI prospects. These include GDP growth, capital formation, trade flows, financial market stability and investor confidence. Early 2025 data show record-low deal and project activity.

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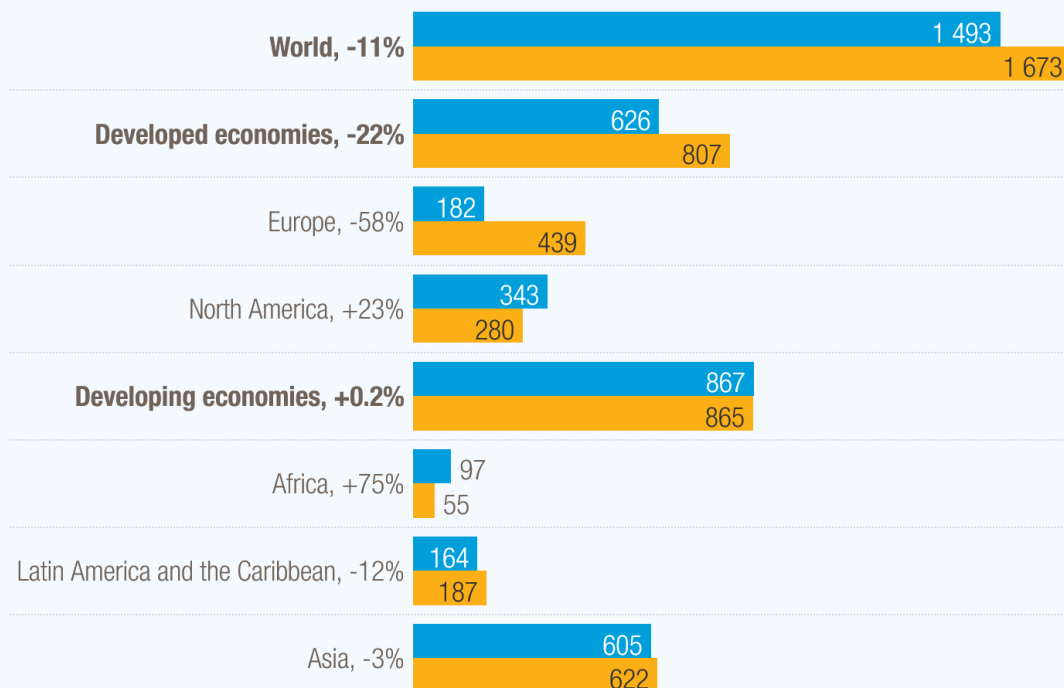


### Global foreign investment flows fell 11% in 2024, with developed economies hit hardest



Foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows by economic grouping and region, billions of dollars and percentage

2024 2023



Source: UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), FDI/MNE database.

Note: The data excludes financial transactions through several European economies with high levels of conduit flows.

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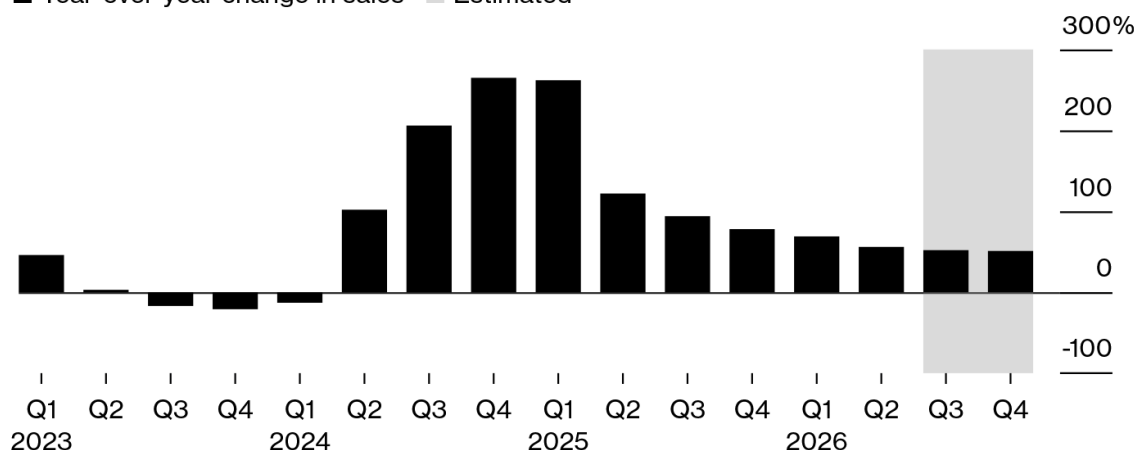
#### Bloomberg: US futures decline after Nvidia results underwhelm: Markets wrap

US equity index futures slipped early Thursday after Nvidia Corp.'s revenue outlook fell short of lofty expectations for the world's most valuable listed company, weighing on sentiment. Contracts for the S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 both fell in Asian trading, following a subdued session for the benchmarks on Wednesday in New York. Equity futures for Japan and Hong Kong were also weaker after an index of US-listed Chinese companies suffered its worst day in two months.

#### **Nvidia Sales Growth Decelerates From Eye-Popping Levels**

Revenue had been doubling or tripling in recent quarters

■ Year-over-year change in sales    ■ Estimated



Sources: Company reports, Bloomberg

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Oil prices settled higher on Wednesday after data showed a larger-than-expected drop in U.S. crude inventories and as investors weighed the potential impact from new U.S. tariffs on India. Brent crude futures were up 83 cents, or 1.2%, at \$68.05 a barrel. West Texas Intermediate crude futures gained 90 cents, or 1.4%, to \$64.15. Both contracts fell by more than 2% on Tuesday.

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