

INTELLIGENCE

JULY 6



EasyJet Agrees £5.5bn Castlelake

EasyJet's board agreed in principle to a £5.5bn Castlelake takeover at £6.90 per share — the fifth consecutive bid. The board rejected four earlier offers as opportunistic while the Iran conflict depressed its stock.

SK Hynix Plans \$29bn

SK Hynix launches a \$29 billion US listing this week — potentially the largest first-time foreign share sale on an American exchange. It trades at 7.5× forward earnings in Seoul versus Micron's 9.5× and TSMC's 21×.

Uber Pauses Europe Bids

Uber shelved food delivery launches in five of seven planned new European markets—including Austria, Norway, and Greece—while pursuing a full Delivery Hero takeover. Its indicative €33-per-share bid, valuing the target at roughly €10 billion, faces resistance from shareholders seeking above €40.

Fed Releases Warsh Debut

The Fed released minutes from Kevin Warsh's June 17 debut as chair — the first documentary record of his deliberative approach. The committee held rates at 3.5–3.75% and dropped its prior bias toward cuts.

Macron to Visit Post-Assad

Emmanuel Macron will visit Syria — the first Western leader to enter since Bashar Assad's 2024 ouster — bringing French investors and company representatives. The trip is expected near the July 8–9 NATO summit in Ankara.

Trump Presses NATO

Trump will press NATO allies at this week's summit to increase European purchases of American military equipment.



Khamenei Funeral Begins

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's weeklong funeral began in Tehran on July 4, more than four months after his death in U.S.-Israeli strikes. Iran's new Supreme Leader has not appeared publicly, leaving succession unresolved.

Trump Sways FIFA World

Trump called FIFA President Gianni Infantino to request a review of Folarin Balogun's World Cup red card. FIFA suspended the one-match ban for a one-year probationary period; Balogun is cleared to face Belgium today.

White House Targets Smithsonian

A July 4 White House report brands Smithsonian and National Museum of American History leadership as 'radical activists who cannot be trusted,' laying groundwork for Trump to install his own appointees.

Piccioli Debuts Couture

Pierpaolo Piccioli showed his first couture collection for Balenciaga as Paris Haute Couture Week opened, with high jewellery houses simultaneously unveiling major designs as Europe's top maisons compete to court elite clients.

Margiela Auctions Personal Archive

Martin Margiela consigns roughly 200 personal-archive lots to Maurice Auction in Paris on July 9 — the first time a living designer has done so. A 2025 predecessor sale raised €1.89 million, ten times estimates.



Obsession Crosses \$400M Worldwide

The indie horror film crossed \$403 million globally after two months — \$245 million domestic, \$157 million overseas — making it Focus Features' highest-grossing release, more than doubling Downton Abbey's \$193 million.

Extended-Stay Hotel Demand Surges

U.S. extended-stay hotel demand rose 6% year-over-year in May, the fastest pace in more than four years, with occupancy hitting 77%.

Wealthy Families Buy AI

Startups Forge Prep and Alpha sell AI-delivered education as a full replacement for traditional schooling to wealthy American families, charging tens of thousands of dollars — with no independent efficacy data backing either program.



CONFLICT INTELLIGENCE

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Ukraine / Russia [↑ Escalating](#)

Kyiv Barrages Crimea Strike

Russia hit Kyiv with ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, and drones, killing at least five. Third major barrage in six days. Ukraine struck northern Crimea.

Israel / Hamas / Gaza [↑ Escalating](#)

Airstrike Hits Gaza Cafe

An Israeli airstrike struck a cafe on Omar Al-Mokhtar road in central Gaza City, killing at least two Palestinians and wounding twelve. Over 1,060 Palestinians have died in Gaza since the October 2025 ceasefire took effect eight months ago.

Israel / Lebanon / Hezbollah [↑ Escalating](#)

IDF Hits 200 Hezbollah

Israel struck 100 Hezbollah sites in ten minutes across Beirut, the Bekaa Valley, and southern Lebanon, hitting command centers, intelligence infrastructure, and missile launchers. The IDF hit over 200 targets in 24 hours. Netanyahu declared the US-Iran ceasefire excludes Lebanon.



U.S. / Iran / Hormuz ↓ De-escalating

Talks Pause Hormuz Steady

Trump paused U.S.-Iran peace talks one week for Khamenei's funeral; negotiations resume July 11. U.S.-led multinational overwatch assisted 70 Strait of Hormuz transits in 72 hours. Operator willingness to exit the strait is growing.

Sahel ↑ Escalating

JNIM Coordinates Five-Point Offensive

JNIM struck army positions across five locations including Gao and Sévaré. Insurgents claimed seven government positions seized. Mali's army said it repelled attacks and killed 26 fighters.

Yemen / Red Sea ↑ Escalating

Hodeidah Violence Surges

Armed skiff fired on a bulk carrier southwest of Hodeidah; UKMTO confirmed crew safe. Off Balhaf, boarders damaged a vessel's bridge equipment. Houthi fighters killed 16 government troops south of Hodeidah in the deadliest ground assault in years.



OPERATIONAL CALENDAR

WEEK 28-29



Monday, July 6
Paris Haute Couture Week
Autumn-Winter 2026-27 shows run across Paris through July 9, with debuts at Balenciaga and Jean Paul Gaultier.
Culture · FHCM

Tuesday, July 7
NATO Summit Ankara
Heads of state meet in Ankara for the alliance's 36th summit, with defense spending and Ukraine central to the agenda.
Political · NATO

Thursday, July 9
Goodwood Festival of Speed
Four-day hillclimb and car-culture festival at Goodwood House, with Formula E's GEN4 making its UK public run.
Sport · Goodwood

Thursday, July 9
Martin Margiela Archive Sale
Paris sale of nearly 200 pieces from Martin Margiela's personal archive, staged with Kerry Taylor Auctions.
Culture · Maurice Auction

Sunday, July 12
Wimbledon Men's Final
The Championships close at the All England Club with the men's singles final on Centre Court.
Sport · AELTC

Tuesday, July 14
Bastille Day Parade
France marks its national day with the Champs-Elysees military parade and evening fireworks over Paris.
Political · French Republic

Tuesday, July 14
MLB All-Star Game
Citizens Bank Park hosts the 96th Midsummer Classic as Philadelphia marks the U.S. semiquincentennial.
Sport · MLB

Tuesday, July 14
U.S. CPI Release
BLS releases June CPI and real earnings at 8:30 a.m. ET, a key read on inflation before the Fed's late-July meeting.
Financial · BLS

Thursday, July 16
The Open Championship
The 154th Open begins at Royal Birkdale, returning the championship to the Southport links for the 11th time.
Sport · The R&A

Friday, July 17
BBC Proms Opening Night
The 132nd Proms season opens at Royal Albert Hall, launching 86 concerts through September 12.
Culture · BBC

Friday, July 17
Belgian Grand Prix
Spa-Francorchamps hosts round 10 of the 2026 F1 season, with race weekend running through July 19.
Sport · Formula 1

Friday, July 17
Salzburg Festival
Opera, drama and concert season opens in Salzburg, running through August 30 across the city's historic venues.
Culture · Salzburg Festival



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