QUOTES OF THE DAY

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#	SCORE	SPEAKER	QUOTE / TIME ET / VENUE	CONTEXT	AFFECTS	VERIF.	SRC
1	20 5/5/5/5	**Elon Musk** CEO, Tesla and SpaceX TECH/AI	**"I do think there's a lot of merit to combining the companies as we are pretty much in the superintelligence singularity, and there's a lot to be gained from cooperating. ... Do I think it would be a good idea? Yes. But at the end of the day, the shareholders have to be supportive of this."** ~4:30 PM (earnings webcast) · SpaceX Q3 2026 earnings webcast	Related-party merger: boards formed independent special committees. Capex/compute narrative into Tesla print Wed. Index-level AI tape.	SPCX, TSLA, NVDA, AI neoclouds (CRWV), SMH, NDX	2+ OUTLETS	1,2,3
2	19 4/5/5/5	**Volodymyr Zelensky** President of Ukraine POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"Ukraine immediately supported American proposal for an energy ceasefire. But Russia responded by continuing its attacks. We offered different options. We are ready not to hit sensitive parts of Russia's energy sector if Russia stops hitting ours. Putin said no. But we're working to find a solution. ... One of the important ideas is to move to a potential trilateral meeting of the leaders. ... Steve is going to Russia tomorrow. Let's see what Putin has to say."** 2:27 PM · X post (official English) / Oslo joint press conference with Støre and Stubb	Energy-ceasefire rejection: diesel/oil premium and defense Europe into Witkoff St Petersburg Wed. Security guarantees on paper for Russians.	BZ/CL, HO, LMT, RTX, EUR, defense Europe	PRIMARY	4,5,6
3	18 5/3/5/5	**Donald Trump** U.S. President POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"Ukraine has to want to settle this war. Zelenskyy has to want to settle this war. And if he doesn't, I think it's gonna be a very bad thing."** ~2:55 PM (Oval Office) · Remarks to reporters, Oval Office	Settlement pressure + diesel politics same day as Oslo. Negotiation-agent risk for Kyiv. HO/BZ and EUR mark.	HO, BZ/CL, EUR, LMT, RTX, UST risk premium	2+ OUTLETS	7,6,8
4	17 3/4/5/5	**Esmaeil Baghaei** Spokesperson, Iranian Foreign Ministry POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"Any speculation regarding negotiations over the specific details of Iran's nuclear program is entirely baseless. Iran has not engaged in nuclear talks with the U.S. side, and therefore, there are no details to discuss with other countries."** ~morning Tehran (press conference) · Iranian MFA press conference, Tehran	Deal-rumor denial after morning market whipsaw on Qatar-Pakistan mediation reports. Oil risk premium stays.	BZ/CL, HO, Iran risk premium, gold (GC)	2+ OUTLETS	9,10,11
5	17 4/4/5/4	**Volodymyr Zelensky** President of Ukraine POLITICS/GEOPOLITICS	**"Today we discussed security guarantees, and I'm thankful to the American side for underlining again that they have to be strong. There are different kinds of security guarantees on paper – in the document – which Steve will share with the Russians."** 3:47 PM · X post (official English) / Oslo media Q&A	Article-5-like guarantees language into Witkoff Russia trip.	LMT, RTX, EUR, defense Europe	PRIMARY	12,6
6	16 5/3/4/4	**Elon Musk** CEO, Tesla and SpaceX TECH/AI	**"We are in an inflection moment for SpaceX across launch, connectivity and superintelligence."** ~4:30 PM (earnings webcast) · SpaceX Q3 2026 earnings webcast	Same webcast as #1.	SPCX, TSLA, AI complex	2+ OUTLETS	2,1
7	15 4/4/3/4	**Mary Barra** CEO, General Motors BUSINESS/CEOS	**"GM is performing well, and we are working hard to continue our momentum despite growing inflationary pressures through strategic investments in new products and services, and through improved quality and operating efficiency. ... The new $20 billion multi-year share repurchase authorization we announced today further demonstrates our Board's commitment to creating even greater shareholder value."** ~7:00 AM (release) · GM Q3 2026 letter to shareholders	Buyback math vs commodity inflation (~$2B) and tariff costs. Narrowed FY26 EBIT $14.5-15.5B. Autos tape.	GM, F, autos (XLY), steel (CLF, NUE)	PRIMARY	13,14,15

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8	15 4/4/3/4	**Greg Peters** Co-CEO, Netflix BUSINESS/CEOS	**"Our ads business has delivered really impressive growth since we've launched, and we do see a long road of continued growth ahead of us. We set big growth targets for our ads business this year. ... but we are currently a bit behind our aggressive target for the year."** ~4:05 PM (earnings call / letter) · Netflix Q3 2026 earnings call and shareholder letter	Ad-stack miss: FY26 ad guide cut to ~$2.7B from ~$3B. Soft Q4 profit guide. NFLX after-hours.	**NFLX, GOOGL (YouTube), streaming ads, DIS**	2+ OUTLETS	16,17,18
9	15 3/4/4/4	**Michael O'Leary** CEO, Ryanair BUSINESS/CEOS	**"You're going to see air fares rise next year in Europe, I think by 10, 15, maybe 20%. You're going to see the biggest increase in air fares, I would say, in history in Europe for the next 12 months."** ~morning Brussels (press conference) · Brussels press conference	Jet-fuel pass-through: MidEast oil risk into EU travel demand and airline margins. Ryanair ~15% hedged for 2027.	**RYAAY, airline Europe, BZ/CL, jet fuel**	2+ OUTLETS	19,20
10	13 5/3/3/2	**Sam Altman** CEO, OpenAI TECH/AI	**"I am very grateful Aleksander accepted our request to come take this on; the safety and security challenges in front of us as we confront superintelligence are immense, and he has an excellent set of skills to work on this."** 5:10 PM · X post quoting Aleksander Madry return	OpenAI safety staffing as superintelligence frame. Less market impact than the SpaceX and Netflix news.	**MSFT (OpenAI partner), AI safety narrative**	PRIMARY	21

Score axes P/N/R/M = Speaker power / Novelty / Reach / Market relevance, 1-5 each. Ties: market, then power, then novelty, then earlier time.

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Donald Trump: Trending on X, with White House and vice president clips. No primary transcript of his full remarks in the window. The program announcement is confirmed by White House reposts of the Justice Department Fraud Section.

Karl-Anthony Towns: Trending summary only. No primary transcript pulled.

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