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Here's what investors are saying about the Fed's quarter-point rate hike



Investors react to Wednesday's Fed rate decision. Seth Wenig/AP

Here's what Wall Street thinks about the Federal Reserve's quarter-point rate hike:

- "There was something for everyone in today's Fed meeting – bears can point to [Fed Chair Jerome] Powell's insistence that all meetings are live and that core inflation is "pretty elevated" and bulls can point to Powell's insistence that they could easily skip the next meeting and keep rates unchanged in September," said Chris Zaccarelli, chief investment officer at Independent Advisor Alliance.
- "Where the market is mispriced is in expecting significant rate cuts next year. If anything, additional rate hikes will be required," said Phillip Colmar, global strategist at MRB Partners.
- "The statement left the door open for another rate hike if the data-dependent Fed deems it necessary, but the tone of the statement was more neutral rather than decidedly dovish or hawkish," said Quincy Krosby, chief global strategist at LPL Financial.
- The Fed's decision "gives the Fed plenty of time to analyze a host of future economic data until its next meeting at the end of September. In the meantime, watch the Employment Cost Index, which Powell singled out. That could be the next market-moving data point," said Jack McIntyre, portfolio manager at Brandywine Global.