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Editor's Note

Geopolitical risk returned to the spotlight this month as Israel launched strikes on Iran's nuclear programme, prompting a brief dip in UK equities and a sharp rise in Brent crude—nudging petrol prices up to 132p per litre. If the conflict escalates, energy-intensive sectors may need to brace for further pressure.

Closer to home, the Bank of England held rates steady on 19 June, even as real wages crept upward and unemployment edged to 4.6%. The CMA's investigation into the proposed Omnicom–Interpublic merger serves as a reminder that regulatory scrutiny is far from taking a summer break.

Meanwhile, the UK–US trade deal announced at the G7 may open new doors for exporters in automotive and aerospace—although whether that translates into meaningful figures remains to be seen (as always).

inheritance tax valuations, practitioners are reminded—gently but firmly—that defensible, well-documented analyses are more than a best practice. They're a professional necessity. Possibly also a survival strategy.

Mike Blake, Editor

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Markets cautious ahead of rate decisions.
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Bank of England Holds Rates Steady

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Dates for your diary

12 September 2025, BVIUK London Valuation Forum (LVF) Masterclass: UK Tax Valuations - Expert Approaches and Practical Applications, In-person

18 September 2025 ICAEW Valuation Conference 2025 Virtual

19-21 October 2025, ASA International Conference, (Puerto Rico, US) , In-person and Virtual

27 October 2025, International Valuation Standards Council Annual General Meeting, In-person

Conference & Trade Exhibition (Dublin)

14 November 2025, BVIUK: 3rd Annual Conference in Business Valuation. (London, In-person only)

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