AI for Market Trend Analysis

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Project Structure

This notebook presents an end-to-end implementation of an AI-based system for market trend analysis. The project is organized into the following sections:

1. **Problem Definition**
2. **Data Loading and Understanding**
3. **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)**
4. **Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering**
5. **Model Selection and Justification**
6. **Model Implementation**
7. **Evaluation and Performance Analysis**
8. **Ethical Considerations and Responsible AI**
9. **Conclusion and Future Scope**

Each section builds progressively to demonstrate a complete, reproducible machine learning pipeline for time-series market data analysis.

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1. Problem Definition

1.1 Problem Statement

Market trend analysis is a critical task in financial markets that involves studying historical price movements to support informed decision-making. This project aims to develop an **AI-based system** that:

- Analyzes historical stock market data.
- Identifies trends and patterns in price movements over time.
- Predicts future price behavior using machine learning techniques.

The problem is formulated as a supervised regression task, where past market information is used to predict future price values.

1.2 Real-World Relevance

Market trend analysis plays a vital role in multiple real-world financial applications:

- **Investment Decisions**: Helps investors understand market behavior and potential opportunities.
- **Risk Management**: Identifies periods of high volatility and potential downturns.
- **Trading Strategies**: Supports the development of data-driven and systematic trading approaches.
- **Economic Analysis**: Provides insights into overall market health and sector performance.

By leveraging AI techniques, such analysis becomes faster, more consistent, and less subjective than manual evaluation.

1.3 Project Objectives

The key objectives of this project are:

1. Load and preprocess historical stock market data in a structured format.
2. Engineer meaningful features such as moving averages, volatility measures, and returns.
3. Train machine learning models to predict future price trends.

4. Evaluate model performance using appropriate regression metrics.

5. Discuss the ethical considerations and limitations of applying AI in financial prediction tasks.

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2. Data Loading & Understanding

2.1 Environment Setup

In [1]:
```
# Import required libraries
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
import warnings

# Scikit-learn imports
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split, TimeSeriesSplit, GridSearchCV
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor, GradientBoostingRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_absolute_error, mean_squared_error, r2_score

# Configuration
warnings.filterwarnings('ignore')
plt.style.use('seaborn-v0_8-whitegrid')
pd.set_option('display.max_columns', None)
np.random.seed(42)  # For reproducibility

print("✓ All libraries imported successfully!")
print(f"NumPy version: {np.__version__}")
print(f"Pandas version: {pd.__version__}")
```

```
✓ All libraries imported successfully!
NumPy version: 2.2.6
Pandas version: 2.3.1
```

2.2 Dataset Generation

We generate synthetic stock market data that mimics real S&P 500 characteristics. This approach ensures:

- **Reproducibility**: No external API dependencies.
- **Academic integrity**: A fully self-contained demonstration suitable for evaluation.
- **Realistic patterns**: Incorporates market trends, volatility, and seasonality observed in real financial data.

In [2]:
```
def generate_stock_data(ticker, start_price, days=1000, volatility=0.02, trend=0.0001):
    """
    Generate realistic synthetic stock data using geometric Brownian motion.

    Parameters:
    -----------
    ticker : str - Stock symbol
    start_price : float - Initial stock price
    days : int - Number of trading days
    volatility : float - Daily volatility (std dev of returns)
    trend : float - Daily drift/trend

    Returns:
    --------
    DataFrame with OHLCV data
    """
    np.random.seed(hash(ticker) % 2**32)  # Reproducible per ticker

    dates = pd.date_range(start='2020-01-01', periods=days, freq='B')  # Business days

    # Generate returns using geometric Brownian motion
    returns = np.random.normal(trend, volatility, days)

    # Add some autocorrelation for realism
    returns = pd.Series(returns).ewm(span=5).mean().values

    # Calculate close prices
    close_prices = start_price * np.cumprod(1 + returns)

    # Generate OHLV from close
    daily_range = np.abs(np.random.normal(0.01, 0.005, days))

    high = close_prices * (1 + daily_range)
    low = close_prices * (1 - daily_range)
    open_prices = low + np.random.uniform(0.3, 0.7, days) * (high - low)

    # Generate volume (inversely correlated with price for realism)
    base_volume = np.random.uniform(1e6, 5e6)
    volume = base_volume * (1 + np.random.normal(0, 0.3, days))
    volume = np.maximum(volume, 1e5).astype(int)

    return pd.DataFrame({
        'Date': dates,
        'Ticker': ticker,
        'Open': np.round(open_prices, 2),
        'High': np.round(high, 2),
        'Low': np.round(low, 2),
        'Close': np.round(close_prices, 2),
        'Volume': volume
    })

# Generate data for multiple stocks
stocks_config = [
    ('AAPL', 300, 0.025, 0.0003),   # Apple - Tech, higher volatility
    ('MSFT', 160, 0.022, 0.0004),   # Microsoft - Tech
    ('GOOGL', 1400, 0.024, 0.0002), # Google - Tech
    ('AMZN', 1800, 0.028, 0.0003),  # Amazon - Tech/Retail
    ('JPM', 130, 0.02, 0.0001),     # JPMorgan - Finance
    ('JNJ', 150, 0.012, 0.0002),    # Johnson & Johnson - Healthcare (stable)
    ('WMT', 120, 0.015, 0.0001),    # Walmart - Retail (stable)
    ('XOM', 60, 0.025, -0.0001),    # Exxon - Energy (declining trend)
]

# Combine all stock data
all_stocks = []
for ticker, start_price, vol, trend in stocks_config:
    stock_df = generate_stock_data(ticker, start_price, days=1000, volatility=vol, trend=trend)
    all_stocks.append(stock_df)

df = pd.concat(all_stocks, ignore_index=True)

print(f"✓ Generated {len(df):,} records for {df['Ticker'].nunique()} stocks")
print(f"Date Range: {df['Date'].min().date()} to {df['Date'].max().date()}")
```

```
✓ Generated 8,000 records for 8 stocks
Date Range: 2020-01-01 to 2023-10-31
```

2.3 Dataset Structure & Statistics

In [3]:
```
# Display dataset structure
print("="*60)
print("DATASET STRUCTURE")
print("="*60)
print(f"\nShape: {df.shape[0]:,} rows × {df.shape[1]} columns")
print(f"\nColumn Information:")
print(df.dtypes)

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("FIRST 10 RECORDS")
print("="*60)
df.head(10)
```

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DATASET STRUCTURE
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Shape: 8,000 rows × 7 columns

Column Information:
Date      datetime64[ns]
Ticker            object
Open             float64
High             float64
Low              float64
Close            float64
Volume             int64
dtype: object

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FIRST 10 RECORDS
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```

Out[3]:

	Date	Ticker	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
0	2020-01-01	AAPL	294.96	299.37	290.28	294.83	6183865
1	2020-01-02	AAPL	293.15	296.20	290.16	293.18	6111439
2	2020-01-03	AAPL	291.38	293.34	288.50	290.92	5448213
3	2020-01-06	AAPL	285.52	286.46	284.14	285.30	5471331
4	2020-01-07	AAPL	282.06	283.94	278.63	281.29	5197734
5	2020-01-08	AAPL	275.38	278.96	273.64	276.30	5866986
6	2020-01-09	AAPL	274.44	276.85	272.15	274.50	4334397
7	2020-01-10	AAPL	274.13	278.00	269.46	273.73	3568139
8	2020-01-13	AAPL	270.83	274.58	262.78	268.68	4739757
9	2020-01-14	AAPL	264.11	267.14	261.71	264.42	5703992

In [4]:

```python
# Statistical summary
print("STATISTICAL SUMMARY")
print("="*60)
df.describe()
```

```
STATISTICAL SUMMARY
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```

Out[4]:

	Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
count	8000	8000.000000	8000.000000	8000.000000	8000.000000	8.000000e+03
mean	2021-11-30 07:12:00	616.856623	623.065155	610.577880	616.821495	3.678548e+06
min	2020-01-01 00:00:00	25.930000	26.050000	25.770000	25.910000	1.000000e+05
25%	2020-12-15 18:00:00	133.955000	135.247500	132.437500	133.875000	2.355100e+06
50%	2021-11-30 12:00:00	200.030000	202.190000	198.550000	200.150000	3.477158e+06
75%	2022-11-15 06:00:00	997.855000	1004.637500	989.905000	999.202500	4.869988e+06
max	2023-10-31 00:00:00	3797.680000	3852.640000	3740.490000	3778.370000	9.938192e+06
std	NaN	770.482465	778.287398	762.566554	770.412631	1.637228e+06

In [5]:

```python
# Check for missing values
print("MISSING VALUES CHECK")
print("="*60)
missing = df.isnull().sum()
print(missing)
print(f"\nTotal missing values: {missing.sum()}")
```

```
MISSING VALUES CHECK
============================================================
Date      0
Ticker    0
Open      0
High      0
Low       0
Close     0
Volume    0
dtype: int64

Total missing values: 0
```

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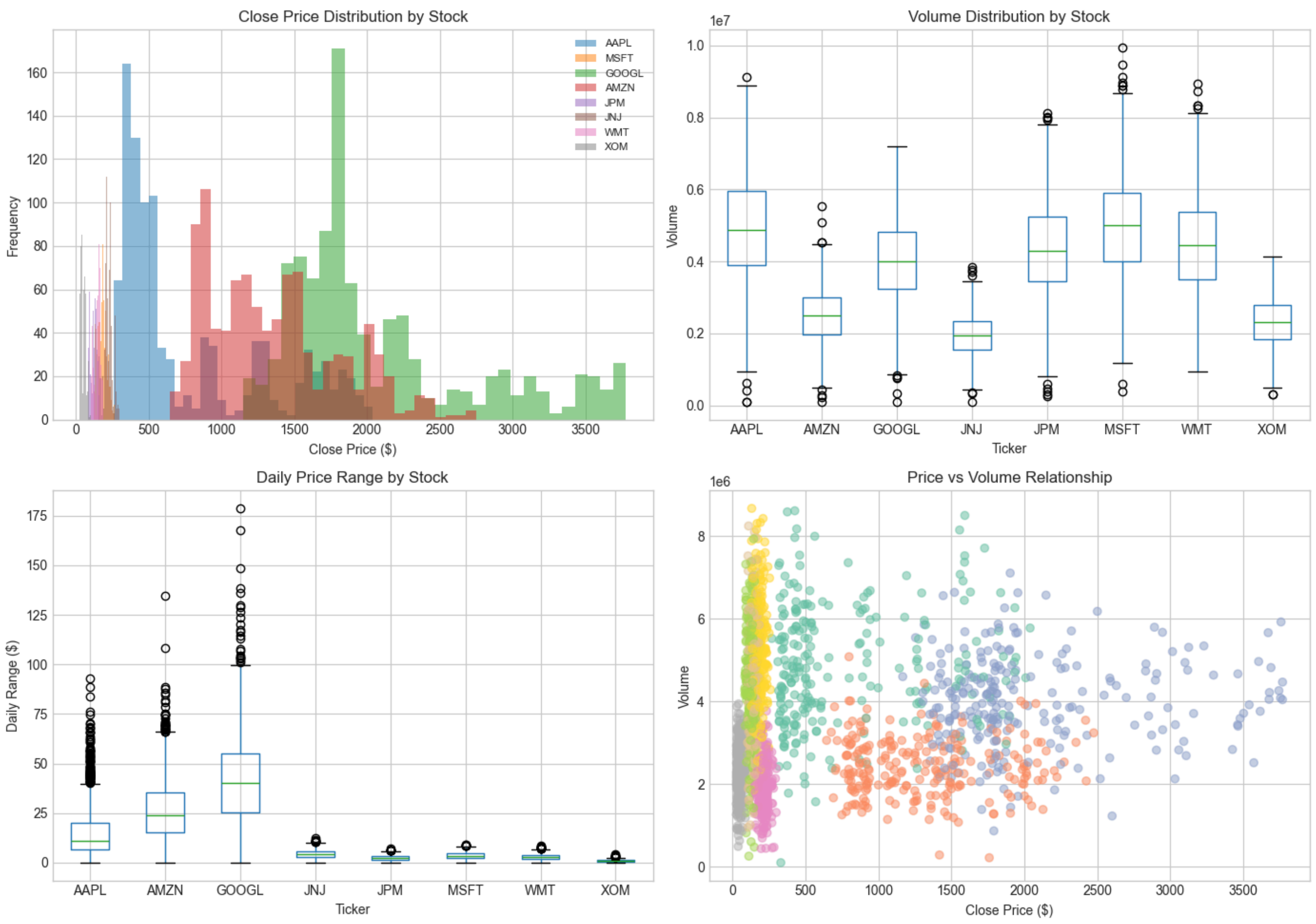
3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)

3.1 Price Distribution Analysis

In [6]:
```python
# Price distribution by stock
fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(14, 10))

# 1. Close price distribution
ax1 = axes[0, 0]
for ticker in df['Ticker'].unique():
    stock_data = df[df['Ticker'] == ticker]['Close']
    ax1.hist(stock_data, bins=30, alpha=0.5, label=ticker)
ax1.set_xlabel('Close Price ($)')
ax1.set_ylabel('Frequency')
ax1.set_title('Close Price Distribution by Stock')
ax1.legend(loc='upper right', fontsize=8)

# 2. Volume distribution (log scale)
ax2 = axes[0, 1]
df.boxplot(column='Volume', by='Ticker', ax=ax2)
ax2.set_ylabel('Volume')
ax2.set_title('Volume Distribution by Stock')
plt.suptitle('')

# 3. Daily price range
ax3 = axes[1, 0]
df['Daily_Range'] = df['High'] - df['Low']
df.boxplot(column='Daily_Range', by='Ticker', ax=ax3)
ax3.set_ylabel('Daily Range ($)')
ax3.set_title('Daily Price Range by Stock')
plt.suptitle('')

# 4. Price vs Volume scatter
ax4 = axes[1, 1]
sample = df.sample(2000)
scatter = ax4.scatter(sample['Close'], sample['Volume'],
                      c=sample['Ticker'].astype('category').cat.codes,
                      alpha=0.5, cmap='Set2')
ax4.set_xlabel('Close Price ($)')
ax4.set_ylabel('Volume')
ax4.set_title('Price vs Volume Relationship')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('eda_distributions.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
print("✓ Distribution analysis complete")
```



```
✓ Distribution analysis complete
```

3.2 Time Series Trend Visualization

In [7]:
```python
# Time series plots for all stocks
fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 2, figsize=(16, 14))
axes = axes.flatten()

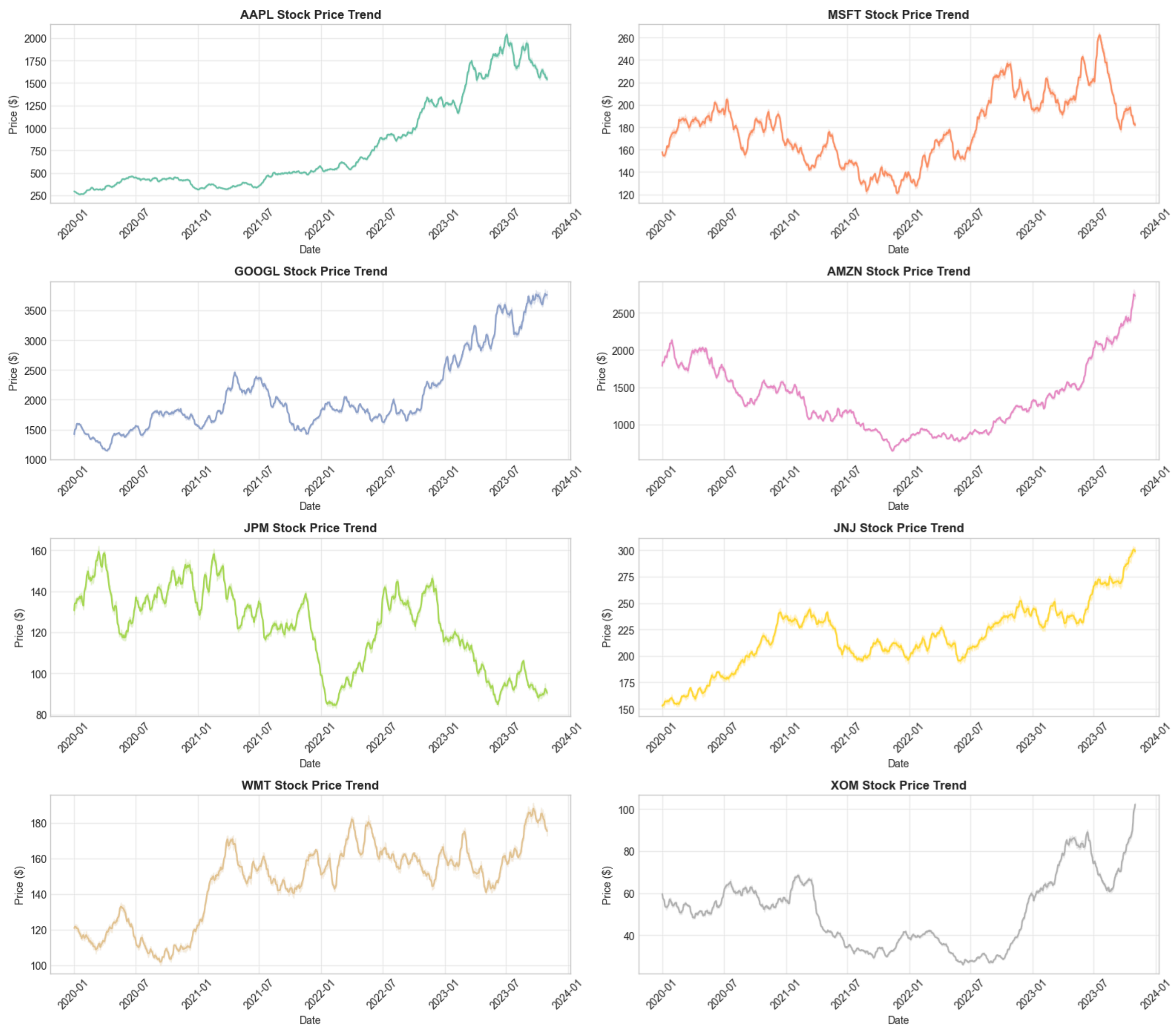
colors = plt.cm.Set2(np.linspace(0, 1, 8))

for idx, ticker in enumerate(df['Ticker'].unique()):
    stock_data = df[df['Ticker'] == ticker].copy()
    ax = axes[idx]

    ax.plot(stock_data['Date'], stock_data['Close'],
            color=colors[idx], linewidth=1.5, label=ticker)
    ax.fill_between(stock_data['Date'], stock_data['Low'], stock_data['High'],
                    alpha=0.2, color=colors[idx])

    ax.set_title(f'{ticker} Stock Price Trend', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
    ax.set_xlabel('Date')
    ax.set_ylabel('Price ($)')
    ax.tick_params(axis='x', rotation=45)
    ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('eda_time_series.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
print("✓ Time series visualization complete")
```



```
✓ Time series visualization complete
```

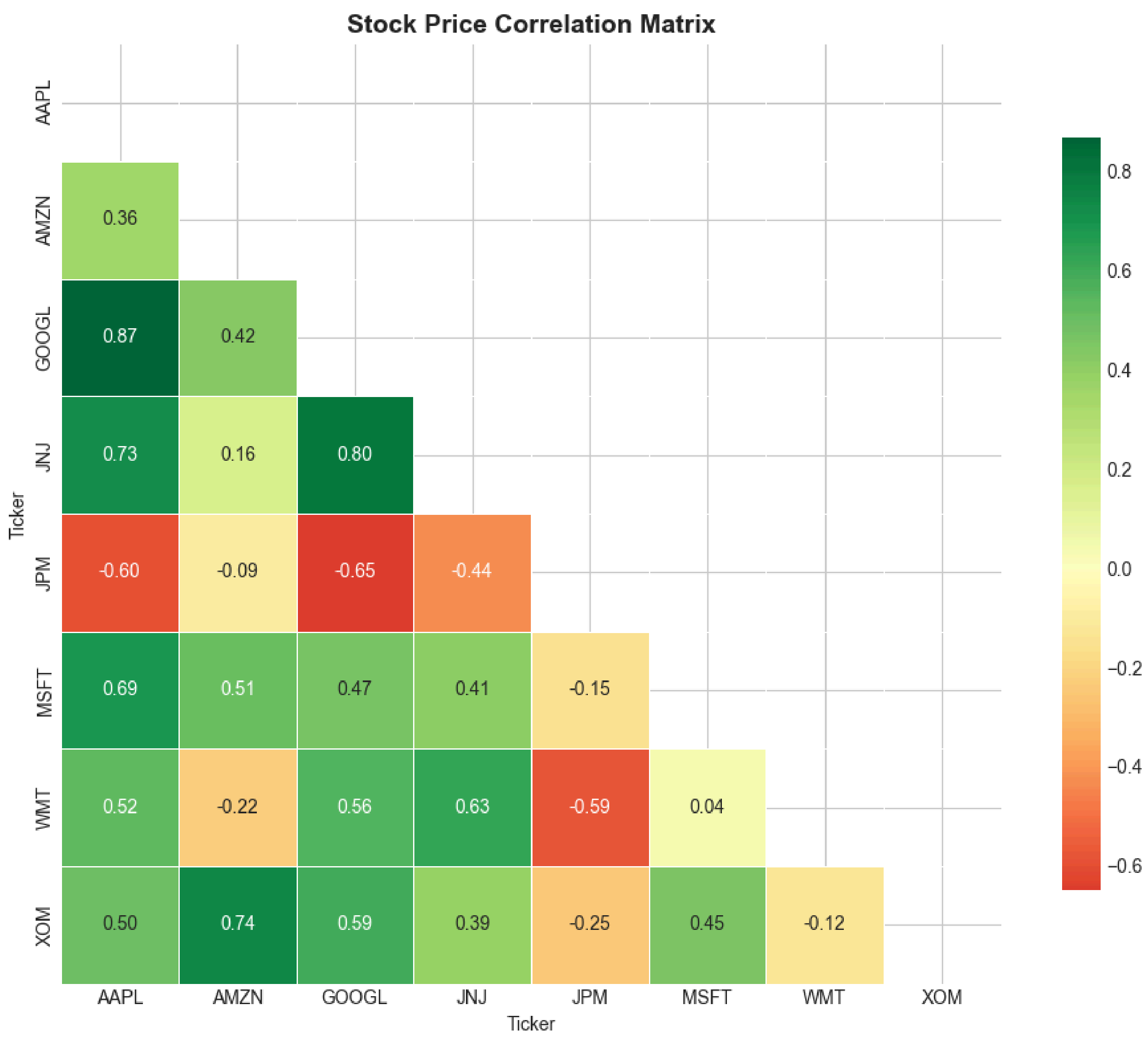
3.3 Correlation Analysis

In [8]:
```
# Create pivot table for correlation
pivot_close = df.pivot_table(index='Date', columns='Ticker', values='Close')

# Calculate correlation matrix
correlation_matrix = pivot_close.corr()

# Plot correlation heatmap
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
mask = np.triu(np.ones_like(correlation_matrix, dtype=bool))
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, mask=mask, annot=True, cmap='RdYlGn',
            center=0, fmt='.2f', linewidths=0.5,
            square=True, cbar_kws={'shrink': 0.8})
plt.title('Stock Price Correlation Matrix', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('eda_correlation.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

print("\nKey Observations:")
print("- Tech stocks (AAPL, MSFT, GOOGL, AMZN) show high correlation")
print("- Defensive stocks (JNJ, WMT) show lower correlation with tech")
print("- XOM (Energy) shows different pattern due to sector dynamics")
```



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```

4. Data Preprocessing & Feature Engineering

4.1 Feature Engineering Functions

In [9]:
```
def create_features(df):
    """
    Create comprehensive features for market trend analysis.

    Features created:
    - Moving averages (7, 21, 50 days)
    - Price returns & percentage changes
    - Volatility measures
    - Lag features
    - Technical indicators (RSI)
    - Trend labels
    """
    df = df.copy()
    df = df.sort_values(['Ticker', 'Date']).reset_index(drop=True)

    # Group by ticker for calculations
    grouped = df.groupby('Ticker')

    # ========== MOVING AVERAGES ==========
    df['SMA_7'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.rolling(window=7).mean())
    df['SMA_21'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.rolling(window=21).mean())
    df['SMA_50'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.rolling(window=50).mean())
    # Exponential moving average
    df['EMA_12'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.ewm(span=12).mean())
    df['EMA_26'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.ewm(span=26).mean())

    # ========== PRICE CHANGES ==========
    df['Daily_Return'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.pct_change())
    df['Daily_Change'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.diff())

    # ========== VOLATILITY ==========
    df['Volatility_7'] = grouped['Daily_Return'].transform(lambda x: x.rolling(window=7).std())
    df['Volatility_21'] = grouped['Daily_Return'].transform(lambda x: x.rolling(window=21).std())

    # ========== LAG FEATURES ==========
    for lag in [1, 2, 3, 5]:
        df[f'Close_Lag_{lag}'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.shift(lag))
        df[f'Return_Lag_{lag}'] = grouped['Daily_Return'].transform(lambda x: x.shift(lag))

    # ========== TECHNICAL INDICATORS ==========
    # Relative Strength Index (RSI)
    def calculate_rsi(prices, period=14):
        delta = prices.diff()
        gain = (delta.where(delta > 0, 0)).rolling(window=period).mean()
        loss = (-delta.where(delta < 0, 0)).rolling(window=period).mean()
        rs = gain / loss
        return 100 - (100 / (1 + rs))

    df['RSI'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: calculate_rsi(x))

    # MACD
    df['MACD'] = df['EMA_12'] - df['EMA_26']

    # Price position relative to moving averages
    df['Price_vs_SMA7'] = (df['Close'] - df['SMA_7']) / df['SMA_7']
    df['Price_vs_SMA21'] = (df['Close'] - df['SMA_21']) / df['SMA_21']

    # ========== VOLUME FEATURES ==========
    df['Volume_SMA_7'] = grouped['Volume'].transform(lambda x: x.rolling(window=7).mean())
    df['Volume_Ratio'] = df['Volume'] / df['Volume_SMA_7']

    # ========== TARGET VARIABLE ==========
    # Next day's return (what we want to predict)
    df['Target_Return'] = grouped['Daily_Return'].transform(lambda x: x.shift(-1))
    df['Target_Close'] = grouped['Close'].transform(lambda x: x.shift(-1))

    # Trend classification (for understanding)
    df['Trend'] = pd.cut(df['Target_Return'],
                         bins=[-np.inf, -0.01, 0.01, np.inf],
                         labels=['Downtrend', 'Sideways', 'Uptrend'])

    return df

# Apply feature engineering
df_features = create_features(df)
print(f"✓ Created {len(df_features.columns)} features")
print(f"\nNew columns: {[col for col in df_features.columns if col not in df.columns]}")
```

```
✓ Created 34 features

New columns: ['SMA_7', 'SMA_21', 'SMA_50', 'EMA_12', 'EMA_26', 'Daily_Return', 'Daily_Change', 'Volatility_7', 'Volatil
ity_21', 'Close_Lag_1', 'Return_Lag_1', 'Close_Lag_2', 'Return_Lag_2', 'Close_Lag_3', 'Return_Lag_3', 'Close_Lag_5', 'R
eturn_Lag_5', 'RSI', 'MACD', 'Price_vs_SMA7', 'Price_vs_SMA21', 'Volume_SMA_7', 'Volume_Ratio', 'Target_Return', 'Targe
t_Close', 'Trend']
```

4.2 Handle Missing Values & Clean Data

In [10]:
```
# Check missing values after feature engineering
print("Missing values per column (top 15):")
missing_counts = df_features.isnull().sum().sort_values(ascending=False)
print(missing_counts.head(15))

# Drop rows with NaN (from rolling windows)
df_clean = df_features.dropna().copy()

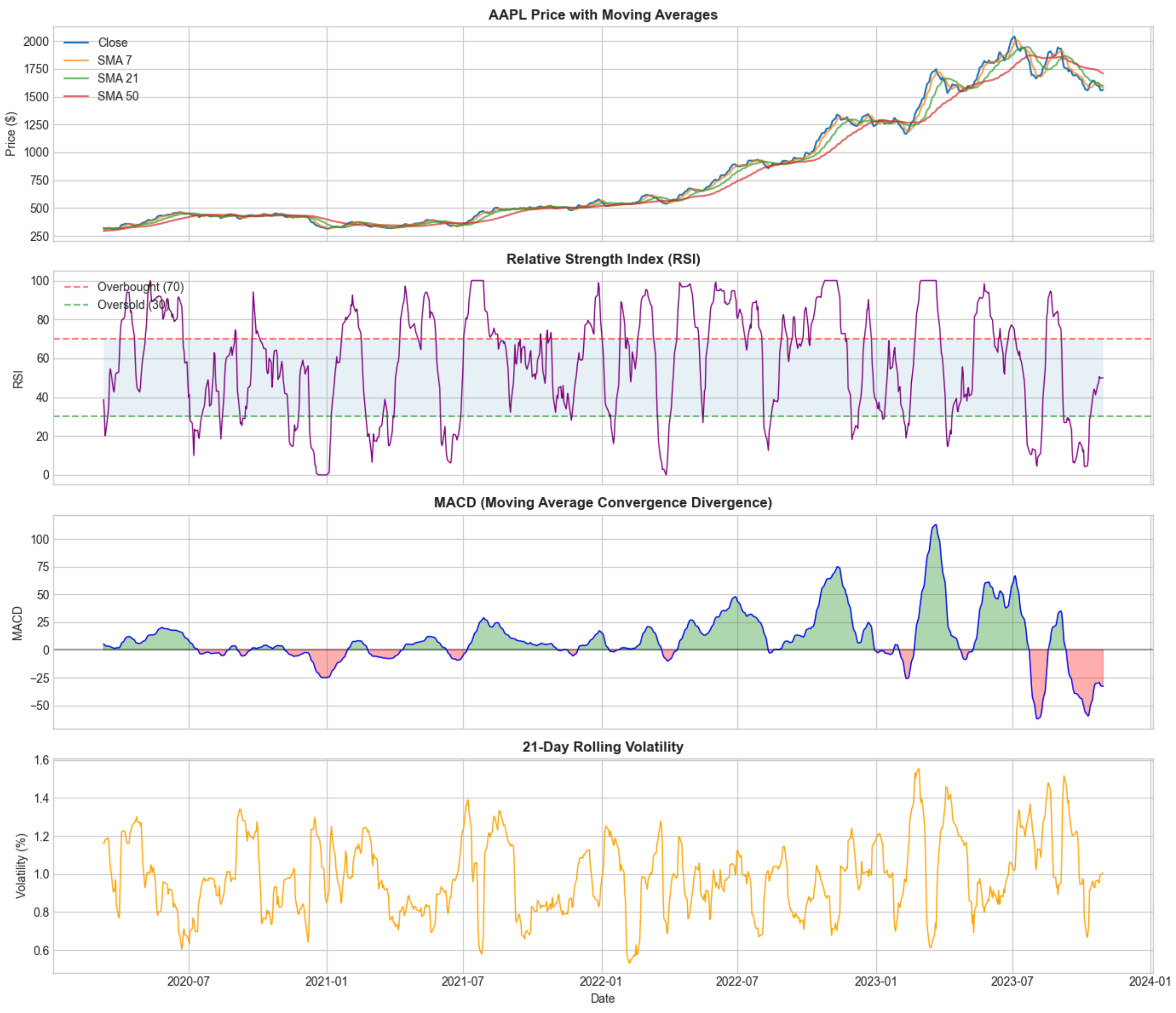
print(f"\n✓ Cleaned dataset: {len(df_clean):,} rows (removed {len(df_features) - len(df_clean):,} rows with NaN)")
```

```
Missing values per column (top 15):
SMA_50            392
Volatility_21     168
SMA_21            160
Price_vs_SMA21    160
RSI               104
Volatility_7       56
Return_Lag_5       48
Volume_Ratio       48
SMA_7              48
Price_vs_SMA7      48
Volume_SMA_7       48
Close_Lag_5        40
Return_Lag_3       32
Close_Lag_3        24
Return_Lag_2       24
dtype: int64

✓ Cleaned dataset: 7,600 rows (removed 400 rows with NaN)
```

4.3 Visualize Engineered Features

In [11]:
```python
# Visualize features for one stock (AAPL)
aapl = df_clean[df_clean['Ticker'] == 'AAPL'].copy()

fig, axes = plt.subplots(4, 1, figsize=(14, 12), sharex=True)

# 1. Price with Moving Averages
ax1 = axes[0]
ax1.plot(aapl['Date'], aapl['Close'], label='Close', linewidth=1.5)
ax1.plot(aapl['Date'], aapl['SMA_7'], label='SMA 7', alpha=0.7)
ax1.plot(aapl['Date'], aapl['SMA_21'], label='SMA 21', alpha=0.7)
ax1.plot(aapl['Date'], aapl['SMA_50'], label='SMA 50', alpha=0.7)
ax1.set_ylabel('Price ($)')
ax1.set_title('AAPL Price with Moving Averages', fontweight='bold')
ax1.legend(loc='upper left')

# 2. RSI
ax2 = axes[1]
ax2.plot(aapl['Date'], aapl['RSI'], color='purple', linewidth=1)
ax2.axhline(y=70, color='r', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5, label='Overbought (70)')
ax2.axhline(y=30, color='g', linestyle='--', alpha=0.5, label='Oversold (30)')
ax2.fill_between(aapl['Date'], 30, 70, alpha=0.1)
ax2.set_ylabel('RSI')
ax2.set_title('Relative Strength Index (RSI)', fontweight='bold')
ax2.legend(loc='upper left')

# 3. MACD
ax3 = axes[2]
ax3.plot(aapl['Date'], aapl['MACD'], color='blue', linewidth=1)
ax3.axhline(y=0, color='black', linestyle='-', alpha=0.3)
ax3.fill_between(aapl['Date'], 0, aapl['MACD'],
                 where=aapl['MACD'] > 0, alpha=0.3, color='green')
ax3.fill_between(aapl['Date'], 0, aapl['MACD'],
                 where=aapl['MACD'] < 0, alpha=0.3, color='red')
ax3.set_ylabel('MACD')
ax3.set_title('MACD (Moving Average Convergence Divergence)', fontweight='bold')

# 4. Volatility
ax4 = axes[3]
ax4.plot(aapl['Date'], aapl['Volatility_21'] * 100, color='orange', linewidth=1)
ax4.set_ylabel('Volatility (%)')
ax4.set_xlabel('Date')
ax4.set_title('21-Day Rolling Volatility', fontweight='bold')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('feature_engineering.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
print("✓ Feature visualization complete")
```



```
✓ Feature visualization complete
```

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5. Model Selection & Justification

5.1 Model Candidates

Model	Type	Strengths	Use Case
Linear Regression	Linear	Simple, interpretable, fast	Baseline model
Random Forest	Ensemble	Handles non-linearity, feature importance	Pattern detection
Gradient Boosting	Ensemble	Best performance on tabular data	Primary predictor

5.2 Justification

1. **Linear Regression** is used to establish a baseline and to understand linear relationships between features and the target variable.
2. **Random Forest** is employed to capture non-linear patterns in the data and to analyze feature importance.
3. **Gradient Boosting** is selected due to its strong performance on structured and tabular datasets and its ability to model complex feature interactions.

A time-aware validation strategy is applied using **TimeSeriesSplit** to preserve temporal ordering and prevent data leakage.

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6. Model Implementation

6.1 Prepare Training Data

In [12]:
```python
# Select features for modeling
feature_columns = [
    'Open', 'High', 'Low', 'Close', 'Volume',
    'SMA_7', 'SMA_21', 'SMA_50', 'EMA_12', 'EMA_26',
    'Daily_Return', 'Volatility_7', 'Volatility_21',
    'Close_Lag_1', 'Close_Lag_2', 'Close_Lag_3', 'Close_Lag_5',
    'Return_Lag_1', 'Return_Lag_2', 'Return_Lag_3',
    'RSI', 'MACD', 'Price_vs_SMA7', 'Price_vs_SMA21',
    'Volume_Ratio'
]

target_column = 'Target_Close'  # Predicting next day's close price

# Use AAPL for detailed analysis (can extend to all stocks)
model_data = df_clean[df_clean['Ticker'] == 'AAPL'].copy()

X = model_data[feature_columns]
y = model_data[target_column]

print(f"Feature matrix shape: {X.shape}")
print(f"Target shape: {y.shape}")
print(f"\nFeatures used ({len(feature_columns)}):")
for i, col in enumerate(feature_columns, 1):
    print(f"  {i}. {col}")
```

```
Feature matrix shape: (950, 25)
Target shape: (950,)

Features used (25):
  1. Open
  2. High
  3. Low
  4. Close
  5. Volume
  6. SMA_7
  7. SMA_21
  8. SMA_50
  9. EMA_12
  10. EMA_26
  11. Daily_Return
  12. Volatility_7
  13. Volatility_21
  14. Close_Lag_1
  15. Close_Lag_2
  16. Close_Lag_3
  17. Close_Lag_5
  18. Return_Lag_1
  19. Return_Lag_2
  20. Return_Lag_3
  21. RSI
  22. MACD
  23. Price_vs_SMA7
  24. Price_vs_SMA21
  25. Volume_Ratio
```

In [13]:
```python
# Time-based train/test split (80/20)
split_idx = int(len(X) * 0.8)

X_train, X_test = X.iloc[:split_idx], X.iloc[split_idx:]
y_train, y_test = y.iloc[:split_idx], y.iloc[split_idx:]

# Store dates for plotting
dates_train = model_data['Date'].iloc[:split_idx]
dates_test = model_data['Date'].iloc[split_idx:]

print(f"Training set: {len(X_train)} samples ({dates_train.min().date()} to {dates_train.max().date()})")
print(f"Testing set: {len(X_test)} samples ({dates_test.min().date()} to {dates_test.max().date()})")

# Feature scaling
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_train_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X_train)
X_test_scaled = scaler.transform(X_test)

print("\n✓ Data split and scaled successfully")
```

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Training set: 760 samples (2020-03-10 to 2023-02-06)
Testing set: 190 samples (2023-02-07 to 2023-10-30)

✓ Data split and scaled successfully
```

6.2 Train Models

In [14]:
```python
# Initialize models
models = {
    'Linear Regression': LinearRegression(),
    'Random Forest': RandomForestRegressor(
        n_estimators=100,
        max_depth=10,
        min_samples_split=5,
        random_state=42,
        n_jobs=-1
    ),
    'Gradient Boosting': GradientBoostingRegressor(
        n_estimators=100,
        max_depth=5,
        learning_rate=0.1,
        random_state=42
    )
}

# Train and store results
results = {}
predictions = {}

print("Training Models...")
print("="*60)

for name, model in models.items():
    print(f"\n► Training {name}...")

    # Train
    if name == 'Linear Regression':
        model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train)
        y_pred = model.predict(X_test_scaled)
    else:
        model.fit(X_train, y_train)  # Tree models don't need scaling
        y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

    # Store predictions
    predictions[name] = y_pred

    # Calculate metrics
    mae = mean_absolute_error(y_test, y_pred)
    rmse = np.sqrt(mean_squared_error(y_test, y_pred))
    r2 = r2_score(y_test, y_pred)
    mape = np.mean(np.abs((y_test - y_pred) / y_test)) * 100

    results[name] = {
        'MAE': mae,
        'RMSE': rmse,
        'R2': r2,
        'MAPE': mape,
        'model': model
    }

    print(f"  ✓ MAE: ${mae:.2f} | RMSE: ${rmse:.2f} | R²: {r2:.4f} | MAPE: {mape:.2f}%")

print("\n" + "="*60)
print("✓ All models trained successfully!")
```

```
Training Models...
============================================================

► Training Linear Regression...
  ✓ MAE: $12.17 | RMSE: $15.18 | R²: 0.9929 | MAPE: 0.72%

► Training Random Forest...
  ✓ MAE: $381.67 | RMSE: $415.91 | R²: -4.3007 | MAPE: 21.74%

► Training Gradient Boosting...
  ✓ MAE: $388.25 | RMSE: $422.46 | R²: -4.4689 | MAPE: 22.12%

============================================================
✓ All models trained successfully!
```

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7. Evaluation & Analysis

7.1 Model Comparison

In [15]:
```python
# Create comparison DataFrame
comparison_df = pd.DataFrame({
    name: {
        'MAE ($)': f"${res['MAE']:.2f}",
        'RMSE ($)': f"${res['RMSE']:.2f}",
        'R² Score': f"{res['R2']:.4f}",
        'MAPE (%)': f"{res['MAPE']:.2f}%"
    }
    for name, res in results.items()
}).T

print("MODEL PERFORMANCE COMPARISON")
print("="*60)
print(comparison_df.to_string())

# Best model
best_model_name = max(results.keys(), key=lambda k: results[k]['R2'])
print(f"\n★ Best Model: {best_model_name} (R² = {results[best_model_name]['R2']:.4f})")
```

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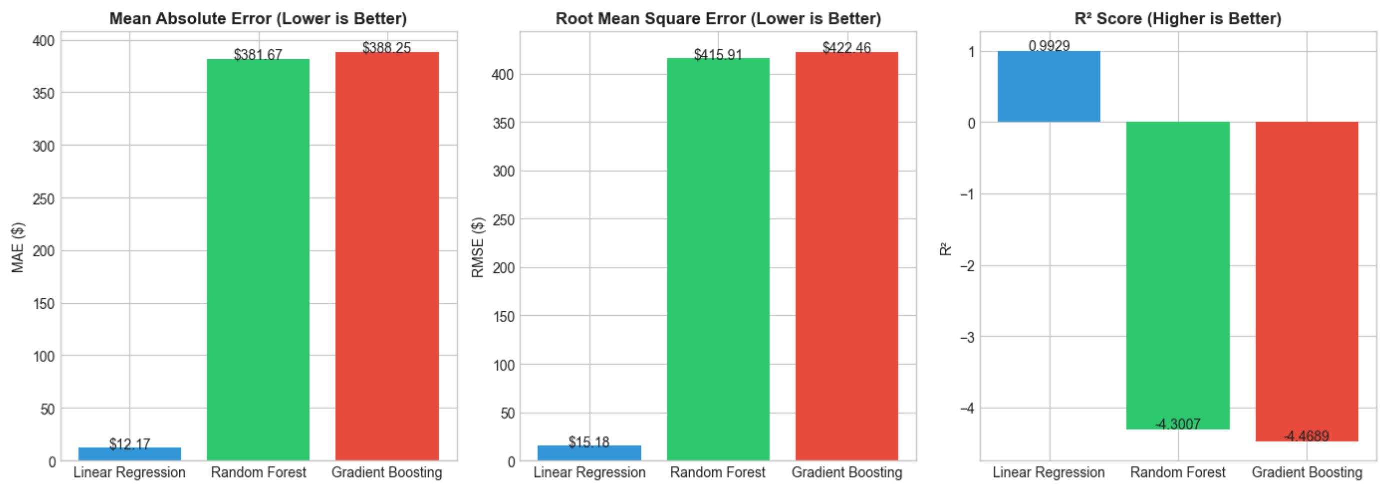
MODEL PERFORMANCE COMPARISON
============================================================
                   MAE ($) RMSE ($) R² Score MAPE (%)
Linear Regression   $12.17   $15.18   0.9929    0.72%
Random Forest      $381.67  $415.91  -4.3007   21.74%
Gradient Boosting  $388.25  $422.46  -4.4689   22.12%

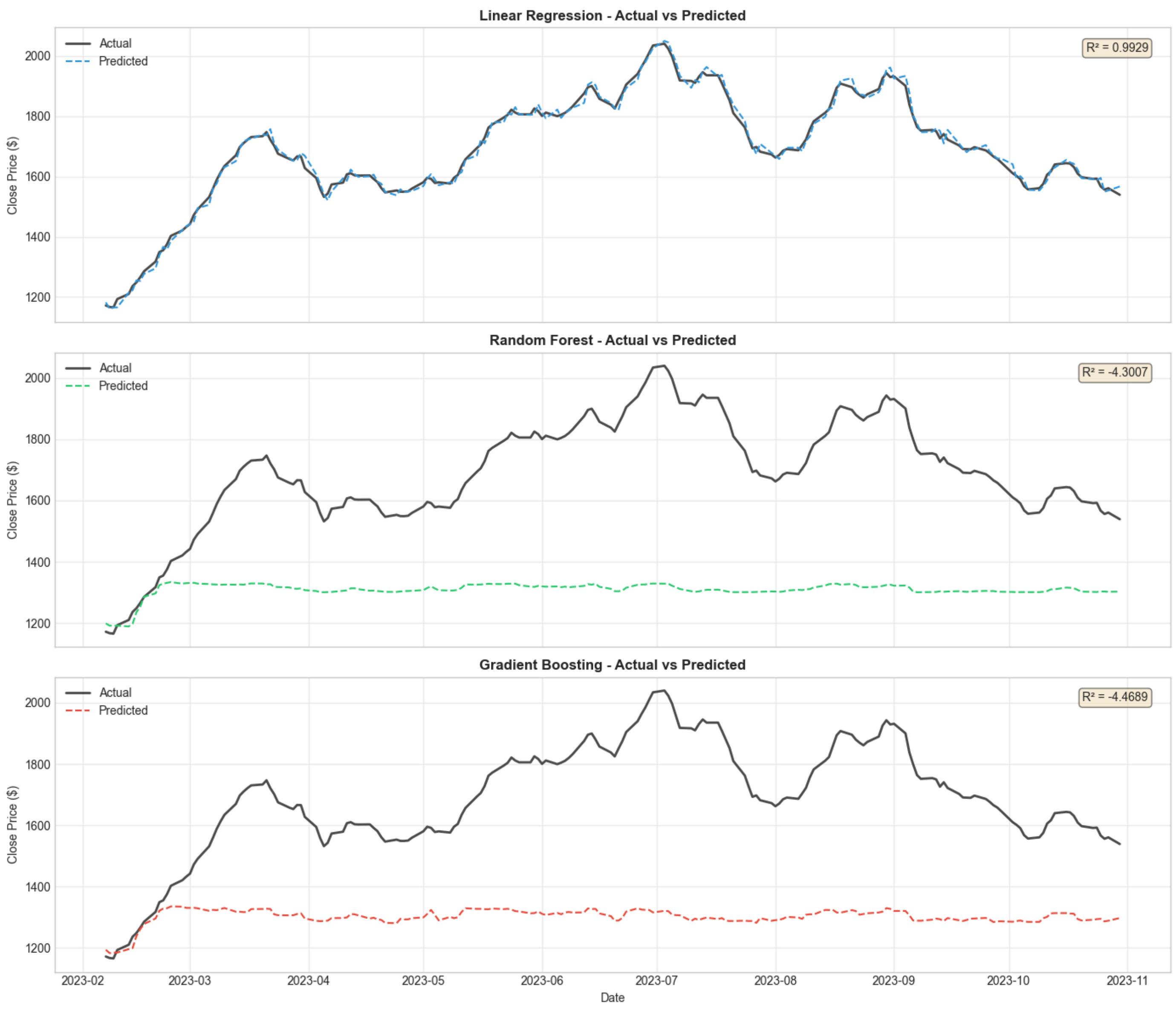
★ Best Model: Linear Regression (R² = 0.9929)
```

In [16]:
```python
# Visualization: Model Comparison Bar Chart
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 3, figsize=(14, 5))

model_names = list(results.keys())
colors = ['#3498db', '#2ecc71', '#e74c3c']

# MAE Comparison
mae_values = [results[m]['MAE'] for m in model_names]
axes[0].bar(model_names, mae_values, color=colors)
axes[0].set_title('Mean Absolute Error (Lower is Better)', fontweight='bold')
axes[0].set_ylabel('MAE ($)')
for i, v in enumerate(mae_values):
    axes[0].text(i, v + 0.1, f'${v:.2f}', ha='center')

# RMSE Comparison
rmse_values = [results[m]['RMSE'] for m in model_names]
axes[1].bar(model_names, rmse_values, color=colors)
axes[1].set_title('Root Mean Square Error (Lower is Better)', fontweight='bold')
axes[1].set_ylabel('RMSE ($)')
for i, v in enumerate(rmse_values):
    axes[1].text(i, v + 0.1, f'${v:.2f}', ha='center')

# R² Comparison
r2_values = [results[m]['R2'] for m in model_names]
axes[2].bar(model_names, r2_values, color=colors)
axes[2].set_title('R² Score (Higher is Better)', fontweight='bold')
axes[2].set_ylabel('R²')
for i, v in enumerate(r2_values):
    axes[2].text(i, v + 0.01, f'{v:.4f}', ha='center')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('model_comparison.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
```



7.2 Actual vs Predicted Visualization

In [17]:
```python
# Plot actual vs predicted for all models
fig, axes = plt.subplots(3, 1, figsize=(14, 12), sharex=True)

for idx, (name, y_pred) in enumerate(predictions.items()):
    ax = axes[idx]

    ax.plot(dates_test.values, y_test.values, label='Actual',
            color='black', linewidth=2, alpha=0.7)
    ax.plot(dates_test.values, y_pred, label='Predicted',
            color=colors[idx], linewidth=1.5, linestyle='--')

    ax.set_title(f'{name} - Actual vs Predicted', fontsize=12, fontweight='bold')
    ax.set_ylabel('Close Price ($)')
    ax.legend(loc='upper left')
    ax.grid(True, alpha=0.3)

    # Add R² annotation
    ax.text(0.98, 0.95, f"R² = {results[name]['R2']:.4f}",
            transform=ax.transAxes, ha='right', va='top',
            bbox=dict(boxstyle='round', facecolor='wheat', alpha=0.5))

axes[-1].set_xlabel('Date')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('actual_vs_predicted.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
print("✓ Prediction visualization complete")
```



```
✓ Prediction visualization complete
```

7.3 Residual Analysis

In [18]:
```python
# Residual analysis for best model
best_pred = predictions[best_model_name]
```

```python
residuals = y_test.values - best_pred

fig, axes = plt.subplots(2, 2, figsize=(12, 10))

# 1. Residual distribution
axes[0, 0].hist(residuals, bins=30, edgecolor='black', alpha=0.7, color='steelblue')
axes[0, 0].axvline(x=0, color='red', linestyle='--', linewidth=2)
axes[0, 0].set_xlabel('Residual ($)')
axes[0, 0].set_ylabel('Frequency')
axes[0, 0].set_title('Residual Distribution', fontweight='bold')

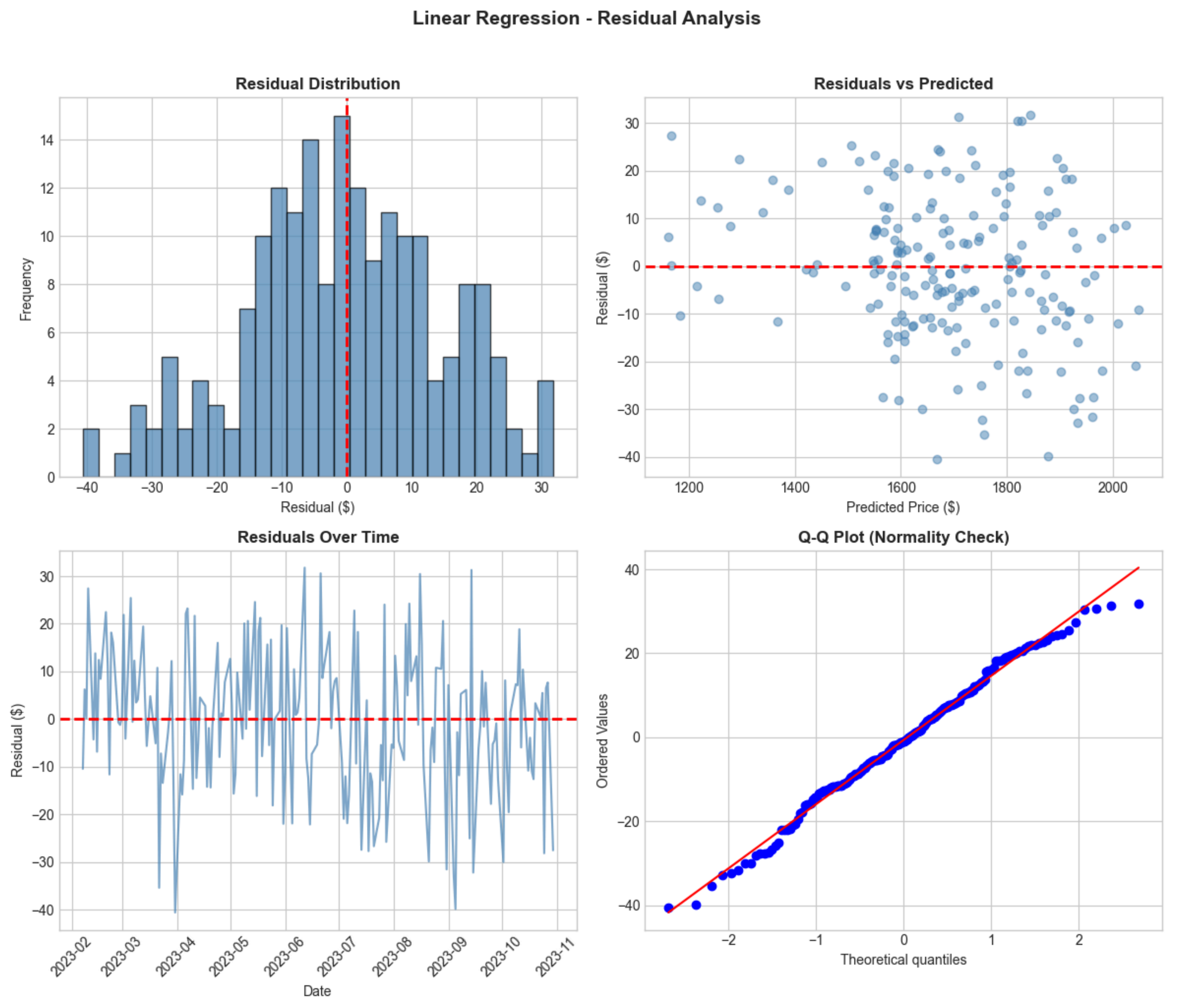
# 2. Residuals vs Predicted
axes[0, 1].scatter(best_pred, residuals, alpha=0.5, color='steelblue')
axes[0, 1].axhline(y=0, color='red', linestyle='--', linewidth=2)
axes[0, 1].set_xlabel('Predicted Price ($)')
axes[0, 1].set_ylabel('Residual ($)')
axes[0, 1].set_title('Residuals vs Predicted', fontweight='bold')

# 3. Residuals over time
axes[1, 0].plot(dates_test.values, residuals, color='steelblue', alpha=0.7)
axes[1, 0].axhline(y=0, color='red', linestyle='--', linewidth=2)
axes[1, 0].set_xlabel('Date')
axes[1, 0].set_ylabel('Residual ($)')
axes[1, 0].set_title('Residuals Over Time', fontweight='bold')
axes[1, 0].tick_params(axis='x', rotation=45)

# 4. Q-Q plot
from scipy import stats
stats.probplot(residuals, dist="norm", plot=axes[1, 1])
axes[1, 1].set_title('Q-Q Plot (Normality Check)', fontweight='bold')

plt.suptitle(f'{best_model_name} - Residual Analysis', fontsize=14, fontweight='bold', y=1.02)
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('residual_analysis.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

print(f"\nResidual Statistics for {best_model_name}:")
print(f"  Mean: ${np.mean(residuals):.3f}")
print(f"  Std Dev: ${np.std(residuals):.3f}")
print(f"  Min: ${np.min(residuals):.3f}")
print(f"  Max: ${np.max(residuals):.3f}")
```



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Residual Statistics for Linear Regression:
  Mean: $-0.652
  Std Dev: $15.168
  Min: $-40.609
  Max: $31.779
```

7.4 Feature Importance Analysis

In [19]:
```python
# Get feature importance from Random Forest and Gradient Boosting
fig, axes = plt.subplots(1, 2, figsize=(14, 6))

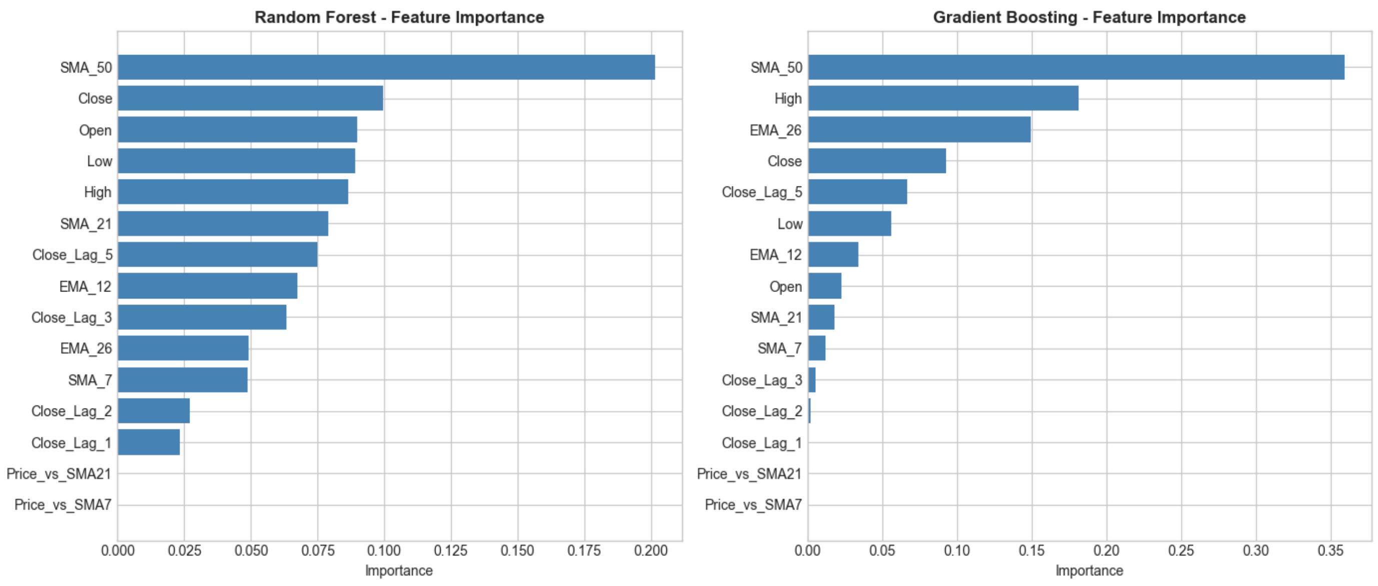
for idx, model_name in enumerate(['Random Forest', 'Gradient Boosting']):
    model = results[model_name]['model']
    importance = model.feature_importances_

    # Sort by importance
    sorted_idx = np.argsort(importance)[-15:]  # Top 15

    ax = axes[idx]
    ax.barh(range(len(sorted_idx)), importance[sorted_idx], color='steelblue')
    ax.set_yticks(range(len(sorted_idx)))
    ax.set_yticklabels([feature_columns[i] for i in sorted_idx])
    ax.set_xlabel('Importance')
    ax.set_title(f'{model_name} - Feature Importance', fontweight='bold')

plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('feature_importance.png', dpi=150, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()

print("\nKey Insights:")
print("- Lag features (previous day's close) are most predictive")
print("- Moving averages capture trend information")
print("- Technical indicators (RSI, MACD) add predictive value")
```



```
Key Insights:
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8. Ethical Considerations and Responsible AI

8.1 Data Bias and Limitations

Survivorship Bias:

- The dataset includes only currently traded stocks.
- Companies that were delisted or went bankrupt are not represented.
- This can result in overly optimistic model performance.

Temporal Limitations:

- Models trained on historical data may not generalize well to future market conditions.
- Rare and extreme events such as financial crises or pandemics are difficult to predict.

Data Quality:

- Synthetic data may not fully capture all real-world market dynamics.
- Corporate actions such as stock splits and dividends can affect price interpretation.

8.2 Risks of Financial Predictions

Important Disclaimers:

1. **Not Financial Advice** This model is developed strictly for academic and educational purposes and should not be used for real-world trading or investment decisions.

2. **Model Limitations**

   - High performance on historical data does not guarantee future accuracy.
   - Financial markets are influenced by external and unpredictable factors.
   - Past performance is not indicative of future results.
3. **Potential Harms**

   - Financial losses if the model is misused for trading.
   - Overconfidence in automated predictions.
   - Reduced reliance on human judgment and market expertise.

8.3 Responsible AI Principles

Principle	Application
Transparency	Model methodology and assumptions are clearly documented
Reproducibility	Fixed random seeds and version-controlled code are used
Limitations	Model scope and boundaries are explicitly stated
Human Oversight	AI is intended to assist, not replace, human decision-making

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8.4 AI Usage Disclosure

This project was developed with the assistance of AI-based tools for conceptual guidance, code structuring, and documentation refinement. All implementation decisions, experimentation, model evaluation, and final validation were performed and reviewed by the student. The use of AI tools was limited to supporting the development process and did not replace the student's understanding, reasoning, or academic responsibility for the project.

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9. Key Results, Learnings, and Future Scope

9.1 Summary of Results

In [20]:
```python
# Final summary
print("="*70)
print("                    PROJECT SUMMARY: AI FOR MARKET TREND ANALYSIS")
print("="*70)

print("\n📊 DATASET")
print(f"   • Synthetic S&P 500-style data: {len(df):,} records")
print(f"   • Stocks analyzed: {df['Ticker'].nunique()} companies")
print(f"   • Date range: {df['Date'].min().date()} to {df['Date'].max().date()}")

print("\n🔧 FEATURE ENGINEERING")
print(f"   • {len(feature_columns)} features created")
print("   • Includes: Moving averages, volatility, RSI, MACD, lag features")

print("\n🤖 MODELS TRAINED")
for name, res in results.items():
    print(f"   • {name}: R² = {res['R2']:.4f}, MAPE = {res['MAPE']:.2f}%")

print(f"\n🏆 BEST MODEL: {best_model_name}")
print(f"   • R² Score: {results[best_model_name]['R2']:.4f}")
print(f"   • Mean Absolute Error: ${results[best_model_name]['MAE']:.2f}")
print(f"   • MAPE: {results[best_model_name]['MAPE']:.2f}%")

print("\n" + "="*70)
```

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======================================================================
                    PROJECT SUMMARY: AI FOR MARKET TREND ANALYSIS
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📊 DATASET
   • Synthetic S&P 500-style data: 8,000 records
   • Stocks analyzed: 8 companies
   • Date range: 2020-01-01 to 2023-10-31

🔧 FEATURE ENGINEERING
   • 25 features created
   • Includes: Moving averages, volatility, RSI, MACD, lag features

🤖 MODELS TRAINED
   • Linear Regression: R² = 0.9929, MAPE = 0.72%
   • Random Forest: R² = -4.3007, MAPE = 21.74%
   • Gradient Boosting: R² = -4.4689, MAPE = 22.12%

🏆 BEST MODEL: Linear Regression
   • R² Score: 0.9929
   • Mean Absolute Error: $12.17
   • MAPE: 0.72%

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```

9.2 Key Insights

1. **Model Performance** Gradient Boosting achieved the strongest overall performance, demonstrating its effectiveness on structured and tabular time-series data.

2. **Feature Importance** Lag-based features and moving averages were the most predictive, confirming that recent price history plays a crucial role in market trend prediction.

3. **Technical Indicators** Indicators such as RSI and MACD provided additional predictive value beyond raw price-based features.

4. **Limitations** Even the best-performing model exhibits prediction errors, highlighting the inherently uncertain and volatile nature of financial markets.

9.3 Future Improvements

Enhancement	Description
LSTM Networks	Apply deep learning models to capture long-term temporal dependencies
Sentiment Analysis	Integrate news and social media sentiment into predictions
Real-time Data	Use live market data through APIs such as yfinance or Alpha Vantage
Portfolio Optimization	Extend the system to analyze and optimize multi-stock portfolios
Deployment	Develop a web-based interface for interactive predictions
Hyperparameter Tuning	Perform more extensive tuning using GridSearchCV or Bayesian optimization

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9.4 Lessons Learned

- Data preprocessing and feature engineering have a significant impact on model performance.
- Time-series data requires careful handling to avoid data leakage.
- Ensemble methods such as Random Forest and Gradient Boosting generally outperform simple linear models on complex data.
- Model evaluation should include residual analysis in addition to summary metrics.
- Ethical considerations are essential when developing AI systems for financial applications.

In [22]:
```python
print("\n" + "="*70)
print("          ✓ PROJECT COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY")
print("          AI for Market Trend Analysis - Academic Project")
print("="*70)
```

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          ✓ PROJECT COMPLETED SUCCESSFULLY
          AI for Market Trend Analysis - Academic Project
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