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S&P 500 closes in correction; Nvidia falls 13.83%

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THE AI SELL-OFF WIDENS: THE S&P 500 CLOSES IN CORRECTION AS CHIP STOCKS FALL ABOUT 10%

The S&P 500 fell 3.70% for a seventh straight loss and the Nasdaq 100 fell 5.61%. Nvidia, AMD, Micron and Arm each fell more than 13% in their last regular-session trades. Anthropic closed its IPO with about $119.5 billion in combined gross proceeds, and its shares fell 8.98% on their first full day, still above the $83 offer price.

QQQ · 11.20	SOXX (SEMIS)	ARM	AI ROUNDS ≥$100M
610.04	**123.31**	**152.40**	**$26.0B**
DAY -5.43%	DAY -10.61%	DAY -13.98%	WINDOW · 1 ROUND
NASDAQ 100 PROXY	SMH -10.66%	BIGGEST AI MOVER	TALLY NOT RE-RUN

Every index, chip stock and hyperscaler, and the 10-year, print in 01 Markets & outlook. The drivers are weighed in 04S.

VERIFICATION AT A GLANCE

CLAIM CHECK	CALENDAR DATES	SOURCE WATCH	OPEN CALLS	CORRECTIONS
6	**10/12**	**0/30**	**8**	**3**
2 match · 1 partial · 3 open	confirmed at the source	not re-run tonight · carried	no change tonight	log total; none new tonight

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03	**China chip sales come under new scrutiny.** A House committee released license data on about 879,000 AI chips approved for China. A short seller, Hunterbrook, published claims about AMD's firmware; AMD says the claims misrepresent its business.	These are claims and disclosures, not findings. No regulator has acted against AMD or Nvidia on them.	MUST READ · GOV · PRESS	08
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HOW TO READ THIS BRIEF

MUST READ understand tonight. KNOW IT secondary. SCAN awareness only. VERIFIED means a primary source was checked, CLAIM means a company or press statement, ANALYSIS means our interpretation, FORECAST means our odds, and SPECULATION means plausible but unverified. The red boxes are the red team: the strongest case against the implication just drawn.

Source badges show what each item rests on: REG a registry or filing GOV agency or government PEER peer-reviewed journal PRE preprint DATA independent benchmark, market data or curated database CO company release, model card or pricing page PRESS journalism.

Claim Check verdicts compare a headline with its primary document: MATCH PARTIAL MISMATCH OPEN (no primary document found yet). A verdict says what differs, never why.

Sandbox cards say where their evidence comes from: DOCUMENTED TEST VENDOR DEMO PROPOSED MIND CLUB FIELD TEST. Provenance, not a quality grade.

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NASDAQ 100 DOWN 5.61%, CHIPS DOWN ABOUT 10%, THE VIX AT 35.89

The S&P 500 and the Dow closed in correction, more than 10% below their 10.06 record closes, per Reuters and CNBC. The S&P 500's seventh straight loss is its longest losing streak since February 2020, per Reuters and CBS. The Nasdaq Composite turned negative for 2026, per Reuters, CNBC and AP.

NAME	LAST	DAY	WEEK	NOTE
S&P 500	6,910.39	-3.70%	-8.61%	Close; 11.62% below the 10.06 record close
Nasdaq 100	25,028.98	-5.61%	-10.43%	Close; 19.84% below the 10.06 record close
Nasdaq Composite	22,617.73	-5.28%	-10.02%	As reported by Investing.com; not confirmed by us
Dow	48,147.42	-1.93%	-8.02%	As reported by Investing.com; not confirmed by us
VIX	35.89	+26.20%	+85.96%	Close, Robinhood index feed
QQQ	610.04	-5.43%	-10.27%	Nasdaq 100 proxy
SMH	399.77	-10.66%	-17.87%	Semis ETF
SOXX	123.31	-10.61%	-17.41%	Semis ETF
XLK	149.10	-7.21%	-12.44%	Tech sector ETF
ARM	152.40	-13.98%	-20.01%	Chip designs; biggest AI mover
MU	594.23	-13.93%	-23.65%	Memory
NVDA	125.79	-13.83%	-22.76%	47.42% below its 10.06 record close of $239.24
AMD	424.21	-13.28%	-20.57%	Second day after a short report (04, item 03)
AVGO	304.17	-12.25%	-12.35%	Custom chips; reports 12.09
CRWV	39.50	-12.05%	-25.65%	Neocloud
TSM	319.33	-9.30%	-19.91%	Foundry (ADR)
ANT	88.445	-8.98%	n/a	First full day; 6.56% above the $83 offer price
ORCL	101.16	-8.51%	-19.30%	Cloud and borrower
INTC	51.37	-7.81%	-13.90%	Chips
PLTR	143.68	-6.51%	-14.47%	AI software
META	561.53	-5.82%	-12.49%	Hyperscaler
AMZN	247.14	-3.97%	-7.32%	Hyperscaler
MSFT	485.15	-2.64%	-7.39%	Hyperscaler
GOOGL	265.68	-2.56%	-10.17%	Hyperscaler
AAPL	342.75	-1.85%	-3.79%	Devices

S&P 500 and Nasdaq 100 levels and the VIX close are from Robinhood's index feed. Stock and ETF prices are last regular-session trades from Robinhood market data, timestamped 3:59:59 PM ET, not official closing prints. Week is against the 11.13 close. Record closes and distances

are our arithmetic from Robinhood daily bars. We could not get a final close for the Russell 2000 or the PHLX Semiconductor index before print. Investing.com put the S&P 500 down 3.50%; we use the index feed, pending the official close. CLAIM

The 10-year. AP reported the 10-year Treasury yield fell to 4.91% late in the session, from 5.04% late Thursday; we did not get a Treasury print. CLAIM

What moved it. AP and Reuters cited doubts about returns on AI spending, slower data center expansion, higher borrowing costs, Nvidia's leadership change, Anthropic's slide and tighter chip export policy. We weigh each in 04S and settle none. CLAIM

RED TEAM

Friday was monthly options expiry, which can exaggerate moves in either direction. One day's close says little about the next week, and several index figures here are reported, not confirmed by us.

Robinhood market data, 11.20 DATA; Reuters, CNBC, AP and CBS market reports, 11.20 PRESS; Investing.com via Bloomingbit, 11.20 PRESS.

02 / CAPITAL SCORECARD

WINDOW · ROUNDS ≥$100M AND M&A

ONE ROUND COUNTED: ANTHROPIC'S $26.0 BILLION PLACEMENT CLOSES

We count one financing of $100 million or more in the window, confirmed by the company's own release. The year-to-date tally and heat map were not re-run tonight.

DEAL	$M	CHANNEL	DETAIL	STATUS
Anthropic	26,000	Strategic	Concurrent private placement of 313,253,007 Class N shares at $83.00, about $26.0B, to AMD, Broadcom, Google, Micron, Microsoft, Nvidia and TSMC Partners, closed with the IPO	CO Verified

Not counted, and why. DeepSeek's round of about 100 billion yuan, about $15 billion, completed in the business registry on 11.17, per Caixin; the report landed about four hours before our window. CLAIM MegaRobo, a Chinese AI biotech, raised about $200 million in a round backed by Oman's investment authority, per a Bloomberg headline we could not open. CLAIM Linq raised $90 million, below our line. Nvidia is reported by The Information to be near a deal for Inception, at a price TheFly put at at least $500 million; neither company has announced one. CLAIM

Anthropic, IPO closing release, 11.20 CO; Caixin, 11.20 PRESS; Bloomberg headline, 11.19 PRESS; Linq release, 11.19 CO; The Neuron on The Information's report, 11.20 PRESS.

03 / OUTLOOK

30 / 60 / 90 DAYS · ANALYSIS, NOT ADVICE

OUTLOOK: EXPIRY CLEARS, THEN EARNINGS AND THE FED

30 days. Monthly options expired Friday. Dell reports 11.24, Marvell 12.01, Salesforce 12.02, and the Fed meets 12.08 to 12.09, with Broadcom reporting 12.09. Huang is reported to have agreed to interviews with House committees on 12.01. Our scenario odds are unchanged. ANALYSIS

60 days. Comments on Commerce's remote-access rule are due 01.19.2027. The new Congress convenes in January; we found no federal data center moratorium bill. ANALYSIS

90 days. The big cloud buyers report December-quarter results and 2027 spending plans in late January. That is the first hard test of whether this sell-off reflects spending that is slowing. SPECULATION

> RED TEAM
> Markets can keep falling or recover long before any of these dates, and spending guidance can change between earnings reports.

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FIVE THINGS TO KNOW

01 The S&P 500 closes in correction as chip stocks fall about 10% MUST READ

What happened. The S&P 500 fell 3.70% to 6,910.39 and the Nasdaq 100 fell 5.61% to 25,028.98, per Robinhood's index feed; Investing.com put the S&P 500's fall at 3.50%. CLAIM The S&P 500 is 11.62% below its 10.06 record close, by our arithmetic. Reuters and CNBC reported that the S&P 500 and the Dow closed in correction, and Reuters and CBS that the S&P 500's seventh straight loss is its longest losing streak since February 2020. CLAIM The two big semiconductor ETFs fell 10.61% and 10.66%, and Nvidia, AMD, Micron and Arm each fell more than 13% in their last regular-session trades. VERIFIED

Why it matters. The selling was deepest in the companies that sell into AI data centers, while the hyperscalers that buy from them fell less, 2.56% to 5.82%. That pattern fits a market questioning the pace of AI spending more than the buyers' businesses. ANALYSIS

What's possible. Friday's options expiry may have added to the move; the week of 11.23 should show whether the selling continues without it. SPECULATION

> RED TEAM
> A sharp fall can reflect positioning and forced selling more than news. The hyperscalers' smaller falls may say as much about their size as about the market's view of their spending.

Robinhood market data, 11.20 DATA; Reuters, CNBC and CBS, 11.20 PRESS.

02 Anthropic closes its IPO at about $119.5 billion combined; the stock falls 8.98% MUST READ

What happened. Anthropic announced the closing of its IPO: 1,127,000,000 Class A shares at $83.00, including the underwriters' full option for 147,000,000 more, for gross proceeds of about $93.5 billion, about $91.6 billion of it to Anthropic. The concurrent private placement raised about $26.0 billion, for about $119.5 billion combined. VERIFIED On its first full day of trading, ANT's last regular-session trade was $88.445, down 8.98% from Thursday's $97.17 close and 6.56% above the offer price. VERIFIED It traded as low as $83.10 during the day, per TradingKey. CLAIM

Why it matters. The placement buyers are suppliers and partners: AMD, Broadcom, Google, Micron, Microsoft, Nvidia and TSMC Partners. Day two gave back about 60% of the first-day gain on a day the whole AI group fell. ANALYSIS

> RED TEAM
> Two days of trading set no pattern. This brief is produced with Anthropic's Claude models; Anthropic appears here as one of several companies, and Mind Club takes no position on its shares.

Anthropic, IPO closing release, 11.20 CO; Robinhood market data, 11.20 DATA; TradingKey, 11.20 PRESS.

03 A House committee releases China chip license data; a short seller targets AMD MUST READ

What happened. House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Brian Mast released Commerce license information showing requests to sell 3.4 million AI chips to China, of which more than 879,000 were approved, per the committee. VERIFIED The release says Nvidia's requests involved "possible chip-smuggling fronts." CLAIM Separately, Hunterbrook Media published a report claiming that firmware from IEIT Systems, a unit of a company on the Commerce Entity List, contains versions of AMD's startup firmware; Hunterbrook Capital disclosed a short position in AMD, and, per investingLive, the report says it cannot establish how IEIT obtained the code, whether a license existed or that any export violation occurred. CLAIM AMD said the claims "misrepresent AMD's business practices and relationships" and that it "complies with applicable US export control laws and regulations and maintains rigorous processes to ensure compliance across our global operations," per Forbes and investingLive. CLAIM

Why it matters. Both items raise the question of how much China exposure chipmakers carry under tighter rules, the week a Commerce rule on remote access took effect. Neither is a regulator's finding. ANALYSIS

> RED TEAM
> A short seller profits if the stock falls, and its own report limits what it can show. A committee release states the committee's reading of the licenses, not a ruling.

House Foreign Affairs Committee release, 11.19 GOV; Forbes and investingLive on the Hunterbrook report, 11.19 to 11.20 PRESS.

04 Apple is reportedly building its own Mac agent and tightening access for rivals KNOW IT

What happened. Bloomberg reports that Apple is developing an agent that can use apps, browse the web, run commands and write code, that the work "remains in the early stages," and that macOS 27.3 would warn users against giving third-party agents full computer access, per TechCrunch. CLAIM A day earlier, Google gave its Gemini Mac app the ability to operate native apps and files for paid U.S. subscribers, per TechCrunch. CLAIM Separately, Reuters reported that Meta's Muse agent surfaced other employees' messages in internal testing; Meta said employees use different versions of Muse than the public. CLAIM

Why it matters. The operating system owner may decide how much access outside agents get. Testing reports like Meta's, if accurate, suggest why. ANALYSIS

> RED TEAM
> Apple did not comment, and early projects change or stop. We did not open Bloomberg's or Reuters' reports.

TechCrunch on Bloomberg, 11.19 PRESS; TechCrunch on Gemini for Mac, 11.19 PRESS; TechCrunch on Reuters, 11.19 PRESS.

05 Bright spot: OpenAI estimates its agents now finish about 46% of two-to-four-hour research tasks unaided KNOW IT

What happened. OpenAI estimates that the share of two-to-four-hour AI research tasks its agents complete without human help rose from 23% in March to 46% in October, and from 13% to 35% for four-to-eight-hour tasks. It calls the results “jagged”: 79% for monitoring training runs, 25% for inference and serving code. CLAIM

Why it matters. Longer tasks done without a person stepping in is one measure that matters for practical work, and OpenAI publishes where its agents still fail. ANALYSIS

> RED TEAM
> These are OpenAI’s internal estimates on its own tasks. OpenAI says changes in what researchers choose to delegate may account for part of the gain, and its survey data are self-reported.

OpenAI, research acceleration report, 11.19 CO.

SEVEN POSSIBLE DRIVERS, TESTED

Two weeks after our first look at the AI sell-off (Edition 039, 11.05), the selling has spread from chips into the broad market. We test seven drivers that investors and commentators have named against the evidence in the window. None is settled, and we do not split the move among them.

Sources: index and stock data, Federal Reserve and BLS releases, company releases and filings, a congressional release; "as reported" marks press accounts. Our Nvidia risk table ran in Edition 042 (11.09). Mind Club takes no position on any company, security or party. This brief is produced with Anthropic's Claude models; Anthropic appears here as one of several companies.

THE SHORT VERSION

The evidence shows a market selling AI hardware hardest, with several pressures at once and no single cause. Chip stocks fell about 10% on Friday and the S&P 500 closed in correction. Of the seven drivers we tested, all have some evidence behind them, none is shown to be a cause, and three of them, Nvidia, China rules and market mechanics, gained new evidence in the window. The facts that would settle most of them arrive between 11.23 and late January. ANALYSIS

What happened

The S&P 500 fell 3.70% to 6,910.39 and the Nasdaq 100 fell 5.61% to 25,028.98 on Friday; for the week they fell 8.61% and 10.43%, per Robinhood's index feed; Investing.com put the S&P 500's daily fall at 3.50%. CLAIM The VIX closed at 35.89, from 19.30 a week earlier. VERIFIED Nvidia's last regular-session trade, $125.79, is 47.42% below its 10.06 record close of $239.24, by our arithmetic from Robinhood daily bars. VERIFIED Reuters and CNBC reported the S&P 500 and the Dow closed in correction, and CNBC, at the time of its report, that Taiwan's main index was on course for its steepest weekly drop since October 1997, citing LSEG data; we did not see the final weekly figure. CLAIM

The seven drivers

How to read the arrows. Each arrow shows which way the evidence for that driver moved in the window, 11.19 to 11.20. ↑ more evidence · → no clear change · ↓ less evidence. Shown means a primary document or named data directly supports it; Suggestive means named analysts or credible reports link it, without showing cause; Not verified means we found no usable evidence. These ratings are our judgment ANALYSIS . None of this is a view on any security.

DRIVER	IN THE WINDOW	EVIDENCE (SOURCE, DATE)	RATING	WHAT WOULD SETTLE IT
1. Washington after the midterm results	→	Quilter's Kit Rees said AI could "feel the heat" from tougher scrutiny, "especially around data centers" (Morningstar, 11.04) CLAIM . UBS analysts said more congressional oversight will "not necessarily derail the AI investment cycle" (Morningstar, undated) CLAIM . In the window, Sen. Hickenlooper's letter asked leadership candidates for "a day-one plan for responsible regulation" and a Select Committee on AI; the letter does not call for a data center moratorium (Senate release, 11.19) VERIFIED ; Sen. Van Hollen spoke of AI risks and electric bills (Time, 11.19) CLAIM ; Texas Governor-elect Gina Hinojosa reportedly called for a moratorium on new data center permits (KCBD, 11.19; one local report, not confirmed by us) CLAIM . We found no federal moratorium bill.	Suggestive	Bills filed when the new Congress convenes in January; any Texas action after the inauguration

DRIVER	IN THE WINDOW	EVIDENCE (SOURCE, DATE)	RATING	WHAT WOULD SETTLE IT
2. Nvidia's business after Huang	↑	Nvidia's 8-K records Huang's resignation on 11.11, with Colette Kress as interim CEO; its Q4 outlook assumes no data center compute revenue from China (Nvidia filings, 11.11 and 11.17) VERIFIED . In the window, the House committee release on China licenses named Nvidia (11.19) VERIFIED , and Forbes reported a California attorney general subpoena over whether restricted chips or confidential information reached China and House committee interviews on 12.01 CLAIM . Against: Nvidia guided to $130.0 billion for the quarter VERIFIED .	Suggestive (business facts shown)	The 12.01 House interviews; a permanent CEO; the next quarter against the $130.0 billion guide
3. China rules across chips and memory	↑	Commerce's remote-access rule took effect on publication, 11.19; comments are due 01.19.2027, per Greenberg Traurig's summary of the Federal Register notice; we did not open the notice CLAIM . The AMD report from Hunterbrook, whose affiliate Hunterbrook Capital disclosed a short position in AMD, and AMD's response that the claims misrepresent its business (04, item 03) CLAIM . Micron fell 13.93% on Friday; the reports we read gave no China-specific reason for memory (Motley Fool, Beinsure, 11.20) CLAIM .	Suggestive	Commerce license decisions under the rule; any agency response to the Hunterbrook claims
4. Market mechanics that fed more selling	↑	Friday was monthly options expiry VERIFIED . SpotGamma said on 11.08 that dealer positioning tied to the 11.20 expiry could widen swings "in either direction" CLAIM . Goldman Sachs prime brokerage data showed hedge fund gross leverage falling 9 points to 208%, the largest weekly drop since March 2020, as reported by Bloomberg and relayed by Beinsure (11.18); we did not open Bloomberg CLAIM .	Suggestive	Trading in the week of 11.23, after expiry; the next prime brokerage notes
5. Anthropic's IPO drawing money from other tech	→	The deal raised about $119.5 billion combined (Anthropic, 11.20) VERIFIED . IG's Chris Beauchamp said it could be "draining market liquidity" (The Next Web, 11.20), and Zacks's Andrew Rocco said investors sold holdings to buy ANT (Yahoo, 11.19) CLAIM . Against: we found no fund-flow data showing it, and ANT itself fell 8.98% on Friday.	Suggestive	Weekly fund-flow data for the week to 11.20; prime brokerage notes on the IPO week
6. Fund losses cutting buying power	→	Goldman estimated tech-focused long-short funds fell more than 4% on 11.05, leaving them roughly flat for the year, and JPMorgan estimated hedge funds lost 3% in October, per Reuters (11.06) CLAIM . We found no new performance data in the window. Losses may have reduced buying; the data do not show it for this week.	Suggestive	November hedge fund performance reports in early December; redemption notices
7. Sticky inflation and a hawkish Fed	→	October CPI rose 0.4%, core 0.3% (BLS, 11.10) VERIFIED . Governor Cook said on 11.20 that "waiting longer to implement rate increases risks getting behind the curve," per CNBC via StockTitan CLAIM . Reuters cited CME FedWatch at 95.5% for a December hike on 11.20, down from 98.4% earlier in the day CLAIM . Against: the 10-year yield fell on Friday, per AP.	Suggestive	October PCE next week; the FOMC decision on 12.09

What the record says

Frank Cappelleri told CNBC that the Nasdaq was higher 12 months after the election in all but one of 13 midterm cycles since 1974, adding: "The caveat is that the path can be a volatile one." CLAIM We did not check this count against index data; 13 cycles is a small sample, and the count says nothing about how deep the falls were along the way. The S&P

500's seven-day losing streak is its longest since February 2020, per Reuters and CBS; we did not open the full Reuters story. CLAIM We found no sourced base rate for what follows a correction or a seven-day losing streak, so we give none. A base rate across past cycles does not tell us how this one ends. ANALYSIS

The Fed, in its own words

Governor Waller said in a CNBC interview on 11.18 that he is very concerned inflation is moving the wrong way, as paraphrased in a translated Seoul Economic Daily report; we did not see the interview. CLAIM Governor Cook spoke in Santiago on 11.20 (quoted above). Market pricing cited by Reuters on 11.20 put the chance of a December hike at 95.5%, down from 98.4% earlier in the day, per CME FedWatch. CLAIM We make no rate forecast.

RED TEAM

Thesis: the sell-off reflects real deterioration in AI economics. CNBC reported that markets question whether AI infrastructure spending will earn enough. Nvidia's outlook excludes China data center revenue and guides gross margin to 71.0% to 72.0%. New export rules are in force. This case weakens if the big cloud buyers raise or hold 2027 spending plans in late January.

BLUE TEAM

Thesis: the buildout may continue on the orders and budgets already set. Nvidia guided to $130.0 billion in revenue for the quarter, with data center revenue up 110% last quarter, per its Q3 FY2027 release. Amazon guided 2026 capital spending to about $220 billion and Alphabet to $195 billion to $205 billion, per company releases as compiled by FourWeekMBA. Google and Constellation signed a 20-year nuclear power agreement on 10.06. This case weakens if a big buyer cuts or defers spending, Nvidia misses its guide, or data center projects are cancelled over policy or power.

WHAT TO WATCH

Trading after expiry, week of 11.23. Dell, 11.24. October PCE, next week. Nvidia's House interviews, as reported, 12.01. Marvell, 12.01. FOMC, 12.08 to 12.09, and Broadcom, 12.09. Comments on the Commerce rule, 01.19.2027. Cloud buyers' results and 2027 plans, late January. ANALYSIS

Robinhood market data DATA; Nvidia 8-K and Q3 FY2027 release, SEC EDGAR REG; Anthropic closing release CO; House Foreign Affairs Committee and Sen. Hickenlooper releases; BLS CPI release GOV; Greenberg Traurig on the Commerce rule PRESS; Reuters, CNBC, AP, CBS, Forbes, Morningstar, Time, KCBD, The Next Web, Yahoo, Beinsure, SpotGamma, StockTitan, Seoul Economic Daily, FourWeekMBA and ANS PRESS.

05 / FIVE TALKING POINTS — TONIGHT'S CONCLUSIONS

FIVE TALKING POINTS

01 **The suppliers fell hardest.** Chips fell about 10%; the cloud buyers fell 2.56% to 5.82%.

02 **Seven drivers, none settled.** Every one we tested has evidence; none is shown as the cause.

03 **Anthropic's deal is done.** About $119.5 billion combined, and the stock is still above $83.

04 **China exposure is the new question.** A committee release and a short report are claims, not findings.

05 **The operating system may decide.** BIOTECH & PHARMA If Apple limits outside agents, check which tools your teams rely on.

05B / CLAIM CHECK HEADLINE VS PRIMARY DOCUMENT

CLAIM CHECK

For each headline we opened the primary document where we could. Two match, one is partial and three are open.

CLAIM	WHAT THE PRIMARY DOCUMENT SAYS	WHAT THE HEADLINE SAYS	VERDICT
Anthropic's raise Closing release	Gross IPO proceeds about $93.5B; placement about $26.0B CO	Anthropic raises almost $120 billion	MATCH
Chip licenses Committee release	3.4 million chips requested; more than 879,000 approved GOV	Nearly 880,000 AI chips approved for China	MATCH
Commerce rule in force Federal Register	Effective on publication, 11.19, per a law firm summary; Federal Register page not opened PRESS	Remote-access chip rule takes effect	OPEN
Correction Index data	S&P 500 11.62% below its 10.06 record close; Dow close not confirmed by us DATA	S&P 500 and Dow close in correction	PARTIAL
AMD firmware No primary	No agency document; Hunterbrook says it cannot show a violation	Short seller ties AMD firmware to blacklisted firm	OPEN
Nvidia and Inception No filing	No announcement by either company	Nvidia nears deal for Inception	OPEN

06 / THE DECODER AI VOCABULARY, EXPLAINED SIMPLY · FRI 11.20

THE DECODER

Two terms from tonight's brief, each with a plain-English explanation and the drug-development idea it most resembles.

OPTIONS EXPIRATION

The day a month's stock options run out, usually the third Friday. Traders who hedged those options buy or sell shares as they unwind, which can make prices swing more than the news alone would.

BIOTECH BRIDGE A readout date: positions built around it get closed out, whatever the data say.

SEEN IN THE BRIEF Driver 4 in 04S.

GROSS LEVERAGE

How much a fund has bet in total, long and short added together, compared with its own money. A fund at 208% gross leverage has positions worth about twice its capital. When it falls fast, funds are selling and buying back at the same time.

BIOTECH BRIDGE A portfolio company running many programs on one raise: cutting programs fast frees cash but stops work.

SEEN IN THE BRIEF Goldman's prime brokerage data, driver 4 in 04S.

07 / TRACKING SUPER INTELLIGENCE (SI) WHO CALLS AI 'SI', AND HOW

THE A TO S ON INTELLIGENCE

Quiet day: no new adopter, reversal or notable usage verified in the window. Tally unchanged at 18 sources (11 mandated, 5 voluntary, 2 not determined). Bloomington, Indiana's mayor declined to sign a city ordinance banning "artificial superintelligence"; it does not describe today's AI that way, so we do not count it. We say AI.

08 / WHAT CAN YOU USE TODAY TWO AT MOST · 15 TO 30 MINUTES EACH

WHAT CAN YOU USE TODAY

Export your Mercury API data by 12.28. Inception says its Mercury API and dashboard stay available through 12.28.2026, after which requests stop and customers lose platform data, per The Neuron's summary of its notice. CLAIM **Guardrail:** check Inception's own notice, from its site or your account email, before you act; do not use export links from third-party summaries; and move any production calls to another provider through your normal change process.

Canva's generative AI off switch. Canva added a single setting to turn off its generative AI features, under Profile, Settings, Permission, per The Verge; some tools such as the background remover stay on. CLAIM **Guardrail:** if your team has a policy on generative tools, check the setting matches it.

The Neuron, 11.20 PRESS; The Verge, 11.19 PRESS.

09 / SANDBOX: AI IN PRACTICE TRY IT ON YOUR OWN WORK · BIOTECH & PHARMA FILTER

SANDBOX: AI IN PRACTICE

One small, safe test for the weekend. Evidence cards run on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

A List the agents that can touch your computer

TRY IT WITH	No new tool. Your computer's privacy and security settings
WHAT IT TESTS	Which AI tools on your machine have screen, file or full computer access, before vendors change the rules
SETUP	Open your system's privacy settings and list every app with screen recording, accessibility or full disk access. Mark which are AI agents and whether you still use them. Agents that run inside a terminal or code editor inherit that app's access, so check those apps too.
YOU'LL KNOW IT WORKED WHEN	You can say which agents can act on your machine and remove any you do not need
BIOTECH & PHARMA VERSION	Do it on a work machine with your IT team, against your company's approved tool list.
GUARDRAIL	Change nothing on a managed machine without your IT team. Do not grant new access to test an agent, and do not remove access from security or backup software.

10 / AI STACK WATCH REGISTER CHANGES ONLY

AI STACK WATCH

REGISTER	CHANGE	WHY
Computer-use agents	Gemini for Mac added to watch	Google says it operates native apps and files for paid U.S. subscribers, per TechCrunch

REGISTER	CHANGE	WHY
Developer APIs	Mercury API marked closing 12.28	Inception notice, per The Neuron

11 / FRONTIER AI & MODEL CAPABILITIES — MODELS, BENCHMARKS, RELEASES

FRONTIER AI: A WORLD MODEL REACHES DEVELOPERS

Genie 4 in the Gemini API. Google made its Genie 4 world model available to developers through the Gemini API and AI Studio. It generates continuous 720p worlds at 24 frames a second with audio, from text or an image, and Google says every output carries SynthID watermarking. CLAIM Availability is confirmed in Google's post, which gives no price.

Open-weight notes. Tencent released Hy4 Flash weights on 11.19, just before our window, with up to a 1 million token context, per TechNode. CLAIM We found no release in the window from DeepSeek, Qwen, Mistral or xAI, on one search.

Google blog, 11.19 CO; TechNode, 11.19 PRESS.

12 / AGENTS & AUTOMATION — AGENTS IN PRODUCTION

AGENTS: WHO GETS ACCESS TO THE COMPUTER

Apple's reported agent and its planned warnings for third-party agents, Google's Gemini for Mac and Meta's Muse testing report are in 04, item 04. CLAIM

> RED TEAM
> Agent reports in the window come mostly from companies and press, not independent tests.

TechCrunch, 11.19 PRESS.

13 / PEOPLE MOVING THE BOARD — LEADERS, HIRES, DEPARTURES

PEOPLE: NVIDIA'S SEARCH, STILL OPEN

Nvidia has named no permanent chief executive since Huang's resignation on 11.11; Colette Kress is interim CEO and remains CFO, per its 8-K. VERIFIED We found no new executive moves at the major labs or chipmakers in the window.

Nvidia 8-K, 11.11 REG.

14 / VC WATCH — FUNDS AND ROUNDS

VC WATCH: A QUIET WINDOW

We confirmed no new AI-focused venture fund in the window. Pragmatik Labs, founded by a former Qwen lead, raised tens of millions of dollars at a $5 billion valuation, per Bloomberg as reported by TechNode. CLAIM

TechNode, 11.20 PRESS.

INFRASTRUCTURE: CHIP FINANCING AND GRID COSTS

SpaceX chip bonds. A trust sold $32 billion of bonds on 11.19 to buy Nvidia chips it will lease to SpaceX, per the Financial Times as reported by Motley Fool; the largest piece priced at a yield of 8.259%. CLAIM

Senate permitting bill. Progress on a Senate permitting bill stalled on 11.19, partly over a proposed ban on data centers on federal land, per Inside Climate News. The bill would require FERC to set rules for data centers to pay for the grid upgrades they need. CLAIM

Memory prices. TrendForce forecasts conventional DRAM prices up 10% to 15% in the fourth quarter and 5% to 10% in the first quarter of 2027, per a translated report. CLAIM

Motley Fool, 11.20 PRESS; Inside Climate News, 11.19 PRESS; Seoul Economic Daily, 11.19 PRESS.

SCIENTIFIC AI: PREPRINTS ONLY TONIGHT

We found no peer-reviewed AI-for-science paper we could date to the window. A Duke preprint reports that a chatbot tuned for accuracy kept correct answers under pushback 82% of the time, against 60% for the default, though users rated it less pleasant. CLAIM

arXiv 2611.16722 PRE.

REALITY CHECK: NO NEW CLAIM TO CHECK

No new AI drug development claim in the window needed a registry check, and we found no AI-designed molecule entering or reading out a trial. The registry was not re-queried tonight.

POLICY: CONGRESS LOOKS AT CHIP LICENSES AND AI SAFETY

Chip licenses. The House Foreign Affairs Committee release is in 04, item 03. Rep. Gregory Meeks said the administration "has put our national security and technology edge at risk," per The Hill. CLAIM

A House AI caucus. Reps. George Whitesides, Don Beyer and Nathaniel Moran will chair a new caucus on AI safety and innovation, per Rep. Whitesides's office; press reports put it at two dozen or more members. CLAIM

Senate leadership letters. Sen. Hickenlooper asked leadership candidates for an AI plan and to "consider banning Recursive Self-Improvement." VERIFIED

Bloomington. The mayor declined to sign the city's ordinance banning "artificial superintelligence," citing enforcement and privacy concerns, per The Bloomingtonian; whether that counts as a veto the council can override is unclear from the report. CLAIM

House Foreign Affairs Committee, 11.19 GOV; The Hill via Yahoo, 11.19 PRESS; Rep. Whitesides's office, 11.19 GOV; Sen. Hickenlooper, 11.19 GOV; The Bloomingtonian, 11.19 PRESS.

PATTERN: THE FURTHER FROM THE BUYER, THE BIGGER THE FALL

On 11.05 and again this week, the stocks that fell most were chips, memory and the neoclouds, while the cloud buyers fell less. The selling follows the supply chain outward from the companies that write the checks. ANALYSIS

WHAT MAY BE UNDERESTIMATED: THE OPERATING SYSTEM AS GATEKEEPER

If Apple limits how much access third-party agents get on the Mac, the companies that own the operating system may set the terms for every agent built on top. SPECULATION

WHERE THIS BRIEF COULD BE WRONG

CONSENSUS	COUNTER-CASE	WHAT WOULD SETTLE IT
The sell-off is about AI spending	It may be mostly forced selling around expiry	Trading in the week of 11.23
Anthropic's IPO pulled money from other tech	No flow data shows it, and ANT fell too	Weekly fund-flow data
China rules are hitting chipmakers	The claims are not findings	Commerce license decisions
The cloud buyers will keep spending	Budgets can be cut at the next results	Late-January guidance

BLIND SPOT CHECK

We did not open Bloomberg, CNBC, Reuters' full stories, the Hunterbrook report itself or the Federal Register page directly. Stock prices are last regular-session trades. We did not re-run Source watch or the capital tally.

ANALYSIS

VERIFIED CATALYST CALENDAR

Ten of twelve dates are confirmed by a company, an agency or an exchange. Two rest on reports, so they carry the open chip.

DATE	EVENT	WHY IT MATTERS	CONFIRMED BY
Mon 11.23	HPE Q4 FY2026	AI servers	EARNINGS CALENDAR
Tue 11.24	Dell Q3 FY2027	AI servers	EARNINGS CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	WHY IT MATTERS	CONFIRMED BY
Wed 11.25	Fed Beige Book, 2:00 PM ET	Economy	FEDERAL RESERVE
Thu 11.26	U.S. markets closed for Thanksgiving	Holiday trading	NYSE
Tue 12.01	Marvell Q3 FY2027, call 1:30 PM PT	Custom chips	MARVELL
Tue 12.01	Huang interviews with House committees, as reported	Nvidia and export controls	FORBES, CLAIM
Tue 12.01	Senate leadership vote, as reported	AI agenda	TIME, CLAIM
Wed 12.02	Salesforce Q3 FY2027, 2:00 PM PT	Enterprise AI demand	SALESFORCE IR
Fri 12.04	November jobs report, 8:30 AM ET	Rates	BLS
Tue 12.08	FOMC meeting, to 12.09	Rates	FEDERAL RESERVE
Wed 12.09	Broadcom Q4 FY2026, call 2:00 PM PT	Custom chips and networking	BROADCOM
Thu 12.10	November CPI, 8:30 AM ET	Inflation	BLS

21B / SOURCE WATCH

THE DOCUMENTS THIS BRIEF LEANS ON, DIFFED DAILY

SOURCE WATCH

Not re-run tonight. The thirty tracked documents carry forward, and nothing here should be read as unchanged.

A document we do not open is never marked unchanged.

PUBLIC CALLS LEDGER

No call resolved tonight and no odds changed; 8 open. November so far: 7 resolved, 5 hits, 2 misses, Brier 0.209.

#	CALL (RESOLVES YES OR NO)	BY	OUR ODDS	STATUS
17	A federal agency publishes a proposed or final rule requiring AI or SI incident notification (Federal Register or agency site) by 11.30	11.30	40%	OPEN
21	After 10.27.2026, the White House publishes a new official document, beyond EO 14434 Sec. 2(a), barring the use of "AI" or "Artificial Intelligence" in official documents	11.30	35%	OPEN
09	FDA names the cohort for its expedited IND pilot	12.18	75%	OPEN
12	A court issues a ruling on the merits (summary judgment or verdict) in NYT v. OpenAI	12.31	20%	OPEN
19	Judge Lee rules on the summary judgment motions on fair use in Concord Music v. Anthropic (N.D. Cal.) by 12.31	12.31	45%	OPEN
24	TeraWulf announces or files that the debt financing for the Anthropic-leased Kentucky campus (backed by Google's credit support) has closed	12.31	45%	OPEN
25	OpenAI states in its own channels (blog, newsroom or a filing) that it has closed funding at a $1.25 trillion valuation	12.31	50%	OPEN
28	Nasdaq announces that Anthropic (ANT) will be added to the Nasdaq-100 Index, in a Nasdaq release or index notice, by 12.31.2026	12.31	60%	OPEN

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CALLS LOGGED	RESOLVED	BRIER SCORE	OCTOBER FINAL
7	**7**	**0.209**	**0.236**
since 11.01	5 hits · 2 misses	0 is perfect · 0.25 is a coin flip	13 resolved · 7 hits · 6 misses

How we grade. For each resolved call the Brier score is (our probability minus the outcome) squared. A miss is a call at 50% or more that didn't happen, or under 50% that did. Odds change only when evidence does, and every change is logged.

RED TEAM

Three of eight open calls involve Anthropic. A single company event can move several at once.

ASK MIND CLUB AND CORRECTIONS

Reader questions run on Sundays. Send yours through punitdhillon.com/mindclub or reply to the email. No new correction tonight.

EDITION	WHAT WE GOT WRONG	WHAT IT SHOULD SAY	FIXED
034	Intel's shares were said to have fallen 28.49% on Friday 10.30	The official close was $65.76, down 28.58%; 28.49% was the last regular-hours trade	11.01

EDITION	WHAT WE GOT WRONG	WHAT IT SHOULD SAY	FIXED
033	Alphabet's shares were said to have fallen 12.66% on 10.29	The official close was down 12.64%; 12.66% used the last regular-hours trade	11.01
005 and 006	The executive order renaming AI "Super Intelligence" was described as signed 09.30	It was signed 09.29.2026 (EO 14434, 91 FR 63129, published 10.02.2026)	10.02

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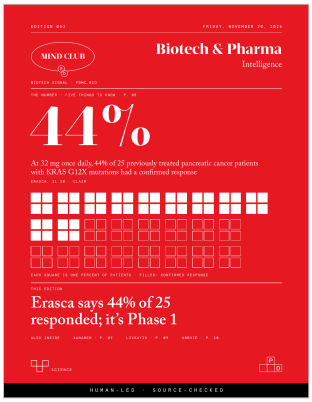
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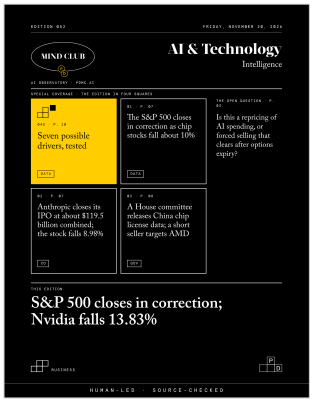


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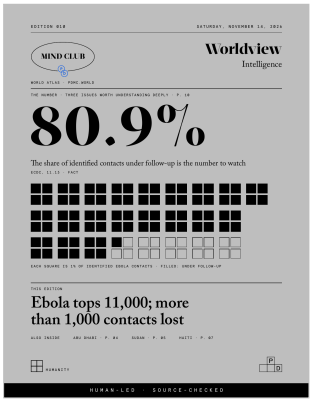
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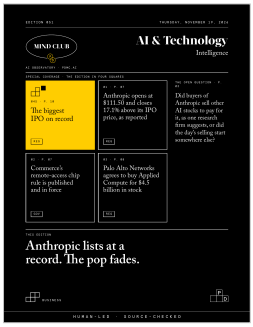


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