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Nasdaq drops as AI spending doubts grip markets

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The Nasdaq 100 declined as doubts mounted over whether hyperscalers' enormous capital expenditures on artificial intelligence will generate sufficient returns. The selloff intensified concerns about cash-flow dynamics in the technology sector. This marks a sharp reversal from the AI-driven rally that dominated markets earlier in the year. Global equity markets experienced a tech-driven rout, with investors rotating into safer assets like Treasuries and the yen.

WHY IT MATTERS

Tech stocks have driven market gains all year; a sustained shift away from AI leaders would reshape portfolio positioning and economic growth expectations.

KEY POINTS

- Nasdaq 100 fell amid cash-flow concerns over AI capex returns
- Global flight to safety boosted Treasuries and yen
- Selloff reverses earlier AI-driven rally in equities

10-year Treasury yield drops below 5% in haven rush

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The 10-year Treasury yield fell sharply on Thursday as equities slumped and oil prices surged, prompting a broad rotation into government debt. The decline marked the biggest daily drop since the 2023 banking crisis, according to market analysts. Investors interpreted the move as a repricing of risk rather than recessionary fear, with strategists calling it a 'take-back trade' after months of AI enthusiasm.

WHY IT MATTERS

Treasury moves signal how much the market's growth outlook is shifting and where safe money is flowing amid volatility.

KEY POINTS

- Yield fell to lowest level in nearly a month
- Biggest daily decline since 2023 banking crisis
- Analysts see repricing of risk, not recession fears

Meta's AI spending pushes free cash flow negative, raising credit concerns

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Meta announced plans to invest hundreds of billions of dollars in AI and infrastructure over the coming years, a spending increase that drove the company's market value down \$124 billion. The commitment pushed the social media company's free cash flow into negative territory, alarming credit markets. Five-year credit default swap prices for Meta hit all-time highs, signaling investor concern about the company's creditworthiness amid escalating capital demands.

WHY IT MATTERS

Meta's cash-burn trajectory and surging credit costs exemplify the market's sudden pivot on whether big tech's AI bets make financial sense.

KEY POINTS

- Meta stock fell 7% after hundreds-of-billions capex announcement
- Market value dropped \$124 billion on the news
- Credit default swaps hit all-time highs on cash-flow concerns

China AI model stocks drop \$150 billion with no end in sight

BLOOMBERG · 30m ago

China's AI model stocks have suffered a \$150 billion value destruction amid growing competitive pressures among developers. The losses show no end in sight as new rivals prepare to list shares next year, threatening further market fragmentation. The sector's struggles reflect investors' doubts about profitability and differentiation in a crowded field of AI competitors.

WHY IT MATTERS

China's AI sector troubles demonstrate that geopolitical AI competition is now translating into financial losses for early players.

KEY POINTS

- \$150 billion in market cap destroyed for China AI stocks
- Competitive pressures intensifying among developers
- Threat of rival IPOs next year deepening selloff

Meta's AI spending jitters slash \$124 billion from market value

FINANCIAL TIMES · 4h ago

Meta announced massive planned increases in artificial intelligence and infrastructure spending, triggering a \$124 billion decline in the company's market capitalization. The move came as Treasuries rallied sharply, with investors rotating out of technology stocks amid doubts about whether hyperscalers' enormous capital expenditures would generate adequate returns. The selloff reflected a broader reassessment of the economics underlying the AI investment boom.

WHY IT MATTERS

The scale of Meta's spending and market reaction signals the ceiling on how much AI capex investors will tolerate before demanding proof of returns.

KEY POINTS

- Meta market cap fell \$124 billion after capex announcement
- Treasuries rallied amid tech spending skepticism
- Broad reassessment of AI investment economics underway

Yen jumps as global equities rout triggers flight to safety

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The Japanese yen surged as traders sought safety amid a broad selloff in global equities. The currency outperformed all its major counterparts on Friday as risk appetite evaporated and investors rotated into traditional havens. The yen's strength reflected investors' flight from riskier assets following the collapse in technology stocks.

WHY IT MATTERS

Yen strength is a barometer of market fear; steep gains suggest investors are betting on sustained turmoil.

KEY POINTS

- Yen outperformed all major currency counterparts
- Rally driven by global equity selloff and risk-off mood
- Flight to safety boosted demand for haven currencies

Japanese bond yields fall as AI jitters spur haven demand

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Japanese government bond yields declined across all maturities on Friday as an AI-sparked equity rout triggered a broad flight to safety. A rally in US Treasuries spilled over into Japanese debt markets, with investors seeking stability amid global market turmoil. The haven demand reversed months of yield pressure from rate-hike expectations.

WHY IT MATTERS

Falling JGB yields show the crisis spreading beyond US tech to global credit markets and pricing in economic slowdown fears.

KEY POINTS

- JGB yields fell across the curve on Friday
- US Treasury rally spilled over to Japanese bonds
- Haven demand reversed months of rate-hike pressure

Japan inflation rises above BOJ target, backing December rate hike

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Japan's core inflation, which strips out fresh food prices, surged to 2.1% in September, marking the highest level of the year and matching Reuters economists' forecasts. The reading exceeded the Bank of Japan's 2% target, bolstering the case for an interest rate increase widely expected in December. The inflation surge comes despite weakness in other economies and reflects persistent price pressures in Japan.

WHY IT MATTERS

A rate hike would mark the BOJ's most aggressive monetary tightening in years, signaling an end to decades of ultra-loose policy.

KEY POINTS

- Core inflation hit 2.1% in September, highest this year
- Reading exceeds BOJ's 2% target for first time in 2026
- Supports widely expected December interest rate hike

SK Hynix scraps Solidigm US IPO plans amid market volatility

CNBC · 7m ago

SK Hynix has abandoned plans for a US initial public offering of Solidigm, citing market volatility and concerns about the company's share price trajectory. The decision comes as semiconductor stocks have faced broad selling pressure following weaker-than-expected guidance from chipmaking equipment vendors and other sector headwinds. The postponement suggests chipmakers are holding back major capital-raising moves amid industry uncertainty.

WHY IT MATTERS

IPO cancellations signal how quickly confidence in semiconductor valuations has evaporated as AI spending concerns mount.

KEY POINTS

- SK Hynix shelved Solidigm IPO amid market volatility
- Share price concerns drove decision to postpone offering
- Reflects broader chipmaker caution on valuations

Gold holds near three-month low as AI selloff fuels volatility

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Gold held steady near its lowest closing price in over three months on Friday as the broad equity selloff prompted investors to liquidate positions across asset classes. The precious metal sold off alongside equities despite traditional expectations that gold would rally during risk-off periods. The move reflected forced selling and portfolio rebalancing rather than genuine haven demand.

WHY IT MATTERS

Gold weakness during a flight-to-safety rally suggests investors are raising cash broadly, not rotating between risk assets.

KEY POINTS

- Gold near lowest close in more than three months
- Precious metal sold off with equities amid broad liquidation
- Weakness reflects forced selling, not haven demand

Oil prices near Iran-war highs as tanker rates surge amid geopolitical risk

MARKETWATCH · 4h ago

Oil prices climbed toward levels last seen during escalating Iran tensions as soaring tanker rates reflected trader concerns about potential supply disruptions. Wall Street strategists warned that markets may be pricing in a full-scale regional conflict that could further choke off global energy supplies. The tanker rate surge suggested traders anticipate logistics constraints and supply challenges in the coming weeks.

WHY IT MATTERS

A full Mideast conflict would combine stagflation fears—higher oil prices amid market uncertainty—that could upend financial markets.

KEY POINTS

- Oil prices approached Iran-war-era levels on Friday
- Tanker rates surged on supply-disruption concerns
- Market may be pricing in full-scale regional conflict

Brent oil heads for third weekly gain amid Saudi attack threats

BLOOMBERG · 2h ago

Brent oil was set for its third weekly gain as threats to Saudi Arabian energy infrastructure escalated regional tension. Intensifying attacks on the kingdom raised concerns about potential disruptions to a major pillar of global oil supplies. The supply-side risks offset demand concerns tied to the global equity selloff and AI spending doubts.

WHY IT MATTERS

Mideast supply threats provide a floor under oil prices even as growth concerns mount, creating stagflation pressure across markets.

KEY POINTS

- Brent set for third consecutive weekly gain
- Saudi Arabia facing intensifying attack threats
- Supply risks offset AI-related demand worries

OpenAI trims valuation target to \$1.25 trillion from \$1.4 trillion

FINANCIAL TIMES · 3h ago

OpenAI trimmed its valuation target to \$1.25 trillion in recent pitching discussions, down from a \$1.4 trillion price tag the company had floated earlier this month. The downward revision followed by weeks the broad market reassessment of AI company valuations and spending plans. The move signals even leading AI firms are adjusting expectations as investors scrutinize returns on massive capex commitments.

WHY IT MATTERS

Even OpenAI cutting valuations shows how quickly investor appetite for AI-company equity has cooled amid profitability questions.

KEY POINTS

- OpenAI valuation target cut to \$1.25 trillion
- Down from \$1.4 trillion floated earlier this month
- Reflects broader pullback in AI firm valuations