

Week in Review: A Trillion Here, a Trillion There, Pretty Soon You're Talking Real Money

For the week ended October 16, 2026

Last week, investors took a closer look at the AI spending boom and decided they needed better answers than “trust me, it’ll pay off.” Was it Jane Wickline’s wicked turn as Anthropic’s Dario Amodei on *SNL Weekend Update*? (“I urge you to urge me to stop.”) Who can say. What we do know is that investors spent the next week questioning the gap between AI’s long-term promise and its near-term price tag.

- **The tech reversal wasn’t your standard “rough couple of days.”** The S&P 500 fell 1.9%, while the Nasdaq dropped 4.5%, as tech momentum suffered its second-worst week in more than 20 years, aside from Covid. Semiconductor stocks are now down ~25% vs. the S&P 500 from their highs, while spreads on pure-play data center bonds widened sharply. Meanwhile U.S. bank shares recorded their worst weekly losing streak since the global financial crisis.
- **Defensive sectors closed the gap with tech.** Tighter financial conditions encouraged a shift from cyclical companies toward defensive ones, driving solid returns from consumer discretionary and health care, along with energy.
- **Bonds became the market’s safe space.** Money moved into U.S. Treasuries, pushing bond prices higher and yields lower. On Thursday alone, the 10-year yield fell 10 basis points to 5.09%, despite hotter-than-expected producer inflation. By Friday, the 10-year stood at 5.08%, though 30-year mortgage rates inched higher.
- **Inflation hard to shake, and oil’s climb adds another problem.** WTI crude finished the week just shy of \$99 a barrel, while both consumer and producer prices (ex food and energy) came in higher than expected. If oil stays elevated, higher fuel, shipping, and production costs could make the Fed’s inflation fight even harder.
- **Consumers kept spending, but they didn’t feel happy about it.** September retail sales rose a seemingly healthy 0.8%, though a narrower measure that excludes several volatile categories increased just 0.15%, its weakest reading in months.
- **U.S. factories picked up the pace in September, with more goods rolling off production lines and more machinery being put to work.** Production rose 0.7%, above estimates of a 0.4% increase.
- **Manufacturing was one of the week’s cleaner pieces of good news.** September industrial production increased 0.7%, comfortably above the 0.4% consensus estimate and August’s upwardly revised 0.1% gain. Capacity utilization also rose to 76.9%, ahead of expectations.
- **Despite the troublesome data, an October rate hike looks highly unlikely.** Market-implied odds dropped below 15% by the end of the week, as Fed officials signaled little urgency for another move.
- **Bottom line:** Investors aren’t giving up on AI. Demand signals for computing power remain strong. But stretched positioning, growing credit concerns, and questions about returns on AI infrastructure spending are triggering a sharp reset. The economy didn’t suddenly break, but even a good long-term story can have a very bad week.

Market data

Index prices (\$)	10/16/2026	12/31/2025
Dow Jones Industrial Average	52,002	48,063
S&P 500	7,659	6,846

Returns (%)	1wk	QTD	YTD	3mo
Equities				
S&P 500	-1.95	0.15	12.91	1.95
S&P Mid Cap 400	-1.46	0.59	10.52	-4.45
S&P Small Cap 600	-1.16	-0.03	14.05	-7.22
Russell 1000	-2.00	0.20	12.52	1.72
Russell MidCap	-1.20	1.72	13.77	-1.02
Russell 2000	-3.05	-2.67	10.67	-8.22
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.67	2.19	9.53	-0.68
NASDAQ Composite	-4.48	-2.68	12.98	1.14

Fixed income				
Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate	0.88	1.32	-1.63	-1.74
Bloomberg Global Aggregate	0.89	0.81	-1.88	-1.24
Bloomberg High Yield Bond	-0.33	-0.09	0.01	-2.10
S&P / LSTA Senior Loan	0.00	-0.04	3.04	1.61
JPM EMBI+ Emerging Markets Bond	0.47	1.42	1.03	-2.18

S&P 500 sectors				
Technology	-6.37	-4.89	22.10	4.73
Materials	2.47	4.54	13.77	1.91
Consumer discretionary	-1.92	2.38	-3.57	-3.51
Health care	3.44	4.97	15.63	9.62
Utilities	1.99	7.09	1.04	-6.48
Consumer staples	5.05	9.20	15.73	3.99
Energy	5.02	11.14	55.90	21.28
Financials	1.42	4.02	2.67	-1.84
Industrials	-0.87	0.50	9.09	-6.62
Communication services	-1.61	-1.09	3.34	-1.60
Real Estate	1.17	2.77	8.23	-6.18

Equity style performance				
Large cap value	0.86	3.20	23.08	2.94
Large cap growth	-5.05	-3.00	3.12	0.38
Mid cap value	0.62	3.27	19.02	-0.32
Mid cap growth	-6.32	-2.69	-1.71	-3.05
Small cap value	-1.03	-0.31	16.60	-6.40
Small cap growth	-5.03	-4.98	5.19	-10.01

International equities				
MSCI EAFE	1.44	-0.07	10.72	0.28
MSCI U.K.	4.31	3.47	11.98	2.89
MSCI Europe ex-U.K.	2.09	-0.01	6.13	-2.15
MSCI Japan	-1.42	-2.15	20.40	3.88
MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan	-5.74	-6.22	18.21	-3.29
MSCI Emerging Markets	-5.14	-4.89	17.68	-1.96
MSCI ACWI	-1.57	-0.45	12.86	1.06

Source: FactSet.

U.S. Economic Release Calendar

Date	Event
10/19/26	NAHB Housing Market Index
10/20/26	Sept Housing Starts & Permits ← Checks on how rate-sensitive activity is responding Sept Pending Home Sales
10/22/26	Weekly Initial Jobless Claims ← Key read on labor market Sept Leading Economic Data
10/23/26	Oct Flash S&P Global PMIs ← Early look at October activity Oct U of Michigan Consumer Sentiment
NEXT WEEK	FOMC rate decision Wed 10/28/26 3Q GDP and PCE Th 10/29/26

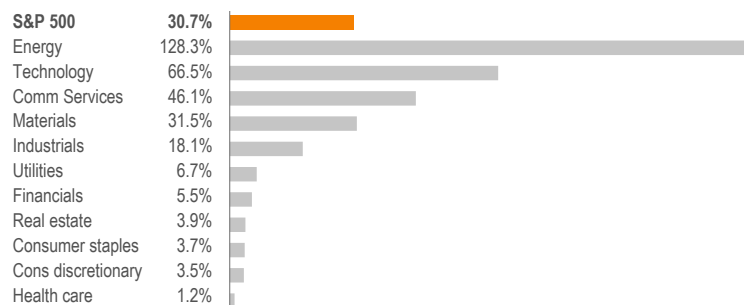
Market data, cont'd

As of:	Last close	Prior week	Year end	3 mos ago
U.S. bond rates (%)				
U.S. federal funds target rate	4.00	4.00	3.75	3.75
U.S. 2yr Treasury	4.72	4.79	3.48	4.16
U.S. 10yr Treasury	5.08	5.24	4.18	4.56
U.S. 20yr Treasury	5.48	5.65	4.79	5.09
U.S. 30yr Treasury	5.43	5.60	4.86	5.09
High yield (Merrill U.S. Corporates)	7.59	7.61	6.42	6.71
Consumer rates (%)				
30yr mortgage rate	7.51	7.48	6.25	6.60
Prime rate	7.00	7.00	6.75	6.75
Commodities				
Gold (USD/oz)	\$4,181	\$4,216	\$4,341	\$3,992
Crude oil (USD/bbl)	\$99.02	\$91.85	\$57.42	\$78.95
Copper (LME \$/mt)	\$14,595	\$14,689	\$12,504	\$13,565
Gasoline (USD/gal)	\$4.72	\$4.77	\$3.10	\$4.06
Exchange rates				
\$ per €	1.13	1.12	1.17	1.14
\$ per £	1.34	1.32	1.35	1.35
¥ per \$	157.93	158.42	156.75	162.45
U.S. Dollar Index	101.84	102.21	98.32	100.76

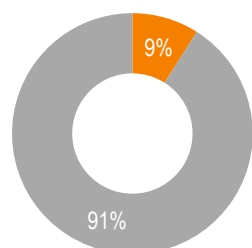
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3Q26 S&P 500 earnings dashboard

Earnings growth rates

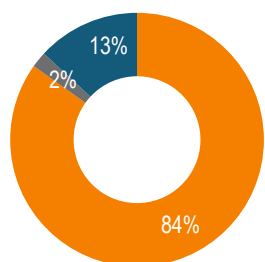


Reported Remaining



	Reported	Remaining
S&P 500	455	45
Consumer disc.	6	41
Consumer staples	5	29
Energy	0	21
Financials	21	55
Health care	2	58
Industrials	5	78
Materials	0	24
Real estate	1	29
Technology	5	70
Comm. service	0	19
Utilities	0	31

Above Match Below



	Above	Match	Below
S&P 500	84%	2%	13%
Consumer disc.	67%	17%	17%
Consumer staples	100%	0%	0%
Energy	0%	0%	0%
Financials	86%	0%	14%
Health care	100%	0%	0%
Industrials	60%	0%	40%
Materials	0%	0%	0%
Real estate	100%	0%	0%
Technology	100%	0%	0%
Comm. service	0%	0%	0%
Utilities	0%	0%	0%

As of 10/26/26. Source: London Stock Exchange Group, Institutional Brokers' Estimate System. Above, Match and Below are showing the percentage of constituents that beat, matched or missed analyst expectations on the day of reporting.

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Voya Global Perspectives Market Models positioning

Current positioning

Following 3Q25 positive earnings growth for S&P 500 companies, the models were rebalanced to base posture.

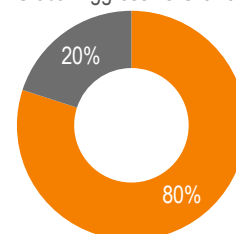
Upcoming positioning

4Q25 positioning will be announced and commence in early April.

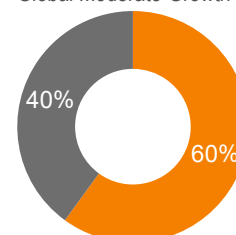
Base positioning

Equity Fixed Income

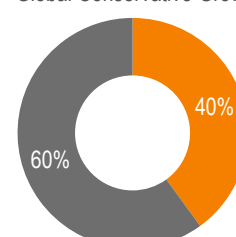
Global Aggressive Growth



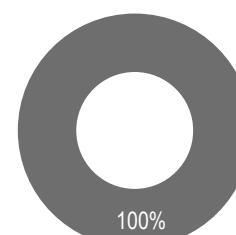
Global Moderate Growth



Global Conservative Growth



Global Income



Source: Voya IM.

Index definitions

Bloomberg Global Aggregate Bond Index measures a wide range of global government, government-related, corporate and securitized fixed-income investments, all with maturities greater than one year.

Bloomberg High Yield Bond Index tracks the performance of below investment grade U.S. dollar-denominated corporate bonds publicly issued in the U.S. domestic market.

Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Index is a bond market index composed of U.S. securities in Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, and Securitized sectors that are of investment-grade quality or better, have at least one year to maturity, and have an outstanding par value of at least \$250 million.

Dow Jones Industrial Average is a price-weighted average computed from the stock prices of 30 of the largest and most widely held public companies in the U.S., adjusted to reflect stock splits and stock dividends.

FTSE EPRA / NAREIT Global Real Estate Index represents general performance trends of the equity securities of real estate companies involved in the ownership, disposition and development of income-producing properties worldwide.

JPMorgan Emerging Markets Bond Index Plus (EMBI+) tracks total returns for traded foreign currency denominated debt instruments in the emerging markets which meet minimum criteria for face value outstanding and market trading liquidity.

MSCI ACWI Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world, capturing large and mid cap representation across 23 Developed Markets (DM) and 26 Emerging Markets (EM) countries.

MSCI EAFE Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure developed markets' equity performance, excluding the U.S. & Canada, for 21 countries.

MSCI Europe ex-U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed European markets except the U.K..

MSCI U.K. Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in the U.K..

MSCI Asia ex-Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of the 15 developed Asian markets except Japan.

MSCI Japan Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index designed to measure equity performance of listed common stocks in Japan.

MSCI Emerging Markets Index is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that measures emerging market equity performance of 23 countries.

Municipal Bond Index is a bond index that includes investment-grade, tax-exempt fixed-rate bonds with long-term maturities (greater than two years) selected from issues larger than \$50 million.

NASDAQ Composite Index is a market capitalization weighted index of the performance of domestic and international common stocks listed on the Nasdaq Stock Market including over 2,800 securities.

Large Growth: Russell 1000 Growth Index measures the large-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

Large Value: Russell 1000 Value Index measures the large-cap value segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell 1000 companies with lower price-to-book ratios and lower expected growth.

Midcap Growth: Russell MidCap Growth Index measures the performance of the mid-cap growth segment of the U.S. equity market including Russell Midcap Index companies with higher price-to-book ratios and forecasted growth.

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Small Cap Growth: Russell 2000 Growth Index measures the performance of small-cap growth stocks in the U.S. equity market including Russell 2000 companies with higher price-to-value ratios and forecasted growth.

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S&P 500 Sectors are defined as the GICS (Global Industry Classification Standard) sectors which provide standardized industry definitions consisting of 10 sectors, 24 industry groups, and 67 industries.

The S&P MidCap 400 includes 400 companies and represents almost 6% of the U.S. markets. To be eligible for inclusion in the index, a company should be a U.S. company, have a market cap between USD 3.3 billion to USD 11.8 billion, maintain a public float of at least 10% of its shares outstanding, and its most recent quarter's earnings and the sum of its trailing four consecutive quarters' earnings must be positive. The index implements changes on an as-needed basis.

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