

Morning Brief

QUICK SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS LAST SESSION

US equities closed mixed on Friday after recovering from steep early losses, with technology stocks rebounding while defensive sectors lagged. The S&P 500 down 0.05% (6734), the Nasdaq up 0.06%, and the Dow fell 0.41%. Technology reversed Thursday's sharp declines with Nvidia up 2.4%, Microsoft up 1.4%, Oracle up 1.4%, and Palantir up 1.1%, reflecting bargain hunting after stretched AI valuation concerns triggered the worst one-day decline since October 10. Defensive names underperformed with UnitedHealth down 3.2%, Home Depot down 1.6%, Mastercard down 1.8%, and Netflix down 3.6%, as market breadth remained uneven with several large caps hitting fresh highs while others sank to yearly lows. The session underscored ongoing uncertainty around Fed policy with December rate-cut probabilities compressed to 50% from 95% a month earlier as several Fed officials signaled caution over further easing despite government shutdown ending and removing one source of uncertainty.

European markets fell in line with Wall Street Thursday weakness with STOXX 600 down 0.7%, Germany's DAX down 0.6%, FTSE 100 down 0.9%, and CAC 40 down 0.8%, though indices posted weekly gains with STOXX 50 up 2.3% and STOXX 600 up 1.8% for the week after hitting record highs earlier. Asian markets opened broadly lower this morning with Japan's Nikkei down 0.1%, South Korea's KOSPI down 0.4%, Hong Kong's Hang Seng down 0.7% after dropping 1.9% Friday following Wall Street's Thursday slump.

US 10-year Treasury yield down 5 basis points (4.10), while the 2-year yield flat (3.61), as risk aversion intensified and investors awaited revised release schedule for delayed economic indicators.

Gold up 0.1% this morning (4085), recovering from two days of losses despite diminishing hopes for Fed rate cuts, while Crude Oil up 2.4% on Friday (60), recovering after Russian operations resumed at Novorossiysk port following Ukrainian strike.

WHAT TO WATCH IN THE MARKET TODAY

Wednesday's FOMC meeting minutes assume critical importance as most significant release this week, potentially revealing internal debate surrounding December rate decision and how policymakers balance labor market weakness against tariff-induced inflation risks.

Nvidia reports Wednesday after market close as the week's most anticipated earnings catalyst, with lofty expectations following recent AI sector volatility.

Switzerland finalised 15% tariff deal with Trump administration ending dispute.

KEY EARNINGS YESTERDAY

Friday saw no major earnings, but the week will be driven by Nvidia, Home Depot, Walmart, and several Chinese heavyweights including Trip.com, PDD, NetEase, Baidu, Xiaomi, Meituan, Kuaishou, and Lenovo.

MACRO RELEASES TO WATCH TODAY

US markets face light economic calendar Monday with Empire State Manufacturing Index expected at 6.1 sharply lower than prior 10.7, signaling cooling activity.

Switzerland Q3 flash GDP released this morning.

Japan Q3 preliminary GDP this morning showed economy contracted 1.8% annual pace after 0.5% growth in Q2, strengthening Prime Minister Takaichi's case for big fiscal stimulus package.

MOST IMPORTANT NEWS YESTERDAY

Switzerland finalized 15% tariff deal with Trump administration on Friday, ending dispute since August over increased tariffs on Swiss exports with Trump stating no further tariff rollbacks needed.

Japanese government reportedly contemplating stimulus package totaling approximately JPY 17 trillion with supplementary budget expected around JPY 14 trillion according to Nikkei, following GDP contraction data.

China warned of external risks and restructuring pressures following October data showing factory output and retail sales at 14-month lows with fixed investment falling 1.7%, sharpest drop on record, challenging 5% growth target.

Russian oil operations resumed at Novorossiysk port on Black Sea Sunday following Ukrainian strike damage last week, with two tankers docking marking return to operational activity.

BIG CAPS TO FOLLOW TODAY AND WHY

Nvidia dominates attention heading toward Wednesday earnings with consensus expecting record results though recent AI sector repricing.

Home Depot reports Tuesday before open testing consumer spending resilience and housing market momentum with attention on comparable store sales and guidance.

Chinese technology names including Alibaba, Trip.com, PDD Holdings, NetEase, Baidu reporting this week warrant focus given October data disappointment and deflationary pressures creating uncertainty around consumer spending trajectory.

Healthcare defensives including UnitedHealth, Merck, Johnson & Johnson warrant monitoring as potential beneficiaries if risk-off sentiment intensifies.

IMPORTANT EARNINGS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS

Walt Disney delivered Q4 fiscal 2025 with adjusted EPS of 1.11 down 3% though annual adjusted EPS grew 19% to 5.93, with direct-to-consumer revenue up 8% and Disney+ subscriptions increasing 3.8 million to 132 million total, but Q4 entertainment segment operating income fell 376 million due to theatrical weakness.

Applied Materials achieved record fiscal 2025 revenue of 28.3 billion up 4% with non-GAAP EPS of 9.40 up 9%, though Q4 revenue of 6.8 billion and EPS of 2.17 declined reflecting China export restrictions offsetting AI semiconductor demand.

JD.com Q3 revenue of RMB 299.1 billion up 14.9% beat expectations but net profit collapsed 54.7% to RMB 5.3 billion amid aggressive food delivery investment widening operating losses to negative RMB 15.7 billion.

MOST IMPORTANT GLOBAL MACRO RELEASES EXPECTED

Wednesday FOMC meeting minutes represent week's pivotal release potentially revealing internal debate surrounding December rate decision, with markets evenly divided at 50% probability of 25 basis point cut.

Delayed US economic data releases dominate with uncertain timing including potential September and October employment reports, retail sales, trade balance, core inflation, producer prices, and industrial production as Bureau of Labor Statistics and other agencies catch up after 43-day shutdown creating significant information gaps for Fed policy deliberations.

Friday flash PMI data for US, eurozone, UK, Japan, Australia testing whether November growth sustained October acceleration or whether weakening business confidence acted as drag, with US services focus on sustainability above 54 and UK manufacturing potential breach of 50 threshold.

Thursday US existing home sales for October, Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index, Kansas Fed manufacturing index, and initial jobless claims.

MARKET DATA

EQUITY														
Europe		Futures	Last	% 1D	% WTD	% MTD	%YTD	MSCI WORLD FACTORS		Last	% 1D	% WTD	% MTD	%YTD
	CAC 40	-0.32%	8 170.09	-0.8%	2.8%	0.6%	10.7% ▲		MSCI WORLD	4 343.64	-0.3%	0.4%	-1.1%	17.1% ▲
	DAX 30	0.08%	23 876.55	-0.7%	1.3%	-0.3%	19.9% ▲		GROWTH	6 870.52	-0.1%	0.2%	-2.5%	19.1% ▲
	SMI 20	-0.04%	12 634.30	-0.8%	2.7%	3.3%	8.9% ▲		VALUE	4 224.50	-0.5%	0.7%	0.7%	14.9% ▲
	SPI	-	17 391.52	-0.9%	2.5%	2.4%	12.4% ▲		MOMENTUM	4 618.18	-0.4%	0.1%	-1.5%	17.3% ▲
	FTSE MIB 40	0.02%	43 994.69	-1.7%	2.5%	1.9%	28.7% ▲		LOW VOL	2 402.81	-0.3%	1.4%	2.2%	7.1% ▲
	EUROSTOXX 50	-0.18%	5 693.77	-0.9%	2.3%	0.6%	16.3% ▲		QUALITY	4 609.18	-0.5%	0.7%	-0.9%	12.2% ▲
	DJ STOXX 600	-0.03%	574.81	-1.0%	1.8%	0.5%	13.2% ▲		SIZE	6 221.19	-0.5%	0.6%	-0.3%	16.2% ▲
	FTSE 100	0.06%	9 698.37	-1.1%	0.2%	-0.2%	18.7% ▲		HIGH DIV.	1 691.34	-0.5%	1.8%	2.1%	13.4% ▲
America								SMALLCAP	637.65	-0.4%	-0.3%	-1.6%	13.3% ▲	
	S&P 500	0.64%	6 734.11	-0.1%	0.1%	-1.6%	14.5% ▲	MSCI US SECTORS	MSCI USA	6 430.98	-0.1%	-0.0%	-1.7%	14.5% ▲
	NASDAQ COMP	1.03%	22 900.59	0.1%	-0.5%	-3.5%	18.6% ▲		ENERGY	361.97	1.4%	2.5%	3.9%	6.8% ▲
	S&P 500 EW		7 584.34	-0.3%	-0.2%	-0.4%	6.8% ▲		MATERIALS	397.28	-1.3%	0.4%	0.4%	3.7% ▲
	S&P 400 MIDCAP	0.27%	3 205.01	-0.3%	-1.2%	-1.3%	2.7% ▲		INDUSTRIALS	589.93	0.1%	-1.0%	-2.3%	14.8% ▲
	S&P 600 SMALLCAP		1 423.38	-0.1%	-1.0%	-0.8%	1.1% ▲		CONSUMER DISC.	780.61	-0.6%	-2.8%	-4.4%	3.1% ▲
RUSSELL 2000	0.39%	2 388.23	0.2%	-1.8%	-3.7%	7.1% ▲	CONSUMER STAPLES		328.48	-0.0%	0.6%	1.4%	0.8% ▲	
Asia	NIKKEI 225	-0.12%	50 323.91	-0.1%	0.1%	-4.0%	26.1% ▲	MSCI US SECTORS	HEALTH CARE	491.90	-0.6%	3.8%	5.1%	10.8% ▲
	HANG SENG H	-	26 384.28	-0.7%	0.5%	1.8%	31.5% ▲		FINANCIALS	288.55	-1.0%	-0.7%	-0.1%	8.8% ▲
	SHANGHAI COMP A	-	3 972.04	-0.5%	-0.6%	0.4%	18.5% ▲		IT	1 252.41	0.7%	0.3%	-4.0%	24.2% ▲
	SHENZHEN COMP A	-	2 511.84	0.0%	-0.3%	0.1%	28.3% ▲		COMM. SERVICES	133.88	-0.8%	-0.8%	-2.7%	22.4% ▲
							UTILITIES		263.94	0.0%	-1.2%	-0.6%	16.7% ▲	
EM	BOVESPA	-	157 738.69	0.4%	2.4%	5.5%	31.1% ▲	MSCI EUROPE SECTORS	MSCI EUROPE	192.29	-1.0%	1.8%	0.6%	13.2% ▲
	SENSEX	-	84 562.78	0.1%	1.6%	0.7%	8.2% ▲		ENERGY	160.48	-0.0%	1.6%	2.2%	10.1% ▲
Indices Total Return	MSCI WORLD 100% H Sfr NTR	2 392.34	-0.2%	0.4%	-1.1%	16.7% ▲	MATERIALS		335.14	-1.4%	2.2%	0.6%	4.5% ▲	
	S&P 500 TR	14 947.52	-0.0%	0.1%	-1.5%	15.8% ▲	INDUSTRIALS		484.34	-0.3%	0.7%	-2.2%	19.8% ▲	
	MSCI USA NTR	19 385.07	-0.0%	0.0%	-1.7%	15.4% ▲	CONSUMER DISC.		213.47	-0.2%	3.5%	2.5%	0.1% ▲	
	MSCI EUROPE NTR	389.78	-1.0%	1.8%	0.7%	16.0% ▲	CONSUMER STAPLES		270.82	-1.3%	-0.3%	1.3%	3.8% ▲	
	MSCI EUROPE SMALL NTR	621.06	-1.0%	1.2%	-1.8%	11.6% ▲	HEALTH CARE		273.58	-1.0%	4.4%	3.8%	2.5% ▲	
	MSCI EM NTR	754.16	-1.7%	0.3%	-1.1%	31.4% ▲	FINANCIALS		113.81	-1.8%	2.1%	1.7%	31.4% ▲	
	MSCI AC ASIA EX JAPAN NTR	756.46	-1.9%	0.1%	-1.3%	30.8% ▲	IT	218.55	-1.6%	0.1%	-4.5%	7.2% ▲		
MSCI EM LATAM NTR	708.85	0.1%	1.7%	4.3%	50.6% ▲	COMM. SERVICES	59.43	-0.8%	0.6%	-2.3%	4.8% ▲			
						UTILITIES	176.12	-0.4%	1.5%	2.1%	28.3% ▲			
FIXED INCOME														
	Yield	Duration	% 1D	% WTD	% MTD	%YTD	Range 1Y	Range 5Y	Last	Δ 1D	Δ WTD	Δ MTD	Δ YTD	
EUR	AGGREGATE 5-7Y	3.11	5.5	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.4%	2.5% ▲ 45	<						

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