# Week Ahead – November 9, 2026

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THIS WEEK'S THEME | The Semiconductor Tail Is Wagging the Market Dog

## 01 · THE WEEK IN BRIEF

**What happened.** The S&P 500 fell 2.68% to close Friday at 7,376.86, a fourth consecutive weekly decline, leaving the index 5.7% below its October 6 record. Stocks surged Wednesday after the midterms, with the Dow posting its largest post-midterm gain since 1982 before reversing lower Thursday in the S&P 500's worst decline since April 2025. Semiconductors plunged another 12% amid post-election worries that government officials would restrict the data-center building plans AI-industry growth depends on. Beneath the surface, five of eleven sectors rose and value shares set a record high Thursday; the 10-Yr Treasury yield fell 0.08% to 4.86% as oil dropped 12%.

**Why it matters.** Twenty semiconductor stocks make up 13% of the S&P 500's total market capitalization, yet they accounted for 61% of the index's gain in the first half of the year and a staggering 69% of the S&P 500's pullback from the October 6 record high; a 13% market-weighted "tail" wagging the broad market "dog" in both directions. The rest of the stock market has been far steadier with two-thirds of the S&P 500 rallying over the last month, and the "average stock" in the index (the equal-weight ETF, RSP) is up 12.8% this year against the index's 7.8%. Economically, data held up well; employers added 165,000 jobs in October, more than double expectations, the unemployment rate dipped to 4.1% and jobless claims fell to 189,000. Notably, oil's decline pulled inflation expectations and Treasury yields lower across the duration curve, albeit with the market-based odds of a December rate hike edging up to 78% after Friday's jobs report.

**What we believe stocks are worth.**




Median Wall Street estimate of 2027 earnings ($420 per share) at 15X to 23X; in our view 19X, the rough 10-year average, is fair value. Earnings yield ~5.7% vs 4.86% on the 10-Yr Treasury.

**What's the mood on Wall Street?** Investor sentiment deteriorated last week but notably, key measures did not hit new extreme bearish readings as we would expect to see if stocks were poised to continue meaningfully lower from current levels. CNN's Fear and Greed Index fell 4 points from 26 to 22; back in the Extreme Fear zone (below 25). The AAII survey of retail investors showed bears outnumbering bulls by 14%, up from 4% the prior week but still well off the mid-September extreme of ~24.5%.

**S&P 500**
−2.68%
7,377 · +7.8% this year · 5.7% below its October 6 record

**10-YEAR TREASURY**
4.86%
down from 4.94% · the 2-year yield fell 0.05% to 4.51%

**SECTORS UP / DOWN**
5 ▲ / 6 ▼
semiconductors −12.2%; average S&P 500 stock (RSP) −1.0%

**MARKET-BASED ODDS OF A DEC. 9 RATE HIKE**
78%
up from 76% a week ago after Friday's strong jobs report

## 02 Markets at a Glance

WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 6

| MARKET | LEVEL | THIS WEEK | THIS YEAR | QUICK TAKE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| S&P 500 | 7,377 | −2.68% | +7.8% | A fourth weekly decline; broke support at 7,575; closed just above its 200-day average. |
| Nasdaq | 24,579 | −3.37% | +5.8% | Fell 5.5% Thursday, its worst day in 19 months; closed on its summer low. |
| Dow Industrials | 51,286 | −0.94% | +6.7% | Multi-month highs Wednesday, one-month lows Friday; critically held October support Friday. |
| Small Caps (Russell 2000) | 2,754 | −2.05% | +11.0% | Held above its October lows; relative strength at a two-month high. |
| Dow Transports | 19,775 | −2.73% | +13.9% | A mid-week rally failed at its 100-day average. |
| Growth Stocks (VUG) | 82.17 | −3.40% | +1.1% | Below its 200-day average for the first time since April on heavy volume. |
| Value Stocks (VTV) | 223.01 | −2.20% | +16.8% | A record high early Thursday, then a steep reversal; relative strength at a 52-week high. |
| Oil (WTI) | $90.34 | −12.25% | +57.4% | Back below $100 on hopes for a Middle East diplomatic resolution. |
| Gold | $4,080 | +5.01% | −5.8% | First weekly gain in four amid spiking demand for safe-haven assets; silver rose 5.8%. |
| U.S. Dollar | 102.28 | +0.31% | +4.1% | Edged higher for a second week; the H2'26 uptrend is intact. |

## 03 Sector Performance

TWO CHANGES, FOUR TO WATCH

| SECTOR | THIS WEEK | THIS YEAR | PERFORMANCE | NOTE |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Health Care | −0.04% | +19.4% | Outperforming | A record high Thursday, then a reversal; relative strength at a 52-week high. |
| Energy | −12.00% | +37.8% | Outperforming | Down all five sessions as oil fell 12%; still 2026's best sector; watch for a downgrade. |
| Consumer Staples | +0.74% | +16.0% | Outperforming | A record high Thursday before a reversal; relative strength at a seven-month high. |
| Financials | +1.15% | +4.4% | Neutral | A record high Thursday; closed off the highs but above breakout support near $56. |
| Materials | −1.50% | +14.6% | ▲ Neutral | **Moved up to neutral**: relative strength at multi-quarter highs despite a pullback from all-time highs. |
| Utilities | −0.69% | +1.0% | Neutral | A third week above its 13-week average; watch for an upgrade. |
| Industrials | −2.83% | +4.9% | Underperforming | Heavy selling Thursday and Friday; relative strength firmed; watch for an upgrade. |
| Real Estate | +1.92% | +9.1% | Underperforming | Tested resistance near $45; a second close above its 13-week average; watch for an upgrade. |
| Consumer Discretionary | +1.91% | −1.5% | Underperforming | Early-year highs, then a sharp reversal Thursday on heavy volume. |
| Communication Services | +4.89% | −11.0% | Underperforming | The week's best sector, rebounding from 52-week lows on heavy volume; still the YTD laggard. |
| Technology | −8.23% | +14.4% | ▼ Underperforming | **Moved down to underperforming**: an 8% loss; relative strength the lowest since early summer. |

**What changed.** There were two trend changes this week: materials moved up to neutral, and technology moved down to underperforming after an 8% decline. That leaves three sectors outperforming (health care, energy and consumer staples), three neutral and five underperforming, with four to watch: utilities, industrials and real estate for an upgrade, energy for a downgrade.

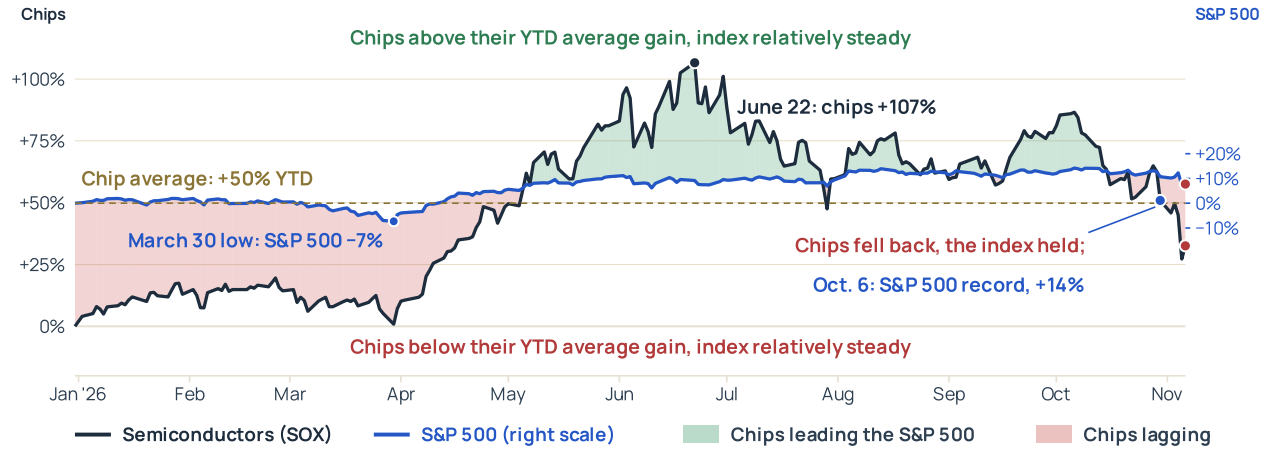
**Performance column.** *Outperforming: rising faster than the S&P 500 over recent weeks. Underperforming: lagging the S&P 500 over recent weeks. Neutral: moving roughly in line with the index. Based on 14 weeks of relative price movement. An observation about relative performance, not a recommendation to buy or sell any security. ▲▼ marks a change from last week.*

## 04 Chart of the Week

TIMELY MARKET PERSPECTIVE

### The Semiconductor Tail and the Market Dog

Percent change from Dec. 31, 2025, through Nov. 6, 2026. The S&P 500 line is lifted 50 percentage points to sit at the chip index's 2026 average so the two share one scale; its true values are on the right axis. Shading is green where the chip line is above the S&P 500 line (chips leading) and red where it is below (chips lagging). Source: Yahoo Finance; Friday values from our tracking workbook.




Twenty semiconductor stocks make up 13% of the S&P 500's total market capitalization. The chart shows how this relatively small group of stocks has dominated the equity market's movements all year. **Chips rose 107% from January to June 22 and the S&P 500 rose with them; chips fell ~30% over the course of the summer, but the S&P 500 held its ground; chips rallied into the October 6 record and have since fallen 29%, dragging the index down 5.7%.** The first-half gain was 61% semiconductors; the decline since October 6 has been 69% semiconductors, about $3.4 trillion of the ~$5T loss in the S&P's market value; the rest largely absorbed the declines with 339 of 500 stocks and 7 of 11 sectors gaining over the same timeframe while the equal-weight S&P 500 index is up 12.8% against the cap-weighted index's YTD gain of 7.8%. **That is a concentrated correction, not a broad one.** What we are watching: whether the chip index (SOX) can stabilize above its summer lows and recover its 200-day moving average (10,831), and if the average stock keeps holding up in the interim.

## 05 Rates and the Fed

WHAT THE COST OF MONEY IS DOING

| 10-YEAR TREASURY | 30-YEAR MORTGAGE RATE | FED'S NEXT MEETING · DEC 9 |
|---|---|---|
| 4.86% | 7.18% | 78% odds of a hike |
| ▼ 0.08 pt on the week · yields fell across the curve as oil dropped 12% | down from 7.24% · a third consecutive weekly decline | market-based · up from 76% a week ago<br>current range 3.75–4.00% |

**Treasury yields fell for a fourth week, this time led by "the belly" of the yield curve.** The 10-Yr yield fell 0.08% to 4.86%, the 30-Yr yield fell 0.05% to 5.26% and the 2-Yr yield fell 0.05% to 4.51%, so the gap between the 10-Yr and 2-Yr yields narrowed to 0.35% from 0.38%. The bond market read the week as one of cooling inflation pressure: oil fell 12%, and the inflation rate investors expect over the next five years dropped 0.17% to 2.29%, its lowest weekly close since mid-August. Friday's strong jobs report served to offset the easing inflation worries, resulting in the market-based odds of a December Fed rate hike (our estimate, calculated from futures contracts tied to the Fed's policy rate) rising two points to 78% for the week by Friday's close, even as futures lowered the peak rate for this cycle to 4.35% in the fall of 2027 from 4.44%. In short, the market expects one more hike, and fewer after that.

**What it means for you.** The average 30-year mortgage rate eased to 7.18% from 7.24%, a third consecutive weekly decline and the lowest since late September. Shorter-term Treasuries, CDs and money-market funds still yield above 4% with limited price risk; longer-term Treasuries yield 4.9% to 5.3%. With long-term yields now falling faster than short-term yields, the window to lock in a yield near 5% on longer duration Treasuries narrowed last week; potentially something to discuss with your advisor.

After a much better than feared jobs report, this week brings the October inflation reports, CPI Tuesday and producer prices Friday, plus $125 billion of Treasury auctions; the bond market is closed Wednesday for Veterans Day.

**WHAT WE'RE WATCHING**

- Whether semiconductors find a floor: the SOX is 13% below its 200-day average.
- S&P 500 support at 7,350, then 7,260; 7,575 is now resistance.
- Tuesday's CPI report and the market-based odds of a December hike (78%).

| DAY | RELEASE | WHY IT MATTERS |
|---|---|---|
| Mon Nov 9<br>1:00 PM | **3-year Treasury note auction**<br>**$58 billion** | Demand for Treasuries after a fourth weekly decline in yields. |
| Tue Nov 10<br>8:30 AM · KEY RELEASE | **October CPI inflation**<br>**10-year auction, 1:00 pm** | The key input to the December 9 Fed decision; inflation was 3.7% in September. |
| Thu Nov 12<br>8:30 AM | **Weekly jobless claims**<br>**30-year auction, 1:00 pm** | Claims after 189,000, the lowest since July. |
| Fri Nov 13<br>8:30 AM · KEY RELEASE | **October PPI inflation**<br>**Sentiment survey, 10:00 am** | Wholesale inflation; factory prices paid eased in October. |

*Times are Eastern. Consensus estimates are not shown; we report outcomes, not forecasts.*

**THE BOTTOM LINE**

Three things notably stood out last week. First, as the Chart of the Week shows, semiconductors are responsible for most of the market's swings this year, while 339 of the 500 stocks rose over the past month. Second, history favors the year ahead. The S&P 500 has been higher one year after every midterm election since 1950, 19 of 19, by 15% on average, and the group that led most often was technology, higher in all 19 and ahead of the market in 15 of them. **Third, the question is whether this becomes the 20th consecutive post-midterm gain or the first miss.** The case for a miss: the historical leader is the sector now facing questions about the sustainability of the AI infrastructure build-out, and the Fed is raising rates rather than cutting them. The case against it: in 2018 the Fed hiked in December, technology led a decline that took the S&P 500 14.7% below its Election Day close, and the index was still up 11.7% a year later. Improving market breadth, falling yields and lower oil favor the market, and semiconductors and Tuesday's CPI report are the critical catalysts to watch, especially considering last week's sharp correction in the SOX index and spike in volatility; however, historical statistics still suggest the longer-term path of least resistance is higher for this market, for now. As always, please feel free to reach out to our team with any questions regarding the latest market developments, or to let us know if your long-term goals have changed.

**Data sources.** U.S. Department of the Treasury; CME Group; ICE BofA Indices; Cboe Global Markets; CNN Business; American Association of Individual Investors; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics; U.S. Department of Labor; Institute for Supply Management; Federal Reserve Board; Freddie Mac; Kenneth R. French Data Library; Yahoo Finance.

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