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Dow closes lower, Nasdaq drops 1.9% as AI stocks decline; ASX to fall

- **Global markets.** U.S. stocks retreated on Thursday as companies that have benefited from the artificial intelligence trade came under pressure yet again amid concern about their eye-watering valuations.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slid 398.70 points, or 0.84%, to close at 46,912.30. The S&P 500 traded down by 1.12%, to settle at 6,720.32, while the Nasdaq Composite tumbled 1.9% to end at 23,053.99. The Nasdaq 100 was down more than 2% since last Friday's close and is on pace for its worst week since early April. The biggest downside impact came from Nvidia, Microsoft, Palantir Technologies, Broadcom and Advanced Micro Devices.

AI stocks have moved unevenly since the start of November, and that continued in Thursday's session. Qualcomm shed nearly 4% after the chipmaker posted better-than-expected quarterly results but said it may lose future business with Apple. AMD, a standout on Wednesday, lost 7%, while Palantir and Oracle declined nearly 7% and 3%, respectively. Shares of AI darling Nvidia and fellow "Magnificent Seven" name Meta Platforms sank as well.

Thursday's pullback was made worse by concerns about the state of the labor market, as October saw a significant number of layoff announcements. Job cuts in the month totaled more than 153,000, almost triple September's rate and 175% higher than the same period a year ago, according to Challenger, Gray & Christmas. That's the highest level recorded for the month of October in 22 years, in a year that's shaping up as the worst for layoffs since 2009.

All three major U.S. indexes are firmly in negative territory week to date. As of Thursday's close, the 30-stock Dow is on pace for a 1.4% loss, while the S&P 500 has shed 1.8%. The tech-heavy Nasdaq is down by 2.8% this week.

- **In economic news.** Overseas: China Trade Balance, USA Non Farm Payroll numbers
- **In other markets.** US Treasury yields fell as the probability of a quarter of one percentage point cut in December rose to 68.9 per cent from 62 per cent the previous day.
- **Futures.** ASX 200 futures are pointing down 1 point to 8844.

World Indices	Close	Prior	% Δ
<u>Local Markets</u>			
All Ordinaries	9,098.6	9,071.2	0.3%
ASX 200	8,828.3	8,802.0	0.3%
ASX Emerging Companies	2,787.4	2,775.7	0.4%

<u>US Markets</u>			
Dow Jones	46,912.3	47,311.0	-0.8%
S&P500	6,720.3	6,796.3	-1.1%
Nasdaq	25,130.0	25,620.0	-1.9%
Russell 2000	2,418.8	2,464.8	-1.9%

<u>Asian & European Markets</u>			
Shanghai Composite	4,007.8	3,969.2	1.0%
Nikkei	50,883.6	50,212.2	1.3%
Hang Seng	26,485.9	25,935.4	2.1%
FTSE 100	9,735.8	9,777.1	-0.4%
DAX 30	23,734.0	24,049.8	-1.3%
CAC 40	7,964.8	8,074.2	-1.4%

S&P500 Sectors	Close	Prior	% Δ
Information Technology	5,726.5	5,843.1	-2.0%
Communication Services	426.1	428.9	-0.7%
Consumer Discretionary	1,932.0	1,981.5	-2.5%

Economic Releases	Time	F'cast	Prior
CNY - Trade Balance	1:00		
USD - Non Farm Payrolls			

Key BW Names	Close	Prior	% Δ
Lotus Resources	0.175	0.180	-2.8%
Elementos	0.315	0.340	-7.4%
Frontier Energy	0.305	0.300	1.7%

Commodities	Close	Prior	% Δ
Oil - West Texas Crude	59.51	59.62	-0.2%
Gold	3,985	3,993	-0.2%
Gold (Aus)	6,137	6,120	0.3%
Silver	48.03	48.07	-0.1%
Uranium (Spot)	78.75	78.75	0.0%
Global X Uranium ETF	46.96	50.04	-6.2%
Sprott Uranium Miners ETF	54.75	57.36	-4.6%
Sprott Physical Uranium Trust	17.99	18.50	-2.8%
Tin (Futures)	36,199	36,199	0.0%
Copper	4.97	4.99	-0.4%

Other Markets	Close	Prior	% Δ
SPI200 Futures	8,831.0	8,871.0	-0.5%
DX Index	100.2	100.2	0.0%
AUD/USD	0.6479	0.6507	-0.4%
2-Year Treasury Yield (%)	3.56	3.63	-7 bp
10-Year Treasury Yield (%)	4.09	4.16	-8 bp
US 2-10-Year Spread	0.53	0.53	0 bp
VIX Index	19.49	18.00	8.3%