Last Week at a Glance

Global equities declined last week as concerns over AI investment returns and greater regulatory scrutiny weighed on technology shares. Defensive sectors proved more resilient, while falling oil prices provided some mitigation for energy-importing markets and government bonds gained.

- Democratic victories in the US midterm elections, including candidates opposing data-center expansion, raised fears of construction restrictions and delayed AI revenues. Higher recent capex guidance and further equity and debt issuance to fund it intensified concerns about returns, dilution, and borrowing costs. Trend-following selling, leveraged-ETF rebalancing and hedge fund deleveraging amplified the broader AI-related equity sell-off.
- Brent oil prices fell c. 16% last week as speculation mounted that a diplomatic breakthrough could de-escalate the US-Iran war, aided by the midterm results. This decline in energy prices helped energy importers, such as the euro area, to outperform.
- US employment data continued to show resilience. October payrolls rose by 165,000, the unemployment rate fell one-tenth to 4.1%, and prior months were revised higher. Treasuries reversed some of their prior-day gains on this data, as markets raised their expectations of a December rate hike to 76%.
- The BOE raised rates 25 bps to 4%. Higher inflation and resilient growth favored further hikes, but limited wage-price spillovers and falling energy prices argued against aggressive tightening.

Market Performance

As of November 08, 2026 • Local Currency • Percent (%)

Equities	Last Week	This Month	This Year
Global	-2.5	-2.5	9.0
Developed Markets	-2.4	-2.4	8.9
United States	-2.8	-2.8	8.1
Euro Area	0.7	0.7	9.8
United Kingdom	-0.6	-0.6	10.6
Japan	-7.0	-7.0	9.8
Emerging Markets	-3.8	-3.8	9.5
Fixed Income			
US Aggregate	0.4	0.4	-0.1
US Treasuries	0.3	0.3	-0.2
US Corporate IG	0.4	0.4	-0.6
US Corporate HY	0.4	0.4	0.8
Real Assets			
Global Equity REITs	1.9	1.9	12.1
Global Natural Resources	-4.9	-4.9	23.1
Gold Bullion	4.6	4.6	-6.0
Currencies			
EUR/USD	-0.2	-0.2	-5.1
GBP/USD	-0.3	-0.3	-0.7
USD/JPY	0.5	0.5	1.0

Sources: Bloomberg Index Services Limited, MSCI Inc., and Thomson Reuters Datastream. MSCI data provided "as is" without any express or implied warranties.
Notes: This edition was prepared on November 08, 2026, and it reviews developments of the prior week. The equity data are total returns net of dividend taxes of MSCI indexes in local currency. Global natural resources equities are represented by the MSCI All Country World Commodity Producers Index. The fixed income data are total returns for Bloomberg indexes. Gold Bullion uses near-month gold futures contracts, as traded on the COMEX, to determine performance. Currency performance is based on Reuters data.

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