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Nasdaq sinks 4.5% in worst week since June as AI selloff deepens

Wall Street had a rough week as investors questioned how the AI build-out is being financed, while hot inflation data raised the odds of another Fed rate hike.

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The Nasdaq fell 4.5% for the week, ending a monthlong winning streak with its worst week since late June. The Nasdaq felt the AI financing fears and 3.7% inflation pushed markets toward a December Fed hike.

The S&P 500 declined 1.95%, while the Dow stayed in the green, up 0.7%, as investors rotated out of tech.

CoreWeave, one of the neocloud companies financing AI computing infrastructure, *fell nearly **25%** this week.*

September CPI rose 0.6% on the month and 3.7% from a year earlier, above the 3.6% expected, and futures now price roughly a 94% chance of a December hike.

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