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Taiwan stock market had its worst week in 35 years.

The Taiex fell 6.2% on Friday and 17.5% for the week, to close at 36,033.29, taking its weekly loss to 17.5%, the steepest since 1991 - despite two rounds of curbs on short selling this month.

Technology makes up more than 70% of the index, so the market took the full force of the global sell-off in AI stocks as investors questioned whether the huge sums spent on AI infrastructure will earn a return. TSMC fell 4.8% and Delta Electronics hit its 10% daily limit.

Regulators tightened curbs on short selling twice this month, but the selling continued, led by foreign funds.

Footnote: Other tech-heavy markets fell too. South Korea's *KOSPI closed down 5.2% (−7.9% for the week) and Japan's Nikkei down 5.1% (−7.7%).*

Reuters reported during the session that *MSCI's index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was down 8.3% for the week, its worst since March 2020.*

In Europe, the STOXX 600 was heading for its worst week since March.

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