

Weekly Market Analysis #584 — 17 October 2025

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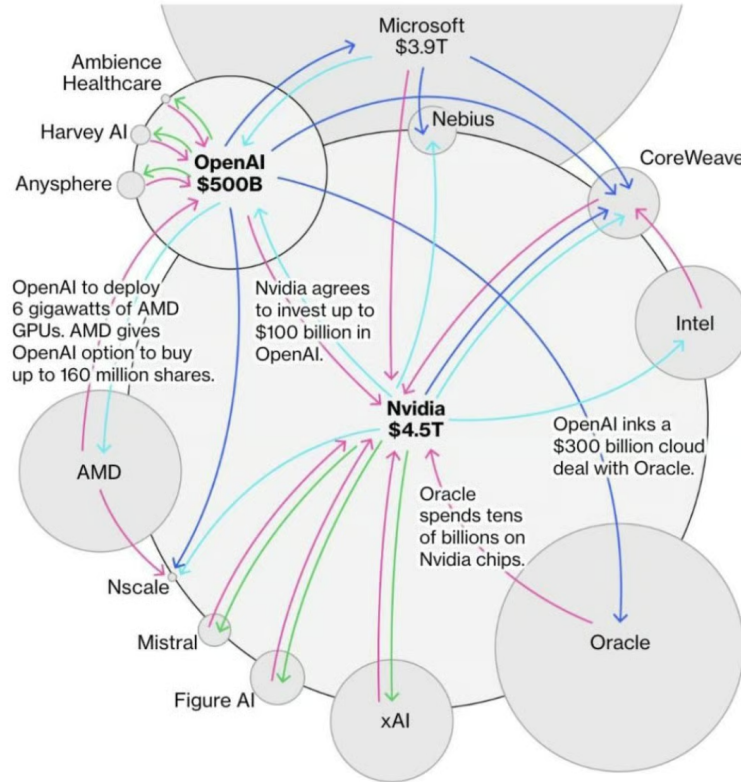
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This Week

In case you're confused about the investments, order commitments, service contracts, and payment transfers made by and between the various players in the AI business, the hard working folks at Bloomberg have assembled a diagram that illustrates everything. I hope this clears it all up for you.

How Nvidia and OpenAI Fuel the AI Money Machine

Hardware or Software Investment Services Venture Capital
Circles sized by market value



Source: Bloomberg News reporting

Steve Strazza at All Star Charts noted:

The Russell 2000 \$IWM and Micro-Cap Index \$IWC both printed new all-time highs earlier this week. That's a milestone that, at first glance, speaks to growing risk appetite and broadening market strength.

But a closer look under the hood tells a more complicated story.

Regional banks — the largest industry group in the Russell 2000 at little over 9% — just registered new 52-week relative lows versus the S&P 500.

SPDR Regional Bank Index \$KRE is down over 10% from its recent highs, and just suffered one of its worst sessions in recent history.

If the Regional Banks don't start climbing soon, they may cause trouble for the Russell 2000.

Market Barometers

Only the IWM made an all-time high this week. None of the other indexes did.



Week-over-week: DIA: 1.5%, SPX: 1.7%, VTI: 1.7%, COMPQ: 2.1%, IWM: 2.4%

Month-over-month: DIA: -0.3%, SPX: -0.0%, VTI: -0.3%, COMPQ: 0.2%, IWM: 0.2%

A Closer Look

The SPX just bounced around this week. While price was moving sideways, the BPSPX declined to 50, which is not good news. The NYAD is making lower highs and lower lows (points a–e) which correspond to the BPSPX. Again, this is concerning. The SPXA50 and the SPXA200 moved up a little, but remember that these are calculated from averages, so the lag means their short-term moves are somewhat delayed.



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The Relative Strength History table shows the sector with the highest slope at the top and the sector with the lowest slope at the bottom. The lower table shows the corresponding ETFs and their slopes for the current week.

Relative Strength History 25-Jul-2025 to 17-Oct-2025

25 Jul	01 Aug	08 Aug	15 Aug	22 Aug	29 Aug	05 Sep	12 Sep	19 Sep	26 Sep	03 Oct	10 Oct	17 Oct	
SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	BLDRS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	SEMIS	
DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND	SEMIS	BLDRS	TECHS	TECHS	BIOTC	BIOTC	
TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	TECHS	BLDRS	DFEND	TECHS	DFEND	BIOTC	GOLD	
INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	INFRA	BLDRS	TECHS	TECHS	DFEND	BLDRS	GOLD	TECHS	
INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	SALES	INFRA	SALES	SALES	SALES	DFEND	DFEND	DFEND
COMMS	SP500	SP500	SALES	BLDRS	SALES	INFRA	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS
SALES	SALES	SALES	SP500	INDUS	COMMS	COMMS	INFRA	BIOTC	BIOTC	SALES	SALES	INFRA	INFRA
SP500	COMMS	COMMS	COMMS	SP500	INDUS	BANKS	BIOTC	DISCR	GOLD	BLDRS	DISCR	SP500	SP500
GOLD	BANKS	UTILS	UTILS	COMMS	SP500	DISCR	BANKS	GOLD	DISCR	DISCR	SP500	UTILS	UTILS
BANKS	GOLD	GOLD	BLDRS	UTILS	DISCR	SP500	DISCR	BANKS	BANKS	INFRA	INFRA	SALES	SALES
TRANS	TRANS	BANKS	DISCR	DISCR	BANKS	INDUS	GOLD	INFRA	INFRA	SP500	BLDRS	DISCR	DISCR
DISCR	DISCR	DISCR	GOLD	BANKS	UTILS	BIOTC	SP500	SP500	SP500	BANKS	BANKS	INDUS	INDUS
FINAN	FINAN	TRANS	BANKS	GOLD	TRANS	GOLD	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	INDUS	UTILS	TRANS	TRANS
MATER	UTILS	FINAN	TRANS	TRANS	BIOTC	UTILS	TRANS	TRANS	TRANS	TRANS	INDUS	INDUS	BLDRS
UTILS	MATER	MATER	FINAN	BIOTC	GOLD	TRANS	UTILS	FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	TRANS	BANKS	BANKS
BIOTC	BIOTC	BLDRS	BIOTC	FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	FINAN	MATER	ENRGY	UTILS	FINAN	HLTHY	HLTHY
ENRGY	ENRGY	BIOTC	MATER	MATER	MATER	MATER	MATER	UTILS	UTILS	ENRGY	ENRGY	FINAN	FINAN
REALE	REALE	REALE	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	ENRGY	ENRGY	ENRGY	MATER	MATER	HLTHY	ENRGY	ENRGY
STAPL	BLDRS	ENRGY	REALE	REALE	ENRGY	STAPL	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	HLTHY	MATER	MATER	MATER
INSUR	STAPL	STAPL	ENRGY	ENRGY	REALE	REALE	REALE	REALE	HLTHY	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR
BLDRS	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	INSUR	STAPL	HLTHY	REALE	REALE	REALE	REALE	REALE
HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	HLTHY	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL	STAPL

Details

Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name	Symbol	Slope	Synonym	Sector Name
1. SMH	6.60	SEMIS	SEMICONDUCTORS	12. XLI	1.39	INDUS	INDUSTRIALS
2. XBI	5.60	BIOTC	BIOTECH	13. IYT	1.28	TRANS	TRANSPORTATION
3. GLD	5.52	GOLD	GOLD	14. ITB	1.17	BLDRS	HOMEBUILDERS
4. IGM	4.34	TECHS	TECHNOLOGY	15. KBE	1.06	BANKS	BANKS
5. ITA	3.87	DFEND	AEROSPACE & DEFENSE	16. XLV	1.03	HLTHY	HEALTH CARE
6. XLC	2.69	COMMS	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	17. XLF	0.30	FINAN	FINANCIALS
7. PAVE	2.33	INFRA	INFRASTRUCTURE	18. XLE	0.54	ENRGY	ENERGY
8. SPX	2.32	SP500	S&P 500	19. XLB	0.13	MATER	MATERIALS
9. XLU	2.26	UTILS	UTILITIES	20. KIE	0.12	INSUR	INSURANCE
10. XRT	2.23	SALES	RETAIL SALES	21. XLRE	-0.12	REALE	REAL ESTATE
11. XLY	2.12	DISCR	CONSUMER DISCR	22. XLP	-1.05	STAPL	CONSUMER STAPLES

The top 6 sectors are unchanged. Industrials and Transports have barely moved for 6 weeks. I find this concerning but I'm not sure why... It may mean nothing but it just seems **odd**.

As the SPX moves up to #8, 7 sectors are above the SPX and twice as many (14) are below it. The optimistic view is that the SPX has risen 4 weeks in a row. The realistic view is that more and more sectors have turned down, so it's just a matter of time before the SPX has to turn down and follow them.

[Sector Universe](#)

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The order of the sector ETF's and their synonyms in this SPX Sector Universe Summary table should always match the order of the synonyms in the rightmost column of the Relative Strength History Table above. This table provides a quick look at sector MTA status, Relative-Strength, Chaikin Money Flow, the number of weeks since price made a New High and New Low, and the MACD Histogram score.

SPX Sector Universe Summary for 17-Oct-2025								
Symbol	Synonym	Description	Instr	MTA 3	RelStr	CMF	NH/NL	MCHist
SMH	SEMIS	SEMICONDUCTORS	ETF	UP	6.60:2.32	«up»	0/0	-0.4
XBI	BIOTC	BIOTECHNOLOGY	ETF	UP	5.60:2.32	-up-	190/0	0.4
GLD	GOLD	SPDR GOLD SHARES	ETF	UP	5.52:2.32	«up»	999/0	1.0
IGM	TECHS	EXPANDED TECH SECTOR	ETF	UP	4.34:2.32	up	0/0	-0.5
ITA	DFEND	SPACE & DEFENSE	ETF	UP	3.87:2.32	«up»	0/2	-0.4
XLC	COMMS	COMMUNICATION SRVCS	ETF	UP	2.69:2.32	«dn»	0/0	-0.7
PAVE	INFRA	INFRASTRUCTURE	ETF	UP	2.33:2.32	DN	0/0	-0.2
SPX	SP500	CAP-WTD S&P 500 INDEX	INDEX	UP	2.32:2.32	up	0/0	-0.5
XLU	UTILS	UTILITIES	ETF	UP	2.26:2.32	up	999/0	0.6
XRT	SALES	RETAIL	ETF	UP	2.23:2.32	≡dn≡	0/0	-0.6
XLY	DISCR	CONSUMER DISCR	ETF	UP	2.12:2.32	«UP»	0/0	-0.7
XLI	INDUS	INDUSTRIALS	ETF	UP	1.39:2.32	DN	0/0	-0.3
IYT	TRANS	TRANSPORT NDX	ETF	UP	1.28:2.32	DN	0/0	-0.3
ITB	BLDRS	HOME CONSTRUCTION	ETF	UP	1.17:2.32	≡dn≡	0/0	-0.8
KBE	BANKS	S&P BANK SECTOR	ETF	UP	1.06:2.32	«dn»	0/15	-0.6
XLV	HLTHY	HEALTH CARE	ETF	DN	1.03:2.32	up	0/2	0.0
XLF	FINAN	FINANCIALS	ETF	UP	0.80:2.32	DN	0/9	-0.3
XLE	ENRGY	ENERGY	ETF	DN	0.54:2.32	«dn»	0/0	-0.6
XLB	MATER	MATERIALS	ETF	DN	0.13:2.32	DN	0/0	-0.1
KIE	INSUR	INSURANCE SECTOR	ETF	UP	0.12:2.32	«dn»	0/10	-0.3
XLRE	REALE	REAL ESTATE	ETF	DN	-0.12:2.32	«UP»	1/0	-0.1
XLP	STAPL	CONSUMER STAPLES	ETF	DN	-1.05:2.32	«UP»	4/0	0.4

Only 2 sectors made all-time highs this week.

MoM price changes for the top 5 sectors: SMH: 8.6%, XBI: 12.8%, GLD: 14.7%, IGM: 1.0%, ITA: 1.2%

MoM price changes for the Big 7 plus AVGO are: AAPL: 2.8%, AMZN: -8.0%, AVGO: 1.3%, GOOGL: -0.6%, META: -7.9%, MSFT: 1.0%, NFLX: -2.3%, TSLA: 3.1%

This Week's Selections

Last week my sector choices were: GLD, IGM, ITA, SMH, URA, XBI, XLY, BIL (30%).

Top Sector ETFs By Slope

Symbol	MTA	ARI	SSlope	8% Stop	Close	Position
SMH	UP	Up	6.60%	\$318.38	\$342.83	Hold 10%
XBI	UP	Up	5.60%	\$99.70	\$107.80	Hold 10%
GLD	UP	Up	5.52%	\$364.73	\$388.99	Hold 10%
IGM	UP	Up	4.34%	\$119.10	\$127.81	Hold 10%
ITA	UP	Up	3.87%	\$197.95	\$205.93	WATCH –
XLC	UP	Up	2.69%	\$109.86	\$114.94	No
PAVE	UP	Up	2.33%	\$44.41	\$47.17	No
SPX	UP	Up	2.32%	\$6213.42	\$6664.01	INDEX
XLU	UP	Up	2.26%	\$85.47	\$91.57	BUY
XRT	UP	Up	2.23%	\$78.37	\$84.02	No
XLY	UP	Up	2.12%	\$222.81	\$234.42	SELL
URA	UP	Up	12.73%	\$53.46	\$53.31	WATCH–

Legend: Up: ↑, Down: ↓, Flat/Stable: —

Analysis

[SMH](#) took another run at \$350 but didn't quite make it. [XBI](#) made a 190-week high (3.65 year) and ended the week at almost \$108. [GLD](#) made an all-time high, coming within \$3 of \$400. [IGM](#) has been moving sideways between \$125 and \$130 for a month. [ITA](#) made a lower high on Wednesday, all the basic charts are losing ground, but it has only been declining for 2 weeks and I'm comfortable with where the stop is (for now). [XLC](#)'s price is just below \$115 and 5 of 6 basic charts are down.

[PAVE](#) made a lower high on Wednesday. Its basic charts are either down or flat. [SPX](#) is largely flat and remains within the range of last Friday's open and close. [XLU](#)'s slope is rapidly approaching SPX's slope and it made an all-time high. The pure-price basic charts (KB, ATS, RSI, and MACD) are all up. [XRT](#) made yet another lower high and 5 of 6 basic charts are down. [XLY](#) made another lower high and its slope dropped below the SPX slope. It has been declining for 5 weeks and I'm not willing to risk another \$12 waiting for it to break the 8% stop. [URA](#) – This is really interesting. Price gapped down far enough to close below the 8% stop; however, it did not go low enough to go below either the Keltner Band centerline nor the ATS trailing stop.

Thoughts and Decisions

Because of its persistent decline, I'm going to sell XLY this week. I'm going to keep a close watch on URA to see if that gap down closes itself or persists. I'm also going to watch ITA for a decline below \$200. And I'm going to buy XLU.

So my sector choices this week are: GLD, IGM, ITA, SMH, URA, XBI, XLU, BIL (30%).

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New Highs and New Lows

There were 19 all-time highs this week, and 4 all-time lows. About half as many of each as last week.

SECURITIES MAKING NEW HIGHS DURING THE WEEK OF 17-Oct-2025					
SYMBOL	COMPANY	INSTR	MTA	SLOPE	WEEKS
AMD	ADVANCED MICRO DEVICES	STOCK	UP	12.00	999
CAT	CATERPILLAR	STOCK	UP	7.68	999
CM	CANADIAN IMPERIAL BANK (DS 1868)	STOCK	UP	4.19	999
COPX	GLOBAL X COPPER MINERS	ETF	UP	10.62	999
DUK	DUKE ENERGY	STOCK	UP	1.21	999
EMXC	EMERGING MARKETS x CHINA	ETF	UP	3.32	999
GDX	MARKET VECTORS GOLD MINERS	ETF	UP	12.04	999
GLD	SPDR GOLD SHARES	ETF	UP	5.52	999
GLDM	GOLD MINISHARES	ETF	UP	5.54	999
IONQ	IONQ INC.	STOCK	UP	21.21	999
IWM	SMALL-CAP OVERVIEW	ETF	UP	3.29	999
JNJ	JOHNSON AND JOHNSON (DK)	STOCK	UP	4.10	999
SLV	SILVER TRUST	ETF	UP	9.25	999
TSM	TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR	STOCK	UP	8.93	999
URA	URANIUM	ETF	UP	12.73	999
UTG	REAVES UTILITY INCOME FUND	CEF	UP	3.28	999
WMT	WALMART STORES	STOCK	UP	1.67	999
XLU	UTILITIES	ETF	UP	2.26	999
XME	METALS AND MINING	ETF	UP	11.62	999
IBB	BIO-TECH & PHARMA	ETF	UP	3.71	191
STK	SELIGMAN PREMIUM TECHNOLOGY	CEF	UP	5.06	190
XBI	BIOTECHNOLOGY	ETF	UP	5.60	190
PCY	EMERGING MARKET BONDS	ETF	UP	1.69	177
IEI	3-7 YEAR TREASURY BOND	ETF	DN	0.34	161
TIP	TIPS BOND	ETF	DN	0.45	156
NEE	NEXTERA ENERGY (DA)	STOCK	UP	3.35	142
REMX	RARE EARTH METALS	ETF	UP	14.60	110
CRBU	CARIBOU BIOSCIENCES	STOCK	UP	22.41	69
BND	TOTAL BOND MARKET	ETF	UP	0.53	52
LQD	INVESTMENT GRADE CORP BOND	ETF	DN	0.79	52
SECURITIES MAKING NEW LOWS DURING THE WEEK OF 17-Oct-2025					
FLO	FLOWERS FOODS	STOCK	DN	-7.11	999
HRL	HORMEL FOODS (DK)	STOCK	DN	-5.04	999
KVUE	KENVUE	STOCK	DN	-7.61	999
UNG	UNITED STATES NATURAL GAS	ETF	DN	-5.01	999
GIS	GENERAL MILLS	STOCK	DN	-1.97	279
CLX	CLOROX (DK)	STOCK	DN	-2.29	98
PG	PROCTER AND GAMBLE (DA)	STOCK	DN	-1.67	90
KMB	KIMBERLY CLARK (DK)	STOCK	DN	-2.51	83