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Summary

One trade is holding up the American economy and the American equity market at the same time, and it is the same trade. Capital investment in artificial intelligence, the data centers, the chips, the model training, drove the overwhelming majority of US economic growth across 2025, and the single company that sells the chips is now the largest weight in the index by a margin not seen in four decades. The investment is enormous and the technology is real, and it does not do the one thing the valuations require, which is operate reliably enough to remove the human worker rather than merely assist one. The gap between what is being spent and what is being earned is held open by belief, and belief reprices faster than capital can be withdrawn. When the return on this investment is forced into the open, by the public markets the largest players are about to enter, conviction breaks, the spend contracts, and because that spend is both the only real source of growth and the dominant concentration in public equity, the contraction lands as a growth shock and a market shock through the same wire. That is the strain. This is an account of how it builds and what trips it.

The Oxygen

The claim that AI is consuming everything else is not rhetorical but visible in the national accounts.

Jason Furman's analysis of Bureau of Economic Analysis data found that investment in information-processing equipment and software, the category that captures the AI buildout, was roughly 4% of US gross domestic product but accounted for roughly 92% of its growth in the first half of 2025. Strip that category out and the economy grew at an annualized rate of 0.1%. Effectively flat. The World Economic Forum, working from the same data, attributed about 80% of the rise in final private domestic demand over the same period to data centers and related high-technology spending. Hyperscaler capital expenditure ran near \$364 billion in 2025 across Microsoft, Google, Amazon, and Meta, and in a single quarter the largest technology companies spent over \$100 billion on data center projects alone. Consumer spending, two-thirds of the economy, contributed less to growth than the boxes full of servers.

There is a measurement dispute that an honest version of this argument has to carry. Roughly two-thirds of data center spend flows to imported semiconductors, and imports subtract from GDP, so the net domestic value added is smaller than the gross investment figure implies. Goldman put the construction component's net contribution near 0.2 percentage points for 2025. Furman himself noted that absent the boom, lower interest rates and lower electricity prices might have returned about half of the lost growth to other sectors. The defensible statement is therefore not that AI is literally 92% of the economy's growth, but that it is the dominant marginal swing factor, the difference between an economy that is growing and one that is stalled, and that nothing else of comparable scale is contributing. The room has one source of oxygen.

The same concentration sits in the equity market, and it is more extreme. As of early June 2026, Nvidia carries a market capitalization near \$5 trillion, the largest of any company in the world, and represents roughly 8% of the entire S&P 500. That is the highest weight for a single stock since records began in 1981. One company is worth more than seven of the index's eleven sectors. It is responsible for roughly 20% of the index's gains on the year. The seven largest technology names together are about 35% of the index; the twenty largest companies are slightly more than half of it. The consequence is mechanical and invisible to the people it affects most: every dollar that flows into a low-cost S&P 500 index fund, the default holding in the retirement accounts of tens of millions of households, allocates about eight cents to a single chipmaker, and roughly a third to a handful of firms whose fortunes all depend on the same buildout. No one chose that exposure. It is a structural byproduct of market-cap weighting meeting unprecedented concentration.

So the setup is two facts standing next to each other. AI capital investment is the only meaningful growth in the economy. The companies tied to that investment are the dominant weight in the market. A repricing of the investment is therefore not a sector event that diversification contains but a shock to growth and to the index at once, transmitted automatically into the savings of people who never held a view on artificial intelligence at all.

The Returns

The investment thesis rests on a belief: that the spending will convert into returns large enough to justify it. That belief is not yet supported by the numbers, and the reason cuts deeper than a bad quarter. What the capital is paying for is autonomy, the agent that executes a task without a person watching it, because only autonomy removes labor and only removed labor produces the savings the valuations assume. Autonomy is the one property that is not arriving on the curve the capital assumes. The models assist a worker; they do not reliably replace one.

OpenAI is the clearest case because it is the largest and the most exposed. In the first quarter of 2026 its adjusted operating margin was approximately negative 122%, meaning it lost about \$1.22 for every dollar of revenue, and that figure already strips out stock-based compensation, on revenue near \$5.7 billion. On a full-year 2025 basis the company spent roughly \$1.69 for every dollar it earned, about \$22

billion in spending against \$13 billion in revenue, for a net loss near \$9 billion. It raised \$122 billion, the largest funding round in the history of private capital, and expects to consume it within about three years. It has signed compute commitments reported at \$1.4 trillion over eight years. Its own chief financial officer has reportedly voiced concern about the company's ability to pay for those contracts if revenue does not grow fast enough. HSBC estimated the company faces a funding shortfall above \$200 billion and is unlikely to reach profitability by 2030. This is not a startup's early-stage burn but a structural condition operating at national scale.

The deeper signal comes from a customer, not a vendor. When Uber's chief technology officer ran a personal demonstration of an agentic coding tool, it consumed \$1,200 in tokens in two hours, and the company exhausted its entire 2026 AI coding budget in four months. Adoption was real: more than 80% of roughly 5,000 engineers using the tools, around 70% of committed code generated by them, a portion of backend changes written with no human in the loop. The tools worked. They refactored, generated tests, built backends at scale, and reduced the time to deliver. And the company's chief operating officer, asked to connect that spending to results, said there is "no line yet" between rising token consumption and useful features shipped to customers. He coined a word for the waste, "tokenmaxxing," and the company capped per-tool spending. Microsoft began canceling direct licenses for one such tool and redirecting engineers to a cheaper alternative. Walmart capped its internal assistant.

The reason the cost will not convert into the savings that justify it is a reliability ceiling, and it is the mechanism beneath the inverted economics. A tool that is right most of the time but wrong unpredictably still requires a human to check every output, which means it augments labor without removing it. The headcount does not come out, so the margin math never closes. This is the operational form of the criticism Gary Marcus has pressed for years: not that the models produce garbage, but that they fail in plausible, unpredictable ways that a user cannot stop policing, which is precisely the property that prevents trust in autonomous execution. Yann LeCun has made the harder structural version, that the current architecture lacks the world models and planning that reliable reasoning requires and is an off-ramp rather than the road, in which case the gap is permanent rather than transient. The honest position is that this is an unresolved technical dispute among serious people, and the optimists have been more right about raw capability than the skeptics for several years running. But the capability gains and the trust gap are different things. The improvements have come in what the models can do, not in whether they can be left alone to do it, and the business case is underwritten on the second. A more powerful model that still cannot be trusted unsupervised is a better tool and not a cheaper one.

There is a quieter version of the same gap in how the capability is sold. The marketed specification and the dependable specification diverge, the price is set on the marketed number, and the divergence is discovered in production and absorbed by the customer as wasted spend and rework. The most lucrative workloads, the long-running agentic tasks that justify premium pricing, are also the ones that push the models hardest toward their unreliable edge, so the highest-value use is the least dependable

use. Gartner expects inference costs to fall about 90% by 2030 and notes in the same breath that cheaper tokens will not produce cheaper enterprise AI, because the agentic workloads that justify the spending consume tokens faster than the price falls. The cost curve and the trust curve are both working against the return, and neither is fixed by a better model alone.

This is where the reflexive nature of the thing matters, and it is the part that static readings of quarterly earnings miss. Corporations buy into the hype until the hype stops serving the business. Adoption is sustained by belief in a return, and the dashboards show enough activity to keep the belief alive, so the spending continues, and the spending is counted as demand, and the demand justifies the next round of investment. Uber ran internal leaderboards ranking engineers by tool usage before anyone established that the usage produced value. That is belief-funded adoption, and belief is precisely the variable that reprices non-linearly. It holds, and holds, and then the moment the return on a given dollar visibly fails to clear, it does not erode gently. It breaks. The spending that looked like organic demand turns out to have been subsidized conviction, and conviction is not a contract.

The Circle

The demand is not only belief-funded. In large part it is the same capital counted more than once.

The structure connecting the principals is circular, and the Musk v. OpenAI trial pried it into the open under oath. Microsoft testified it will have put more than \$100 billion into OpenAI by mid-2026 across investment, infrastructure, and hosting, and that roughly 45% of its enormous cloud backlog is tied to that single customer. Nvidia invested tens of billions into OpenAI; OpenAI uses the capital to buy Nvidia chips, which book as Nvidia revenue, which supports the market capitalization that anchors the index. Amazon invested heavily and secured OpenAI as a cloud customer with commitments reported near \$100 billion, effectively buying its own future revenue. SoftBank anchored the structure with a \$40 billion unsecured bridge loan, the largest dollar borrowing in its history, maturing March 2027, raising its total OpenAI commitment to roughly \$64.6 billion, and drew a negative credit outlook from S&P, which flagged that OpenAI had grown to about 30% of SoftBank's portfolio and left the group facing a funding gap estimated near \$32 billion over two years if the offering does not arrive on time. Much of what the sector reports as revenue and investment is money circulating among the same handful of companies, each booking the others' spending as its own demand. A circle of capital can look like a growing market for a long time, because every participant's outflow is another's revenue. It stops looking like a market the moment any one participant has to stop, because the same linkage that propagated the spending propagates the withdrawal.

The buildout that all this capital is pouring into faces a physical limit independent of the financial one. Roughly half of the data center capacity planned to come online in the United States this year is projected to be delayed or canceled. Of the capacity expected, only about a third is under active construction. The binding constraint is not money or chips but electrical infrastructure, transformers and switchgear with lead times stretching toward five years, against AI deployment cycles under

eighteen months. The supply chain for those components runs substantially through China, which accounts for over 40% of US battery imports and around 30% of certain transformer and switchgear categories, at the precise moment trade policy is taxing exactly those imports. So even the optimistic case has a ceiling: even if demand were real and the returns were there, half the planned capacity cannot be energized on the required timeline with the available supply chain. The capital is being committed against a buildout that physically cannot absorb it on schedule.

The Trigger

A structure this stretched does not unwind on its own schedule. It unwinds when something forces the question. The forcing event is the public market, and the two largest model companies are walking toward it.

Both OpenAI and Anthropic are pointed at initial public offerings in the back half of 2026. The offering is the event that ends private patience. Private capital tolerates growth bought at a loss because in private markets the only metric that matters is growth, and the exit is assumed. Public markets do not extend that tolerance. They demand disclosed economics, an explained path to profit, and a date attached. The act of going public converts a company from one optimized for growth into one answerable to margin every ninety days.

The largest discretionary cost at a frontier model company is frontier research itself: the training runs, the compute, the research headcount chasing the next capability jump. As a private company racing for dominance, a lab spends that without apology. As a public company answerable to quarterly margins, that line is the obvious one to cut, and cutting it is how the lab manufactures the profitability the market demands. The problem is that openly slashing frontier research reads as surrender, an admission that the capability race is over and the moat is closed, which no chief executive can say without destroying the valuation.

This is the function served by the call to slow frontier development for safety. On June 4, 2026, Anthropic, through its institute, proposed a coordinated global pause in frontier AI development, citing recursive self-improvement and the risk of losing human oversight, noting that more than 80% of the code in its own codebase is now written by its models and that autonomous task horizons are doubling roughly every four months. The stated premise may be entirely sincere, and it may even be true. It does not matter to the financial mechanics, because the safety argument and the margin argument recommend the identical action: stop spending on the frontier. A pause framework lets a company cut the most expensive thing it does and be applauded for restraint rather than punished for retreat. Research dollars convert into margin, and the narrative converts a cost cut into a virtue. The multilateral framing is what makes it safe to say out loud. A unilateral slowdown is a confession of weakness that hands the lead to rivals. A call for a coordinated, verified, industry-wide pause neutralizes that, because if everyone stops no one loses position, and the leader locks in its lead while

recategorizing a budget decision as statesmanship. It is no coincidence that the proposal came from the company that had just taken the lead and requires its competitors to stop too.

History is not kind to the durability of such pauses, which matters for whether this is a genuine deceleration or a temporary convenience. Coordination aimed at building accelerates development; common standards, consortia, and directed programs have repeatedly compressed timelines. Coordination aimed at restricting a frontier slows it by design and fails under competitive pressure. The one celebrated success, the 1975 Asilomar moratorium on recombinant DNA, held because the field was small, pre-commercial, and homogeneous, a few hundred researchers with nothing yet to sell. The moment stakes turned commercial and actors multiplied across jurisdictions, restraint failed. Artificial intelligence in 2026 is the inverse of Asilomar: trillion-dollar commercial incentives, many well-resourced labs, and an explicit geopolitical race with a country that does not attend Western coordination meetings. A pause has the weakest possible base rate under exactly these conditions. So the safety proposal should not be read as a thing that will hold. It should be read as the permission structure that lets the spending peak be called a virtue, and once the market leader pulls research into margin under that banner and is rewarded for it, every other lab is forced to follow or look reckless. That is how a single blog post becomes a sector-wide reversal of the spending the entire buildout is collateralized against. Whether or not any formal pause is ever enforced, the proposal is the signal that the peak is in.

One Law, Four Fates

The reckoning is a single mechanism, and it sorts the field. The question it forces on every participant is the same: is its AI spending attached to a demonstrable return? Where each lands depends entirely on the answer.

Meta survives, because its AI is already attached to a return. Meta pointed its machine-learning investment at the one thing that already prints money, the advertising auction. Its generative ads recommendation model lifted ad conversions on Instagram around 5% and on Facebook around 3%; its ranking system lifted conversions a further 6% and ad quality 12%. In the first quarter of 2026 its core apps generated roughly \$55.9 billion in revenue and \$26.9 billion in operating income, with the AI ad engine credited for a sharp revenue increase, and the company told investors it expects 2026 operating income above 2025 even while raising its capital-expenditure guidance to \$125 to \$145 billion. That is the tell. Meta's AI return is measurable, near-term, and feeds a business that already works, because optimizing an auction is a problem with a price tag attached on day one. The caveat is that Meta is hedged, not immune. It is also pouring money into a superintelligence lab and a frontier model program that carry the same speculative risk as everyone else's, and its hardware division still loses about \$4 billion a quarter. The survivor case rests specifically on the ad-optimization spend, not the frontier ambition.

Google is exposed reflexively, which is why its current earnings are misleading. Google's AI-first approach to search is starving the click economy that produces the measurable advertising return, while leaving its own revenue intact for now. AI-generated answer summaries now appear on roughly 48% of tracked queries, up from 31% a year earlier, and organic click-through on those queries has fallen about 61%. Referral traffic to publishers is down roughly a third year over year, with the worst-hit sites down 49% to 90%. And yet Google's search revenue in the first quarter of 2026 was about \$60 billion, up 19%, with total company revenue at a record and queries reportedly at an all-time high. The resolution of that paradox is that Google is not losing the eyeballs, it is keeping them inside its own walled garden and cutting the publishers out, retaining the impression and the ad slot while the open web that supplied the content starves. But the longer-run exposure is reflexive. Advertisers pay Google because the measured return justifies it, and the click-through rate on a paid link collapses from roughly 13% without an AI summary to about 6% with one. Revenue holds today because advertiser belief has not yet broken. When the return on an answer-page placement visibly fails to clear, the spending reprices, with a lag, and the lag is exactly the interval in which a reader points at the revenue line and calls the thesis wrong. The traffic collapse leads and the revenue lags. Reading the current quarter as a steady state is the error; the belief that funds the revenue is the variable, and belief is what the hype holds up until it doesn't.

Anthropic is compressed by the very success of its offering. Anthropic enters from the strongest position of the model companies. Its revenue is larger than OpenAI's by the most recent reporting, near \$45 billion annualized, it sits near operating profit with break-even projected for 2028 and burn falling toward single digits as a share of revenue, and its models are widely regarded as the best in the field, especially for software. Its public offering is likely to succeed. That success is the trap. Going public forces the margin discipline that compresses the model even for the healthy operator, and the largest available margin lever is the frontier research that drives the capability lead its revenue depends on. The safety-pause posture is the mechanism by which that lever gets pulled without admitting what it is. The claim here is precise and falsifiable: it is not that Anthropic cannot improve, which the evidence contradicts, but that the public-market pivot converts its research spend into margin and throttles the growth story, with the safety narrative as the cover. If Anthropic sustains both high frontier spend and expanding margin as a public company, or if a pause genuinely holds for safety reasons rather than dissolving the instant it stops being convenient, this part of the thesis weakens.

OpenAI does not survive without the rehydration. It has no demonstrated path to a return, the deepest burn of the group, and a capital structure that requires the public markets to refill it. For OpenAI the offering is not an exit but life support. If it does not happen, or happens but does not clear near the private valuation, the capital that the entire circle depends on does not come back, and the company that anchors the demand for the compute, the chips, and the data centers cannot fund its commitments.

One law, four fates. The reckoning does not ask whether AI is real. It asks whether the spending was ever attached to a return, and it sorts the field accordingly. Meta attached it to the auction and lives.

Google attached it to a format that erodes its own best economics and is exposed on a delay. Anthropic attached it to a capability lead that public markets will force it to stop funding. OpenAI attached it to a promise and dies without a refill. The technology working does not save any of them from the question, because the question was never whether the technology works.

The Strain

Now connect the trigger to the concentration, because that connection is the whole reason this is a systemic event and not a story about a few overvalued companies.

The spending is the demand. When the public-market reckoning forces the model companies to price for margin, the cost of using the tools surfaces, and the corporate adopters who were buying on belief confront the return question all at once. Uber capping spend and Microsoft canceling licenses are the early, isolated instances of a response that generalizes the moment the subsidy ends across the sector. Demand built on subsidized conviction contracts when the subsidy lifts. That contraction runs straight up the circle: the hyperscaler capital expenditure that was justified by lab demand gets questioned, the compute commitments to the cloud providers and the chipmaker lose their underwriting, the data center buildout that was already fighting power and supply constraints loses its demand rationale, and the chipmaker that is 8% of the index reprices.

And here the two facts from the opening collapse into one event. Because AI capital investment is the dominant source of GDP growth, the contraction is a growth shock; the economy that grew at 0.1% without the buildout has nothing to fall back on. Because the AI complex is the dominant weight in the equity market, the same contraction is a market shock, and because that weight is held overwhelmingly through passive index funds, the loss is transmitted automatically into the retirement savings of households that never took a position. Growth and the market are not two exposures that might offset but the same exposure, wired together through the same trade, and they move together when it reverses.

That is the strain on the system. The strain does not stay contained in technology. A simultaneous hit to growth and to the market propagates outward into the structures that depend on both: the credit extended against asset values that no longer hold, the fiscal position of a government whose revenue assumes the growth, the monetary authority caught between a slowing economy and the inflation it is already fighting, the foreign capital that bought into American exceptionalism on the strength of exactly this market. Each of those is its own analysis. What matters here is the ignition. The AI capital cycle is the prime mover, the thing large enough and concentrated enough that its repricing forces the rest, and the other fractures in the system are the cascade, not the cause.

The Precedent

None of this requires the technology to be a fraud, and that is the point most often gotten wrong. The internet was not a fraud but the most consequential commercial technology of its generation, and the

capital structure built to monetize it in 1999 was still almost entirely destroyed.

The instructive comparison is not the companies that were obviously hollow, but the ones that were real, dominant, and well-funded, and lost anyway. Lycos and Yahoo were genuine market leaders with enormous traffic and serious capital behind them. The category they pioneered, the consumer internet, compounded for twenty-five years into the largest companies on earth. They did not. The capital that crowned them evaporated when a later generation arrived with better economics and the architecture that actually endured. Cisco sold the routers and switches the buildout genuinely required, real infrastructure for real demand, and a quarter century after its 2000 peak its stock has still not recovered that level in real terms, because the demand was pulled forward and the capacity was overbuilt. Roughly 90% of the speculative excess came out of the index. Amazon, one of the eventual winners, lost about 90% of its value before it grew into and far past its 1999 price. Being right about the technology and wrong about the entry price and the incumbents are not in tension but the normal outcome of a capital cycle that confuses a real revolution with a license to fund any participant at any valuation.

The present cycle has the same shape. Trillions of dollars committed, data centers planned and contested and constrained, an intellectual-property regime being rewritten in real time around training data, all of it underwritten as though today's leaders are the terminal winners and the returns are a formality. The technology will very likely matter as much as the optimists claim. The capital crowning the current leaders is unlikely to survive the transition intact, the overbuilt capacity is unlikely to earn its cost on the timeline it was financed against, and the winners that compound for the next twenty-five years may not be the names that are absorbing the capital today. Right about AI, wrong about the companies and the capital. That distinction is the difference between a forecast that survives the next capable model and one that gets refuted by it.

Horizon and Falsification

The structure described here is not a prediction of an imminent crash. The decisions that determine the outcome are being made now, in roughly the next eighteen months, and the consequences arrive over a longer arc. A reader picking this up in 2029 should expect the crisis to be visible already and to find here an account of what set it in motion and what comes next, rather than a question of whether it will happen.

The forcing event is dated. Both leading model companies are pointed at public offerings in the back half of 2026. The SoftBank bridge that anchors part of the circle matures around March 2027. Those are not sentiments but calendar events with known mechanics, and they cluster inside the window. Structural fragility is not by itself a timing signal, and a system this stretched can stay aloft longer than any position betting against it can survive, so the claim is about direction and mechanism, not about a date.

Because a thesis that cannot be refuted is not analysis, here is what would weaken or break this one, stated in advance:

- The model companies complete their public offerings at or near their private valuations and sustain both frontier research spending and expanding margins as public companies. This would falsify the central pivot mechanism.
- The reliability ceiling closes. The models become trustworthy enough to operate autonomously at scale, removing labor rather than augmenting it, so that the cost of using them converts into the headcount savings the valuations assume. This is the deepest falsification: it would mean the returns are coming, just late.
- Enterprise adopters connect AI spending to measurable shipped value at scale, and the inverted unit economics at the point of use resolve rather than persist. The Uber pattern proving idiosyncratic rather than general would remove the demand-contraction trigger.
- Inference and operating costs fall fast enough that the returns close before the reckoning is forced, making the spending self-justifying on its own timeline.
- AI capital investment broadens into durable, profitable demand across the economy rather than circulating among a concentrated set of vendors, breaking the circular-financing reading.
- The equity concentration unwinds in an orderly rotation rather than a repricing, so that a contraction in the AI trade does not transmit as a simultaneous growth and market shock.

If these disconfirming developments begin to accumulate, the correct response is to re-rate the thesis, not to explain them away. The discipline that separates structural analysis from permanent pessimism is the willingness to name the evidence that would prove the call wrong and to act on it when it appears.

What is not in question is the concentration. AI investment is the only meaningful growth in the economy and the dominant weight in the market, and those are the same trade. The returns have not yet justified the spending, and the gap is held open by a belief that the public markets are about to test. When the test comes, the contraction will not stay in technology, because nothing else is holding up the room. The oxygen is being consumed faster than it is being produced, and everyone in the room is breathing the same air.

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