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MARKET DATA

NASDAQ COMPOSITE **25,466.19 (+400.31, +1.60% from the prior close of 25,065.88; Nasdaq, dated Wed 11 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
NASDAQ-100 **28,374.25 (+633.45, +2.28% from the prior close of 27,740.80; Nasdaq, dated Wed 11 Nov, time not shown by provider)**
As of Close of Wed 11 Nov ET · Source: Nasdaq Composite (COMP), Nasdaq-100 (NDX)

FRONT PAGE · TOP STORY

Rubio and Wang Yi discuss Trump's APEC trip and Xi's G20 visit, State Department says

OFFICIAL POST · LEAD STORY

Official post · not independently verified. The State Department said Secretary of State Marco Rubio spoke with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi "At China's request". It said the two "discussed President Trump's upcoming travel to the APEC Summit in China and General Secretary Xi's upcoming visit to Florida to attend the G20 Summit." On X: 341,764 views and 370 reposts as of Thu 12 Nov, 04:13 ET.

Published: X post Wed 11 Nov, 18:05 ET (readout dated 11 Nov, time not disclosed) · **Source:** @StateDept on X and US Department of State: Secretary Rubio's Call with China's Director of the Office of the CCP Central Foreign Affairs Commission and Foreign Minister Wang

WORLD

3 ITEMS

GOVERNMENT

G7 foreign ministers say they will keep acting against countries that help Russia's war

The G7 foreign ministers condemned "the provision of military assistance to Russia by North Korea and Iran, and the provision of weapons, military training and dual-use components by China". They said: "We made clear our intention to continue to take action against these countries." On Iran, they "called on Iran to cease its persistent attacks against civilian vessels in the Strait of Hormuz."

Published: Dated Wed 11 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** Global Affairs Canada: Joint statement following the G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Paris

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky says a meeting with Witkoff and Kushner is planned during his visit to Ireland

Official post · not independently verified. Ukraine's president wrote that he had arrived in Dublin "to attend the 9th European Political Community Summit". He wrote: "A meeting on diplomatic efforts with the American negotiating team – Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner – is also planned." On X: 157,955 views and 986 reposts as of Thu 12 Nov, 04:13 ET.

Published: X post Wed 11 Nov, 12:29 ET · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X

OFFICIAL POST

Zelensky asks partners to focus on sanctions, including on businesses that supply Russia's weapons production

Official post · not independently verified. Zelensky wrote that sanctions are necessary and that this "applies both to individual sanctions against Russian entities working for Putin and his system, and to businesses through which Russia obtains scarce components, equipment, and machine tools to produce weapons". He wrote: "We must restrict Russia's weapons production". He wrote that he said this during a joint press conference with Micheál Martin. On X: 113,400 views and 524 reposts as of Thu 12 Nov, 04:13 ET.

Published: X post Wed 11 Nov, 16:59 ET · **Source:** @ZelenskyyUa on X

ECONOMY

3 ITEMS

GOVERNMENT

Eurostat says 29.2% of people in the EU could not cope with unexpected expenses in 2025

The EU statistics office said: "In 2025, 29.2% of the EU population was unable to cope with unexpected financial expenses, slightly down from 30.0% in 2024." It said Greece had the highest share at 50.5%, followed by Latvia (43.7%) and Bulgaria (42.4%). The Netherlands had the lowest, at 15.3%.

Published: Dated Wed 11 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** Eurostat: Almost 30% unable to cope with unexpected expenses

OFFICIAL POST

Duffy says 12 trucking companies pledge to hire more than 13,000 veterans

Official post · not independently verified. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy wrote that veterans "are getting into trucking with Freedom Haulers". He wrote that 12 trucking companies now pledge to hire more than 13,000 veterans and that "Nearly 400 Veterans have already used their GI bill to obtain benefits". On X: 10,790 views and 63 reposts as of Thu 12 Nov, 04:13 ET.

Published: X post Wed 11 Nov, 16:49 ET · **Source:** @SecDuffy on X

GOVERNMENT

UK reviews the water bonus ban, saying some executives' pay rose despite poor performance

The UK government said "A review of the bonus ban rule begins today". It said "some executives have seen their total pay rise over 2025-26 despite continued poor performance." Environment Secretary Angela Eagle said: "Where there are loopholes, I want them closed."

Published: Dated Thu 12 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** GOV.UK: Water bosses must not be rewarded for failure by another name, says Environment Secretary

ENERGY

1 ITEM

GOVERNMENT

UK Prime Minister Burnham tells COP31 the UK is committed to its 2050 net zero target

Prime Minister Andy Burnham said at his first COP as prime minister: "We're committed to meeting our 2050 net zero target and committed to working with all of our partners to reach theirs." He said he supports the summit's focus on electrification and that "The shift to clean energy is the only route to energy security."

Published: Dated Thu 12 Nov, time not disclosed · **Source:** GOV.UK: PM speech at COP31 climate summit: 12 November 2026

TECH

2 ITEMS

OFFICIAL POST

Weather Prediction Center forecasts the coldest air of the season so far for much of the central and eastern US

Official post · not independently verified. The NWS Weather Prediction Center wrote: "An anomalous polar plunge will bring the coldest air of the season so far to much of the central and eastern U.S. beginning Wednesday night". A Thursday forecast discussion said: "Below freezing temperatures are forecast to reach as far south as the Deep South by Saturday morning." On X: 10,523 views and 11 reposts as of Thu 12 Nov, 04:13 ET.

Published: X post Wed 11 Nov, 07:05 ET (discussion issued Thu 12 Nov, 03:00 ET) · **Source:** @NWSWPC on X and NWS Weather Prediction Center: Short Range Forecast Discussion

OFFICIAL POST

ESA says its Sentinel-3C satellite has reached its operational orbit

Official post · not independently verified. The European Space Agency wrote: "Sentinel-3C has reached its operational orbit!" It said that after launching on 15 September, the spacecraft "is now flying in tandem with, Sentinel-3B, as teams at #ESOC continue preparing Sentinel-3C for routine operations." On X: 28,958 views and 82 reposts as of Thu 12 Nov, 04:13 ET.

Published: X post Wed 11 Nov, 07:24 ET · **Source:** @esa on X

TRUMP REMARKS

1 ITEM

OFFICIAL POST

Trump at Arlington on Veterans Day: "we will always fulfill our duty to them"

Official post · not independently verified. The White House said President Trump spoke at Arlington National Cemetery on Veterans Day. It quoted him: "America's veterans have always fulfilled their duty to us, and while I'm President of the United States, we will always fulfill our duty to them." On X: 296,316 views and 1,082 reposts as of Thu 12 Nov, 04:13 ET.

Published: X post Wed 11 Nov, 18:21 ET (release dated 11 Nov, time not disclosed) · **Source:** @WhiteHouse on X and White House: President Trump Honors America's Veterans on Hallowed Ground at Arlington

OFFICIAL POSTS

1 ITEM

OFFICIAL POST

Trump on Truth Social, Wednesday

At least 3 posts on Trump's official Truth Social account between 12:56 ET and 13:38 ET Wednesday.

- 12:56 ET: Two video posts with no text. Post 1 · Post 2
- 13:38 ET: An image post with no text. Post

Published: Wed 11 Nov, 12:56 ET – 13:38 ET · **Source:** Truth Social

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