

# TSMC Stock Falls. Why Trump's Taiwan Comments Threaten the Chip Maker.

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Donald Trump moved markets again on Wednesday after the former president said that Taiwan should be paying the U.S. to defend it.

[Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing](#) ↓ [TSM -2.96%](#)'s American depository receipts tumbled 7.3% to \$172.55. Its [Taipei-listed shares](#) ↓ [2330 -2.43%](#) had closed the day trading 2.4% lower.

The semiconductor giant slid after Trump, who officially became the Republican party's presidential nominee on Monday, commented on Taiwan's relationship with the U.S. in an interview published late Tuesday.

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Other chip stocks were also down on fears that a Trump victory would threaten supply chains. U.S. giant [Nvidia](#) ↑ [NVDA 0.27%](#), which has racked up triple-digit gains in 2024, fell 6%. [Advanced Micro Devices](#) ↓ [AMD -3.10%](#) fell 7.4%, [Broadcom](#) ↓ [AVGO -0.10%](#) slid 5.9%, and [Qualcomm](#) dropped 6.7%.

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China's ruling Communist Party has vowed to "reunify" with Taiwan and has refused to rule out using military force to take back control of the country. The