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Why Are Stocks Falling When Earnings Beat the Street?

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> Third-quarter earnings results have been rock solid. Still, the Nasdaq Composite is about one percentage point from a correction (down 10% from highs), and semiconductor stocks are in a bear market as investors sell anything that has a whiff of AI.

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> Clearly, investors are worried about AI—in particular the market's ability to fund the trillion-dollar building cycle. But timing is also a factor. Third-quarter earnings reports aren't all that useful. Companies are updating guidance for 2026, but only one quarter remains in the year. The stock market is forward-looking. Investors want to hear about 2027, and there is precious little formal guidance for the year ahead.