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BLUF. WIRE Business stays at **POTENTIAL CRISIS**, and the trend turns back to ↑ as AI-financing stress spreads into credit and volatility. The chip index fell **3.4% to 10,328.33** on 2 Nov, **29.4% below its high**, and Oracle priced **$10 billion of bonds at 7–8.65%** plus $10 billion of stock at an 11% discount. FRED's delayed 30 Oct prints show high-yield spreads widening **18 bp to 3.44%**, which resolves **BIZ-22 as a hit**. The VIX closed at **21.15**, so E-2 moves to ABNORMAL and **BIZ-25 hits**; the S&P 500 fell to **7,541.40**, so **BIZ-27 misses**. In the Gulf, Brent settled **$104.77** (−7.6%) on talks, then rose about 1–2% overnight after reported US strikes on Qeshm; a tug sank in the strait and Kpler puts Hormuz at **45%** of normal. BIS still has six days to extend the Affiliates Rule suspension. Today: US midterms; AMD reports.

0. WIRE Business Dashboard

TOPIC	CRISIS LEVEL	DOM. INDICATOR	KEY DRIVER (today)	TREND
BIZ-T3 Supply chains and freight	POTENTIAL CRISIS	EXTREME	S-3: Hormuz 45% of baseline (Kpler 3 Nov); tug *Selat Storm* sunk; reported US strikes on Qeshm	=
BIZ-T2 AI capex and tech financing	POTENTIAL CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	A-4: SOX 10,328.33, −29.4% from high; Oracle $20B raise at 7–8.65% coupons	↑
BIZ-T1 Corporate credit	ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS	SIGNIFICANT	C-2: CCC OAS 13.27%; C-1: HY OAS 3.44% (+18 bp, 30 Oct)	↑
BIZ-T4 Trade policy and sanctions	NO CRISIS	ABNORMAL	P-3: no BIS extension yet; Affiliates Rule returns 10 Nov absent one	=
BIZ-T5 Equity market and earnings	NO CRISIS	ABNORMAL	E-2: VIX 21.15 (2 Nov); E-1: S&P 500 −3.5% from record	↑

Indicator: ROUTINE ABNORMAL SIGNIFICANT EXTREME **Crisis level:** NO CRISIS ENV. FOR CRISIS POTENTIAL PROBABLE IMMINENT

Family level = highest topic level (BIZ-T2 and BIZ-T3). Roll-up per WIRE_METHOD §1a. Trend key: ↑ toward crisis, ↓ away, = no net change.

Change line. No topic level change. BIZ-T2 = → ↑; BIZ-T1 = → ↑; BIZ-T5 = → ↑ (dominant indicator ROUTINE → ABNORMAL). Family level POTENTIAL CRISIS, family trend = → ↑, dominant indicator EXTREME.

Moved indicators (vs 2 Nov). E-2 ROUTINE → ABNORMAL (VIX 21.15). Within band: A-4 SIGNIFICANT ↑ (−27.0% to −29.4%); C-1 ROUTINE ↑ (3.26% to 3.44%, 6 bp below the Abnormal line); S-3 EXTREME (Kpler up from 43% to 45%, but a vessel sank).

I. BIZ-T3 SUPPLY CHAINS AND FREIGHT | POTENTIAL CRISIS

Attacks and strikes. NAVAREA IX warning 425/26 (15:00 UTC, 2 Nov) states the tug *Selat Storm* was "involved in a security incident and sunk" off Musandam (NAVAREA IX 425/26); the Maritime Executive links it to the 1 Nov projectile strike reported by UKMTO (Maritime Executive). US officials told AP and ABC that US forces made "limited defensive" strikes on Iran's Qeshm Island on 2 Nov after an Iranian missile downed a US drone (AP; ABC News). Talks continue (see the World Instability WIRE). **Flows and prices.** Kpler's 3 Nov briefing puts total Hormuz clearance at **7,789 kbd over the 7 days to 1 Nov, about 45%** of the 17,147 kbd baseline; excluding Iranian-origin cargo, 6,461 kbd (38%). Fujairah and Oman loadings averaged 4,240 kbd, 24% above pre-war (Kpler, 3 Nov). Brent settled **$104.77** on 2 Nov, down 7.6% (Business Times), then traded near $105.8–106.6 early on 3 Nov after the strike reports (CNBC). **Indicators.** S-1 ABNORMAL ($4,429, carried to the 5 Nov print). S-2 ABNORMAL (carried). S-3 **EXTREME**. S-4 ABNORMAL. S-5 ABNORMAL (French national strike 5 Nov). Roll-up: 1 Extreme = POTENTIAL CRISIS; trend = (flows edged up, but a sinking and US strikes offset it). **Analyst Comment.** Cheaper oil on 2 Nov priced diplomacy, not shipping: tanker crossings are still a fraction of normal and a vessel has now sunk. We hold BIZ-26 (60% of baseline by 13 Nov) **unlikely, about 15%**.

II. BIZ-T2 AI CAPEX AND TECH-FINANCING CONCENTRATION | POTENTIAL CRISIS

The SOX fell **3.37% to 10,328.33** on 2 Nov after a 7% drop on 30 Oct (Schwab Network; Yahoo Finance). The Nasdaq Composite fell 1.07% to **25,164.36**, 8.8% below its 6 Oct record of 27,599.89 (FRED NASDAQCOM). Oracle filed and priced **$10 billion of senior notes** in five tranches (2029–2046) with coupons of **7% to 8.65%**, and **86.2 million shares at $116**, about 11% below the 30 Oct close; both close 4 Nov

(CNBC; The Next Web). Its shares fell 8.8%. S&P rated the notes BBB- (S&P Global Ratings); Moody's affirmed Baa2 with a **negative** outlook, citing reliance on equity funding (Moody's via Fiscal.ai). Marvell agreed to buy Lumentum in an all-stock deal valued at $115 billion; Marvell fell about 13% (CNBC, above). Apple beat estimates (revenue $114.48 billion) but fell about 3% after hours on margin concerns (WSJ). **Indicators.** A-1 SIGNIFICANT (CoreWeave, carried). A-2 SIGNIFICANT (carried; Oracle's raise was completed, not pulled). A-3 ROUTINE (−8.8%). A-4 SIGNIFICANT (−29.4%). A-5 ABNORMAL. Roll-up: 3 Significant + 1 Abnormal = POTENTIAL CRISIS; trend ↑. **Analyst Comment.** The market is still funding the build-out, but at a price: an investment-grade borrower paying up to 8.65% and selling stock at a discount is a sign that the cost of AI capital is rising. We judge a SOX close below 10,000 by 13 Nov **unlikely but close, about 40%** (new BIZ-28). AMD reports tonight.

III. BIZ-T1 CORPORATE CREDIT AND REFINANCING | ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS

FRED has now posted 30 Oct: HY OAS **3.44%** (from 3.26%), CCC OAS **13.27%** (from 13.25%), IG OAS **0.94%** (from 0.89%) (direct CSV download, 3 Nov 06:20 ET; BAMLH0A0HYM2, BAMLH0A3HYC, BAMLC0A0CM). Blackstone's BCRED prorated its third-quarter tender for a second quarter, accepting 5% of shares against requests near 10% (SQX Alts). **Indicators.** C-1 ROUTINE (↑ within band). C-2 SIGNIFICANT. C-3 ROUTINE. C-4 ROUTINE (carried). C-5 ABNORMAL (carried). C-6 ABNORMAL (contractual 5% caps, no suspensions or wind-downs found). Roll-up: ENVIRONMENT FOR CRISIS; trend ↑ (broad widening on a risk-off day). **Analyst Comment.** The widening reached investment grade, not just the tail. We judge IG OAS at or above 1.00% by 13 Nov **unlikely (about 35%; new BIZ-29)**.

IV. BIZ-T4 TRADE POLICY AND SANCTIONS | NO CRISIS

Today's Federal Register public-inspection list has no BIS, OFAC or USTR document, only routine trade-remedy items (FR public inspection). The 2025 stay of the Affiliates Rule still ends 9 Nov, with reimposition on 10 Nov absent a new rule (Federal Register; Dechert). **Indicators.** P-1 ABNORMAL. P-2 ROUTINE. P-3 ROUTINE (deadline 9 Nov). P-4 ROUTINE. Roll-up: NO CRISIS (=). **Analyst Comment.** We still judge an extension **likely** (BIZ-24, 70%), but each quiet day lowers the odds of a clean handover.

V. BIZ-T5 EQUITY MARKET AND EARNINGS | NO CRISIS

The S&P 500 fell 0.51% to **7,541.40**, 3.5% below its 7,818.93 record; the Dow rose 0.41% (CNBC; FRED SP500). The VIX closed at **21.15** (Yahoo Finance). At 05:06 ET today, S&P 500 futures were flat and Nasdaq-100 futures up 0.46% (Reuters via Investing.com). **Indicators.** E-1 ROUTINE. **E-2 ABNORMAL.** E-3 to E-5 ROUTINE. Roll-up: 1 Abnormal = NO CRISIS; trend ↑.

VI. PREDICTIONS

Resolved today: - **BIZ-22 HIT.** FRED BAMLH0A0HYM2 for 30 Oct is 3.44, above 3.26. Forecast 65%; Brier **0.1225**. - **BIZ-25 HIT.** VIX closed 21.15 on 2 Nov (Yahoo Finance; FRED VIXCLS not yet posted). Forecast 60%; Brier **0.16**. - **BIZ-27 MISS.** S&P 500 closed 7,541.40 on 2 Nov, below 7,580.07. Forecast 60%; Brier **0.36**.

Still open: BIZ-01, -02, -03, -04, -06, -07, -08, -09, -11, -12, -13, -14, -16, -19, -20, -23, -24, -26.

New (dated 2026-11-03; logged in the prediction ledger): - **BIZ-28:** Any official SOX close below 10,000 from 3 to 13 Nov 2026. **40%, unlikely.** Resolve by 2026-11-16. - **BIZ-29:** FRED BAMLC0A0CM (IG OAS) at or above 1.00 for any date from 2 to 13 Nov 2026. **35%, unlikely.** Resolve by 2026-11-18.

VII. GAPS AND UNVERIFIED

- **Qeshm strikes** rest on unnamed US officials; no on-the-record US acknowledgment found. The *Selat Storm* link between the UKMTO and NAVAREA notices comes from Vanguard Tech via the Maritime Executive.
- **FRED** credit series end 30 Oct; 2 Nov spreads are not yet posted. VIX and SOX closes are from Yahoo Finance and press reports, not FRED.
- **Marvell–Lumentum** deal value is from press reports; filings not read.
- A Saxo note says China halted large IPOs and share sales on 3 Nov; not confirmed from a CSRC release.
- **Private-credit** gate counts (Fitch's 9 of 15 BDCs above the 5% cap) come via a secondary outlet; Fitch report not read.
- S-1, S-2, S-4, C-4, C-5 and CoreWeave CDS carried.

Sources

NAVAREA IX 425/26; Maritime Executive; AP; ABC News; Kpler media briefing (3 Nov); Business Times; CNBC; Schwab Network; Yahoo Finance; FRED (NASDAQCOM, SP500, BAMLH0A0HYM2, BAMLH0A3HYC, BAMLC0A0CM); The Next Web; S&P Global Ratings; Moody's via Fiscal.ai; WSJ; SQX Alts; Federal Register; Dechert; Reuters via Investing.com.

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