Pressure Test for AI – 7/9/2026

Macro Views

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Samsung posted a 19-fold jump in Q2 profits, becoming the world's most profitable tech company. This should have been a bullish signal, but instead, we saw all AI-adjacent names aggressively sold. This is the market's first honest test of whether AI CapEx can deliver commensurate revenue broadly. Over the last few weeks, the consolidation in the markets can be characterized as a healthy market rotation rather than risk-off regime. Looking forward, June CPI on July 14 is the key event, followed by the FOMC meeting at the end of July. The recent cooling of the labor market and inflation expectations does lower the possibility of a rate hike in 2026 unless inflation remains sticky, which is the key risk to the markets right now.

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Trade Idea

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The recent pullback of NVIDIA (NVDA) just below $200 looks more like a reset than a breakdown. After a powerful rally driven by the AI-infrastructure buildout, the stock has backed into a key support zone while fundamentals continue to expand. That combination could create a more attractive entry point for bullish exposure, especially with the stock now trading below the semiconductor industry average on forward earnings despite superior growth and profitability. To express a bullish view with defined risk, I'm looking to buy the August 205/230 call vertical at a debit of $7.70.

NVDA @ $202.16	BUY 1 AUG 21ST 205 CALL AT $10.85
	SELL 1 AUG 21ST 230 CALL AT $3.15
07.09.2026	DEBIT ($10.85 – $3.15) * 100 = $770
	($230 – $205 – $7.70) * 100 = MAX GAIN OF $1,730
NVDA BULL CALL SPREAD	($10.85 – $3.15) * 100 = MAX RISK OF $770

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Philip Morris (PM) is emerging as one of the more compelling defensive growth stories in consumer staples, and the stock is now sitting just below a key breakout level. While traditional tobacco remains a structurally declining category, PM is increasingly being valued for the speed and profitability of its smoke-free transition. It is becoming a global nicotine platform with accelerating exposure to IQOS and ZYN as well as next-generation smoke-free products. As supply constraints ease, PM can begin reclaiming share lost during the shortage and accelerate growth in one of the biggest nicotine categories. To express a bullish income view with defined risk, I'm looking to sell the August 185/175 put vertical for a credit of $3.85.

PM @ $185.71	BUY 1 AUG 21ST 175 PUT AT $3.60
	SELL 1 AUG 21ST 185 PUT AT $7.45
07.09.2026	CREDIT ($7.45 – $3.60) * 100 = $385
	($7.45 – $3.60) * 100 = MAX GAIN OF $385
PM BULL PUT SPREAD	($185 – $175 – $3.85) * 100 = MAX RISK OF $615

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Tony's Lookback

I sold the GE July 320/300 put vertical for a credit of $7.15, and it's now trading at roughly $1.00. I'm looking to take profits on this trade and roll it to continue taking advantage of this setup.

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GE
06.11.2026
$323.96

BUY 1 JUL 17TH 300 PUT AT $7.83
SELL 1 JUL 17TH 320 PUT AT $14.98
NET CREDIT = $715

GE BULL PUT SPREAD

GE
07.09.2026
$360.44

SELL 1 JUL 17TH 300 PUT AT $0.48
BUY 1 JUL 17TH 320 PUT AT $1.45
CURRENT NET DEBIT = $97
GAIN IF CLOSED = $618

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I'm looking to roll out the GE trade to the August 360/340 put vertical for a credit of $7.95.

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GE @ $360.44	BUY 1 AUG 21ST 340 PUT AT $10.40 SELL 1 AUG 21ST 360 PUT AT $18.35
07.09.2026	CREDIT ($18.35 – $10.40) * 100 = $795
COMBINED MAX GAIN = $1,413	($18.35 – $10.40) * 100 = MAX GAIN OF $795
COMBINED MAX RISK = $587	($360 – $340 – $7.95) * 100 = MAX RISK OF $1,205

GE BULL PUT SPREAD

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