

WATSON CAPITAL

RESEARCH & STRATEGY

U.S. EQUITY STRATEGY & OPPORTUNITIES

AI Spending Holds; Rate Risk Returns

COVERAGE UNIVERSE

10 trending securities across AI infrastructure, cybersecurity, semiconductor equipment, cloud software, gold and integrated energy.

Week ended August 28, 2026

Outlook: August 31 - September 4, 2026

Peter Watson

Managing Member & Portfolio Manager

Watson Capital Management LLC

EXECUTIVE VIEW

Leadership remains narrow - but investable

Large-cap technology carried the week while most sectors declined. The opportunity is to own verified earnings strength without ignoring renewed rate risk.

WATSON CAPITAL CONCLUSION

Maintain a barbell: high-quality AI and cybersecurity compounders on one side; energy and gold exposure on the other. Keep event-driven positions smaller ahead of the Sep. 1-2 earnings cluster.

What changed this week

- The S&P 500 gained 0.5% and the Nasdaq gained 0.8%, but the Russell 2000 fell 1.5%.
- Technology and communication services led; eight of eleven sectors finished lower.
- Microsoft's cloud results and CrowdStrike's record net-new ARR reinforced the AI and cybersecurity demand thesis.
- Chairman Warsh emphasized that inflation remains too high, restoring duration and valuation risk to the foreground.
- Next week concentrates risk: PANW reports Sep. 1; AVGO, HPE and SNOW report Sep. 2; August payrolls arrive Sep. 4.

Action hierarchy

OWN / ACCUMULATE

MSFT; AVGO after sizing for earnings; CRWD on confirmation of the post-earnings floor; LRCX in tranches.

PORTFOLIO BALLAST

XOM for inflation and commodity resilience; NEM after consolidation rather than chasing its August run.

WAIT FOR PROOF

HPE, SNOW and PANW around earnings; IREN only as a tightly sized speculative position.

Market data are through the August 28 close. Ratings reflect relative attractiveness inside this coverage universe, not absolute return forecasts.

MARKET REGIME

Growth won the week; breadth did not

Index gains understated the degree of concentration. This remains a stock-picker's market with a higher penalty for valuation mistakes.

S&P 500	Nasdaq	Dow	Russell 2000
+0.5%	+0.8%	+0.5%	-1.5%
7,711.76	26,402.42	53,559.99	2,972.37

Source: AP market close, August 28, 2026 [1].

Regime interpretation

- Momentum: positive in mega-cap growth, weaker below the index surface.
- Rates: asymmetric risk has shifted toward tighter policy as inflation remains above target.
- Earnings: AI infrastructure demand is intact, but high valuations require beats plus credible forward guidance.
- Positioning: avoid confusing a strong index with broad risk appetite; smaller companies lagged materially.

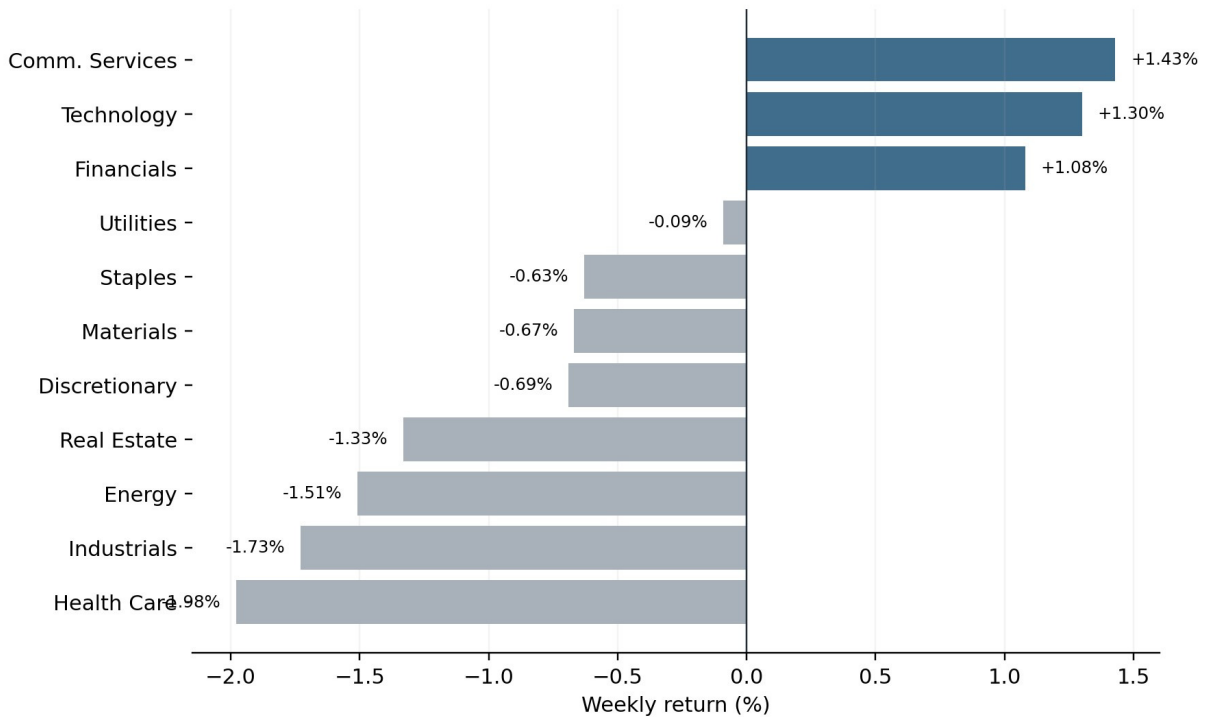
PORTFOLIO IMPLICATION

Favor quality and cash generation. Use event-driven names to add alpha, not as oversized substitutes for a diversified core.

SECTOR LEADERSHIP

The index was carried by three sectors

Technology, communication services and financials advanced while defensive and cyclical groups mostly declined.



Source: Tapeboard sector scorecard for Aug. 24-28, 2026 [2].

READ-THROUGH

The AI trade remains supported, but the broad tape is not confirming indiscriminate risk-taking. Energy's pullback is useful for portfolio construction because its year-to-date trend remains strong.

Themes to carry forward

- AI capex and cloud monetization
- Cybersecurity as an AI-enablement requirement
- Semiconductor manufacturing complexity
- Gold and integrated energy as macro hedges

OPPORTUNITY SET

Ten trending securities, ranked

Scores combine business durability, catalyst clarity, valuation discipline, risk and current setup. They are designed for relative comparison within this edition.

#	Ticker	Theme	Score	Stance	Risk
1	MSFT	AI platforms & cloud	91	CORE ACCUMULATE	MEDIUM
2	AVGO	AI silicon & networking	89	HIGH CONVICTION / EVENT RISK	HIGH
3	CRWD	Cybersecurity	85	SELECTIVE BUY	MEDIUM-HIGH
4	LRCX	Semiconductor equipment	83	ACCUMULATE ON WEAKNESS	MEDIUM-HIGH
5	XOM	Integrated energy	82	CORE HEDGE / HOLD	MEDIUM
6	NEM	Gold & copper	80	HOLD / BUY PULLBACKS	MEDIUM
7	HPE	Enterprise AI infrastructure	78	CONSTRUCTIVE / EVENT RISK	HIGH
8	SNOW	Cloud data & AI	76	WATCH / EVENT DRIVEN	HIGH
9	PANW	Cybersecurity	74	WATCH BEFORE EARNINGS	HIGH
10	IREN	AI cloud infrastructure	70	SPECULATIVE / TACTICAL	EXTREME

Score scale: 85-100 highest conviction; 75-84 constructive/selective; 65-74 tactical or watch; below 65 avoid. Event risk can override the score for position sizing.

TOP IDEA

MSFT has the best balance of quality and setup. AVGO has the most important near-term catalyst. CRWD offers the most attractive post-earnings dislocation. IREN has the widest outcome range.

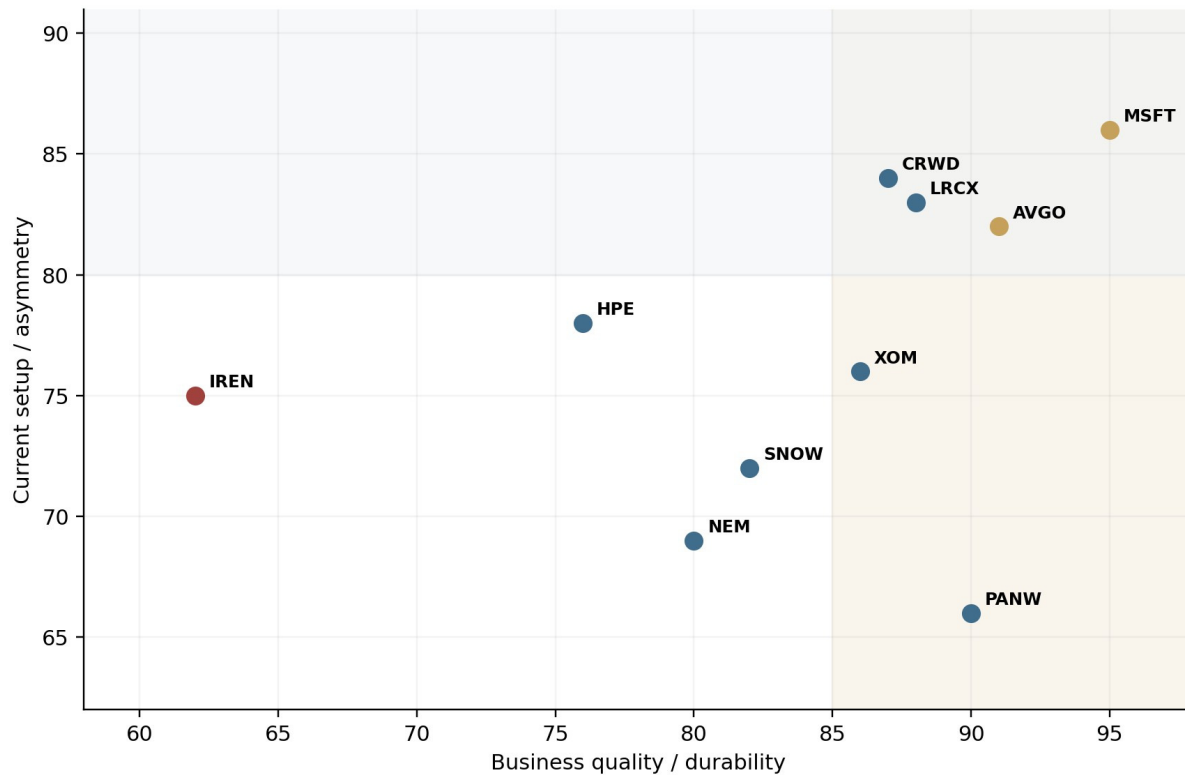
Why no regular 14-stock names appear

This is a separate trend screen. The standing Watson Capital universe was excluded by design so the report can surface new leadership, event risk and cross-sector diversification.

PORTFOLIO MAP

Quality and setup are not the same thing

The best company is not automatically the best event trade. The matrix separates franchise durability from present entry asymmetry.



Source: Watson Capital qualitative scoring framework. Scores are judgment-based, not market forecasts.

Sizing framework

Bucket	Names	Role
Core	MSFT, XOM	Durable earnings and portfolio ballast
Selective growth	AVGO, CRWD, LRCX, NEM	Higher alpha with disciplined entry
Event / tactical	HPE, SNOW, PANW, IREN	Small positions; catalyst-defined risk

MSFT | Microsoft Corporation

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$513.53	91	CORE ACCUMULATE	MEDIUM

High-quality compounder; add on rate-driven weakness

Investment thesis

Microsoft is the cleanest combination of AI demand, monetization, backlog visibility and balance-sheet strength in this week's screen. Azure growth and Copilot adoption show that AI spend is moving from experimentation into enterprise workloads.

Evidence

- FY26 Q4 revenue was \$90.0B, up 18% year over year.
- Azure and other cloud-services revenue grew 43%.
- Commercial remaining performance obligation reached \$678B, up 84%.

CATALYSTS

- Further Azure capacity conversion
- Copilot seat growth and pricing realization
- Evidence that AI capex converts into durable cloud revenue

RISKS

- Rate-driven multiple compression
- Heavy capital intensity
- Slower-than-expected Copilot monetization

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Accumulate in tranches; favor broad-market or duration-driven pullbacks over momentum chasing.

THESIS INVALIDATION

A multi-quarter Azure deceleration alongside weakening cloud margins and lower backlog conversion.

Sources: [4], [5] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

AVGO | Broadcom Inc.

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$368.79	89	HIGH CONVICTION / EVENT RISK	HIGH

Best earnings catalyst; position sizing matters before Sep. 2

Investment thesis

Broadcom is the strongest near-term AI infrastructure catalyst outside the standing Watson Capital coverage list. Custom accelerators, networking and VMware create multiple earnings engines, but expectations are high ahead of Wednesday's report.

Evidence

- Fiscal Q2 revenue was \$22.19B, up 48% year over year.
- AI semiconductor revenue reached \$10.8B, up 143% year over year.
- Management guided fiscal Q3 revenue to approximately \$29.4B.

CATALYSTS	RISKS
• Q3 results after the Sep. 2 close • Custom-accelerator customer expansion • AI networking and VMware margin execution	• Large post-run valuation • Customer concentration • Earnings-gap risk if AI guidance merely meets expectations

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Use a partial position before earnings; add only after the guidance and margin bridge are understood.

THESIS INVALIDATION

AI revenue growth falls materially below the spending cycle while customer concentration increases.

Sources: [8], [9], [10] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

CRWD | CrowdStrike Holdings, Inc.

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$218.40	85	SELECTIVE BUY	MEDIUM-HIGH

Post-earnings dislocation with improving operating evidence

Investment thesis

CrowdStrike's price weakness contrasts with a record operating quarter. ARR, net-new ARR, retention and free cash flow all improved. The debate is valuation and durability, not whether the platform is gaining commercial traction.

Evidence

- Fiscal Q2 total revenue was \$1.47B, up 26%.
- Ending ARR reached \$5.84B; net-new ARR was \$333M.
- Free cash flow was \$377M; FY27 net-new ARR growth guidance rose to 34% at the midpoint.

CATALYSTS

- Raised full-year growth outlook
- Falcon Flex expansion
- Enterprise security spend tied to AI adoption

RISKS

- Premium valuation despite the selloff
- Security-platform competition
- Execution after rapid sales acceleration

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Build exposure only if the post-earnings low holds and estimate revisions remain positive.

THESIS INVALIDATION

Net-new ARR reaccelerates briefly but retention, free-cash-flow margin or new-logo growth roll over.

Sources: [6] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

LRCX | Lam Research Corporation

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$301.90	83	ACCUMULATE ON WEAKNESS	MEDIUM-HIGH

Quality pullback after a sharp Friday decline

Investment thesis

Lam provides differentiated exposure to the manufacturing complexity behind AI, memory and advanced logic. Friday's 5.2% decline improves entry conditions, though China exposure and a still-rich multiple keep the position below Microsoft and Broadcom.

Evidence

- June-quarter revenue was a record \$6.72B, up 15.1% sequentially.
- GAAP operating margin reached 37.4% and diluted EPS was \$1.81.
- Customer-support revenue was \$2.47B, supporting recurring economics.

CATALYSTS

- Advanced packaging and memory investment
- Higher service revenue from installed base
- AI-driven process complexity

RISKS

- Export controls and China mix
- Semiconductor capex cyclicality
- High expectations after multiple expansion

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Prefer staged entries around \$300 rather than a full allocation after a single down day.

THESIS INVALIDATION

Equipment demand weakens across memory and foundry while service growth fails to offset the cycle.

Sources: [11] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

RANK 5 | INTEGRATED ENERGY

XOM | ExxonMobil Holdings Corporation

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$156.71	82	CORE HEDGE / HOLD	MEDIUM

Cash-flow ballast against inflation and geopolitical risk

Investment thesis

Exxon is the report's principal portfolio hedge. It adds strong free cash flow, shareholder distributions and commodity sensitivity to an otherwise growth-heavy opportunity set. The role is diversification and resilience, not maximum upside.

Evidence

- Q2 GAAP earnings were \$14.5B, or \$3.48 per share.
- Cash flow from operations was \$23.6B and free cash flow was \$17.2B.
- Quarterly shareholder distributions totaled \$9.4B.

CATALYSTS	RISKS
• Guyana and Permian volume growth • Structural cost savings • Inflation or geopolitical energy-price upside	• Oil-price normalization • High capital requirements • Policy and project-execution risk

EXECUTION TRIGGER
Hold as a portfolio counterweight; add during oil-led weakness rather than geopolitical spikes.

THEESIS INVALIDATION
Structural free cash flow deteriorates despite stable commodity prices and advantaged projects miss targets.

Sources: [18] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

RANK 6 | GOLD & COPPER

NEM | Newmont Corporation

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$127.98	80	HOLD / BUY PULLBACKS	MEDIUM

Powerful trend; valuation discipline after a strong August

Investment thesis

Newmont converts high gold prices into exceptional free cash flow while copper exposure adds a second structural driver. The balance sheet and repurchase program support per-share value, but the August surge argues against chasing.

Evidence

- Q2 ended with \$9.0B in cash and \$13.0B in liquidity.
- The company held a \$3.4B net-cash position.
- Newmont repurchased \$1.7B of shares since its prior earnings call; \$4.3B remained authorized.

CATALYSTS

- Sustained gold margins
- Copper optionality
- Continued buybacks and disciplined development spend

RISKS

- Gold-price reversal
- Cost inflation and grade variability
- Political and operating risk across jurisdictions

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Do not chase the August move; add after consolidation or a commodity-led reset.

THESIS INVALIDATION

Higher metal prices fail to translate into per-share free-cash-flow growth because of costs or execution.

Sources: [12], [13] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

HPE | Hewlett Packard Enterprise

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$52.31	78	CONSTRUCTIVE / EVENT RISK	HIGH

Underappreciated AI and networking catalyst on Sep. 2

Investment thesis

HPE offers a less obvious route into AI infrastructure through servers, networking and Juniper integration. The opportunity is compelling if growth and integration synergies persist, but Wednesday's earnings create gap risk.

Evidence

- Fiscal Q2 revenue was \$10.7B, up 40%.
- Networking revenue was \$2.7B, up 148.2%; Cloud & AI revenue was \$7.7B, up 22.9%.
- Management raised FY26 revenue-growth guidance to 29%-33% and free cash flow to at least \$3.5B.

CATALYSTS

- Q3 earnings on Sep. 2
- Juniper integration
- Networks-for-AI order conversion

RISKS

- Integration complexity
- Server-margin pressure
- Earnings expectations after the stock's rerating

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Keep pre-earnings size tactical; require evidence that networking margins and cash conversion remain intact.

THESIS INVALIDATION

Revenue growth remains strong but margins, integration costs or free-cash-flow conversion deteriorate.

Sources: [14], [15] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

RANK 8 | CLOUD DATA & AI

SNOW | Snowflake Inc.

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$328.00	76	WATCH / EVENT DRIVEN	HIGH

High-quality demand signal; demanding pre-earnings valuation

Investment thesis

Snowflake is a direct test of whether enterprise AI translates into consumption of data platforms. Product growth, RPO and large-customer expansion remain strong, but Wednesday's report must validate the premium valuation.

Evidence

- Fiscal Q1 product revenue was \$1.33B, up 34%.
- RPO reached \$9.21B.
- Net revenue retention was 126%, with 779 customers above \$1M in trailing product revenue.

CATALYSTS

- Q2 earnings on Sep. 2
- AI workload consumption
- Large-enterprise expansion

RISKS

- Consumption volatility
- Premium valuation
- Competition from hyperscalers and Databricks

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Wait for earnings unless the position is explicitly sized as an event trade.

THESIS INVALIDATION

Product growth and NRR decelerate without a corresponding improvement in margin or cash flow.

Sources: [16], [17] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

RANK 9 | CYBERSECURITY

PANW | Palo Alto Networks, Inc.

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$371.59	74	WATCH BEFORE EARNINGS	HIGH

Large expected move; excellent franchise but thin margin for disappointment

Investment thesis

Palo Alto remains a premier security platform, but its rapid 2026 rally and acquisition-adjusted growth make the Sep. 1 report a demanding test. The stock is actionable after guidance, not because it is simply trending.

Evidence

- Fiscal Q3 revenue grew 31% to \$3.0B, including acquired revenue.
- NGS ARR reached \$8.1B and RPO reached \$18.4B.
- Fiscal Q4 revenue guidance was \$3.345B-\$3.355B; results are due Sep. 1.

CATALYSTS

- FY26 results on Sep. 1
- Platformization and cross-selling
- AI and identity-security demand

RISKS

- High valuation and elevated options-implied move
- Acquisition integration
- Organic versus acquired growth visibility

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Wait for the earnings reaction; consider entry only if guidance supports the post-rally valuation.

THESIS INVALIDATION

Organic growth slows while acquisition costs dilute margins and platform adoption underperforms.

Sources: [7], [19] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

IREN | IREN Limited

PRICE	SCORE	STANCE	RISK
\$35.45	70	SPECULATIVE / TACTICAL	EXTREME

Post-earnings selloff; high upside dispersion and financing risk

Investment thesis

IREN is the most asymmetric and least proven opportunity in the report. AI cloud revenue and contracted capacity are scaling quickly, but reported losses, impairment charges, financing needs and execution risk require venture-style sizing.

Evidence

- Q4 AI Cloud Services revenue was \$70.5M, up from \$33.6M sequentially.
- Management reported \$4B of contracted ARR for 2026 capacity and \$1B operating today.
- FY26 net loss was \$702.6M; Q4 adjusted EBITDA was \$19.2M.

CATALYSTS

- Conversion of contracted capacity into operating revenue
- New AI-lab and enterprise contracts
- Financing that limits common-equity dilution

RISKS

- Large capital needs and dilution
- Execution against contracted ramps
- Customer and technology concentration

EXECUTION TRIGGER

Treat as a small tactical position only after the post-earnings range stabilizes.

THEESIS INVALIDATION

Contracted ARR fails to convert, financing terms worsen or per-share economics are diluted materially.

Sources: [20], [21] | Price: August 28, 2026 close/reference quote.

CATALYST CALENDAR

The week ahead is front-loaded with event risk

Four covered companies report across Sep. 1-2, followed by the employment report on Sep. 4.

Date	Time	Event	Exposure
Tue, Sep. 1	10:00 a.m. ET	ISM Manufacturing PMI	Macro / rates
Tue, Sep. 1	After close	Palo Alto Networks FY26	PANW
Wed, Sep. 2	After close	Broadcom fiscal Q3	AVGO
Wed, Sep. 2	After close	HPE fiscal Q3	HPE
Wed, Sep. 2	After close	Snowflake fiscal Q2	SNOW
Thu, Sep. 3	10:00 a.m. ET	ISM Services PMI	Macro / rates
Fri, Sep. 4	8:30 a.m. ET	August Employment Situation	All risk assets

Sources: company investor relations, BLS and ISM [7], [9], [15], [17], [22]-[24].

Event protocol

- Define maximum loss before initiating any pre-earnings trade.
- Do not add solely because a stock gaps down; require a guidance and thesis review.
- Treat the Sep. 4 jobs report as a portfolio-level duration event, especially for high-multiple software.
- Separate core ownership decisions from short-term event trades.

SCENARIO FRAMEWORK

What changes the playbook

The next week's outcomes should be evaluated as a portfolio, not as ten independent stock stories.

Scenario	Signal	Likely winners	Response
Bull	Strong AI guidance; benign jobs data	MSFT, AVGO, CRWD, LRCX, SNOW	Add quality growth; keep event winners disciplined
Base	Mixed earnings; rates stable	MSFT, XOM, CRWD, NEM	Maintain barbell and stagger entries
Bear	Hot jobs; hawkish rates; weak guidance	XOM, selective NEM; cash	Cut event risk; avoid averaging high-duration losers

Risk controls

- Cap aggregate pre-earnings exposure across PANW, AVGO, HPE and SNOW; correlated gaps can compound.
- Use IREN as a separate speculative bucket, not as a substitute for core AI exposure.
- Reassess NEM and XOM if commodity prices reverse while operating costs rise.
- Require thesis confirmation before adding to any post-event decline.

CURRENT OBJECTIVE

Preserve the ability to add after information arrives. The strongest edge this week is disciplined optionality, not maximum pre-event exposure.

METHODOLOGY

How Watson Capital ranks current opportunities

The framework balances company quality with the reality that price, timing and risk determine investability.

Component	Weight	Definition
Business quality	25%	Competitive position, recurring economics, balance sheet and cash generation
Catalyst clarity	20%	Observable events capable of changing estimates or investor perception
Earnings momentum	20%	Revenue, margin, backlog, ARR and estimate direction
Valuation discipline	20%	Expectations embedded in price and downside from multiple compression
Risk / setup	15%	Technical condition, event risk, concentration and thesis invalidation

Interpretation

- Scores are relative to this report's ten-security universe and can change as market conditions evolve.
- A high score does not eliminate drawdown risk; a lower score can still be a valid event trade.
- Ratings are not individualized advice, price targets or guarantees of return.
- Prices are reference quotes at the Aug. 28 close and may differ by data vendor or late print.

RESEARCH DISCIPLINE

Every thesis must contain an invalidation condition. A catalyst without an invalidation rule is a narrative, not a risk-managed investment case.

SOURCES

Primary evidence and market references

Company releases and official economic calendars are prioritized. All sources were accessed August 29, 2026.

- [1] **Market close and index performance:** <https://apnews.com/article/3f3477bcea915ac53ec2ae905ae57919>
- [2] **Sector performance:** <https://tapeboard.com/blog/weekly-recap-2026-08-28>
- [3] **Federal Reserve Chair Warsh remarks:** <https://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/speech/warsh20260828a.htm>
- [4] **Microsoft FY26 Q4 results:** <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/investor/earnings/fy-2026-q4/press-release-webcast>
- [5] **Microsoft FY26 Q4 earnings call:** <https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/investor/events/fy-2026/earnings-fy-2026-q4>
- [6] **CrowdStrike fiscal Q2 2027 results:** <https://ir.crowdstrike.com/news-releases/news-release-details/crowdstrike-reports-second-quarter-fiscal-year-2027-financial/>
- [7] **Palo Alto Networks Sep. 1 earnings announcement:** <https://investors.paloaltonetworks.com/news-releases/news-release-details/palo-alto-networks-announce-fiscal-fourth-quarter-and-fiscal-7>
- [8] **Broadcom fiscal Q2 2026 results:** <https://investors.broadcom.com/news-releases/news-release-details/broadcom-inc-announces-second-quarter-fiscal-year-2026-financial>
- [9] **Broadcom Sep. 2 earnings announcement:** <https://investors.broadcom.com/news-releases/news-release-details/broadcom-inc-announce-third-quarter-fiscal-year-2026-financial>
- [10] **Broadcom fiscal Q2 Form 10-Q:** <https://investors.broadcom.com/static-files/f6369ec9-58c2-4697-9ad9-be2ae658352b>
- [11] **Lam Research June-quarter 2026 results:** <https://investor.lamresearch.com/2026-07-29-Lam-Research-Corporation-Reports-Financial-Results-for-the-Quarter-Ended-June-28,-2026>
- [12] **Newmont Q2 2026 results:** <https://www.newmont.com/investors/news-release/news-details/2026/Newmont-Reports-Robust-Second-Quarter-2026-Results-Remains-on-Track-to-Achieve-Full-Year-Guidance/default.aspx>
- [13] **Newmont market trend context:** <https://www.investors.com/research/the-new-america/newmont-stock-nem-stock-gold-stocks/>
- [14] **HPE fiscal Q2 2026 results:** <https://investors.hpe.com/~media/Files/H/HP-Enterprise-IR/documents/q2-2026/q2-2026-earnings-press-release.pdf>
- [15] **HPE Sep. 2 earnings event:** <https://investors.hpe.com/>
- [16] **Snowflake fiscal Q1 2027 results:** <https://investors.snowflake.com/financials/quarterly-results/default.aspx>
- [17] **Snowflake Sep. 2 earnings event:** <https://investors.snowflake.com/events-and-presentations/event-details/2026/Snowflake-Q2-FY27-Earnings/default.aspx>
- [18] **ExxonMobil Q2 2026 results:** <https://investor.exxonmobil.com/company-information/press-releases/detail/1208/exxonmobil-announces-second-quarter-2026-results>
- [19] **Palo Alto Networks fiscal Q3 2026 results:** <https://investors.paloaltonetworks.com/news-releases/news-release-details/palo-alto-networks-reports-fiscal-third-quarter-2026-financial/>
- [20] **IREN FY26 results:** <https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2026/08/27/3352401/0/en/iren-reports-fy26-results.html>
- [21] **IREN FY26 investor materials:** <https://iren.com/investors/reports>
- [22] **BLS September 2026 release calendar:** https://www.bls.gov/schedule/2026/09_sched_list.htm
- [23] **ISM August manufacturing release notice:** <https://www.ismworld.org/supply-management-news-and-reports/reports/ism-pmi-reports/pmi/july/>
- [24] **ISM August services release notice:** <https://www.ismworld.org/supply-management-news-and-reports/reports/ism-pmi-reports/services/july/>

IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

Research use and limitations

Read this section together with every rating, score and scenario in the report.

Informational purpose

This publication is provided for educational and informational purposes only. It is not individualized investment advice, a recommendation, or an offer or solicitation to buy or sell any security or interest in any fund.

Risk

Investing involves risk, including possible loss of principal. Equity prices can change materially because of earnings, rates, market liquidity, commodity prices, regulation, geopolitics and company-specific events.

Opinions and timing

Views are as of August 29, 2026 and are based on information believed reliable as of that date. Watson Capital Management LLC does not undertake to update this publication after release.

Forward-looking information

Statements about expected growth, catalysts, scenarios and future performance are forward-looking and may differ materially from actual outcomes.

Conflicts

Watson Capital Management LLC, its affiliates, principals, personnel, clients or managed vehicles may hold, trade or change positions in securities discussed, subject to applicable policies and law.

Third-party data

Market and company data may contain delays, estimation differences or subsequent revisions. Readers should verify current information before making decisions.

PUBLISHER

Watson Capital Management LLC | Research & Strategy | Peter Watson, Managing Member & Portfolio Manager

© 2026 Watson Capital Management LLC. All rights reserved.