Chip Stocks Lead a Rebound on Election Day as the S&P 500 Ends a Three-Day Slide; Puerto Rico's Evertec Posts 24% Revenue Growth

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The U.S. and European stock markets closed on different notes on Tuesday as voters across the country decided the midterm elections. European stocks finished lower for the session. On Wall Street, investors bought back into the technology shares that had been under pressure, and semiconductor companies led the recovery. The Nasdaq Composite gained about 0.8% and the S&P 500 about 0.4%, which ended a three-day losing streak for both. The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped about 0.4% as Apple weighed on the average. Oil prices declined on hopes of progress in U.S.-Iran talks, and the 10-year Treasury note was near 4.94%.

U.S. Markets

Technology shares drove Tuesday's recovery, a day after the Nasdaq fell more than 1% and extended its slide. The Nasdaq Composite [rose 0.8% to X, confirm final close], the S&P 500 [rose 0.4% to X], and the Dow Jones Industrial Average [fell about 200 points, or 0.4%, to X]. The Nasdaq-100 rose about 0.7%, but it remains in correction territory, roughly 10% below its recent peak.

Semiconductor stocks led the gains. Advanced Micro Devices rose about 4% ahead of its third-quarter report after the close. Broadcom gained more than 3%, and Micron Technology and Nvidia each rose more than 2%. Apple was the main drag on the Dow, falling nearly 2% after it gave a disappointing profit margin outlook late Monday and reported iPad sales for its fiscal fourth quarter that came in below analysts' estimates.

Even after the rebound, some investors expect more choppiness. Shawn Snyder of Potomac Fund Management said worries about the cost of capital and the amount of debt needed to fund the artificial intelligence buildout will linger. He added that the stocks tied to that spending may be approaching oversold levels and could have another 4% to 5% of downside, but that declines of this kind usually stop short of anything worse as long as a recession does not follow.

Two of our indexes rose. The Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index gained 1.88% to 4,959.92, more than recovering the 0.92% it lost on Monday. The Birling Capital US Bank Index rose 0.89% to 9,381.60, though it remains below where it stood before Monday's 2.37% decline.

In Puerto Rico, Evertec reported third-quarter revenue of $283.0 million, up 24% from a year earlier. Adjusted net income rose 8% to $64.8 million, and adjusted earnings per share rose 16% to $1.07. Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization rose 19% to $110.5 million, though the margin slipped 150 basis points to 39.0%. [Add Evertec's share price move on Tuesday.]

Acquisitions drove the growth. Latin America payments and solutions revenue jumped 59% to $143.6 million, helped by the Tecnobank and Dimensa acquisitions and by organic gains. At home, payment services in Puerto Rico and the Caribbean rose 9% to $60.1 million on stronger point-of-sale volume and double-digit growth in ATH Móvil. Merchant acquiring also rose 9% to $51.0 million. Business solutions fell 5% to $58.6 million, reflecting a 10% contractual discount to Popular that began in October 2025 and the absence of last year's hardware sales.

For the full year, **Evertec expects revenue of $1.088 billion to $1.096 billion** and adjusted earnings per share of $4.00 to $4.08.

Election Day and the Market
The midterms will decide which party controls the House and the Senate when the new Congress starts in January. Prediction-market traders put the chance of Democrats winning the Senate at nearly 75%. JPMorgan said this week that a Democratic sweep of both chambers could weigh on stocks on Wednesday, with artificial intelligence companies especially exposed, if investors have not already positioned for that result. The firm added that Republican control of the Senate, or of both chambers, could bring short-term gains.
Even with President Trump in the White House, a Democratic win in either chamber would shape investigations and oversight in Washington. That matters most for the defense, artificial intelligence and health care industries. Snyder noted that technology stocks have already taken a hit, and that fading election uncertainty could support a relief rally whatever the result.

European Markets
European stocks closed lower on Tuesday, and the weakness was broad. The pan-European Stoxx 600 fell 0.58% to 645.66, Germany's DAX gave up 0.45% to 25,864.62, and the FTSE 100 dropped 1.14% to 10,638.43, the weakest of the three. The selling erased much of what the region had gained on Monday, when all three indexes advanced. Investors cut risk ahead of the U.S. midterm results.
The UK market led the losses. The FTSE 100 fell 122.90 points, more than it had gained on Monday, and it now sits about 91 points below last Friday's close. The DAX lost 116.47 points, giving back about 70% of Monday's 162.88-point advance, but it still finished about 46 points above Friday's level. That makes Germany the steadier of the two markets over the three sessions. The Stoxx 600 lost 3.78 points, more than the 2.69 points it added on Monday, and it also ended slightly below Friday's close.
Bond yields were firm in the morning, with the U.S. 10-year note near 4.96% before easing to 4.94%, and oil held near $96 a barrel as markets weighed diplomatic efforts to ease Middle East supply disruptions. Those pressures leave European companies facing high energy costs and high borrowing costs at the same time. Tuesday's decline was a pullback, not a rout, but it shows how cautious investors have become going into the election and Friday's U.S. payrolls report.
The three indexes we follow closed lower: Stoxx 600, down 3.78 points; FTSE 100, down 122.90 points; and DAX Index, down 116.47 points.

Energy Markets
Oil prices moved lower on speculation that U.S.-Iran negotiations may be making progress. Brent crude settled down 1.12% at $103.60 a barrel, and West Texas Intermediate futures settled down 0.38% at $96.09 a barrel. Crude remains at high levels, so any breakdown in the talks could send prices back up quickly. Retail gasoline fell to $4.405 a gallon, down from $4.424 last week and well above the $2.93 seen in early January.

Economic & Policy Outlook
The labor and manufacturing reports remain supportive. Job openings rose to 7.523 million in September, up 4.63% from 7.19 million in August and above what economists had expected. Quits increased to 3.4 million, a sign that workers are confident in their prospects, while layoffs were little changed. Factory orders rose 1.8%, ahead of the 1.1% forecast, and durable-goods orders rose 1.9%, ahead of the 1.4% forecast. Friday's nonfarm payrolls report is the next test, with forecasters expecting 65,000 new jobs in October, up from 29,000 in September, and the unemployment rate holding at 4.2%.

The Final Word
Election Day brought a technology rebound on Wall Street and a pullback in Europe. A solid economy supports the market, but the AI buildout and the election will keep it choppy. The midterm results and Friday's payrolls report are the next catalysts. Investors should stay diversified and not make big bets on either political outcome.

Corporate Earnings Parade:

- **EVERTEC, Inc. (EVTC):** reported third-quarter 2026 earnings with revenue of $283. million, up 24%; net income of $64.8 million, up 8%; and Earnings per share of $1.07, beating estimates. Evertec has a Stock Price Objective of $35.20

Economic Update:

- **US Job Openings:** Total Nonfarm rose to 7.523 million, up from 7.19 million last month, up 4.63%.
- **US Retail Gas Price**: fell to $4.405, down from $4.424 last week, decreasing -0.43%

Eurozone Summary:

- **Stoxx 600:** Closed at 645.66, down 3.78 points, or 0.58%.
- **FTSE 100:** Closed at 10,638.43, down 122.90 points, or 1.14%.
- **DAX Index:** Closed at 25,864.62, down 116.47 points, or 0.45%.

Wall Street Summary:

- **Dow Jones Industrial Average:** Closed at 51,786.72, down 197.26 points, or 0.38%.
- **S&P 500:** Closed at 7,568.92, up 27.52 points, or 0.36%.
- **Nasdaq Composite:** Closed at 25.,372.00, up 207.64 points, or 0.83%.
- **Birling Capital Puerto Rico Stock Index:** Closed at 4,959.92, up 91.51 points, or 1.88%.
- **Birling Capital US Bank Index:** Closed at 9,381.60, up 82.45 points, or 0.89%.
- **U.S. Treasury 10-year note:** Closed at 4.95%.
- **U.S. Treasury 2-year note:** Closed at 4.61%.

Puerto Rico Stocks Hold Solid Year-to-Date Gains

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Evertec, Inc. ▲

Closing price, Nov. 3

$31.27

Year to date

▲ +7.49%

First BanCorp ▲

Closing price, Nov. 3

$26.27

Year to date

▲ +26.70%

OFG Bancorp ▲

Closing price, Nov. 3

$51.23

Year to date

▲ +25.02%

Popular, Inc. ▲

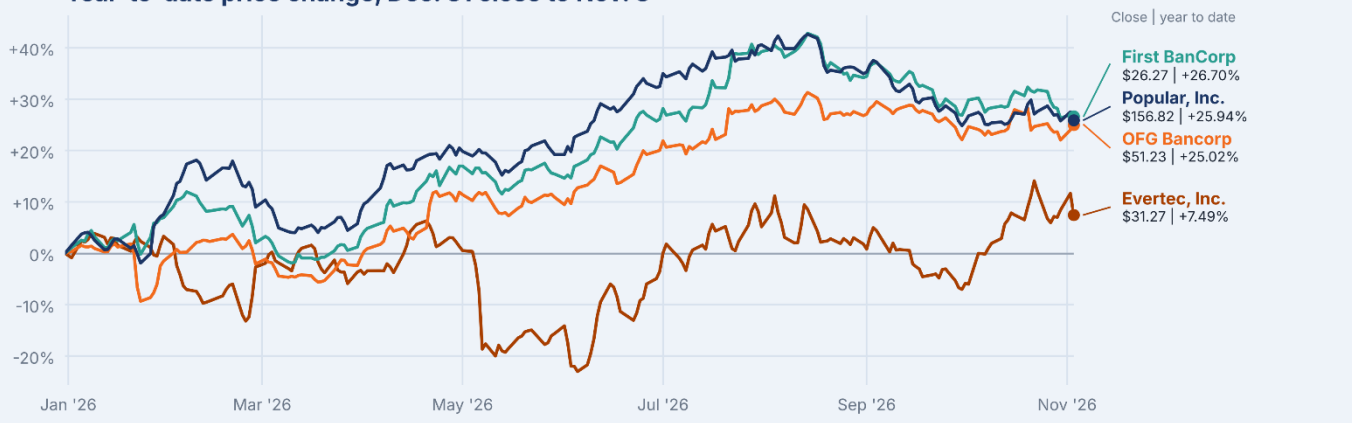
Closing price, Nov. 3

$156.82

Year to date

▲ +25.94%

Year-to-date price change, Dec. 31 close to Nov. 3



Source: YCharts - Birling Capital Advisors

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US Job Openings: Total Nonfarm

Monthly, in millions, January 2025 to September 2026

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US Retail Gas Price

Weekly, dollars per gallon, January 5 to October 26, 2026

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Eurozone indexes close

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Source: Bloomberg, LSEG — Birling Capital Advisors

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Wall Street and Birling Capital indexes close

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