

MoodVector Weekly

Week of 30 September – 7 October 2026

The news turned risk-on, and the strategy scaled in with it. Oil kept a lid on Europe, so part of the book is still waiting for its move — but account equity finished the week higher.

Account equity, week

+1.1%

11 live accounts, combined

S&P 500 news score

46 → 68

peak Tue night, 65 today

Entry signals

83

all long, 6 indices

Open positions now

−1.1%

floating, as % of equity

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A tug-of-war: dovish data versus \$100 oil

Two stories ran side by side all week. In the US, data kept coming in soft — a cooler PCE inflation print on Wednesday, then a weak jobs report on Friday — and markets read both as reasons for the Fed to stop hiking. The S&P 500 and Nasdaq ground higher and set fresh record highs on Tuesday, helped by an AI-led rally and easing Treasury yields.

At the same time, Middle East tensions and disruption around the Strait of Hormuz pushed Brent crude from about \$96 to above \$101, with Aramco and the EIA both warning that global oil stocks are running low. Higher energy costs weigh hardest on Europe, and it showed: the FTSE 100 and DAX finished the week lower even as Wall Street rose.

Brent crude, \$/bbl



Index	Week
Nasdaq 100	+2.2%
S&P 500	+1.4%
Dow Jones 30	+0.4%
ASX 200	0.0%
DAX 40	−1.6%
FTSE 100	−2.0%

Cash-index closes, 30 Sep to 7 Oct.

Four catalysts lifted the score — and each one triggered entries

MoodVector reads thousands of headlines a day and scores each one for its likely impact on every instrument it tracks. This week the equity scores climbed in clear steps, each tied to a specific piece of news:

Wed 30 Sep
S&P 46 → 53

Softer August PCE inflation. Headlines framed it as a relief rally and a step back from rate-hike fears. What we did: first long entries in the S&P 500, Nasdaq and Dow that evening.

Fri 2 Oct
S&P 55 → 59

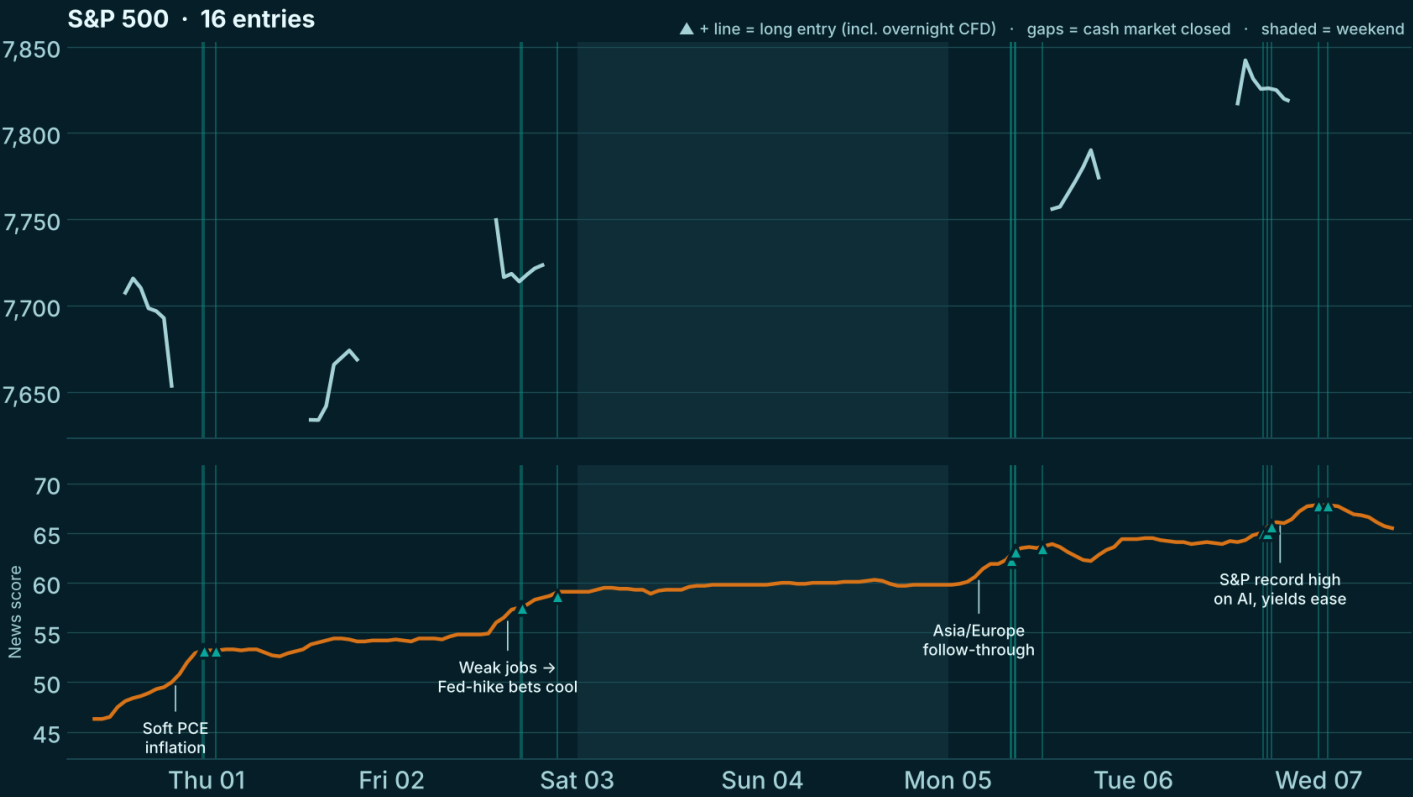
A weak jobs report, read as dovish. The Dow jumped 400 points and the Nasdaq hit a record. What we did: added steps to all three US indices through the US session.

Mon 5 Oct
ASX 51 → 67
FTSE 50 → 60

Global follow-through. Asian and European headlines picked up the "Fed-hike bets are fading" theme overnight. What we did: the busiest day of the week — 39 entry signals, opening and building positions in the ASX 200, FTSE 100 and DAX as their scores broke out.

Tue 6 Oct
S&P 64 → 68

Record highs on AI, with yields easing. An oil spike briefly dragged the strategy's composite signal toward 45 in the afternoon; the per-index news scores held up, and the composite recovered to the 70s overnight. What we did: small adds through the dip, then larger S&P and Nasdaq steps overnight once the signal confirmed.



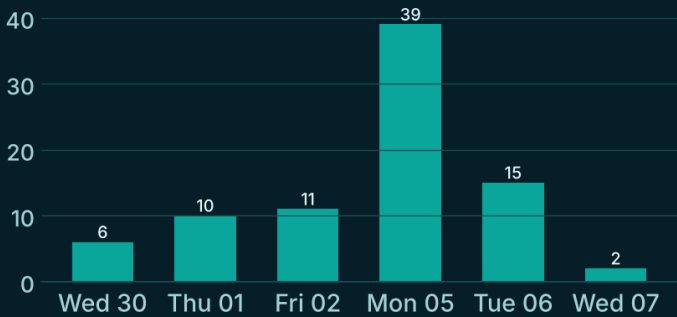
S&P 500: price (top) and MoodVector news score (bottom). Each vertical line is a long entry; most land just as the score steps up. Index CFDs trade around the clock, so several entries happened while the cash market was closed.

Scaling in as conviction built

MoodVector does not go all-in on one signal. It opens a position when an instrument's score turns supportive, then adds in measured steps only while the score keeps confirming. That is why the entry lines in the charts arrive in clusters that follow the score upward, rather than as one large trade.

One detail stands out: for most of the week the CNN Fear & Greed index sat at 31 — firmly in "Fear" — while the news flow was improving. The strategy bought into that gap between mood and news. Fear & Greed had recovered to 50 by Tuesday and reads 47 today.

Entry signals per day (distinct)



83 entry signals, all long, across 6 equity indices.

S&P entries started at a score of 52 and added at 55, 59, 62, 66, 67 and 71.

The small FX book was closed out on Wednesday 30 Sep; this week's risk sat in equity indices.

Nasdaq 100 · 16 entries



Dow Jones 30 · 18 entries



DAX 40 · 10 entries



FTSE 100 · 15 entries

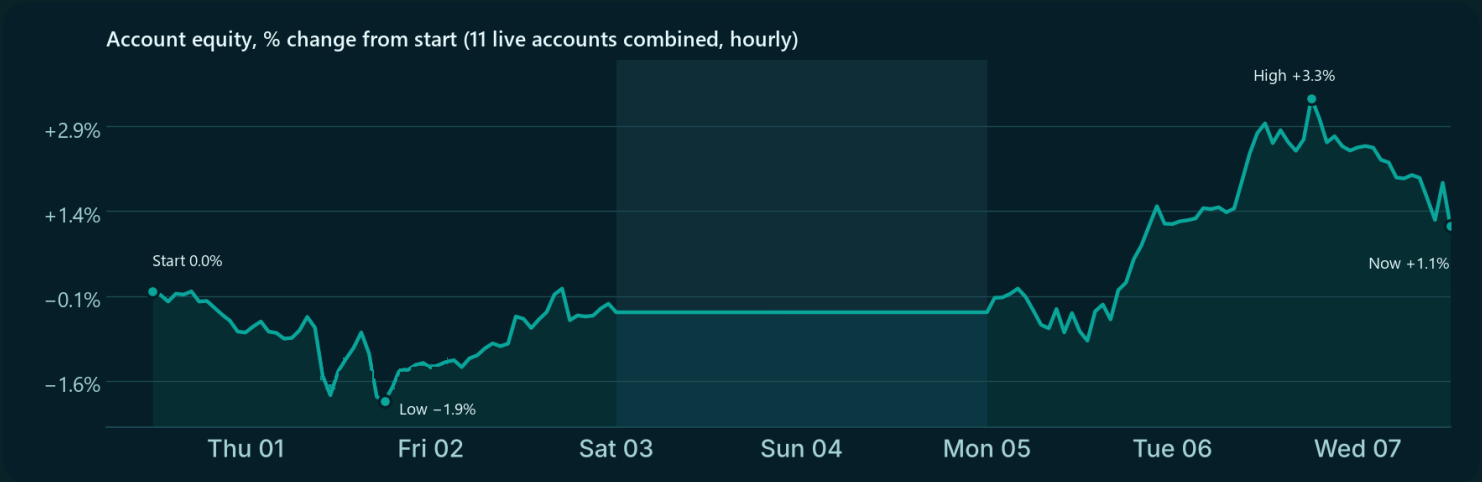


ASX 200 · 8 entries



Europe and Australia: the 5 October score breakout is clear in all three. The FTSE and DAX then gave ground as oil climbed, so those positions are the ones still waiting.

Equity up 1.1%, with drawdown kept shallow



Equity change, start → now	+1.1%
Deepest point (Thu 1 Oct)	–1.9% from start
Best point (Tue 6 Oct)	+3.3% from start
Realised this week	+0.4% of equity
Floating on open longs today	–1.1% of equity

Being straight about it: the book gave back more than half of Tuesday's peak gain as oil and yields rose again this morning, and most open positions are slightly below their entry prices at today's levels — the European and Australian ones most. Still, the floating loss narrowed over the week, from about –1.8% of equity at the start to –1.1% now, and the strategy's step structure lets it keep holding while the news score stays supportive.

Figures cover the 11 live accounts running the strategy, combined, measured hourly from 30 Sep 12:00 UTC to 7 Oct 12:00 UTC.

FOMC minutes and the oil price

FOMC minutes (today). The dovish read of this week's data is what drove the equity scores. Confirmation from the Fed would support the open longs; a hawkish surprise is the main risk.

Brent above \$100. Energy is the headwind for Europe. The FTSE and DAX positions need oil to cool for their scores to turn into price.

The scores themselves. US scores are still in the 60s; European scores eased back into the mid-to-high 50s today. MoodVector adds only while they confirm.



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