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Nvidia’s $80 Billion Question: The Numbers Behind the Huang Scandal

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nvidia has lost $1.7 trillion in market value since its October peak, its chief executive has admitted an affair with a woman US officials describe as a Chinese intelligence asset, shareholders have sued, and a hypothetical divorce could cost Jensen Huang $80 billion. This study measures the market wipeout, the lawsuit and the divorce arithmetic and the November 17 earnings test that comes next.

KEY RESEARCH FINDINGS & STRATEGIC OUTLOOK

Executive Summary SANTA CLARA In five trading sessions, the world’s leading AI chipmaker has lost more than a sixth of its value, its chief executive has apologised to his staff for an affair, its board has opened an independent investigation, and its shareholders have sued. Nvidia’s crisis is no longer a story about a chief executive’s private life. It is a measurable event: about $1.7 trillion of market value gone, a stock in bear-market territory, and a November 17 earnings report that now carries the weight of the entire artificial-intelligence trade. The numbers frame the scandal in two currencies. In the market, Nvidia shares closed at $168.89 on Tuesday, November 10, down 5.47 percent on the day and about 30 percent below the record close of $239.24 set on October 6. In the personal ledger, Jensen Huang’s fortune estimated by Forbes at about $162 billion days earlier would, under California’s community-property rules, face a theoretical split of roughly $80 billion if his 41-year marriage ended in divorce. No divorce has been filed, and no prenuptial agreement has been confirmed or denied. This study measures the market wipeout, the board investigation, the shareholder lawsuit filed on November 9 and the divorce arithmetic and tests what the November 17 results must deliver for the selling to stop. Methodology This study rests on market data published on November 9 and 10, 2026, cross-checked across Reuters, Bloomberg data carried by NDTV Profit, Forbes wealth estimates, The New York Times, the Financial Times, and the San Jose court filing. Share prices and market capitalisation use closing prices from market-data providers; changes are measured on settlement prices. Every figure is labelled by source and date, and where outlets disagree on the size of Huang’s fortune, for example

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