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Executive Summary

The **2025Q4 AI Sovereign Map** defines the structural hierarchy of the AI economy as consolidation accelerates across compute, power, and ontology layers.

1-Page Summary Table

Tier	Definition	Core Characteristics
A — Sovereign Winners	Durable moats in compute, energy, frontier models, or ontology.	Strengthen during corrections; define truth-layers.
B — Fragility Zone	Thin-moat, hype-exposed, SEO-era or API-dependent entities.	Structurally exposed during consolidation.
C — Emerging Graphs	Vertical datasets, logistics maps, regulated knowledge graphs.	Optionality to rise into sovereignty.

Key Insights — Sovereign Takeaways

- **AI sovereignty emerges from compute, power, and ontology — not applications.**
- **Bubble risk sits in assumptions, not models.**
- **Tier A compounds, Tier B compresses, Tier C accelerates on execution.**
- **Ontology is the true economic substrate.**
- **The Sovereign Map is not a prediction — it's the architecture of the AI economy.**

Section 1 — Overview

The AI economy is entering a consolidation phase where compute, power, ontology, and structured-data supremacy determine survivors. The 2025Q4 AI Sovereign Map classifies companies into:

- **A: Sovereign Winners** — durable moats in compute, energy, and ontology.
- **B: Fragility Zone** — hype-exposed, low-moat companies.
- **C: Emerging Graphs** — entities with deep vertical datasets and long-term optionality.

This section provides the grounding narrative for the classification.

Section 2 — A/B/C Classification Grid

Tier A Sovereign Winners	Tier B Fragility Zone	Tier C Emerging Graphs
Frontier Labs	Wrapper AI Tools	Vertical Knowledge Graphs
Compute Infrastructure	Agent Startups	Logistics Graphs
Energy Sovereigns	GPU Aggregators	Retail Data Machines
Ontology Controllers	SEO/Ad-Driven Media	Cloud Data Fabric

Section 4 — Category A: Sovereign Winners

Frontier Labs / Model Owners

- Microsoft / OpenAI
- Google (Alphabet)
- Anthropic
- Meta
- xAI

Compute & Inference Infrastructure

- NVIDIA
- AMD
- Intel
- Broadcom
- TSMC
- ASML

Energy & Power Sovereigns

- NextEra Energy
- Duke Energy
- Southern Company
- Constellation Energy
- Brookfield Renewable
- Fluence Energy

Ontology Controllers

- Intuit
- Palantir
- Bloomberg
- S&P Global
- Moody’s
- Workday
- SAP
- Oracle

Section 5 — Category B: Fragility Zone

Wrapper / API AI Companies

- Jasper
- Copy.ai
- Writer.com
- Synthesia
- Runway

Agent Startups

- Devin (Cognition)
- Adept
- Pi (Inflection)
- Replit

Second-Tier Inference Networks

- Lambda Labs
- Paperspace
- FluidStack
- Vultr

GPU Aggregators

- Modal
- Together AI
- Baseten

SEO & Ad-Driven Media

- Dotdash Meredith
- Ziff Davis
- BuzzFeed
- BDG
- G/O Media

Ad-Tech Fragility

- Taboola
- Outbrain
- Criteo
- The Trade Desk

Section 6 — Category C: Emerging Graphs

Vertical Knowledge Graph Owners

- Epic
- Cerner (Oracle)
- IQVIA
- RELX
- Wolters Kluwer
- Thomson Reuters

Logistics & Industrial Graphs

- UPS
- FedEx
- J.B. Hunt
- Maersk

Retail Data Machines

- Walmart
- Target
- Costco
- Alibaba
- JD.com

Cloud / Data Fabric

- Snowflake
- ServiceNow
- Databricks

Telecom / Edge Compute

- Verizon
- AT&T
- T-Mobile
- American Tower

AI-Grid Energy Tech

- Schneider Electric
- Siemens
- ABB

Section 7 — References & Methodology

Methodology

This brief uses exmxc's structural ontology framework:

- Entity Engineering™ scoring
- ASC sovereign classification
- Infrastructure + ontology depth analysis
- AI-search visibility measurement

References

- exmxc Internal Ontology Library (2025)
- Public filings, sector data, and infrastructure reports

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