

13 February

French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron said he would be a firm negotiator with the U.K. in talks regarding its withdrawal of the European Union.

Lloyds Banking Group Plc, Britain's largest mortgage lender, is set to pick Berlin as its base to maintain access to the European Union's single market following Brexit, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

Add Goldman Sachs Group Inc.'s chief economist to the list of those concerned that President Donald Trump won't jumpstart economic growth.

14 February

Poland is seeking to fill the space between "Le Pen and the Eurocrats" in talks over the U.K.'s departure from the European Union and is pushing to win tens of thousands of jobs from Britain's financial sector, a top government official said.

General Motors Co. has lost money in Europe every year since 1999. After three years at the helm, Chief Executive Officer Mary Barra has had enough.

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. sharply increased bets on airlines and iPhone maker Apple Inc. in the fourth quarter, while taking a stake in seed company Monsanto Co.

A handful of companies are seeking to become the Boeings and Lockheed Martins of India, collaborating with global defense manufacturers to locally build advanced military hardware.

15 February

U.S. intelligence agencies and the FBI are conducting multiple investigations to determine the full extent of contacts that President Donald Trump's advisers and associates had with Russia during and after the 2016 campaign, according to four national security officials with knowledge of the matter.

Libya's crude production exceeded 700,000 barrels a day and is due to keep rising as working conditions in the conflict-ridden country improve for international companies like Eni SpA and Total SA, an official from the state oil company said.

China's clampdown on overseas casino operators is being felt in Sydney as Star Entertainment Group Ltd. reported a slump in its international high-rollers business after the detention of employees at rival Crown Resorts Ltd.

Jakarta residents face another two months of campaigning as the race to lead Indonesia's capital was headed for a run-off election that will divide the city's power-brokers along similar lines to the last presidential election.

16 February

French presidential candidate Francois Fillon wants to see Britain leave the European Union as soon as possible and is confident that the bloc's main negotiator will drive a hard bargain, his diplomatic adviser said.

Snap Inc. set the valuation on its initial public offering at between \$19.5 billion and \$22.2 billion in what could be the third-biggest technology offering of the past decade, people familiar with the matter said.

Hidden beneath the headlines about Japan's continual failure to reach its inflation target is a quiet reflation of its economy.

Samsung Group's Jay Y. Lee was formally arrested on allegations of bribery, perjury and embezzlement, an extraordinary step that jeopardizes the executive's ascent to the top role at the world's biggest smartphone maker.

17 February

Kraft Heinz Co.'s \$143 billion bid for Unilever NV collapsed just two days after it became public knowledge, with the adamantness of the Anglo-Dutch target's rejection said to play into billionaire Warren Buffett's longtime aversion to hostile deals.

Ibrahim Cat, a supporter of the ruling AK Party, had never hesitated to vote for Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

China National Petroleum Corp. bought a stake in Abu Dhabi's largest oil concession as the Middle Eastern emirate with 6 percent of global crude reserves looks increasingly to Asia, its biggest market, for investment to raise output capacity.

A largely uncontested by-election in Sarawak reaffirmed the strength of Prime Minister Najib Razak's base in a key Malaysian state, showing the challenges his opponents face to defeat him in the next general election.

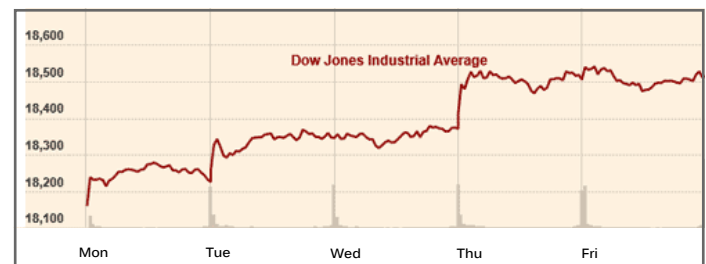
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