

31 July

U.K. Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond said Brexit will still go ahead in March 2019 in spite of disagreements in Prime Minister Theresa May's cabinet over a transition period to help government and businesses adjust to the split.

Some international banks are serving Qatar from London and New York instead of Dubai's financial center as a regional dispute makes it harder to do business with clients in the gas-rich Gulf state, according to people familiar with the matter.

Anthony Scaramucci was removed from his new job as White House communications director on John Kelly's first day as chief of staff, just 10 days after the financier joined President Donald Trump's staff.

Equity bears hunting for excess in the stock market might be better off worrying about bond prices, Alan Greenspan says. That's where the actual bubble is, and when it pops, it'll be bad for everyone.

01 August

After the euro surged through a critical technical level last week, analysts who study charts to help guide their predictions are looking back to 2010 for perspective on how high it could rise.

Apple Inc. gave a revenue forecast that highlighted resilient demand for the iPhone ahead of the launch of its new models and the growing significance of the company's supporting businesses.

The major U.S. airlines that allege unfair competition by Persian Gulf rivals can't show that new flight routes are costing U.S. jobs, allies of the Middle Eastern carriers told Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.

Majik used to sneak into Sydney's botanical gardens before they were locked up at night so he could sleep safely. But as the cold weather closed in he joined other homeless people to shelter somewhere more central: outside the Reserve Bank of Australia.

02 August

Pay for bosses at leading U.K.-listed companies declined by 17 percent last year as boards reacted to political pressure to rein in excessive compensation.

The U.K. government is budgeting millions of pounds to train staff to negotiate trade deals, to compensate for a lack of expertise as the country prepares for Brexit.

President Donald Trump signed a Russia sanctions bill Congress forced on him, adding a statement saying the administration will carry out the law but with reservations about its impact and the constitutionality of some provisions.

President Xi Jinping's top economic adviser commissioned a study earlier this year to see how China could avoid the fate of Japan's epic bust in the 1990s and decades of stagnation that followed.

03 August

Most Britons think the country is on the wrong track, with terrorism and health care cited as the biggest concerns, a poll showed.

Special counsel Robert Mueller is using a federal grand jury in Washington to help collect information as he probes Russia's meddling in the 2016 election and possible collusion by Trump campaign associates, according to three people familiar with the investigation.

Foreign deposits at Qatar's banks may fall further after dropping the most in almost two years in June as some Gulf lenders refuse to roll over holdings, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Tiny flats are flooding Hong Kong as developers rush to target first-time buyers struggling to get into the world's priciest market.

04 August

U.K. consumers cut back on spending for a third month in July, putting them in their worst slump in more than four years and dealing another blow to the economy at the start of the the quarter.

After relying on oil to fuel its economy for more than half a century, Saudi Arabia is turning to its other abundant natural resource to take it beyond the oil age -- desert. The kingdom is converting thousands of square kilometers of sand into new cities as it seeks to diversify away from crude, create jobs and boost investment.

Qatar National Bank QPSC is considering options to raise financing as an ongoing standoff with its Gulf neighbors threatens to weaken liquidity in the gas-rich country, people familiar with the matter said.

China expressed confidence that new United Nations sanctions would help bring North Korea to the negotiating table to end its push for nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles.

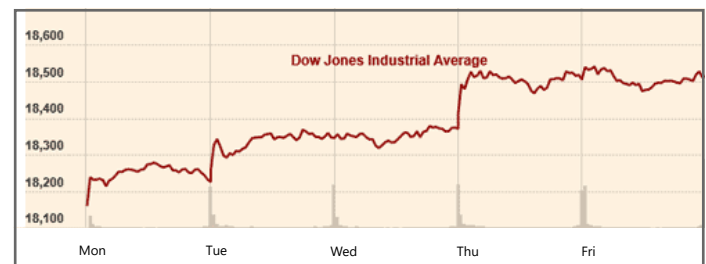
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