

16 October

U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May's government fears Brexit talks will break down unless the European Union gives ground at a key summit this week, according to a person familiar with her team's views.

President Donald Trump signaled increasing U.S. alarm about the situation in northern Iraq after forces loyal to Baghdad seized the headquarters of Kirkuk's provincial administration on Monday, threatening to escalate tensions over Kurdish autonomy and pushing oil prices higher.

Kobe Steel Ltd.'s investigations into faked product data will probably reveal that the practice began more than ten years ago, according to a company executive. As the company works to contain the fallout from the scandal, it has briefed analysts that short-term liquidity isn't an issue as it seeks to generate cash including via asset sales.

17 October

European Union countries are seeking to complete their own preparatory work on a future relationship with the U.K. this year, a move intended to keep hope alive for Theresa May's government even as Brexit negotiations remain stalled.

Bridgewater Associates is adding to its billion-dollar short against the Italian economy. The world's largest hedge fund disclosed a \$300 million bet against Eni SpA, Italy's oil and gas giant, data compiled by Bloomberg show.

Saudi Arabia is still aiming to complete both international and domestic portions of the initial public offering of its state oil company in 2018, Saudi oil minister Khalid Al-Falih said Tuesday.

Rio Tinto Group, the world's second-biggest miner, and two of its former top executives have been charged with fraud over the alleged inflation of the value of coal assets in Mozambique acquired for about \$3.7 billion in 2011, the Securities and Exchange Commission said.

18 October

U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May will demand that the European Union move Brexit talks on to trade in a face-to-face showdown with leaders over dinner, even as EU officials see a breakthrough as all but impossible.

Russia may have got what it wished for with the election of U.S. President Donald Trump, but almost a year later Moscow's foreign policy community shows more signs of alarm than triumph.

Rosneft PJSC signed a deal with Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan to develop five oil blocks, cementing ties with the region even as tensions over sovereignty flare into armed clashes between Kurdish forces and Iraqi government troops.

Property, overseas investments and shadow-banking products have all been targeted by China's campaign to curb financial risks over the past year. What's left?

19 October

The U.K. should investigate whether "dark money" played a role in the 2016 Brexit referendum, a Labour Party lawmaker said on Thursday, citing a series of reports on the OpenDemocracy website about Arron Banks, who helped bankroll the 'Leave' campaign.

Red Kite Management Ltd., the world's largest metals hedge fund, is suing Barclays Plc for alleged market abuse in the copper market that it claims cost the firm at least \$850 million between 2010 and 2013.

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has little hope that a Saudi Arabia-led bloc's standoff with Qatar will end anytime soon, blaming the four countries lined up against the emirate for a lack of progress and casting doubts on U.S. efforts to mediate the crisis.

The 37-year-old daughter of a New Zealand police officer is set to join a new generation of leaders overturning the political establishment in some of the world's most-developed countries.

20 October

Catalan separatists meet Monday to craft their reply to Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy after the Spanish leader announced an unprecedented barrage of measures to stamp his authority on the rebel region.

Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon urged U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May to ignore Brexit die-hards and strike a deal with the European Union, while reiterating her aim to give Scotland the right to decide its own future once the details are known.

The company that helped build entire neighborhoods in Dubai plans to sell part of its business in the United Arab Emirates in an initial public offering.

Singapore is experiencing a surge in venture capital fundraising, reflecting growing interest in Southeast Asia's startups.

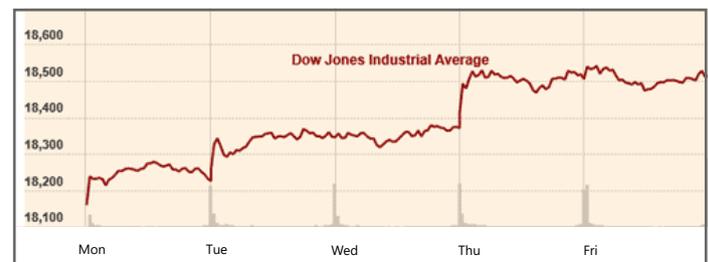
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