

May Picks Florence for Speech to Win EU Support for Her Brexit View

Theresa May will take her Brexit charm offensive deep into the historic heart of Europe with a speech in Florence, as her government tries to reassure the bloc it will not use Brexit to undercut financial regulations.

The premier's office said Wednesday she would make a speech in the Italian city on Sept. 22, arguing that Britain can still work closely with the EU after leaving. Her announcement came as Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond said he understood EU fears about the future supervision of financial markets and would try to allay them.

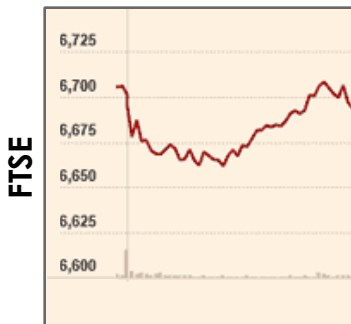
May and her team are taking a gentler line with Brussels, after the last round of Brexit negotiations ended in acrimonious disagreement and the next session was postponed.

U.S., Russia Make Little Headway After Latest Talks

The U.S. used a round of talks with Russia this week to argue it was time to move past a diplomatic spat that's resulted in consular closures and expulsions of diplomats, but so far neither side is ready to commit to ending their dispute, according to a senior State Department official.

During talks in Helsinki this week, Undersecretary Thomas Shannon argued that the two sides have "done enough damage to each other" and need to focus on areas where they can work together, such as tensions over North Korea and Syria, according to the official, who asked not to be identified because the talks were private. At the same time, Shannon declined to rule out further actions, the official said.

The Helsinki talks marked the third time Shannon has met with Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov as part of efforts to resolve what the two sides describe as "irritants" to the relationship -- including fit-for-tat expulsions and consular closures -- amid a broader bid for better ties. Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov will meet in New York next week on the sidelines of the annual gathering of the United Nations General Assembly.

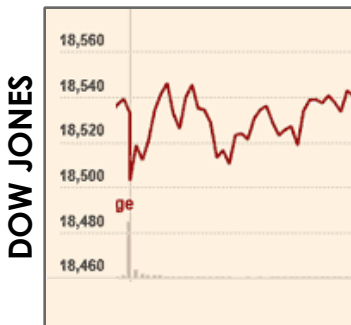


Shkreli Sent to Jail by Judge Over Clinton Hair Bounty

Martin Shkreli's big mouth landed him in jail even before his fraud conviction did. A U.S. judge revoked the former pharmaceutical executive's bail Wednesday, ordering him jailed immediately, over a bounty Shkreli issued in a Facebook post for a strand of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's hair.

"The fact that he continues to remain unaware of the inappropriateness of his actions or words demonstrates that he may well be an ongoing danger or risk to the community," U.S. District Judge Kiyo Matsumoto said.

Shkreli, wearing a lavender button-down shirt and Dockers, was stone-faced as the judge handed down her decision. He was immediately taken into custody and led away from the courtroom by two deputy U.S. Marshals and into a prisoner holding cell adjacent to the sixth-floor courtroom.



U.S. Bans All Federal Agencies From Using Kaspersky Software

The U.S. government banned all use of Kaspersky Lab Inc. software in federal information systems, citing concerns about the Moscow-based security firm's links to the Russian government and espionage efforts.

All agencies will be required to identify any Kaspersky products they have used within 30 days and develop plans to discontinue their use, according to a directive from Elaine Duke, the acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security.

"This action is based on the information security risks presented by the use of Kaspersky products," DHS said Wednesday in a statement. "The risk that the Russian government, whether acting on its own or in collaboration with Kaspersky, could capitalize on access provided by Kaspersky products to compromise federal information and information systems directly implicates U.S. national security." DHS said it has provided Kaspersky an opportunity to address these concerns.



MARKETS	Value	Change	%Change
DJIA	22,158.18	39.32	0.18%
S&P 500	2,498.37	1.89	0.08%
NASDAQ	6,460.19	5.91	0.09%
FTSE 100	7,379.70	-20.99	-0.28%
DAX	12,553.57	28.8	0.23%
CAC 40	5,217.59	8.58	0.16%
IBEX	10,371.00	34.8	0.34%
NIKKEI 225	19,913.91	48.09	0.24%
HANG SENG	27,864.70	-29.38	-0.11%

CURRENCIES	Value	Change	%Change
EUR-USD	1.1876	-0.0009	-0.08%
USD-JPY	110.58	0.09	0.08%
GBP-USD	1.3203	-0.0008	-0.06%
AUD-USD	0.7996	0.001	0.13%
USD-CAD	1.2179	0.0007	0.06%
USD-CHF	0.9645	0.0004	0.04%
EUR-GBP	0.8995	-0.0003	-0.03%
USD-HKD	7.8126	-0.0002	0.00%
EUR-CHF	1.1456	-0.0004	-0.03%