

## 27 February

Europe's fifth-largest manager of pension assets is urging European Union governments not to punish the U.K when it negotiates its way out of the bloc.

Saudi Arabia is seeking ways to boost foreign investment in its bourse, almost two years after easing access to the one of the world's most restricted exchanges.

Donald Trump's address to Congress on Tuesday is taking on the importance of a State of the Union speech when it comes to U.S. financial markets.

The verdict is in: Australia's earnings season was one of the best of the last decade, setting the stage for possible world-beating gains for the country's stocks.

## 28 February

U.K. Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond may switch the measure of inflation the Bank of England targets to one that includes housing, according to Goldman Sachs Group Inc.

Citigroup Inc. is in advanced discussions for a banking license in Saudi Arabia, returning after a more than 10-year absence from the kingdom, as the bank looks for ways to capitalize on financial reforms, according to people familiar with the matter.

Four planned listings on Hong Kong's small-company exchange, known for its wild price swings, were shelved this week in the wake of a warning that participants would be more thoroughly scrutinized.

Embattled soccer owner Vincent Tan is throwing in the towel. The Malaysian businessman is selling the one-time Premier League team Cardiff City and his stake in Major League Soccer's Los Angeles FC, as well as professional teams in Bosnia and Belgium, according to people familiar with the offerings.

## 01 March

French Republican candidate Francois Fillon's mounting legal problems have left conservative voters wondering where to turn in this year's presidential election.

U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May suffered her first parliamentary defeat on her draft law to begin the withdrawal from the European Union after the House of Lords rebuffed a government plea to leave the Brexit bill intact.

Snap Inc., maker of the disappearing photo app dependent upon the fickle favor of the millennial demographic, is going public at a valuation at least twice as expensive as Facebook Inc., and four times more costly than Twitter Inc.

Australia's securities regulator said Thursday it is looking at mortgage lending standards across the banking sector after taking civil court proceedings against Westpac Banking Corp.

## 02 March

PSA Group is closing in on a deal to acquire General Motors Co.'s Opel unit to create Europe's second-largest automaker, with an agreement possibly coming early next week, according to people familiar with the matter.

Gina Miller, who brought the lawsuit that forced U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May to get parliamentary approval for her Brexit plans, is considering another legal challenge.

Saudi Arabia continued to lead OPEC's efforts to cut production, helping the organization get closer to a goal set out in a historic accord last year.

Bets on marijuana companies helped an Australian manager soar 145 percent last year to become the world's best-performing hedge fund.

## 03 March

Deutsche Bank AG Chief Executive Officer John Cryan is reversing course less than two years into his strategy, announcing an overhaul that includes offering 8 billion euros (\$8.5 billion) in stock, selling part of the asset management business and reintegrating Postbank.

U.S. President Donald Trump's protectionist stance may propel Asian, Middle Eastern and Latin American economic powers into market-opening alliances with the European Union, a top EU official said.

France is working on plans to issue direct loans to companies that want to invest in Iran, Finance Minister Michel Sapin said in a press conference in Tehran.

Chinese real-estate investors are losing interest in the U.S. as their concern over yuan depreciation eases and questions swirl around President Donald Trump's stance on protectionism.

