

## 06 March

Prime Minister Theresa May should consider taking Britain back into the European Free Trade Association, the four-country body it left in 1972, in order to jump-start its post-Brexit trade negotiations, a panel of lawmakers said.

President Donald Trump signed an order restricting entry into the U.S. by people from six predominantly Muslim countries, reviving a signature initiative that stalled in the face of court challenges, sparked global protests and prompted dissent by some of his advisers.

Israel is ratcheting up its deregulation efforts to stimulate economic growth and attract multinational companies, according to the director general of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's office.

Asian countries should pursue a Pacific trade pact even after the U.S. walked away, and its standards should be incorporated into other regional deals, according to a report authored by half a dozen former trade envoys.

## 07 March

U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May is fighting back against Brexit rebels in her ruling Conservative Party as she steps up her battle to start the formal process of pulling Britain out of the European Union.

Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena SpA wants an accelerated sale process of about 28 billion euros (\$29.6 billion) of bad loans to start as soon as European authorities approve its new business proposal, according to people familiar with the matter.

The global economy may not be strong enough to withstand risks from increased trade barriers, overblown stock markets or potential currency volatility, according to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

President Donald Trump jumped back into the debate over drug pricing on Tuesday, sending pharmaceutical stocks down again with a tweet promising to lower medicine costs for American people.

## 08 March

U.K. Chancellor of the Exchequer Philip Hammond's budget, short on surprises or giveaways, has one clear takeaway: the government looks set to resist growing pressure for an early election.

Prime Minister Theresa May's team increasingly expect the U.K. to trigger the start of Brexit talks in late March, according to two British officials and a European Union diplomat.



Qatar's royal family and China's HNA Group Co., two of Deutsche Bank AG's biggest investors, plan to buy shares in the lender's 8 billion-euro (\$8.4 billion) rights offer with a view to increasing their stakes, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

Myanmar is embarking on the first comprehensive audit of state-owned banks in decades, part of a push to modernize the financial system and tackle risks to the nation's rapid economic growth.

## 09 March

U.K. Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson said it wouldn't be "reasonable" for the European Union to expect Britain to accept a "vast" bill to settle its liabilities after Brexit, suggesting his government would fight any demand for payment.

Mario Draghi, perhaps one of the most relaxed central-bank communicators in recent years, can stumble over his lines for once without anyone really losing the plot.

Amazon.com Inc. restarted talks to acquire Dubai-based Souq.com for as much as \$650 million after walking away from the deal earlier this year, people familiar with the matter said.

In a matter of hours, South Koreans will see whether suspended President Park Geun-hye gets booted from office.

## 10 March

French presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron is drawing increasingly nasty attacks from rivals as polls show he's tightening his grip as the front runner.

The political turbulence roiling the European Union is making Russia look like a safe bet to bondholders.

U.K. Brexit Secretary David Davis is seeking to avert a rebellion within the ruling Conservative Party that could complicate government efforts to trigger divorce negotiations with the European Union by the end of this month.

Whether you look at prices or policy, the property markets in Singapore and Hong Kong are marching resolutely in opposite directions.

