

21 August

Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar said he remains "confused and puzzled" about the U.K.'s global trading plans after Brexit, as the clock ticks down in talks on the terms of Britain's exit from the European Union.

Police shot dead the man suspected of driving the van that rammed into pedestrians in Barcelona last week, ending a five-day manhunt to track down the perpetrators of the worst terror attack in Spain since 2004.

It hasn't been the investment bonanza Iran hoped for, but the billions of dollars unlocked by its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers might help cushion the impact of any future U.S. assault on the accord.

Singapore's Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan called on the U.S. and China to avoid a trade war while urging nations to stop trying to protect obsolete jobs.

22 August

Prime Minister Theresa May conceded that European Union law will influence the U.K. long after Brexit, a climbdown aimed at accelerating divorce talks but which opens her to attack from euroskeptics.

Credit Suisse Group AG established a new unit catering to institutional clients and the ultra rich at its Swiss universal bank after abandoning plans for an initial public offering of the division earlier this year.

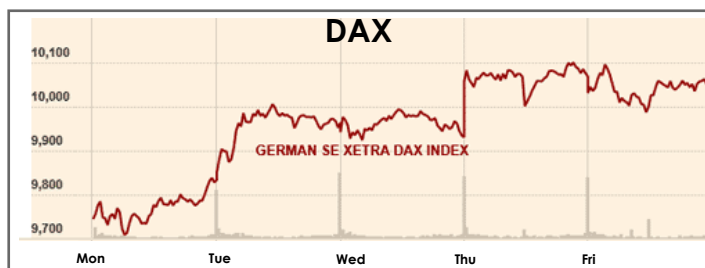
The United Arab Emirates will start imposing a tax on selected goods starting Oct. 1 as Gulf Arab nations seek to deepen government revenue to counter the drop in oil prices.

The populist leaders of India, Indonesia and the Philippines won office with promises of massive spending to upgrade their nation's roads, railways and ports. Doing so, the thinking goes, would supercharge economic growth and emulate China's success.

23 August

Brexit watchers doubt whether the U.K. has done enough to convince the European Union to allow trade talks to start as soon as October.

European Central Bank policy maker Ardo Hansson said he isn't currently concerned about the strength of the euro as officials prepare to discuss how to wind down their bond-purchase program.



President Donald Trump's envoy to the United Nations met with the nuclear inspectors charged with verifying a deal between Iran and world powers to convey the White House's concerns.

Even as Hong Kong shares are holding on to their eighth straight monthly gain, recent derivatives activity shows investors are getting jittery about Asia's best-performing market this year.

24 August

The U.K. spent the summer publishing an avalanche of documents on Brexit but stayed silent on the one topic most likely to derail a deal: how much money it will pay the European Union.

Germany's back and forth over potential bans for diesel cars in cities is sapping demand for the vehicles and causing a backlog of used models on dealer lots that's swelled to some 4.5 billion euros (\$5.3 billion).

Ratings companies expect Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin will resort to prioritizing U.S. debt payments if Congress fails to raise his borrowing authority in time. Yet the firms are in stark disagreement over what that would mean for the nation's credit.

A top court in Thailand will rule Friday on charges of negligence against former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, a verdict that risks rekindling political tensions in Southeast Asia's second-biggest economy.

25 August

Chancellor Angela Merkel cracked open the door to collective lawsuits against Germany's auto industry over excessively polluting diesel engines, sharpening her tone after her main election challenger accused her of blocking the option.

Brexit talks resume on Monday with Prime Minister Theresa May under pressure on two fronts: European negotiators are pushing her to reveal her hand, while the opposition Labour Party has made a bid to lure May's critics to their side.

EuroMena Funds, a Beirut-based private-equity firm that has raised \$350 million since 2006, plans to almost double assets as it seeks investments in Lebanese-owned companies operating abroad while also backing smaller businesses in its home regions.

CBS Corp. agreed to buy struggling Australian broadcaster Ten Network Holdings Ltd., gaining an overseas platform for its video-on-demand service and squeezing out a potential bid by News Corp. Co-Chairman Lachlan Murdoch.

