

23 October

Prime Minister Theresa May's cabinet will meet Tuesday as pressure mounts for it to agree the kind of trade pact Britain wants from the European Union -- a day after she damped expectations of a swift Brexit transition deal.

Traders in the \$14.2 trillion Treasuries market have found a way to avoid fighting the Federal Reserve, or at least its imminent leadership change.

General Electric Co. tumbled the most in six years after the company's deteriorating outlook stoked fears it will cut its dividend for only the second time since the Great Depression.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's solid election win green lights a continuation of the Bank of Japan's massive economic stimulus, entrenching a divide with global peers who are either heading in the opposite direction or mulling moves to do so.

24 October

The U.K. has shifted its approach to the transition agreement it wants to put in place for after Brexit, falling into line with the European Union's long-held stance.

Bawag Group AG, Austria's fourth-biggest bank, sold 1.9 billion euros (\$2.3 billion) of shares in the biggest initial public offering ever on the Vienna stock exchange.

Republican Senator Jeff Flake of Arizona announced he won't seek re-election and then delivered a blistering attack on Donald Trump on the Senate floor, the second GOP senator to publicly excoriate the president on the day the party wanted to put a proposed tax overhaul at the forefront.

Whether or not Chinese President Xi Jinping signals a successor Wednesday, he's amassed enough power to effectively rule for decades.

25 October

The European Union agreed to start internal preparations for the possibility of Brexit negotiations failing to reach a breakthrough at a crunch December summit, as the former British envoy to the EU said the U.K.'s trade goals were unrealistic.

James Murdoch, chief executive officer of 21st Century Fox Inc., said he was unaware of a \$32 million settlement that Bill O'Reilly is reported to have paid to end a sexual harassment lawsuit while he was a star at the company's news network.

Standard Chartered Plc Chief Executive Officer Bill Winters said he's talking to regulators in Saudi Arabia to understand the requirements to win a banking license, which could add another emerging market to more than 70 countries where the British bank does business.

Investors are underestimating risks to the global economy as they drive stock markets to record highs, Singapore's central bank chief warned.

26 October

European Central Bank policy makers implicitly assume their newly-extended bond-buying program will be tapered to a halt by the end of next year so long as the inflation outlook improves, according to officials with knowledge of the discussions.

Catalan separatists rebelled against their leader's plan to draw back from declaring independence as Spanish authorities finalize plans to oust his insurgent administration.

Saudi Arabian Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman backed the extension of OPEC production cuts beyond March 2018, making it all but certain the cartel and its allies will roll over the curbs at a meeting next month.

Singapore Exchange Ltd.'s chief executive officer said his company is still in the running to win a listing of the shares of oil giant Aramco, in what could be the world's biggest initial public offering.

27 October

It's going to take more than the biggest stock slump in world history to convince analysts that PetroChina Co. has finally hit bottom.

The 6,000 job cuts announced last week at Nordea Bank AB are just a down payment for an industry facing radical overhaul, says Chief Executive Officer Casper von Koskull.

As children return to school and parents to their jobs, it could be like any other week in the Spanish region of Catalonia. But for those who support President Carles Puigdemont and his separatists, it's the first working day of Europe's newest republic.

President Donald Trump unleashed a flurry of messages attacking Hillary Clinton and Democrats, a day before the first charges may be announced from a special prosecutor investigating Russian involvement in last year's election.

