

## 30 October

U.K. Brexit Secretary David Davis will brief Theresa May's cabinet on plans to ramp up talks with the European Union on Tuesday as the prime minister steps up efforts to break the deadlock and force the agenda on to trade.

Barclays Plc discussed buying Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc in October 2008, at the height of the banking crisis, according to former U.K. Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

Technology giants Facebook Inc., Google and Twitter Inc. will give a Congressional panel more details about the reach of Russian ads and posts in the U.S. in the lead-up to the 2016 presidential election, according to testimony obtained by Bloomberg.

China's contribution to global growth and the havoc a hard landing there might cause should make it one of the world's best-understood economies. Unfortunately, that's not the case, says Yukon Huang, a senior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

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Ousted Catalan President Carles Puigdemont was summoned to a Spanish court on suspicion of sedition, forcing the rebel leader to choose between a possible 30-year jail term and life as a leader in exile.

Since taking over as governor of the Bank of England four years ago, Mark Carney laid the groundwork for an interest-rate increase multiple times. All he delivered was a single cut after last year's referendum to leave the European Union.

After raising funds from Asia's biggest investors, including Hong Kong tycoon Li Ka-shing and Singapore's Temasek Holdings Pte, Razer Inc. is turning to the market for an initial public offering that will make its co-founder Tan Min-Liang a billionaire.

## 01 November

The U.K. Parliament passed a motion calling on the government to release Brexit impact studies into 58 sectors of the British economy, in a victory over Prime Minister Theresa May by the opposition Labour Party, which has sought the studies for months.

President Donald Trump plans to nominate Federal Reserve Governor Jerome Powell to the top job at the U.S. central bank, according to four people familiar with the decision.



U.K. Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson has delivered a lecture on liberal values to Saudi Arabia, telling the Gulf kingdom it must modernize and build a tolerant society if it wants an "economic miracle."

Li Ka-Shing's CK Asset Holdings Ltd. agreed to sell its stake in The Center for HK\$40.2 billion (\$5.2 billion), setting a record for a Hong Kong office tower and showing that the city's commercial property market remains red hot.

## 02 November

European stock investors riding the region's economic and profit momentum are betting the 2017 rally has further to run.

The speculation around bitcoin is the "very definition of a bubble," Credit Suisse Group AG Chief Executive Officer Tidjane Thiam said as the currency exceeded \$7,000 for the first time.

Baghdad's talks with Turkey about ramping up oil exports from northern Iraq, including the semi-autonomous Kurdish region, is complicated by a \$4 billion debt that the Kurds owe to Turkey, according to Iraq's oil minister.

President Donald Trump said semiconductor company Broadcom Ltd. is returning its headquarters to the U.S. from Singapore.

## 03 November

U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May will tell one of the nation's biggest business groups that she backs a Brexit transition period to give companies more certainty, while urging executives to be more optimistic about the process.

Ousted Catalan President Carles Puigdemont turned himself in voluntarily to Belgian police on Sunday in a fresh twist that brings to 15 the number of political figures who are being detained and could energize the separatist movement.

Shortly after Donald Trump's surprise election win, Barack Obama gave some advice to President Xi Jinping in the final minutes of their last meeting as leaders of the world's biggest economies.

Qatar Airways Ltd. agreed to acquire a stake in Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., a deal that would help it gain a foothold in the world's second-biggest aviation market.

