



08 January

U.K. consumers curbed their spending for the first time in five years in 2017 as surging inflation and falling real wages took their toll on high street retailers.

French President Emmanuel Macron arrives in China on Monday for a state visit that will test his ability to simultaneously woo his host, President Xi Jinping, while threatening to make life harder for him.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's high-speed U-turn on state handouts suggests he's betting on the backing of ordinary citizens rather than traditional pillars of support as he consolidates power.

Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies Corp. successfully launched its first mission of the new year: a classified payload for the U.S. government into low-earth orbit.

09 January

Aston Martin is targeting a valuation of as much as 5 billion pounds (\$6.8 billion) in a potential initial public offering of the British sports car maker, according to people familiar with the matter.

U.K. Prime Minister Theresa May's attempt to give her government a 2018 reboot was marred by a chaotic cabinet reshuffle as senior ministers refused to follow her orders. It's a development that bodes ill for her ability to successfully navigate the next, even trickier stage of Brexit talks.

Jeff Bezos's net worth reached \$105.1 billion Monday on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index as Amazon.com Inc. shares added to a 12-month surge that's lifted the online shopping giant's market value by almost 57 percent.

Canva, an Australian-based graphic design app, has raised \$40 million to become the country's only privately backed technology startup to be valued at \$1 billion.

10 January

U.K. businesses are warning that more price increases are ahead, according to a survey by the British Chambers of Commerce.

Container shipping companies are bracing for a challenging year -- they will have more space available for carrying goods than the amount of cargo that's out there.

Jeffrey Gundlach, the billionaire bond manager, says the S&P 500 Index will end the year with a negative return and is dubious of the long-term value of bitcoin.

Alibaba co-founder Jack Ma will consider floating pieces of the Chinese e-commerce titan in Hong Kong, taking advantage of regulations that will allow the listing of companies with dual-class shares.

11 January

The U.K. is growing tired of complaints that the European Union doesn't know what Theresa May's government wants from Brexit.

Saudi Arabia's stock market is pulling out all the stops for what could be the world's largest initial public offering.

Oil closed above \$63 a barrel for the first time in over three years as crude stockpiles stowed in American tanks and terminals dwindled for an eighth straight week.

Warren Buffett finally confirmed what many investors have already guessed about who will succeed him as chief executive officer of Berkshire Hathaway Inc., the sprawling conglomerate he's built over the past five decades.

12 January

Goldman Sachs Group Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Morgan Stanley are on a hiring drive in Frankfurt as global investment banks race to establish new headquarters inside the European Union in time for Brexit.

Before setting off for New Delhi this weekend, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu received an unwelcome reminder of the maneuvering Indian counterpart Narendra Modi must perform as their countries deepen ties.

Oil topped \$70 a barrel in London for the first time in three years as production cuts by OPEC and rising demand whittle away a global surplus.

Bitcoin slumped again on Friday, leaving the largest cryptocurrency heading for its worst weekly performance in three years as regulators around the world step up scrutiny out of concerns ranging from investor losses to strains on power systems.

Markets

as of 12 Jan 2018

DJIA			▲
25,574.73	205.60		0.81%
S&P 500			▲
2,767.56	19.33		0.70%
NASDAQ			▲
7,211.78	58.21		0.81%
FTSE 100			▲
7,762.94	14.43		0.19%
DAX			▼
13,202.90	-78.44		-0.59%
CAC 40			▼
5,488.55	-16.13		-0.29%
IBEX			▲
10,435.20	6.9		0.07%
NIKKEI 225			▼
23,696.95	-13.48		-0.06%
HANG SENG			▲
31,288.48	168.09		0.54%

Currencies

as of 12 Jan 2018

EUR-USD			▲
1.2049	0.0017		0.14%
USD-JPY			▲
111.27	0.01		0.01%
GBP-USD			▲
1.355	0.0012		0.09%
AUD-USD			▼
0.789	-0.0002		-0.03%
USD-CAD			▼
1.2518	-0.0001		-0.01%
USD-CHF			▲
0.9759	0.0001		0.01%
EUR-GBP			▲
0.8892	0.0005		0.05%
USD-HKD			▲
7.8235	0.0005		0.01%
EUR-CHF			▲
1.1759	0.0018		0.15%