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## IMF's Lagarde urges countries to control 'inevitable' capital outflows amid trade, rate risks

International Monetary Fund's Managing Director Christine Lagarde has urged countries to "use all the tools" to resist the consequences of inevitable capital outflows amid trade and interest rate risks. She said these outflows of capitals are inevitable as the world braces for impacts from trade frictions and as central banks in the West turn to a tightening cycle. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 11/10/18)

## Eurozone growth will persist even if risks are on the rise: ECB's Mersch

Risks to euro zone growth are on the rise but the currency bloc will continue to expand slightly above what is considered its natural potential, European Central Bank board member Yves Mersch has said. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 10/10/18)

## ECB lowers emergency funding cap for Greek banks to €5bn

The European Central Bank lowered the ceiling on emergency liquidity assistance Greek banks draw from the domestic central bank by €200m to €5.0bn (\$5.74bn), the Bank of Greece has said. The move reflected liquidity conditions taking into account private sector deposit flows and banks' access to financial markets. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 10/10/18)

## US threatens to block UK from global procurement pact

The US is threatening to block the UK from a 46-nation public procurement agreement, a move that would deny British companies from accessing \$2tn marketplace after leaving the European Union, according to officials. The UK will apply to re-join the Gov't Procurement Agreement, a \$1.7tn trade accord that governs global appropriation rules. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 10/10/18)

## China central bank to combat money laundering

China will improve its supervision mechanism for combating money laundering and for countering terrorism financing, the country's central bank has said. Anti-money laundering efforts are important to contain risks at a time when China is opening up its financial sector and trying to clamp down on financial risks, according to the People's Bank of China. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 10/10/18)

## UK GDP growth flattens in Aug.

The UK economy stagnated in Aug. as the increase in industrial production was offset by a contraction in construction and farm sectors, the Office for National Statistics has reported. GDP remained unchanged after expanding 0.4% in July. GDP was forecast to climb 0.2%. Underpinned by the warm weather, the economy grew 0.7% in the three months to Aug. from the previous three months. ([www.rtnnews.com](http://www.rtnnews.com) 10/10/18)

## UK expects to lose 5,000 city jobs through Brexit

The UK government expects thousands of financial services jobs to have moved to the European Union by the time of the UK's exit from the bloc. City minister John Glen said that the situation was "stable" as far as job movements were concerned. However, he agreed with Bank of England's estimates of 5,000 City jobs moving to the continent by March. ([www.bbc.com](http://www.bbc.com) 10/10/18)

## Japan overall bank lending +2.3% on year in Sept.

Overall bank lending in Japan was up 2.3% on year in Sept., the Bank of Japan has said, - coming in at ¥528.660tn. That exceeded expectations for an increase of 2.2%, which would have been unchanged from the previous month. ([www.rtnnews.com](http://www.rtnnews.com) 10/10/18)

### EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCY	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3182	(1.3079)	1.3212	(1.3110)
+USD/EUR	1.1522	(1.1470)	1.1542	(1.1491)
*GHS/USD	4.7949	(4.7939)	4.7996	(4.7987)
*GHS/GBP	6.3269	(6.2762)	6.3350	(6.2849)
*GHS/EUR	5.5300	(5.5040)	5.5342	(5.5087)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 11/10/18 (Rates for 10/10/18 in brackets)

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### **France Sept. inflation confirmed at 2.2%**

France's consumer price inflation eased in Sept., latest figures reveal, confirming the initial estimates. The consumer price index rose 2.2% year-on-year following a 2.3% increase in Aug., the statistical office INSEE has said. On a month-on-month basis, the CPI dropped 0.2% after a 0.5% rebound in Aug. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 11/10/18)

### **IMF trims Portugal's economic growth rate to 2.3% this year**

The International Monetary Fund has trimmed the Portuguese GDP growth to 2.3% for this year and 1.8% for 2019, much lower than that of government's forecast of 2.3%. According to the World Economic Outlook report, the IMF revised down the Portuguese GDP growth this year from 2.4% forecast in April to 2.3%. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 10/10/18)

### **Australia's consumer sentiment rises in Oct.**

Australia's consumer confidence rebounded in Oct., survey data from Westpac shows. The Westpac Melbourne Institute Index of Consumer Sentiment rose 1% to 101.5 in Oct. Several components like strong economic growth and ongoing recoveries in the previously weak mining states helped to stabilize the index. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 10/10/18)

### **S. Korea posts current account surplus for 78 months**

South Korea posted current account surplus for 78 months through Aug., the longest monthly surplus ever recorded by the economy, central bank data shows. Current account balance, the broadest measure of cross-border capital flow, was a surplus of \$8.44bn in Aug., according to the Bank of Korea. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 11/10/18)

### **Greece CPI at 9-month high**

Greece's consumer price inflation accelerated for a second month in a row to its highest level in 9 months in Sept. The CPI rose 1.1% year-on-year following a 1% increase in Aug. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 10/10/18)

### **Oil dips as IMF cuts growth outlook; eyes on hurricane**

Oil prices slipped on Wednesday after the IMF lowered its global growth forecasts but markets were supported as Hurricane Michael moved toward Florida causing the shutdown of 40% of US Gulf of Mexico crude production. Brent crude was down 20 cents at \$84.80 a barrel by 0915 GMT after a 1.3% gain on Tuesday. US light crude was down 15 cents at \$74.81. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 10/10/18)

### **European shares resume declines on growth worries**

European stocks fell in cautious trade on Wednesday as investors fretted about slowing Chinese growth and watched developments around Brexit and Italy's budget. The euro held steady while the pound added to gains against the dollar on hopes for a breakthrough in Brexit negotiations. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 10/10/18)

### **IMF, WB endorse Zimbabwe's plan to clear arrears -finance minister**

The World Bank and IMF have endorsed Zimbabwe's road map to clear about \$2bn in foreign arrears at a meeting in Indonesia, the finance minister has said, adding that the lenders also backed his 2-year economic recovery plan. ([www.af.reuters.com](http://www.af.reuters.com) 10/10/18)

### **S. Africa rand steady in early trade**

The South African rand was steady early on Wednesday, after strengthening the previous day on news that President Cyril Ramaphosa had appointed former central bank governor Tito Mboweni as finance minister. The rand was 0.03% stronger at 14.5500 per dollar at 0700 GMT, having closed in NY at 14.5550. ([www.af.reuters.com](http://www.af.reuters.com) 10/10/18)

### **Angola secures \$2bn in infrastructure financing from China**

Angola has secured \$2bn in Chinese financing from the China Development Bank for infrastructure projects on President João Lourenço's first visit to Beijing, Angola's state newspaper Jornal de Angola has reported. ([www.af.reuters.com](http://www.af.reuters.com) 10/10/18)

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