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G20 promises greater funding for WB

The Group of Twenty is working on steps to increase the financial firepower of the World Bank, which could help the multilateral lender increase funding to tackle urgent issues such as climate change. Following the G20 summit on Sept. 9 and 10, countries said they were “exploring options” that will “deliver a powerful boost to IBRD headroom”.

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EU downgrades growth forecast and raises inflation expectations

The EU economy will expand by just 0.8% this year and 1.4% in 2024, according to European Commission figures that lowered growth predictions and signalled the persistence of inflation. Monday’s figures marked a downgrade from predictions by Brussels in May of 1% growth this year and 1.7% in 2024.

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Eurozone to undergo slower growth on subdued domestic demand, tight policy

The Euro area economy is set to log a weaker-than-estimated growth this year and next as rising consumer prices continue to weigh on domestic demand and monetary policy tightening works its way through the economy. In the summer interim forecast, released on Monday, the European Commission said the 20-nation currency bloc will grow 0.8% in 2023.

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Fed is done raising rates and will cut them in 2024, economists say

The Fed Reserve is done raising interest rates and will likely cut them by roughly one percentage point next year, according to chief economists at some of North America’s largest banks. While the US will probably dodge a recession, economic growth looks set to slow markedly in the coming quarters.

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Barr says Fed will not issue CBDC without legislation

US Federal Reserve vice-chair for supervision Michael Barr affirmed his institution’s cautious policy on central bank digital currency, reiterating that it “has made no decision on issuing a CBDC”. Barr made this remark on Sept 8 at a fintech conference hosted by the Fed of Philadelphia.

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China 2023 GDP growth forecast cut to 5.0%, 4.5% in 2024 - Reuters poll

China's economy will grow less than previously thought this year and next as a struggling property market dogs was once the world's growth engine, according to economists who said the risks were skewed to further downgrades. The world's second-largest economy has been struggling after a brief post-COVID recovery.

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China inflation to rebound on economic recovery

China's consumer price inflation is set to rebound further over the coming months as the economy is set to recover moderately driven by policy measures, Capital Economics' economists said. Official data released over the weekend showed that consumer prices climbed 0.1% annually in August reversing a 0.3% drop in July, which was the first decline since February 2021.

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UK wages grow at 7.8% despite slowing jobs market

UK wages continued growing at the fastest pace on record in the 3 months to July, despite a weaker jobs market in which unemployment rose and hiring slowed, data shows. The Office for National Statistics said annual growth in average pay, excluding bonuses, remained at 7.8% the highest rate since comparable records began in 2001.

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EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.2513	(1.2478)	1.2515	(1.2480)
+USD/EUR	1.3075	(1.0713)	1.0749	(1.0713)
*GHS/USD	11.0476	(11.0461)	11.0586	(11.0571)
*GHS/GBP	13.8238	(13.7833)	13.8399	(13.7993)
*GHS/EUR	11.8721	(11.8332)	11.8848	(11.8449)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 12/09/23 (Rates for 11/09/23 in brackets)

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Italy industrial production falls 0.7%, more than forecast

Italy's industrial production decreased for the first time in three months in July, and at a faster-than-expected rate, the statistical office ISTAT showed. Industrial production dropped 0.7% month-on-month in July, reversing a 0.5% increase in June. Meanwhile, production was forecast to fall by 0.3%.

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Australian business conditions brighten as consumer mood sours

Australian business conditions showed ongoing resilience to higher interest rates and elevated price pressures, while consumer confidence fell further into “deeply pessimistic” territory, highlighting the divergent responses of the corporate and household sectors to tighter policy. (www.bloomberg.com 12/09/23)

Turkey's current account deficit widens more than expected

Turkey posted a wider than expected current account deficit in July as big imports of energy products and gold offset large inflows from a strong start to the summer tourism season. The current account deficit, a key barometer of the flow of goods and funds, registered \$5.5bn in July, according to the central bank. (www.ft.com 11/09/23)

Dutch exports fall further in July

Exports in the Netherlands declined for the fourth straight month in July, according to figures published by the statistical office CBS on Monday. Exports dropped 0.9% year-on-year in July, following a 1.0% rise in the previous month. The nation exported fewer chemical and metal products in July, the agency said. (www.rttnews.com 11/09/23)

Norway inflation eases to 17-month low

Norway's consumer price inflation eased further in August to the lowest level in nearly one-and-a-half years, while producer prices continued to decline markedly, Statistics Norway says. Consumer prices increased 4.8% year-on-year in August, slower than the 5.4% fall in July. (www.rttnews.com 11/09/23)

Brent holds above \$90; markets await data for clues on Fed, ECB outlooks

Brent crude futures held above \$90 a barrel on Tuesday, with investors looking out for macroeconomic data that could indicate whether interest rates will rise further in the US and Europe. Nov. Brent crude futures rose 22 cents to \$90.86 a barrel at 0630 GMT.

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Gold edges up on dollar weakness

Gold ticked higher on Monday and the dollar weakened on improved risk aversion after the latest inflation data from China stoked optimism about easing deflationary pressures in the world's second-largest economy. The dollar is also weakening after comments from BOJ Governor Kazuo Ueda stoked hopes that Japan could soon herald a new era away from negative rates. (www.rttnews.com 11/09/23)

SA rand weaker as markets await US inflation data

The South African rand was weaker in early trade on Tuesday, having jumped more than 1% previously as markets awaited US inflation data that could shed light on the Fed's interest rate path. At 0535 GMT, the rand traded at 18.9200 against the dollar, 0.28% weaker than previously. (www.reuters.com 12/09/23)

Morocco wants IMF-World Bank meetings to proceed despite quake

The Moroccan government wants to proceed with IMF-World Bank annual meetings scheduled for October in Marrakech despite Friday's devastating earthquake, sources familiar with the meeting planning said.

(www.reuters.com 11/09/23)

BoG talks up the importance of financial integration.

The Bank of Ghana Governor, Dr. Ernest Addison, has underscored the crucial role factors such as comprehensive and harmonised financial data will play in achieving enhanced economic integration and shared prosperity across West Africa and the broader continent in the medium-term. (www.thebftonline.com 11/09/23)

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