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**Global investors gear up to go back into China**

Global investors are preparing to stake bets on China again, in a major sentiment shift sparked by Beijing's drive to reverse its economic slowdown and revive long term interest in its stock markets. It is early days and few money managers expect a Chinese growth boom soon. But government moves to entice more cash into equities and jolt consumer spending have boosted the appeal of still-low Chinese company valuations. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 01/10/24)

**Nagel says ECB bond purchases to be limited to exceptional cases**

Bundesbank President Joachim Nagel said that future purchases of government bonds by the European Central Bank should be reserved for special cases. "The extensive bond purchases contributed to price stability in an era of low inflation, but they were also associated with numerous side effects in financial markets," he said today[01/10]. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 01/10/24)

**Fed sees no 'hurry' to cut rates as confidence in economy grows, Powell says**

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell indicated on Monday [30/09] the U.S. central bank would likely stick with quarter-percentage-point interest rate cuts moving forward and was not "in a hurry" after new data boosted confidence in ongoing economic growth and consumer spending. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 01/10/24)

**China's external financial assets exceed \$9.79tr**

China's external financial assets topped \$9.79tr at the end of June, official data showed on October 1. The external financial liabilities stood at over \$6.8tr at the end of June, resulting in nearly \$2.99tr of net external assets, according to the State Administration of Foreign Exchange. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 01/10/24)

**UK house price growth fastest since 2022**

UK house prices increased at the fastest pace in nearly two years in September, the Nationwide Building Society reported Monday [30/09]. House price growth accelerated to 3.2% in Sept.; from 2.4% in Aug. On a monthly basis, house prices gained 0.7%, in contrast to the 0.2% fall posted in Aug. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 30/09/24)

**German inflation lowest since February 2021**

Germany's consumer price inflation eased further in September to the lowest level in just over three-and-a-half years, provisional data from Destatis showed on Monday [30/09]. The consumer price index registered an annual increase of 1.6% in Sept.; slower than the 1.9% rise in Aug. Economists had expected inflation to ease to 1.8%. Further, this was the lowest inflation rate since February 2021, when prices had risen 1.5%. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 30/09/24)

**Australia's central bank bars Canadian investment bank from private briefings after leak - sources**

Australia's central bank has barred Canada's global investment bank from confidential briefings after one of its clients leaked details from a closed door briefing, two sources aware of the decision said. This is the second instance of a leak after the Bank of Australia (RBA) was criticised last year. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 01/10/24)

**Indonesia's inflation hits three-year low, boosts rate cut bets**

Indonesia's consumer prices rose at their slowest pace in nearly three years, making it likely the central bank could consider more easing this month amid easing food and fuel costs and growing concerns about tepid consumer demand. Inflation rose 1.84% in September from a year earlier, the statistics office said today[01/10].

([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 01/10/24)

**EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES**

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.3406	(1.3402)	1.3407	(1.3403)
+USD/EUR	1.1146	(1.1170)	1.1147	(1.1171)
*GHS/USD	15.7921	(15.8221)	15.8079	(15.8379)
*GHS/GBP	21.1709	(21.2048)	21.1937	(21.2276)
*GHS/EUR	17.6028	(17.6751)	17.6188	(17.6911)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 01/10/24 (Rates for 30/09/24 in brackets)

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**IMF board approves funding to Pakistan**

The executive board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on September 27 approved a \$7bn funding package to Pakistan. The IMF also immediately disbursed about \$1 billion from the extended fund facility (EFF) that it provisionally agreed with the country in July. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 30/10/24)

**Saudi Arabia expects deficit of 2.3% of GDP for 2025**

The Saudi Ministry of Finance announced Monday[30/09] the Pre-Budget Statement for Fiscal Year 2025, which estimated a deficit of 2.3% of gross domestic product (GDP). The statement expected total expenditures to reach SAR1.28tr (\$0.34tr) and total revenues to reach SAR1.18tr. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 01/10/24)

**Dollar sturdy after Powell pushes back on aggressive easing bets**

The U.S. dollar firmed against its major peers today[01/10] after Fed Chair Powell pushed back against bets on more supersized interest rate cuts. The yen steadied close to the middle of its range against the dollar over the past month, after a volatile two days as traders sized up Japan's incoming prime minister and his cabinet. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 01/10/24)

**Dutch inflation eases slightly, retail sales rise further**

Dutch inflation eased marginally to the lowest level in three months in Sept.; while retail sales grew for the second straight month, separate reports from the Central Bureau of Statistics shows. Consumer prices logged an annual increase of 3.5% in Sept. following a 3.6% rise in August. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 01/10/24)

**Swedish bankruptcies rise again as recovery sputters**

More than 700 Swedish companies went bankrupt in Sept. with real estate companies among the hardest hit, according to data from credit reference agency Credit safe. The 17% increase from last year is a sharp turn for the worse, following a 3% annual decrease in Aug. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 01/10/24)

**U.S. stocks move sharply lower on rising Middle East tension, Dockworkers strike**

Stocks have moved sharply lower during trading on Tuesday [01/10], giving background after ending the previous session mostly higher. The major averages have all moved to the downside, with the Dow and the S&P 500 pulling back off yesterday's record closing highs. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 01/10/24)

**Asian stocks drift, dollar firms as traders ponder U.S rates**

Asian stocks pulled back from two-and-half-year highs today[01/10] and the dollar firmed following comments from Fed Chair Jerome Powell that scuppered bets of big interest rate cuts, while Middle-East tension kept risk sentiment in check. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 01/10/24)

**Oil little changed as demand worries offset Mideast fears**

Oil prices were little changed on Tuesday[01/10] as stronger supply prospects and tepid global demand growth outweighed worries that escalating tensions in the Middle East could impact output from the key exporting region. Brent crude futures for December delivery edged up 13 cents, or 0.18%, to \$71.83 a barrel as of 0615 GMT. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 01/10/24)

**AfDB offers Morocco's Bank of Africa \$78m in support of African trade**

The African Development Bank said on Monday[30/09] it approved financing worth €70m (\$78.3m) for Moroccan lender Bank of Africa to promote access to trade finance in Africa. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 30/09/24)

**Ghana's gross international reserves up**

The country's Gross International Reserve has surged by \$1.58bn to reach \$7.5bn at the end of August 2024. This is equivalent to 3.4 months of import cover, a significant milestone for the nation's economic stability. The surge in the reserve was mainly driven by the Bank of Ghana's Gold Purchase programme. ([www.graphic.com.gh](http://www.graphic.com.gh) 30/09/24)