

**Market Commentary**

- **US Stocks Suffer Worst Fall:** US stocks suffered their worst fall in more than eight months as recent interest rate rises undercut popular trading strategies and sent shares stocks tumbling. The tech-heavy Nasdaq Composite dropped more than 4%, its biggest one-day decline since June 2016, while the S&P 500 fell 3.3%, its worst day since February. The benchmark index has fallen five days in a row, which is the longest losing streak of Trump's presidency. Analysts and traders characterised the market turbulence as a delayed reaction to the US interest rate hike.
- **Trump Blames the Fed:** US president Donald Trump said the Federal Reserve has "gone crazy", on the heels of the biggest one-day decline for US stocks in months. Trump later on proceeded to spin the market meltdown into a positive thing, he said the day's sell-off was a "correction that we've been waiting for a long time".
- **Brexit Deal is within Reach:** The EU's Brexit negotiator has set out his plans for negotiations with the UK on the Irish border, insisting Brussels' proposals would minimise any burdens for businesses and that he is open to the idea of a customs union with Britain. Michel Barnier said that the EU had refined its planned solution for Ireland, identifying solutions to avoid hard customs border.
- **Sterling Rises:** Sterling rallies to 2.5-month high amid Brexit optimism, pushing higher against the dollar as investors took heart from comments from EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier regarding Brexit deal. The pound was up 0.5% at \$1.3210, its strongest level since July 26.
- **ECB's Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of the ECB minutes will be scoured for hints on just how worried officials are about the growth slowdown. The statement after the meeting included a new sentence on dangers to the economy, indicating that risks from protectionism and emerging markets are on their minds, but Bloomberg Economics said such concerns aren't likely to alter their asset-purchase program for now, it's still set to end in December with a rate hike seen at the end of next summer.
- **Asian Markets Tumble:** Stock markets across Asia Pacific tumbled on Thursday as a global sell-off in equities and rippled around the globe spurred by worries over the impact of rising interest rates. Asia markets fell sharply on Thursday morning, with the stock indexes in Shanghai, Shenzhen and Tokyo all tumbling more than 4%.
- **Oil Drops Further:** Oil prices further retreated from their four-year highs as concerns over weaker global economic growth and the potential effect of Hurricane Michael on fuel demand kept traders on edge. The WTI was off at \$71.99 a barrel, while Brent crude was down to \$83.10 a barrel. The moves come after the IMF downgraded its global economic growth forecasts for 2018 and 2019, raising concerns that demand for oil products may fall as well.

*Source: Bloomberg, Reuters*
**Currencies**

EUR/USD	1.1544
GBP/USD	1.3193
USD/JPY	112.25
AUD/USD	0.7075
NZD/USD	0.6475
USD/CHF	0.9888
USD/CAD	1.3039

**Interbank Rates**

	USD	GBP	EUR	AED	SAR	BHD
1WK	2.215	0.70638	-0.4317	2.1625	2.4788	2.650
1MO	2.28713	0.71938	-0.4094	2.4425	2.56125	3.375
2MO	2.314	0.75563	-0.3706	-	-	3.500
3MO	2.42044	0.80513	-0.3523	2.7038	2.7325	3.750
6MO	2.629	0.91294	-0.3119	2.9972	2.8975	3.925
12MO	2.962	1.08544	-0.2139	3.3815	3.1075	4.550

**Commodities**

Brent Crude	82.09
WTI	72.32
Gold	1194.2
Aluminum	2044.0
Copper	6239
Silver	14.30
Platinum	819.3
Palladium	1061.2

**Indices**

DJIA	25,598.7
S&P 500	2,785.7
DAX	11,712.5
NIKKEI 225	22,590.9
CAC 40	5,206.2
FTSE 100	7,145.7
DFM	2,774.5
TASI	7,834.8

**Treasuries**

US2Y	2.8443
US10Y	3.1686
EU2Y	-0.5390
EU10Y	0.5150
GB2Y	0.9130
GB10Y	1.7280
SAR2Y	3.4180
SAR10Y	4.1462

**Main Economic Indicators**

Relevance	Country	Indicator	Consensus	Previous
	US	Initial Jobless Claims	207k	207k
	US	CPI MoM (Sep)	0.2%	0.2%
	US	CPI YoY (Sep)	2.4%	2.7%
	US	Continuing Claims	1660k	1650k

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