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Global Headlines 1





1 — AI RACE ACCELERATES AGAIN

The global artificial intelligence race is entering another intense phase as technology companies expand computing capacity, infrastructure and investment at unprecedented speed.

AI cloud providers are scaling up rapidly, while leading developers continue to spend heavily on data centres, advanced chips, energy supply and high-speed networking. The growing cost of training and operating increasingly powerful models shows that competition is no longer limited to software performance alone.

Access to capital, electricity and computing infrastructure is becoming just as important as the ability to develop better AI systems. At the same time, companies are competing aggressively for enterprise customers and strategic partnerships across major global markets.

As investment accelerates, artificial intelligence is evolving from a technology trend into a broader industrial transformation connecting software, semiconductors, energy, infrastructure and finance. The next stage of the AI race may therefore be decided as much by resources and scale as by innovation itself.

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GLOBAL MARKETS FACE A NEW INFLATION TEST



2 — GLOBAL MARKETS FACE A NEW INFLATION TEST

Global markets are facing another inflation test as major central banks move back toward tighter policy and investors reassess the outlook for interest rates.

The U.S. Federal Reserve has raised rates and signaled that further increases may follow, while the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan have also tightened policy in response to persistent inflation pressures.

The Bank of England has kept rates unchanged for now but warned that additional action could still be needed.

Energy costs remain a key concern. Oil prices have stayed elevated amid geopolitical tensions, adding pressure to transport, manufacturing and household budgets. At the same time, government bond yields have risen sharply, increasing borrowing costs for companies and consumers.

For financial markets, the challenge is balancing inflation risks against weaker growth. Equities, currencies and bonds could remain volatile as investors react to new economic data and central-bank guidance. The next few months may determine whether inflation is easing sustainably or whether another round of tightening becomes necessary.

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3 — US–CHINA ENERGY TRADE COULD REOPEN

The United States and China are discussing measures that could reopen a major energy trade route between the world's two largest economies.
Negotiations include a possible reduction or removal of China's **15% tariff on U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG)**, introduced in 2025. LNG trade between the two countries largely stopped after the tariff took effect, but renewed talks ahead of President Xi Jinping's planned visit to Washington could create a path for shipments to resume.

For U.S. LNG producers, China represents a major potential market as American export capacity continues to expand. China, meanwhile, remains the world's largest LNG importer and is seeking diversified energy supplies amid changing global conditions.
A reopening of trade would not only affect energy flows. It could also become part of a broader package covering tariffs, agriculture and other commercial issues. Any final agreement, however, would depend on the outcome of ongoing negotiations between Washington and Beijing.
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PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT HITS RECORD



4 — PRIVATE CAPITAL FOR DEVELOPMENT HITS RECORD

Private capital mobilized for global development has reached a record level as international institutions increasingly turn to private investors to help finance infrastructure and economic growth.

The World Bank mobilized **$112 billion in private capital** in the fiscal year ending June 2026, up sharply from $69 billion a year earlier and more than three times the level recorded in 2022. Together with $123 billion of its own resources, the institution committed approximately $235 billion to development projects.

Infrastructure accounted for a major share of financing, reflecting growing demand for investment in energy, transport and other essential systems. The World Bank has also been simplifying procedures, standardizing financing structures and shortening approval times to make projects more attractive to institutional investors.

President Ajay Banga has said the goal is to mobilize more than $200 billion in private capital within the next few years, highlighting the expanding role of private finance in supporting development across emerging and developing economies.

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5- CROSS-BORDER PROPERTY INVESTMENT JUMPS 56%

Global cross-border investment in commercial property surged **56% to $71.8 billion** in the first half of 2026, showing a strong revival in international real-estate activity. According to JLL data, the increase was driven largely by renewed investment across Asia and Europe, particularly in premium office assets. Cross-border investment into Asian property jumped fourfold to **$19.3 billion**, while investment into Europe rose **31% to $39.9 billion**. Singapore ranked first globally with $8.7 billion in cross-border investment, while major European cities including London and Milan also attracted strong international demand.

The rise in overseas property deals significantly outpaced the broader commercial real-estate market, where total transaction volumes increased only 10%.

However, the outlook remains sensitive to interest rates. Higher borrowing costs could slow activity during the second half of the year, particularly if financing conditions remain tight.

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🟦🟧 ECB RAISES INTEREST RATES AS ENERGY-DRIVEN INFLATION RETURNS
The ECB raised its key deposit rate to 2.5% as energy costs pushed inflation higher.
Markets are now watching for signs of further monetary tightening.

🟦⬜🟥 UK ECONOMY GROWS 0.4% AS AI AND SERVICES BOOST ACTIVITY
Britain's economy expanded 0.4% in July, supported by services and AI-related activity.
The stronger-than-expected result provided fresh momentum for the UK economy.

🟦⬜🟥 MEDIATEK LAUNCHES NEXT-GENERATION 2NM AI SMARTPHONE CHIP
MediaTek unveiled its new Dimensity 9600 Pro using TSMC's advanced 2nm technology.
The chip delivers significantly stronger on-device AI performance.

🟥🟦 NEPAL RACES TO RESCUE WORKERS AFTER DEVASTATING GLACIER FLOODS

Rescue teams are searching for workers missing after catastrophic glacier flooding.
Hydropower tunnels remain a major focus of emergency operations.

🟦⬜🟥 🟦🟧 NEW U.S. PEACE PROPOSALS REVIVE UKRAINE DIPLOMACY
New U.S. proposals have renewed diplomatic discussions involving Ukraine and Russia.
A possible trilateral meeting is being considered as negotiations continue.

🟥🟧 VIETNAM AIRLINES PLANS FIVE NEW AIRBUS A350-900 JETS

Vietnam Airlines plans to add five Airbus A350-900 aircraft to its long-haul fleet.
The expansion supports the carrier's growing international network.

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FRANCE'S EDF PLANS 10 SMALL NUCLEAR REACTORS ACROSS EUROPE

EDF plans to build 10 small modular nuclear reactors in Europe by 2035.
The project aims to strengthen energy security and reduce dependence on imported fossil fuels.

U.S. FACTORY OUTPUT FALLS AS COST PRESSURES RISE

U.S. factory production unexpectedly declined in August after seven consecutive months of growth.
Higher energy prices and borrowing costs could keep manufacturing activity moderate in the months ahead.

CUBA'S POWER GRID COLLAPSES IN NATIONWIDE BLACKOUT

Cuba's electricity grid suffered another total collapse, leaving millions of people without power.
The island continues to struggle with fuel shortages and ageing energy infrastructure.

BYD EXPANDS EUROPEAN PRODUCTION PLANS

Chinese automaker BYD expects to eventually operate three vehicle assembly plants and a battery factory in Europe.
The expansion reflects its strategy to strengthen local production and its position in the European market.

WALGREENS PLANS NEW TECHNOLOGY CENTRE IN INDIA

Walgreens plans to establish a new global technology and capability centre in Chennai.
The facility is expected to create around 250 jobs as the company expands its technology operations.

NEW DRUG WINS BACKING FROM EUROPEAN HEALTH PANEL

Zealand Pharma received European regulatory-panel support for a treatment targeting short bowel syndrome.
The recommendation moves the Danish company closer to potential approval across the European Union.

MARKET PULSE

PEOPLE MARKETS OPPORTUNITIES

INSIGHTS TODAY
FOR A STRONGER TOMORROW.



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COMMODITIES
INDUSTRIES
TRENDS

A MORE CONNECTED AND RESILIENT GLOBAL ECONOMY



GLOBAL TRADE

World Trade Shows Resilience in 2026

Despite ongoing geopolitical tensions and supply chain challenges, global trade volumes are expected to grow by 2.4% in 2026, according to the WTO. Strong demand in Asia and renewed momentum in emerging markets continue to support trade expansion.

DIVERSIFICATION AND REGIONAL PARTNERSHIPS REMAIN KEY TO FUTURE GROWTH.



U.S. ECONOMY

Fed Signals Caution on Interest Rates

The U.S. Federal Reserve kept interest rates unchanged, citing persistent inflation risks. Analysts expect a possible rate cut later this year if price pressures ease and the labor market cools.

A BALANCING ACT BETWEEN INFLATION AND GROWTH.



CLEAN ENERGY

Green Investment Gains Momentum

Global investment in clean energy is set to reach a record $2.1 trillion in 2026. Solar, wind and battery technologies are leading the transition, with stronger support from both governments and private investors.

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH CAPTURES GLOBAL CAPITAL.



COMMODITIES

Gold and Metals Hold Firm

Gold prices remain above $2,400 per ounce as investors seek safe-haven assets amid geopolitical tensions and market volatility, Industrial metals also show strength, supported by the global energy transition.

IN TIMES OF UNCERTAINTY, GOLD STILL SHINES.

"Stronger markets build brighter societies."



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John & Julia

Two paths, one story ...



John & Julia

Two paths, one story ...











PETRA

A CITY CARVED IN STONE

Hidden for centuries and rediscovered in the modern world, Petra remains one of the most extraordinary cities ever built. Carved into red sandstone cliffs in southern Jordan, it is a symbol of human creativity, resilience and ingenuity, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site that continues to inspire visitors from around the globe.



A THRIVING CAPITAL

Petra was the capital of the Nabateans, a remarkable Arab civilization that controlled important trade routes between Arabia, Egypt and the Mediterranean. The city flourished as a center for trade, culture and innovation, using its strategic location to connect different worlds.



A DRAMATIC JOURNEY

Visitors reach Petra through the Siq, a stunning 1.2 kilometre-long, narrow gorge with towering cliffs on both sides. As the path gradually opens, the Treasury appears at the end, creating one of the most memorable moments in travel — a breathtaking glimpse of a city carved in stone.



ADVANCED ENGINEERING

The Nabateans were skilled engineers, developing sophisticated water management systems, including channels, cisterns and dams, to support life in the desert. Their ability to combine natural landscapes with innovative architecture allowed Petra to thrive in one of the world's harshest environments.



A TIMELESS LEGACY

Today, Petra stands as a testament to the ingenuity of the Nabateans and the enduring power of history. Its extraordinary mix of natural beauty, architectural mastery and cultural significance makes it one of the world's most important archaeological sites — and a must-see destination for travellers, historians and dreamers alike.

"Some places are not just visited, they are felt."

ANCIENT CITIES

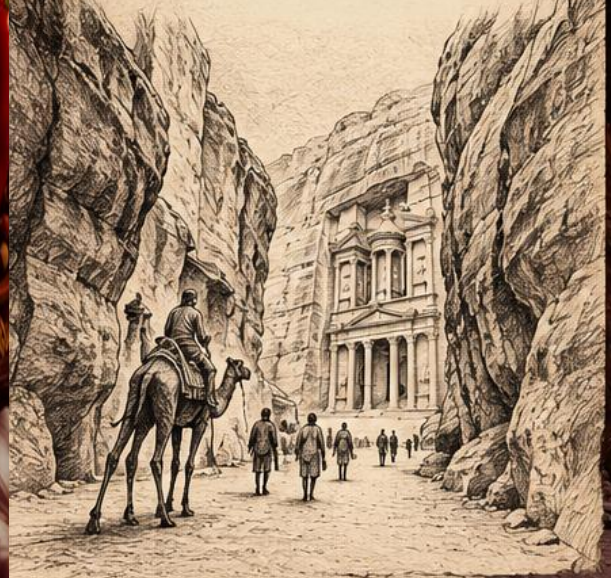
PETRA

A TIMELESS CITY CARVED IN STONE

Hidden among the mountains of southern Jordan, Petra is one of the world's most extraordinary ancient cities. Carved into red sandstone cliffs over 2,000 years ago, it was the thriving capital of the Nabataeans, a civilization that built its wealth on trade, innovation and its strategic location between Arabia, Egypt and the Mediterranean.

A CITY OF INGENUITY

The Nabataeans were master engineers. They created advanced water systems, carved monumental buildings, and transformed a harsh desert environment into a prosperous urban centre. Petra was not only a commercial hub but also a cultural crossroads, where different peoples, ideas and traditions met.



A LASTING LEGACY

Today, Petra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Its breathtaking architecture, unique history and timeless beauty continue to inspire millions of visitors, reminding us of the creativity and resilience of past civilizations.

"Petra is a reminder that human imagination can create beauty that endures for centuries."

SHOW TIME

CULTURE
PEOPLE
PLACES
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW

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ARTS
BRING
US CLOSER

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BIGGER EMOTIONS. BRIGHTER WORLDS.

STORIES
THAT
LIVE
ON STAGE

- 🎭 **LES MISÉRABLES — LONDON**
  The legendary West End musical continues to draw international audiences with its powerful story and iconic score.
- 🟢 **WICKED — LONDON**
  One of the West End's biggest long-running productions brings the untold story of the witches of Oz to the stage.
- 💃 **MOULIN ROUGE! THE MUSICAL — NEW YORK**
  Broadway's spectacular musical combines pop hits, extravagant costumes and the atmosphere of Parisian nightlife.
- 👑 **THE LION KING — HAMBURG**
  Disney's celebrated musical remains one of Hamburg's signature theatre attractions, combining music, dance and spectacular stage design.
- 🎶 **HAMILTON — SYDNEY**
  The award-winning musical blends history, hip-hop and contemporary theatre in one

SAME
STORIES
NEW
PERSPECTIVE

MAJOR CONCERTS

MUSIC BRINGS A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

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MOMENTS
THAT MATTER

Music Lives Here

🎤 **CÉLINE DION — PARIS**
Plénitude Arena • 12 Sep–17 Oct 2026. Her long-awaited Paris comeback residency is one of the season's biggest live music events.

🎸 **EVANESCENCE — LONDON**
The O2 • 13 Sep 2026. Amy Lee and the band bring their 2026 world tour to London with special guests K.Flay and Poppy.

🎶 **BRYSON TILLER — NEW YORK**
Madison Square Garden • 13 Sep 2026. The Neo Trapsoul Tour arrives at one of New York's most iconic arenas.

🎼 **SIGUR RÓS — BERLIN**
Uber Eats Music Hall • 20 Sep 2026. The Icelandic band brings its atmospheric live sound to Berlin.

🔥 **A$AP ROCKY — BERLIN**
Uber Arena • 28 Sep 2026. The Don't Be Dumb World Tour lands in Berlin for one of the month's major hip-hop shows.

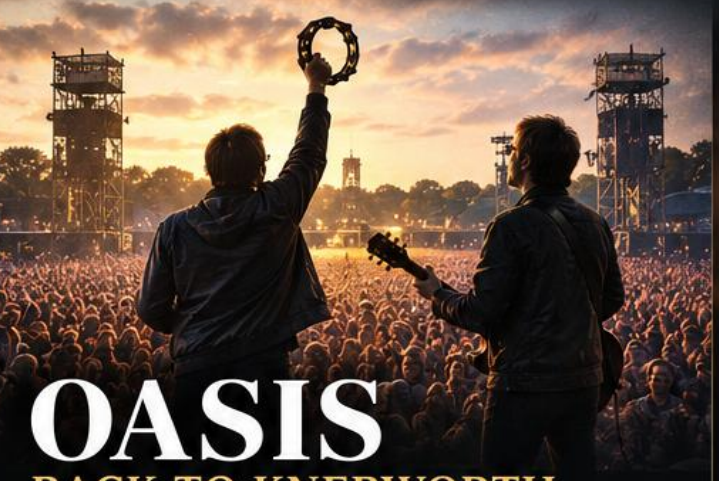
DIFFERENT CULTURES SAME EMOTIONS

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GLOBAL ARTISTS

MUSIC PEOPLE STORIES A BRIGHTER WORLD

Music Connects Us



OASIS

BACK TO KNEBWORTH

Oasis has officially announced its 2027 Oasis Live 27 tour, including a return to Knebworth — 30 years after the band's legendary 1996 concerts. The highly anticipated shows will bring the Britpop icons back to one of the most iconic venues in music history.

"Some places never lose their magic."



STEVIE WONDER

50 YEARS OF A CLASSIC

Stevie Wonder is hitting the road for a major world tour celebrating the 50th anniversary of his landmark album Songs in the Key of Life. The tour will begin in October 2026, paying tribute to one of the most influential albums in music history.

"Music is a force for unity and hope."



JOHN LEGEND

A NEW MUSE

John Legend's forthcoming album *Muse* will be released on October 23, produced in full by Pharrell Williams. The lead single, *Daylight*, is already out, showcasing a fresh, soulful sound that reflects a new chapter in Legend's remarkable career.

"A new chapter, the same soud."



BURNA BOY

PARIS HALFTIME

Burna Boy will headline the halftime show at the NFL's first regular-season game in Paris on October 25, 2026, at the Stade de France. The global Afrobeats star continues to break boundaries, bringing African music to the world's biggest stages.

"A bigger stage for a brighter Africa."

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🟦🟧 EU ENERGY WINDFALL TAX RETURNS TO THE AGENDA

EU finance ministers are discussing a possible windfall tax on energy companies as oil and gas prices rise.

Several governments want action to limit the impact of higher energy costs on consumers.

🟦🟧 FIVE COUNTRIES PUSH FOR SMALLER EU BUDGET GROWTH

Germany, Denmark, Finland, the Netherlands and Austria want slower growth in the EU's next long-term budget.

Negotiations over spending priorities for 2028-2034 are expected to remain difficult.

🟦🟧 EUROPE'S AI FIRMS REJECT CALLS TO SLOW DEVELOPMENT

European AI companies are resisting proposals from U.S. rivals to slow development of advanced models.

Industry leaders argue Europe must close its technology gap rather than reduce the pace of innovation.

🟦🟧 EU PROPOSES SOCIAL MEDIA BAN FOR CHILDREN UNDER 13

The European Commission has proposed blocking social media access for children under the age of 13.

A new EU age-verification system is being developed to support stronger online protections.

🟦🟧 EU BANKS URGED TO GROW TO COMPETE WITH U.S. RIVALS

Senior EU officials say European banks need greater scale and deeper capital markets to compete globally.

Cross-border consolidation and stronger investment in technology are seen as important priorities.

🟥🟧 SPAIN BOOSTS POWER GRID INVESTMENT ABOVE €17 BILLION

Spain plans to invest more than €17 billion in its electricity transmission network through 2030.

The increase reflects growing power demand and the country's accelerating electrification plans.



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🟦⬜🟥 FRANCE'S BOND RISK PREMIUM CLIMBS TO 2012-ERA LEVELS

France's borrowing premium over Germany has risen above 100 basis points amid fiscal and growth concerns.

Higher debt costs are increasing pressure on the government as it works to reduce the budget deficit.

🟦⬜🟥 FRANCE SAYS RUSSIAN HYBRID THREATS ARE INTENSIFYING

France says cyber, drone and other hybrid threats against European infrastructure have increased.

Paris is preparing new measures to strengthen protection of critical national infrastructure.

⬛🟥🟧 VOLKSWAGEN WARNS OF €10 BILLION IN ONE-OFF COSTS

Volkswagen has announced around €10 billion in one-off costs as problems at Porsche deepen.

Weak demand in China, restructuring expenses and job reductions are weighing on the group's outlook.

⬛🟥🟧 GERMANY PLANS INCENTIVES TO BOOST WINTER GAS STORAGE

Germany is preparing market incentives to encourage traders to keep more natural gas available this winter.

Officials are seeking to strengthen supply security as European energy markets remain volatile.

🟩⬜🟥 ITALIAN APPLE WORKERS STRIKE ON IPHONE 18 PRO LAUNCH DAY

Employees at Apple's Italian stores staged a strike during the launch of the new iPhone 18 Pro.

Unions are demanding improved staffing, contracts and working conditions across the company's stores.

🟩⬜🟥 ITALY SEEKS STRONGER RED SEA NAVAL PRESENCE

Italy is calling for additional naval protection for merchant shipping around the Red Sea.

Rome says security around key trade routes is increasingly important for European supply chains.



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🟩🟥 **PORTUGAL'S CREDIT UPGRADE HIGHLIGHTS EURO-ZONE TURNAROUND**

Portugal's latest rating upgrade underlines how several former euro-zone crisis economies have dramatically strengthened their fiscal positions.

🟦🟩🟧 **UAE TO INVEST €40 BILLION IN GERMANY**

The United Arab Emirates plans to invest €40 billion in Germany, targeting industry, infrastructure and strategic business projects as economic ties between the two countries deepen.

🟪🟦🟩 **AIRBUS SAYS GLOBAL AIRCRAFT DEMAND REMAINS STRONG**

Airbus says demand for new aircraft remains robust despite geopolitical and supply-chain pressures, supported by continued airline expansion and fleet renewal worldwide.

🟦⭐ **EU WATCHDOG WARNS OF POSSIBLE ABRUPT MARKET CORRECTION**

ESMA says high asset valuations, geopolitical tensions, cyber risks and growing links between crypto and traditional finance are increasing market vulnerability.

🟦⭐ **ECB RATE HIKE SENDS EUROPEAN BOND YIELDS TO MULTI-YEAR HIGHS**

The ECB raised its key rate to 2.5% as energy-driven inflation returned, pushing borrowing costs sharply higher across European



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🟪🟥 BANK OF JAPAN RAISES RATES TO 31-YEAR HIGH
The Bank of Japan raised its policy rate to 1.25% as inflation risks remained elevated.
The yen weakened despite the move as investors assessed the pace of future tightening.

🟪🟥 JAPAN MANUFACTURING MOOD HITS NEAR FIVE-YEAR HIGH
Confidence among major Japanese manufacturers climbed to its strongest level since late 2021.
Semiconductor and data-centre demand provided a major boost to electronics producers.

🟥🟧 HUAWEI SAYS CHINA'S AI MUST KEEP ACCELERATING
Huawei says Chinese AI developers still trail the most advanced U.S. systems in computing capability.
The company argues development should continue while stronger safety standards are built.

🟥🟧 CHINA RARE EARTH GROUP EYES MAJOR ACQUISITION
China Rare Earth Group is in talks to acquire Shenghe Resources, according to sources.
The deal could further consolidate China's position in strategic rare-earth supply chains.

🟥🟧 CRITICAL METAL SHORTAGES KEEP GLOBAL SUPPLY UNDER PRESSURE
Restrictions on Chinese gallium and germanium exports continue to tighten global supplies.
Chip, clean-energy and technology companies are searching for alternative sources and recycling options.

🟧🟪🟩 INDIA'S NSE IPO DRAWS STRONG INVESTOR DEMAND
India's National Stock Exchange launched a $2.3 billion IPO, one of the country's largest listings.
Institutional demand helped the offer reach full subscription during its seco



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🟥⬜🟩 INDIAN RUPEE HOLDS NEAR 96 PER DOLLAR

The rupee ended the week lower as rising global rates and oil prices pressured Asian currencies.

Traders said central-bank intervention was helping limit further weakness near 96 per dollar.

🟥🟧 VIETNAM STOCKS ATTRACT FOREIGN BUYERS BEFORE FTSE UPGRADE

Foreign investors increased purchases of Vietnamese shares ahead of an expected FTSE market upgrade.

Analysts estimate the reclassification could eventually attract billions of dollars in new investment.

🟥⬜🟦 THAILAND KEEPS MONETARY POLICY SUPPORTIVE

Thailand's central bank says its 1% policy rate remains highly supportive of economic activity.

Officials still expect growth around 2.3% this year despite weaker domestic demand.

⬜🟥🟦 SOUTH KOREA AND U.S. ADVANCE $350 BILLION INVESTMENT PLAN

South Korea and the United States are working to finalize Seoul's major U.S. investment package.

Power-generation, nuclear and other strategic projects are among the areas under discussion.

⬜🟥🟦 SK HYNIX UNIT WEIGHS NEW U.S. NAND CHIP FACTORY

SK Hynix subsidiary Solidigm is considering building a NAND memory manufacturing facility in the U.S.

The project would expand semiconductor production closer to major American technology customers.

⬜🟥🟦 SOUTH KOREA DEEPENS CENTRAL ASIA MINERALS TIES

Seoul hosted its first summit with five Central Asian countries focused on minerals and energy.

South Korea is seeking more secure supply chains for critical resources and advanced industries.



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🟦🟩 ASIAN CURRENCIES FACE PRESSURE FROM OIL AND STRONG DOLLAR

Investors increased bearish positions across several emerging Asian currencies as oil prices rose.

Higher U.S. yields and energy-import costs are adding pressure across regional markets.

🟥⬜ SINGAPORE EXPORTS SURGE 46.2% ON AI DEMAND

Singapore's non-oil domestic exports jumped 46.2% year-on-year in August.

Electronics shipments soared as global demand for AI-related technology continued to expand.

🟥⬜🟦🟧 MALAYSIA ASKS FIRMS TO PREPARE FOR EL NINO

Malaysia's securities regulator plans to question major listed companies about their El Nino preparations.

Drought and extreme heat could create particular risks for agriculture and palm-oil production.

🟥⬜🟥⬜🟦🟧 MALAYSIA HELPS INDONESIA FIGHT MAJOR WILDFIRES

Malaysia will provide assistance to Indonesia as forest and land fires continue across the country.

The cooperation aims to control fires and reduce the risk of worsening regional haze.

🟥⬜ INDONESIA CONTINUES SEARCH AFTER DEADLY SHIP DISASTER

Rescue teams recovered more bodies after a passenger vessel capsized in the Java Sea.

Strong currents have complicated efforts to locate more than 100 people still unaccounted for.

⬜🟥 ASIAN GAMES OPEN IN AICHI AND NAGOYA

More than 10,000 athletes from 45 nations are gathering in Japan for the 2026 Asian Games.

Competition across dozens of sports runs from September 19 through October 4.



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🟩 🟪 🟩 DANGOTE LAUNCHES AFRICA'S BIGGEST IPO IN NIGERIA

Dangote launched an IPO seeking up to $2.1 billion for its giant Lagos oil refinery.

The refinery plans to double processing capacity to 1.4 million barrels per day by 2029.

🟩 🟧 ⬛ 🟪 🟥 🟦 SOUTH AFRICA RETAIL SALES RISE 3.4%

South African retail sales increased 3.4% year-on-year in July after slower growth in June.

The figures provided a positive signal for consumer activity despite broader economic pressures.

⬛ 🟥 🟩 🟪 NAIROBI TO HOST 2029 WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nairobi will become the first African city to host the World Athletics Championships.

Kenya secured the 2029 event in a landmark decision for African sport.

🟦 🟧 🟩 RWANDA SIGNS NEW TUNGSTEN VENTURE

Rwanda and Almonty Industries agreed to develop and process tungsten under a new partnership.

The project is backed by a U.S.-supported framework for critical-mineral supply chains.

🟥 🟧 🟩 ⬛ GHANA CUTS FUEL EXPORTS TO BURKINA FASO AND MALI

Ghana's BOST reduced fuel exports to its northern neighbours to protect domestic supplies.

Higher global energy prices and stronger local demand are putting pressure on availability.

🟩 ⬛ 🟧 🟪 🟥 MOZAMBIQUE SEEKS NEW IMF SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Mozambique says recent IMF talks could open the way for a new financial support programme.

The IMF says additional reforms will be needed before a new agreement can be completed.



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🟩🟧🟥 SENEGAL AND IMF MOVE TOWARD NEW SUPPORT DEAL

Senegal and the IMF say talks are progressing toward a new programme supporting economic recovery.

Authorities are also working to restore fiscal sustainability and improve the investment outlook.

🟧⬜🟩 PETROBRAS EXPANDS INTO IVORY COAST OFFSHORE ENERGY

Petrobras signed production-sharing agreements covering eight offshore exploration blocks in Ivory Coast.

The deal expands the Brazilian energy company's presence in West Africa.

⬛🟥🟩⬜ KENYA TO APPEAL SAFARICOM STAKE RULING

Kenya will appeal a court decision challenging the government's sale of a Safaricom stake to Vodacom.

The dispute concerns one of East Africa's most important telecommunications companies.

🟦⬜ SOMALIA PEACEKEEPERS GET EXTRA YEAR OF UN SUPPORT

The United States agreed to allow another year for UN support to the African Union mission in Somalia.

The extension gives the mission more time to prepare for changes in logistics and funding.

🟥⬜⬛🟩 SUDAN FOOD AID FUNDING FALLS SHARPLY

World Food Programme funding for Sudan has fallen by about half as humanitarian needs continue rising.

The agency warns that the country's hunger crisis is becoming increasingly difficult to finance.

🌐 AIRTEL MONEY CONSIDERS SMALLER LONDON IPO

Airtel Africa's mobile-money business is considering reducing the size of its planned London listing.

The flotation could still move ahead soon as the company assesses investor demand.



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🟥⬜⬛ **SUDAN POWER CRISIS DEEPENS AS WAR DAMAGES NATIONAL GRID**
Extended electricity cuts are disrupting households and businesses as Sudan's conflict increasingly targets critical energy infrastructure.

⬛🟥🟩 **KENYA OFFERS TEMPORARY AMNESTY TO UNDOCUMENTED EAST AFRICANS**
Nairobi announced temporary protections after fears of a crackdown on foreign-run small businesses triggered concern among Burundian and other East African communities.

🟩⬜🟥 **KENYA SET TO RECEIVE $400 MILLION IN EMERGENCY WORLD BANK FUNDING**
Kenya is expected to receive roughly $400 million within six weeks to help manage economic pressure, regional health risks and El Niño-related disruption.

🟦⬜🟥 **U.S. APPROVES $100 MILLION AFRICELL LOAN TO CHALLENGE HUAWEI IN AFRICA**
Washington is backing Africell's network expansion with U.S. and allied technology as competition over Africa's telecom infrastructure intensifies.

🟩🟧🟥 **SENEGAL DEBT RESTRUCTURING FEARS SHAKE BOND MARKETS**
Investors are reassessing Senegalese debt after previously undisclosed liabilities pushed government debt above 130% of GDP and raised the prospect of creditor losses.

🟩🟧🟦 **DANGOTE LAUNCHES AFRICA'S BIGGEST-EVER IPO**
Dangote Petroleum Refinery has launched what is expected to become Africa's largest-ever share sale, opening the giant Nigerian refinery business to public investors



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🟩⬜🟥 MEXICO AND U.S. PUSH FOR NEW TRADE AGREEMENT
Mexico says negotiations with Washington are progressing toward a new bilateral trade agreement.
Mexico is seeking lower U.S. tariffs on its steel, aluminium and automobile exports.

🟥⬜🟥 CANADIAN DOLLAR FALLS TO SIX-WEEK LOW
The Canadian dollar extended its decline as the gap between Canadian and U.S. bond yields widened.
The currency approached its longest losing streak since May.

🟥⬜🟥 LNG CANADA WEIGHS MAJOR CAPACITY EXPANSION
LNG Canada could approve a second expansion phase as early as October.
The project would double export capacity at its British Columbia terminal to 28 million tonnes annually.

🟥⬜🟦 U.S. PUSHES FASTER URANIUM ENRICHMENT EXPANSION
U.S. officials are urging suppliers to accelerate domestic uranium-enrichment capacity.
Rising nuclear-power demand and AI-driven electricity consumption are increasing pressure on fuel supplies.

🟥⬜🟦 U.S. EXTENDS PUSH FOR $100,000 H-1B VISA FEE
Washington extended an order seeking a $100,000 fee on new H-1B visa applications for another year.
The proposed increase continues to face legal challenges from businesses and other groups.

🟩⬜🟥 PEMEX FACES PRESSURE AS REFINERY OUTPUT SLIDES
Mexico is increasing scrutiny of Pemex after gasoline and diesel production weakened.
Higher fuel imports are complicating government efforts to increase domestic energy self-sufficiency.



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🟥🟧🟩 BOLIVIA APPROVES $1.9 BILLION IMF DEAL

Bolivia approved a $1.9 billion IMF programme as the country tackles currency and fiscal pressures.

The agreement could help unlock more than $5 billion in additional international financing.

🟥⬜🟦 CODELCO RESTRUCTURING PLAN MAY FACE DELAY

Chile's state-owned copper producer says its recovery plan may not be completed until late 2026.

The company is seeking to address stagnant production and rising operating costs.

🟦⬜🟦 ARGENTINA FORECASTS 4% GROWTH IN 2027

Argentina's proposed 2027 budget forecasts economic growth of 4% and lower annual inflation.

The government also expects the country to maintain a trade surplus above $15 billion.

🟩🟧🟦 BRAZIL ECONOMY GROWS 0.5% IN SECOND QUARTER

Brazil's economy expanded 0.5% quarter-on-quarter, slightly exceeding market expectations.

High borrowing costs are nevertheless weighing on household consumption and future growth.

🟧🟦🟥 COLOMBIA APPROVES $206 BILLION 2027 BUDGET

Colombia's Congress approved a 634.9 trillion-peso spending plan for 2027.

The government faces significant fiscal pressures as it prepares measures aimed at reducing the deficit.

🟩🟧🟦 GOOGLE BACKS MAJOR BRAZIL CARBON-REMOVAL PROJECT

Google signed its largest carbon-removal agreement to date for a project in southern Brazil.

The initiative combines carbon capture through rock weathering with methane reductions from rice farming.



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🟥⬜🟦 CUBA'S POWER GRID COLLAPSES AGAIN

Cuba suffered another nationwide electricity-grid collapse after a failure in high-voltage transmission lines.

Authorities began gradually restoring power while much of the island remained without electricity.

🟧🟦🟥 U.S. AND VENEZUELA LEADERS PLAN NEW YORK MEETING

U.S. President Donald Trump is expected to meet Venezuela's interim President Delcy Rodriguez in New York.

The meeting follows a recent energy agreement between Washington and Caracas.

🟧🟦🟥 ECOPETROL APPROVES MAJOR BOARD OVERHAUL

Colombia's state-controlled oil producer approved significant changes to its board and senior management.

Markets are watching for the company's choice of a new permanent chief executive.

🟧🟦🟥 ECUADOR SEEKS MORE U.S. SECURITY SUPPORT

Washington has proposed additional security funding and equipment to support Ecuador's anti-drug operations.

The package includes maritime equipment and resources targeting illegal mining and illicit finance.+

🟥⬜🟦🟦⬜🟦🟥🟧🟩🟥⬜ SOUTH AMERICA DEEPENS MINERALS COOPERATION

Chile, Argentina, Bolivia and Peru agreed to strengthen cooperation on copper, lithium and other strategic minerals.

The countries aim to attract investment and strengthen their role in global critical-mineral supply chains.

🌎 AMERICAS OIL EXPORTS REACH RECORD LEVEL

Oil exports from producers across the Americas have risen to record levels amid shifts in global energy trade.

Canada, the U.S., Brazil, Guyana and Argentina are gaining importance as alternative suppliers.



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🟦⬜🟥 AUSTRALIA'S CENTRAL BANK WARNS INFLATION RISKS ARE RISING
Australia's central bank says energy costs and the AI investment boom are adding new inflation pressure.
Policymakers are watching whether stronger price growth will require tighter monetary conditions.

🟦⬜🟥 VISA CHANGES PUT AUSTRALIA'S WHEAT HARVEST UNDER PRESSURE
Farm groups warn longer backpacker-visa processing times could worsen seasonal labour shortages.
Working-holiday travellers currently fill a significant share of jobs across Australian farms.

🟦⬜🟥 QANTAS GROUND WORKERS PLAN 24-HOUR STRIKES
Hundreds of Qantas ground workers are preparing industrial action over pay and working conditions.
The stoppages will affect freight and regional operations in several parts of Australia.

🟦⬜🟥⬜🟥 OSAKA GAS BUYS STAKE IN AUSTRALIA'S BROWSE PROJECT
Japan's Osaka Gas agreed to acquire a 5% stake in the Browse gas project from BP.
The investment strengthens its LNG portfolio and exposure to Western Australian energy resources.

🟦⬜🟥 FOREIGN INVESTORS DRIVE AUSTRALIAN M&A BOOM
Private-equity groups and overseas investors are pursuing billions of dollars in Australian takeover deals.
Infrastructure, industrial and financial companies are attracting particularly strong acquisition interest.

🟦⬜🟥 AUSTRALIAN DOLLAR COMES UNDER RENEWED PRESSURE
The Australian dollar has weakened as U.S. yields, a stronger dollar and global risk concerns rise.
Markets are closely watching inflation, energy prices and the direction of global interest rates.



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NEW ZEALAND ECONOMY GROWS 0.2% IN SECOND QUARTER

New Zealand's economy expanded 0.2% in the second quarter, slightly beating market expectations.
Construction helped support activity while annual GDP growth reached 2.6%.

NEW ZEALAND PASSES INDIA FREE-TRADE DEAL

New Zealand approved legislation implementing its new free-trade agreement with India.
Tariffs on about 95% of New Zealand exports will be eliminated or significantly reduced.

RAVINDRA IN DOUBT FOR INDIA SERIES

New Zealand all-rounder Rachin Ravindra dislocated his shoulder during a promotional filming session.
Medical checks found no major structural damage, but his return depends on rehabilitation progress.

NEW ZEALAND PUBLIC WORKERS WALK OUT OVER PAY

Nearly 10,000 public servants staged industrial action following disagreement over a pay offer.
The stoppage highlighted continued pressure over wages and working conditions in the public sector.

ALL BLACKS TOUR REVIVAL PROVES A SUCCESS

New Zealand and South Africa's revived traditional rugby tour generated strong crowds and commercial interest.
The format is planned to return when South Africa tours New Zealand in four years.

NEW ZEALAND SAYS NO EU ASSOCIATE TALKS HAVE TAKEN PLACE

Wellington says it has held no discussions with the EU about becoming an associate member.
The clarification followed wider debate about closer links between Europe and Indo-Pacific partners.



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🟥⬛🟧⬜ PAPUA LNG MOVES CLOSER TO FINAL INVESTMENT DECISION
TotalEnergies is reducing its Papua LNG stake while ExxonMobil prepares to take over operatorship.
The redesigned project has cut estimated capital costs by nearly $4 billion to around $14 billion.

🟥⬛🟧⬜🟦⬜🟥 SANTOS INCREASES STAKE IN PAPUA LNG
Australia's Santos is acquiring an additional 3.3% interest in the Papua LNG development.
The deal lifts its stake to 21% and expands its future LNG production exposure.

🟦⬜🟥 FIJI DECLARES HIV A NATIONAL CRISIS
Fiji declared HIV a national crisis after new diagnoses increased sharply during 2025.
Authorities are expanding testing, prevention medicine and harm-reduction services across the country.

🌊 POWERFUL EL NIÑO RAISES PACIFIC WEATHER RISKS
The WMO says the current El Niño could strengthen further and persist into early 2027.
Exceptionally warm Pacific waters are increasing the risk of droughts, floods and extreme heat.

🟦⬜🟥 COOK ISLANDS PORT SET FOR MAJOR UPGRADE
New Zealand and the United States are jointly funding improvements to Penrhyn's ageing Omoka port.
The project is designed to improve shipping safety, services and economic links in the northern islands.

🟦⬜🟥 FIJI SET FOR MAJOR WORLD CUP WARM-UP TEST
Fiji will face South Africa in Australia before the 2027 Rugby World Cup.
The fixture gives Fiji a high-level test against the defending world champions before the tournament.

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THE POWER
BENEATH THE SURFACE



GLACIERS
TIMELESS
NATURAL WONDERS



BLACK SAND BEACHES
RAW AND UNIQUE



NORTHERN LIGHTS
A SKY FULL OF MAGIC

EXPLORE ICELAND'S ICONIC DESTINATIONS

THE GOLDEN CIRCLE

NATURE'S MOST FAMOUS ROUTE

Iceland's Golden Circle brings together three of the country's most iconic natural wonders – Þingvellir, Geysir and Gullfoss. A journey through dramatic landscapes, powerful forces and a unique geological history that shaped our planet.

Same Planet Different World



THREE WONDERS
ONE UNFORGETTABLE JOURNEY

GEYSIR
Strokkur erupts every few minutes, reminding us of the powerful forces beneath Iceland's surface.

1 ÞINGVELLIR NATIONAL PARK
WHERE CONTINENTS MEET



Walk between two continents at this UNESCO World Heritage Site, where the North American and Eurasian tectonic plates slowly drift apart.

2 GEYSIR
NATURE'S POWER ON DISPLAY



The geothermal area of Geysir, home to Strokkur, amazes visitors with eruptions reaching up to 30 meters.

3 GULLFOSS
A WATERFALL LIKE NO OTHER



Feel the raw power of nature at Gullfoss, one of Iceland's most spectacular waterfalls, where glacial water thunders into a dramatic canyon.

CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY

SOUTH COAST

WATERFALLS, BLACK SANDS AND ENDLESS VIEWS

Beyond the Golden Circle, Iceland's South Coast offers even more breathtaking sights – from the majestic Seljalandsfoss and Skógafoss waterfalls to the otherworldly black sand beaches of Reynisfjara.

MORE TO EXPLORE, ALWAYS.



REYNISFJARA
A world of contrasts

TRAVEL TIPS

- **BEST TIME TO VISIT**
  May – September
- **GET AROUND**
  Self-drive for full freedom
- **DON'T MISS**
  Golden Circle, South Coast, Northern Lights
- **BE PREPARED**
  Weather can change quickly
- **TRAVEL RESPONSIBLY**
  Help preserve Iceland's pristine nature

BEYOND THE LANDSCAPE

ICELAND

PEOPLE CULTURE EXPERIENCES

Iceland is more than breathtaking nature. It is a place of resilient people, rich culture and unforgettable experiences – where ancient traditions meet a modern, creative society.

Same Planet
A Different Perspective



Reykjavik
A CITY FULL OF INSPIRATION



REYKJAVÍK
A CREATIVE CAPITAL

A compact and vibrant city where art, music, design and Nordic lifestyle come together. From cozy cafés to world-class museums, Reykjavik is full of inspiration.



BLUE LAGOON
NATURAL WELLBEING

Relax in the mineral-rich, geothermal waters of the world-famous Blue Lagoon – a unique experience that soothes both body and mind.



WILDLIFE
UP CLOSE IN NATURE

From puffins and whales to reindeer and Arctic foxes, Iceland offers incredible wildlife encounters in their natural habitat.



ICELANDIC CUISINE
PURE AND AUTHENTIC

Fresh seafood, local ingredients and Nordic flavours. A culinary scene that reflects the purity of Iceland's nature.



WHALE WATCHING
GIANTS OF THE OCEAN

Set out into the Atlantic and witness humpback whales, orcas and more in one of the best whale watching destinations in the world.



NORTHERN LIGHTS
A NATURAL MASTERPIECE

Between September and April, the skies come alive with the magical Northern Lights – an unforgettable show of nature's beauty.

BEST TIME TO VISIT
All year round (October – March for Northern Lights)

HOW TO GET THERE
Direct flights from major European and North American cities

TOP EXPERIENCES
Nature, culture, food, wildlife, geothermal spas and the Northern Lights

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Help preserve Iceland's pristine nature for future generations

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1 REAL MADRID EDGE INTER 2–1

A CLASSIC RETURNS

Real Madrid edged Inter 2–1 in a thrilling Champions League opener. A high-quality battle saw both teams create chances, but Madrid's experience proved decisive in a true European classic.



2 MAN CITY SEE OFF PORTO 2–0

HAALAND STRIKES TWICE

Erling Haaland scored twice as Manchester City defeated Porto 2–0, continuing their strong start to the season. City's intensity and clinical finishing underlined their title ambitions.



3 DORTMUND WIN FIVE-GOAL THRILLER

Borussia Dortmund outscored their opponents 3–2 in an entertaining match full of attacking football. Dortmund's pace, young talent and never-give-up mentality once again made the difference.



4 ARSENAL TARGET PERFECT START

Arsenal continue to impress with a 2–0 win over Nottingham, keeping pressure at the top of the Premier League. Their organized play and attacking depth show they are ready for a serious title challenge.



5 SPAIN–MOROCCO 2030 FINAL RACE HEATS UP

Spain and Morocco continue to strengthen their joint bid to host the 2030 World Cup final. The partnership highlights a new era for global football, connecting Europe and Africa.



6 BEŞİKTAŞ ROUT MARSEILLE 4–1

BIG EUROPEAN STATEMENT

Beşiktaş delivered an impressive 4–1 victory over Marseille in front of a passionate home crowd. A dominant performance showed their ambition to go further in Europe this season.



7 NAPOLI CONTINUE STRONG FORM

Bepoli secured another important 4–1 victory their tittle ambitions with a passionate home crowd. performance. The team remains one of the most consistent sides in Serie A this season.



8 PSG EXTEND WINNING RUN

Paris strengthened their position with a 3–1 victory, displaying attacking flair and control. The team continues to set the pace in Ligue 1 and looks determined for another successful season.



9 AC MILAN WIN DERBY IN DRAMATIC STYLE

AC Milan claimed a narrow 1–0 win in the city derby. A strong defensive display and clinical finishing kept their title hopes alive in a tense and tactical battle.



10 TOTTENHAM HOLD OFF FIORENTINA 2–1

Tottenham secured a 2–1 victory in an intense match. The team showed resilience and attacking depth to claim all three points and boost their momentum in Europe.



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11 BRIGHTON 3–0 ARSENAL

PERFECT START ENDS

Brighton produced a stunning 3–0 victory over reigning champions Arsenal, ending their flawless league start. A dominant display from the hosts left Arsenal with big questions early in the season.



12 ASTON VILLA 3–2 TOTTENHAM

VILLA STRIKE BACK

Aston Villa earned their first league win of the season with a 3–2 away victory over Tottenham. A thrilling encounter saw Villa show resilience and attacking quality to claim all three points in a dramatic match.



13 EVERTON 1–0 IPSWICH

BARRY MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

Everton moved up the table after a narrow 1–0 win over Ipswich. A disciplined defensive display and a decisive goal from Barry secured three important points for the home side.



14 NEWCASTLE 2–1 HULL CITY

MAGPIES HOLD FIRM

Newcastle secured a 2–1 victory over Hull City, with early goals setting the tone. The Magpies had to withstand a late push from Hull, but showed character to keep all three points at home.



15 MILLWALL 2–2 WEST HAM

DOCKERS DERBY DRAMA

Millwall and West Ham played out a thrilling 2–2 draw in a heated London rivalry. West Ham came back from 2–0 down to secure a point in a match full of intensity and passion.



16 JUVENTUS 5–0 NEC NIJMEGEN

FIVE-STAR EUROPEAN OPENER

Juventus opened their Europa League campaign in style with a dominant 5–0 win over NEC Nijmegen. A clinical performance showed their ambitions for a successful European run this season.



17 CRYSTAL PALACE 3–0 LECH POZNAŃ

PALACE CRUISE IN EUROPE

Crystal Palace controlled the game from start to finish in a convincing 3–0 win over Lech Poznań. A strong team performance underlined their growing confidence on the European stage.



18 BOURNEMOUTH 2–1 REAL SOCIEDAD

HISTORIC EUROPEAN NIGHT

Bournemouth marked a major European occasion with a 2–1 away win over Real Sociedad. A determined performance and two well-taken goals gave them a memorable victory on the continental stage.



19 BENFICA 2–0 AC MILAN

BENFICA WIN IN MILAN

Benfica opened strongly and secured a 2–0 victory over AC Milan. A disciplined defensive display and clinical finishing gave the Portuguese side a statement win in one of the day's biggest matches.



20 SUNDERLAND 1–0 AZ ALKMAAR

HISTORIC DEBUT WIN

Sunderland won their first match in the competition with a 1–0 victory over AZ Alkmaar. A solid defensive performance and a crucial goal made it a historic night for the club and their fans.

"Football never stops — every match writes a new story."

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ASIAN GAMES OPEN IN NAGOYA

The 20th Asian Games opened in Nagoya, Japan, with athletes from 45 nations and regions. The Games run from September 19 to October 4 and feature 43 sports and 469 medal events, showcasing the strength and diversity of sport across Asia.



BRAVES CLINCH POSTSEASON BERTH

The Atlanta Braves defeated the Houston Astros 6–2, with Michael Harris II, Ronald Acuña Jr. and Matt Olson each hitting two-run home runs. The win secured Atlanta's postseason berth, capping a strong season and keeping their playoff hopes alive.



DAVIS CUP: USA AND CZECHIA LEVEL

After the opening day of their Davis Cup tie, the United States and Czechia are tied 1–1. American Ben Shelton lost to Jiří Lehečka, giving Czechia the first point, before the U.S. responded to level the tie. The contest remains wide open heading into the next matches.



HODGKINSON WINS ATHLOS 800M

Keely Hodgkinson won the Athlos London 800 metres in 1:56.40, delivering a commanding performance in front of a home crowd. The British middle-distance star once again showed her class, reinforcing her status as one of the leading athletes in the event.

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Jennifer's Corner

Culture • People • Everyday Life



> *A more human future begins with tools that serve people, not the other way around.*

Technology becomes meaningful when it helps people feel more connected, more creative, and less overwhelmed. A phone call to family, a digital class for a child, or an online community for someone who feels alone can all make daily life richer. But convenience is not enough by itself. Human-centered technology should protect attention, encourage empathy, and leave room for reflection. The best tools do not replace human warmth; they support it. When innovation respects emotional life as much as efficiency, it can help create a kinder, calmer, and more thoughtful society.

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PEOPLE
A MORE
CONNECTED
WORLD

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> *Innovation proves its value when it delivers broader opportunity, not just faster systems."*

From an economic and social perspective, technology improves life when it expands access, productivity, and opportunity. Digital systems can strengthen education, healthcare, logistics, and public services at scale. Yet progress should not be measured only by speed or profit. A truly advanced society asks whether innovation reduces inequality, improves resilience, and supports long-term well-being. Markets reward efficiency, but public trust depends on fairness and responsibility. If policy, business, and design move in the same direction, technology can become not only smarter, but also more useful to society as a whole.

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The Exchange

Two perspectives, one shared question.

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IDEAS
A BRIGHTER
TOMORROW
TOGETHER

Can Technology Make Life More Human?

JENNIFER'S PERSPECTIVE

Jennifer argues that technology succeeds when it strengthens human relationships, creativity, and emotional well-being. She sees design, digital culture, and everyday habits as central to whether progress feels genuinely humane.

MARKUS'S PERSPECTIVE

Markus focuses on systems, scale, and long-term impact. For him, the key question is whether innovation improves institutions, widens access, and creates durable value for communities and economies.

A SHARED CONCLUSION

Together, their views meet at one essential point: technology works best when human benefit stays at the center. Efficiency matters, but meaning matters too. The future will feel more human when innovation helps people live better, connect more deeply, and build stronger societies.





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EUROPE
HISTORY • CULTURE • OPPORTUNITY



LONDON	PARIS	BERLIN	ROME
18°C	20°C	17°C	24°C
Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Sunny

ASIA
DYNAMIC • DIVERSE • RISING



TOKYO	SINGAPORE	DUBAI	BANGKOK
26°C	31°C	36°C	32°C
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy

AFRICA
NATURE • OPPORTUNITY • GROWTH



CAIRO	LAGOS	NAIROBI	CAPE TOWN
31°C	28°C	22°C	18°C
Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Showers	Partly Cloudy

AMERICAS
INNOVATION • MARKETS • PEOPLE



NEW YORK	LOS ANGELES	MEXICO CITY	SÃO PAULO
22°C	26°C	24°C	20°C
Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Showers

OCEANIA
ISLANDS • INNOVATION • SUSTAINABILITY



SYDNEY	AUCKLAND	MELBOURNE	SUVA
20°C	16°C	17°C	30°C
Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Showers



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PEOPLE
WILDLIFE
ONE PLANET
"Healthy Oceans Healthy Life"
LET'S PROTECT
WHALES
THE OCEAN'S GENTLE GIANTS
Whales keep our oceans healthy. Let's protect their habitats, reduce plastic pollution, and support sustainable seas for generations to come.
CLEANER OCEANS
RICHER BIODIVERSITY
STRONGER ECOSYSTEMS
BRIGHTER FUTURES
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