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CHINA FUEL EXPORT HALT AND US TROOP BUILD-UP LIFT OIL 4%



Oil jumped on Thursday as two supply shocks landed at once. December Brent settled at $102.31 a barrel, up 4.37%, while WTI gained 2.71% to $92.87. Chinese refiners have halted oil-product exports beyond Hong Kong and Macau until further notice, and a Wall Street Journal report said the US is sending a third aircraft carrier and up to 10,000 more troops to the Middle East as President Trump weighs resuming strikes on Iran.

The pressure is sharpest in diesel, after damage to refineries in the Gulf and Russia: Moscow has banned exports through October, and industry participants expect shortages to last into next year. UBS said China's move signals concern over domestic supply. EU officials were due to discuss releasing emergency diesel stocks. Saudi Arabia, meanwhile, resumed tanker loadings at Yanbu.

ENERGY | OIL | DIESEL | SUPPLY CHAINS

Source:
Reuters, 1 Oct 2026 – https://live.euronext.com/en/financial-news/oil-jumps-4-reports-china-halts-fuel-exports-us-troops-head-middle-east ·
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EUROZONE INFLATION HITS 3.8%, A 3-YEAR HIGH, AS ENERGY SOARS

Euro area inflation rose to an estimated 3.8% in September from 3.2% in August, according to Eurostat's flash estimate. It is the highest reading since September 2023 and above the 3.6% markets had expected. Energy remained the main driver, with prices up 18.8% year on year, but services inflation also edged up to 3.2% and food inflation to 1.4%.

Six of the 21 euro area members recorded inflation of 5% or more, led by Cyprus and Luxembourg at 5.2% and Greece at 5.1%, while Latvia was the only country where the rate eased. The ECB raised its three key rates by 25 basis points on 10 September, and the new figure puts its next meeting on 29 October firmly in focus. ECB staff see inflation averaging 3.0% this year, easing to 2.1% by 2028. Full September data are due on 16 October.

INFLATION | EUROZONE | ECB | ENERGY

Source: Eurostat, ECB, Euronews, 2 Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix



US 30-YEAR YIELD TOPS 5.6%, NEAR ITS HIGHEST SINCE 2002



Long-term US borrowing costs kept climbing into the end of the quarter. The 30-year Treasury yield closed at 5.64% on 30 September, up from 5.47% a week earlier and higher on every trading day of the week, according to Federal Reserve data. On 1 October the 10-year yield touched 5.34%, its highest since 2002, while the two-year note held near 4.9%. The 30-year fixed mortgage rate also reached its highest level since 2023.

Higher energy costs and heavy government borrowing are weighing on bond prices, following the Federal Reserve's rate hike in September, and even softer-than-expected August inflation data failed to stop the selloff. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent's expanded bond buybacks have had little lasting effect. Friday's jobs report and October inflation data are the next tests.



MARKETS | BONDS | INTEREST RATES | US ECONOMY

Source: Federal Reserve (FRED), CNBC, Reuters, Bloomberg, 24 Sept–1 Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix

AI MEMORY BOOM DRIVES MICRON TO RECORD $54BN QUARTER



Micron reported fiscal fourth-quarter revenue of $54.23 billion for the three months to 3 September, up from $11.32 billion a year earlier and $41.46 billion in the previous quarter. GAAP net income reached $37.70 billion and its gross margin 86.8%, while operating cash flow hit $43.97 billion. Revenue from its core data centre unit jumped to $18.0 billion from $1.58 billion a year earlier.

Full-year revenue rose to $133.19 billion from $37.38 billion, and the company ended the year with $73.48 billion in cash and investments. Micron guided first-quarter revenue to $61.5 billion, plus or minus $1.5 billion, citing AI-driven demand and long-term customer agreements. The memory shortage is now lifting costs well beyond data centres, including for consumer electronics such as tablets and laptops.

TECHNOLOGY | SEMICONDUCTORS | AI | EARNINGS

Source: Micron Technology, CNBC, 30 Sept 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix



JAPAN FACTORY MOOD HITS 8-YEAR HIGH DESPITE OIL SHOCK

Sentiment among Japan's large manufacturers rose to +24 in September from +22 in June, the Bank of Japan's tankan survey showed. That is the highest reading since March 2018, driven by chip and AI-related demand and better margins as firms passed on higher raw material costs. Large non-manufacturers slipped to +35 from +37, their first decline in five quarters, as costs rose, consumers resisted price increases and typhoons hit restaurants and hotels.

Both groups expect conditions to worsen over the next three months. Firms expect inflation of 2.6% three years ahead, unchanged from June. The mixed picture eased bets on a second BOJ hike in October, after the bank lifted its policy rate to a 31-year high of 1.25% in September, and the yen weakened.

ASIA | JAPAN | MANUFACTURING | MONETARY POLICY

Source: Reuters, 1 Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix





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🌍 GLOBAL M&A FALLS BELOW $1 TRILLION AS BORROWING COSTS BITE
Global M&A totalled $993 billion in the third quarter, down 41% from the second quarter and the first sub-$1 trillion quarter since mid-2025. US and European dealmaking fell sharply, while Asia-Pacific rose 8% to $242 billion. Year to date, deal value is still up 28% at $3.9 trillion.

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) NIKE CUTS OUTLOOK, PLANS MORE JOB CUTS
Nike's quarterly revenue fell 4% to $11.2 billion on weakness in Greater China and EMEA. It now expects fiscal 2027 revenue to fall by a high-single-digit percentage and launched a restructuring programme targeting $2.5 billion in savings through 2031.

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) AMAZON SIGNS 20-YEAR NUCLEAR POWER DEAL
Amazon will buy 690 megawatts from Constellation's Calvert Cliffs plant in Maryland for 20 years. The deal supports more than $3 billion of investment, including about 190 megawatts of new capacity due between 2030 and 2032.

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) HPE WINS $1.2 BILLION AI RACK ORDER
Hewlett Packard Enterprise won a $1.2 billion order from cloud provider Vultr for AMD-powered Helios AI rack systems. The company also raised its networking growth forecast for fiscal 2027 to the high teens to low twenties in percentage terms.

🟦⬜🟥 (France) SANOFI PAYS UP TO $8 BILLION TO REBUILD PIPELINE
Sanofi will pay Regeneron $1 billion upfront and up to $7 billion in milestones to co-develop four new immunology antibodies. The partners also settled earlier litigation, as Sanofi prepares for Dupixent's eventual loss of patent protection.

Source: Reuters, NIKE Inc., Fox Business, Bloomberg, Sanofi, 30 Sept–2 Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix

🟥⬜ (Switzerland) NOVARTIS STRIKES UP TO $7.8 BILLION CHINA DEAL
Novartis will pay China's Abogen $575 million upfront, with up to $7.2 billion more in milestones, for ABO2203, an mRNA-based therapy for autoimmune diseases such as lupus. The deal follows September trial failures that wiped nearly $30 billion off Novartis's market value.

🌍 OPEC+ DELAYS REVIEW SHAPING 2027 QUOTAS
An OPEC+ review of members' production capacity, used to help set 2027 output quotas, has been delayed, sources told Reuters. The war on Iran has disrupted expansion projects across the Middle East, leaving future production potential uncertain.

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) CONOCOPHILLIPS WEIGHS EXIT FROM NORWAY AND TEESSIDE
ConocoPhillips is evaluating a sale of its Norway business and its Teesside oil terminal in the UK after receiving an unsolicited offer. The buyer and terms were not disclosed. Analysts at Capital One Securities value the assets at about $7 billion, and the company said it will keep them if offers fall short of its expectations.

⬜🟥🟦 (South Korea) EXPORTS TOP $120 BILLION FOR THE FIRST TIME
South Korea's exports jumped 83.5% in September to a record $120.9 billion as chip shipments rose 262.8% to $60.3 billion on global AI spending. Exports to the US rose 137% and to China 123%. Nine-month exports of $814.5 billion already exceed last year's full-year record.

🟩🟧🟦 (Brazil) BLACKROCK SEES 30% GROWTH REGARDLESS OF ELECTION
BlackRock expects its Brazilian assets under management to grow by around 30% in 2027, after 30–35% this year, whatever the outcome of this month's general election. Polls show President Lula and Senator Flavio Bolsonaro statistically tied; BlackRock's local chief said fiscal reform matters more than who wins.

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, ConocoPhillips, 1–2 Oct 2026 · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix

MARKET PULSE



OIL & ENERGY
OIL GIVES BACK GAINS AS DIESEL DIPLOMACY BEGINS

Oil fell more than 2% on Friday as talks over diesel and crude stock releases gathered pace. Supply is recovering, while analysts lifted the average 2026 Brent forecast to $89.05.

Source: Reuters | 1–2 Oct 2026



GOLD
GOLD STALLS NEAR $4,200

Higher Treasury yields and a firmer dollar are raising the cost of holding gold, trimming its annual gain.

Source: CNBC | 1 Oct 2026



CURRENCIES & YIELDS
LONG YIELDS AT 24-YEAR HIGHS

The 10-year Treasury yield touched 5.34% as investors reassessed the outlook for global borrowing costs.

Source: Reuters | 1 Oct 2026



EQUITIES & AI
AI KEEPS TECH AHEAD

AI demand and record chip exports kept technology shares ahead of broader markets.

Source: CNBC / Reuters | 1 Oct 2026

TRADE & FREIGHT
CONTAINER RATES EASE INTO GOLDEN WEEK

Drewry's World Container Index fell 1% as Asia–Europe rates eased before China's Golden Week closures, while Middle East routes remained elevated.

Source: Drewry | 1 Oct 2026



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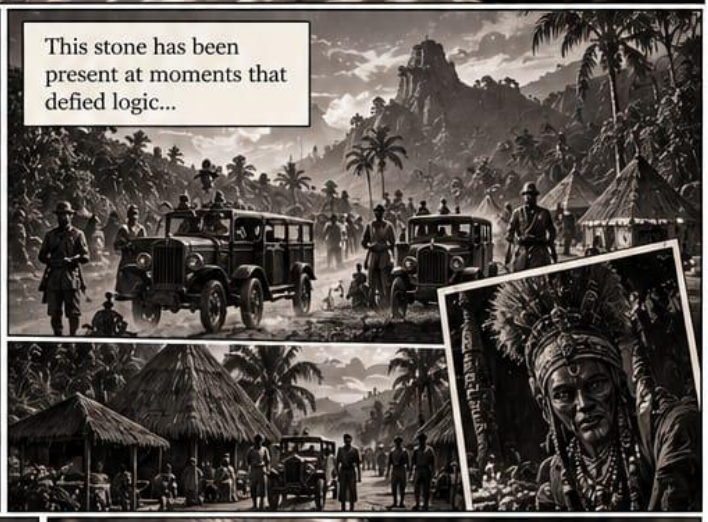
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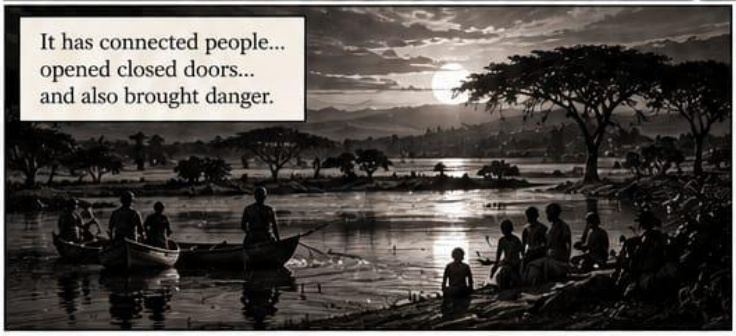
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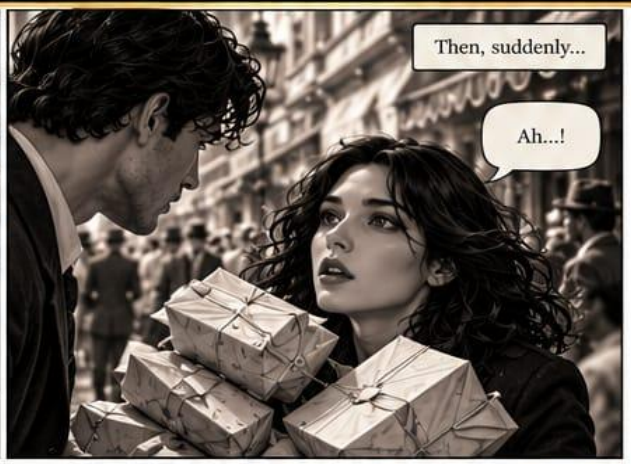
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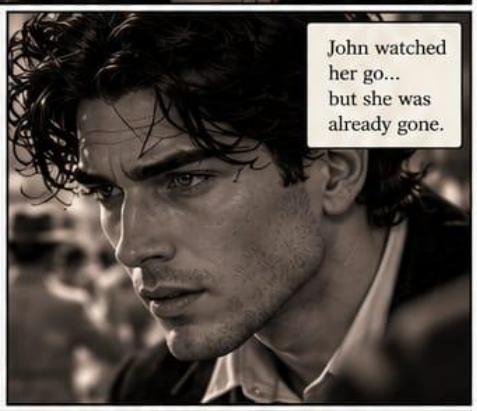














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EPHESUS

WHERE THE AEGEAN MET THE ANCIENT WORLD

Once a major Roman port and a crossroads of trade, belief and learning, Ephesus grew into one of the Mediterranean's great cities. Its marble avenues still trace the scale of an empire.

Source: GSR Analytix



THE GREAT THEATRE

Built into the hillside, Ephesus' vast theatre could hold around 25,000 spectators and remains one of the ancient world's most powerful public spaces.



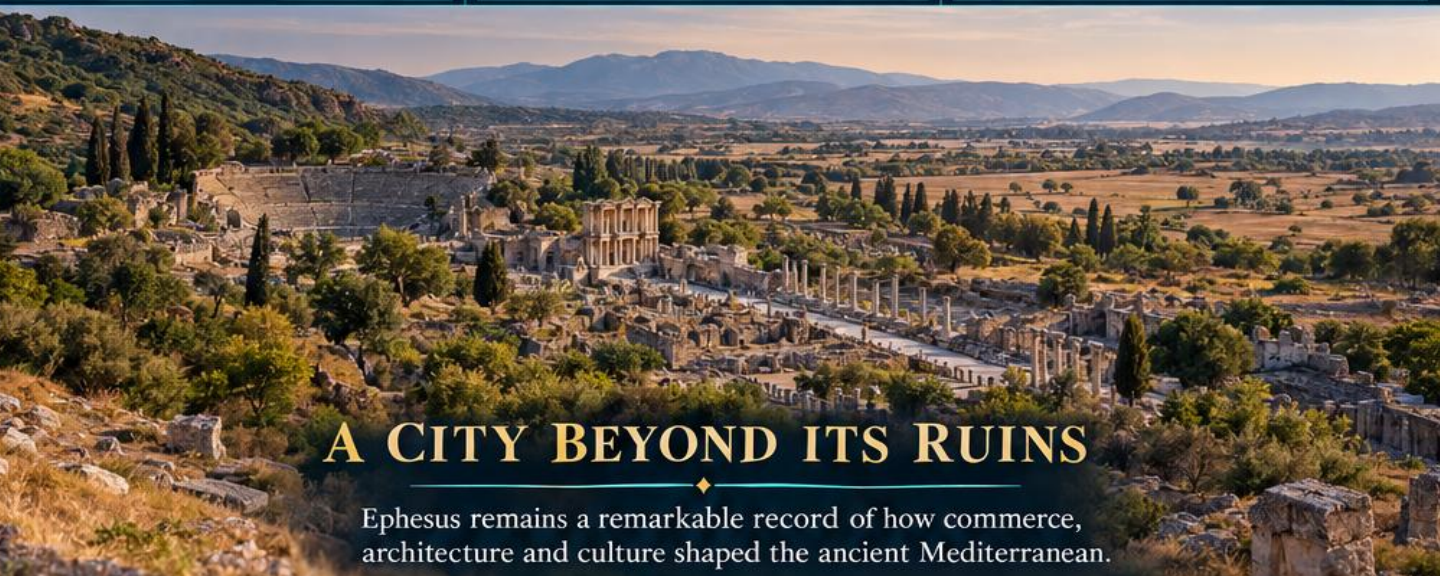
MARBLE STREET

This ceremonial route linked the theatre to the Library of Celsus, carrying merchants, officials and pilgrims through the city centre.



TEMPLE OF ARTEMIS

One of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World stood near Ephesus, making the city a centre of devotion far beyond Anatolia.



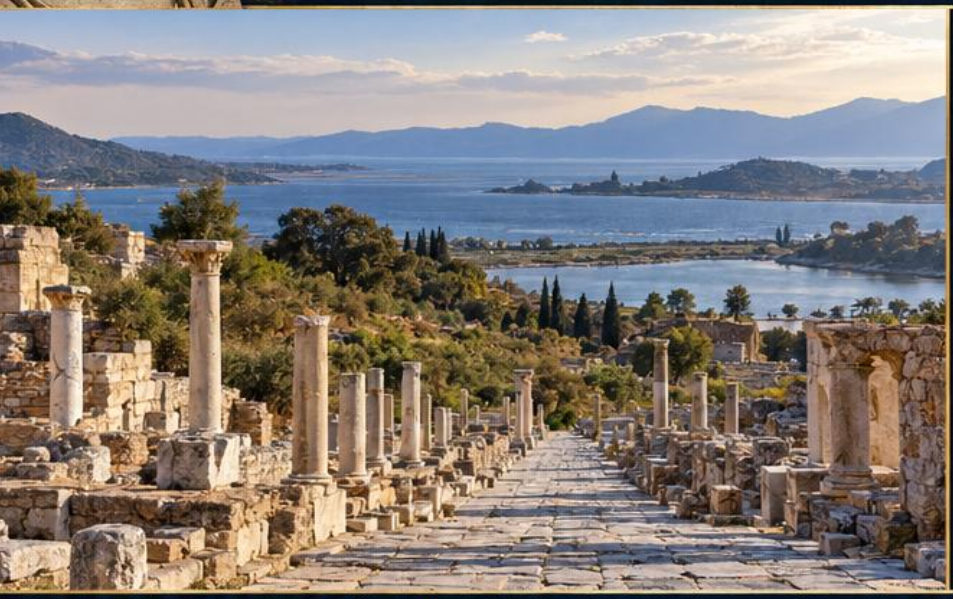
A CITY BEYOND ITS RUINS

Ephesus remains a remarkable record of how commerce, architecture and culture shaped the ancient Mediterranean.

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THE PORT THAT CONNECTED ANATOLIA

For centuries, Ephesus linked the Aegean to the interior of Anatolia. Ships, traders and pilgrims passed through its harbour, carrying goods, ideas and faith across the Roman world.



TERRACE HOUSES

Behind the grand public monuments, wealthy Ephesian families lived in painted villas with mosaics, courtyards and running water.



BASILICA STOA

This long colonnaded hall framed the civic heart of the city, where commerce, law and public life came together.



HARBOUR STREET

The Arcadian Way once led visitors from the port to the Great Theatre, announcing Ephesus as a city built for movement and exchange.



A MEDITERRANEAN CROSSROADS

Ephesus was more than a monumental city. Its streets reveal how trade, urban planning and belief connected the ancient Mediterranean.

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🎤 JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR — LONDON Eurovision star Sam Ryder leads Tim Sheader's production of the Andrew Lloyd Webber rock opera at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, opening 16 October for an eleven-week run only.

💃 DIRTY DANCING — LONDON The smash-hit musical opens London's brand-new Capital Theatre from 16 October. The 620-seat venue puts no audience member more than nine rows from the stage.

🏀 HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL — LONDON The stage version of the Disney favourite arrives at the Troubadour Wembley Park Theatre, opening on 12 October.

🤠 WANTED — NEW YORK A new Broadway musical based on the mostly true story of twin sisters Mary and Martha Clarke, who went from farm girls to outlaws in 1890s Texas. Previews begin 15 October at the James Earl Jones Theatre, starring Solea Pfeiffer and Liisi LaFontaine.

Source: Official theatre listings · Playbill · Broadway Direct · Edited & presented by GSR Analytix

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🎤 WESTLIFE — LONDON
The O2 • 9 October 2026. The Irish group's 25th Anniversary World Tour reaches London during an extensive UK and Ireland run, part of a tour the band says will reach 150 dates.

🌟 BIGBANG — TAIPEI & SINGAPORE
Taipei Dome • 10–11 October; Singapore National Stadium • 17 October 2026. The K-pop pioneers' XX: COSMOS world tour brings stadium shows to two of Asia's biggest venues.

🎹 BRUNO MARS — VANCOUVER
14 October 2026. The Romantic Tour, which opened in Las Vegas in April, plays its final show in Vancouver after a six-month run.

🤠 ZACH BRYAN — AUBURN
Jordan-Hare Stadium • 10 October 2026. With Heaven on Tour closes in Alabama, weeks after Bryan set the record for the largest ticketed concert in US history at Michigan Stadium.

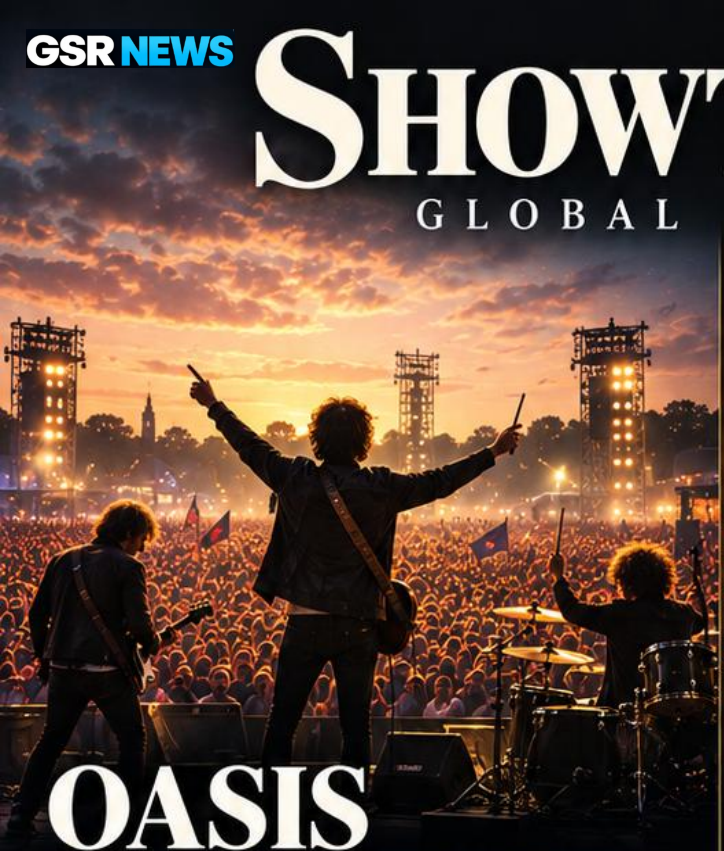
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⬛🟥🟧 (Germany) JOBLESS TOTAL BACK ABOVE 3 MILLION
Seasonally adjusted unemployment rose by 12,000 to 3.01 million in September, far more than the 1,000 increase expected, while the jobless rate held at 6.4%. The labour office said the usual autumn pickup had started sluggishly.
Source: Federal Labour Office / Reuters

⬛🟥🟧 (Germany) BERLIN SET TO RAISE GROWTH FORECASTS
The German government plans to lift its economic forecasts after a strong first half, a source told Reuters. The upgrade contrasts with weak labour data, as output recovers faster than jobs.
Source: Reuters

⬛🟥🟧 (Germany) BERLIN SETS TERMS FOR UNICREDIT'S COMMERZBANK PUSH
The government, which owns 13.3% of Commerzbank, wants UniCredit to commit to jobs, a Frankfurt headquarters and continued lending to mid-sized firms. UniCredit already holds close to half of the bank's share capital.
Source: Reuters

🟦⬜🟥 (France) 2027 BUDGET TARGETS €54 BILLION IN SAVINGS
France presented a 2027 budget with €54 billion of savings, aiming to cut the deficit to 5% of GDP. Finance Minister Roland Lescure said interest costs will account for more than half of next year's deficit.
Source: French Finance Ministry / Reuters

🟦⬜🟥 (France) AIRBUS NARROWS SEPTEMBER DELIVERY GAP
Airbus delivered as many as 72 jets in September, almost matching 73 a year earlier, industry sources said. It still needs a record fourth quarter to reach its target of around 870 deliveries.
Source: Reuters



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🟦⬜🟥 (UK) BANK OF ENGLAND WARNS FINANCIAL RISKS HAVE RISEN
The Financial Policy Committee said the likelihood that weaknesses in the financial system crystallise has increased, citing the Iran conflict and fast-growing AI-related debt issuance. It kept the countercyclical capital buffer at 2%.
Source: Bank of England / Reuters

🟦⬜🟥 (UK) DIESEL HITS £2 A LITRE FOR THE FIRST TIME
The average price of diesel at UK pumps reached £2 per litre for the first time, raising costs for hauliers, farmers and other fuel-intensive businesses.
Source: Reuters

🟦⬜🟥 (UK) WATCHDOG CHALLENGES £2 BILLION FIBRE DEAL
The CMA provisionally found that Nexfibre's £2 billion purchase of Netomnia could substantially reduce broadband competition, saying CityFibre would most likely have bought it instead. Remedies are due by 16 October.
Source: CMA / Reuters

🟦⬜🟥 (UK) IG GROUP SHARES SLUMP ON WEAKER OUTLOOK
Shares in online trading platform IG Group plunged after the company cut its revenue outlook, blaming muted market activity.
Source: Reuters

🟩⬜🟥 (Italy) INFLATION JUMPS ABOVE 4%
Italian consumer prices rose 4.2% year on year in September, up from 3.3% in August, as energy costs soared. EU-harmonised inflation hit a three-year high of 4.1%, well above the 3.8% forecast.
Source: Istat / Reuters



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🟦🟧 (Ukraine) EU RELEASES €2.9 BILLION AFTER REFORM TARGETS MET

Ukraine received €2.9 billion from the European Union under the Ukraine Facility after meeting 10 reform indicators in sectors including banking, energy, agriculture and transport. President Zelensky said the funds will support macro-financial stability and allow more of Kyiv's own resources to go to defence.

Source: Kyiv Independent / Ukrinform

🟦⭐ (EU) EUROZONE FACTORY GROWTH REVISED HIGHER

The final euro area manufacturing PMI for September came in at 52.9, above the 52.7 flash estimate and signalling continued expansion. Output stayed near multi-year highs, but price pressures are picking up, keeping further ECB tightening in the debate.

Source: S&P Global / HCOB

⬛🟥🟧 (Germany) VOLKSWAGEN TERMINATES WAGE DEALS, STRIKES LOOM

Volkswagen terminated ten company wage agreements with IG Metall, effective 31 December, as it seeks deeper cost cuts. The union vowed to escalate the dispute, with a strike truce expiring on 1 January. VW's 2024 job-guarantee deal is not affected.

Source: Reuters

🟥⬜🟦 (Netherlands) STELLANTIS STANDS BY TARGETS AS SHARES HIT RECORD LOW

Stellantis CEO Antonio Filosa reconfirmed the carmaker's 2026 guidance and its aim to be cash-flow positive in 2027. Its US-listed shares hit an all-time low this week, down about 60% this year, as a roughly $70 billion turnaround plan continues.

Source: CNBC



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🟥🟦 (Taiwan) FACTORY GROWTH ACCELERATES ON AI DEMAND
Taiwan's manufacturing PMI rose to 56.7 in September from 54.7 in August, as global orders for chips and AI-related hardware kept factories running at full speed. The island remains one of the biggest winners of the AI investment cycle.
Source: S&P Global / Reuters

🟧⬜🟩 (India) MANUFACTURING HITS SEVEN-MONTH HIGH
India's HSBC manufacturing PMI climbed to 55.1 in September from 52.8, its strongest reading in seven months and the 59th straight month of expansion. Hiring resumed at the fastest pace since May, while export orders rose on demand from the US, Europe, Brazil and the UAE.
Source: HSBC / S&P Global / Business Standard

🟥⬜ (Indonesia) INFLATION NEARS CENTRAL BANK CEILING
Annual inflation rose to 3.28% in September from 3.19%, approaching the top of Bank Indonesia's 1.5–3.5% target range. Food prices drove the increase, with food, beverage and tobacco inflation at 4.37%.
Source: Statistics Indonesia (BPS) / Xinhua

🌏 (ASEAN) SOUTHEAST ASIAN FACTORIES SPLIT
Manufacturing activity expanded in Indonesia and Vietnam in September but contracted in the Philippines and Malaysia, private surveys showed. The divergence contrasts with strong AI-driven growth in North Asia's export hubs.
Source: S&P Global / Reuters

⬜🟥 (Japan) TEPCO BEGINS LONG-DELAYED FUKUSHIMA REACTOR PROBE
Tokyo Electric Power started inspecting the interior of the meltdown-stricken No. 2 reactor at Fukushima, inserting a 22-metre robotic arm into the containment vessel. The work had been delayed from the summer after a malfunction in the arm.
Source: The Japan Times



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🟥🟧 (China) FACTORIES RETURN TO GROWTH
China's official manufacturing PMI rose to 50.1 in September from 49.8, ending two months of contraction. High-tech manufacturing led the gains at 52.5, while equipment and consumer goods makers also expanded, the statistics bureau said.
Source: National Bureau of Statistics / CNBC / Xinhua

🟥🟧 (China) SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION REBOUND
The official non-manufacturing PMI jumped to 50.2 from 49.0, beating forecasts of 49.3. Construction activity climbed to 50.3, its highest level this year, although real estate and capital-market services remained in contraction.
Source: National Bureau of Statistics / Xinhua

🟥🟧 (China) HENGRUI LICENSES WEIGHT-LOSS PILL TO NOVO NORDISK
Jiangsu Hengrui Pharmaceuticals licensed its once-weekly oral obesity candidate HRS-1596 to Novo Nordisk for $300 million upfront, in a deal worth up to $2.6 billion. Novo gains global rights outside Greater China, and the deal is expected to close in the fourth quarter.
Source: Novo Nordisk / Hengrui Pharma

🟥⬜🟦 (Thailand) FLOOD DAMAGE PUT AT OVER $320 MILLION
Floods across 42 provinces, including Bangkok, have killed at least 23 people since mid-September and disrupted operations at the capital's main airport. One economist estimates damage of at least 11 billion baht and a 0.3-point cut to this year's GDP growth, to 2.1%. The government approved an aid package.
Source: Reuters

🟥⬜🟦 (Thailand) FOREIGN ARRIVALS SLIP AS FLOODS HIT TOURISM
Foreign tourist arrivals fell 3.12% year on year in January–September to 21.28 million, a further blow to a tourism-dependent economy that has lagged regional peers since the pandemic.
Source: Reuters



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🟥⬜🟩 (India) GST REVENUE JUMPS 14.7%
Gross GST collections rose 14.7% in September to ₹2.04 lakh crore, staying above ₹2 lakh crore for the third straight month. Import-related revenue rose 26% and domestic receipts 10.1%, while net collections after refunds climbed 18.1%. First-half collections are up 11.6%, although part of the gain reflects a low base last year.
Source: Ministry of Finance / PTI

🟩 (Saudi Arabia) ECONOMY SEEN SHRINKING 3.6% THIS YEAR
Saudi Arabia's finance ministry expects real GDP to contract 3.6% in 2026 as the Iran war disrupts export routes through the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab al-Mandab. Its pre-budget statement sees the 2027 deficit widening to SAR190 billion ($51 billion), to be financed through bonds, sukuk and loans.
Source: Saudi Ministry of Finance / AGBI

🟥🟩⬜⬛ (UAE) MUBADALA LEADS GULF SOVEREIGN DEALMAKING
Abu Dhabi's Mubadala is the region's most active sovereign wealth fund this year, investing $26.2 billion in the first nine months, ahead of Saudi Arabia's PIF, ADIA and Qatar's QIA. Regional sovereign investment is set to fall from its 2025 peak as the war strains state finances and funds invest more at home.
Source: AGBI

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⬛🟥🟩 (Kenya) DANGOTE BREAKS GROUND ON $16 BILLION REFINERY
Aliko Dangote and President William Ruto began construction of a 700,000-barrel-per-day refinery at Lamu, aimed at cutting East Africa's fuel import bill. Dangote has offered regional governments a combined 30% stake. Completion is scheduled for 2030, and the complex will include a 1,000-megawatt power plant.
Source: Reuters

⬛🟥🟩 (Kenya) INFLATION RISES TO 6.8%, HIGHEST IN A YEAR
Annual inflation rose to 6.8% in September from 6.6%, driven by food prices up 9.5% and transport up 15.6%. Core inflation climbed to 4.0% from 3.4%. Inflation has now been above the central bank's 5% midpoint for six straight months.
Source: Kenya National Bureau of Statistics / Reuters

🟩🟧⬛ (South Africa) REGULATOR BACKS MTN'S IHS TAKEOVER WITH CONDITIONS
The Competition Commission recommended that the Competition Tribunal approve MTN's acquisition of tower operator IHS. Its conditions are meant to guarantee rival operators fair access to towers and to protect jobs. The Tribunal will make the final decision.
Source: Competition Commission / Business Day

🟩🟧⬛ (South Africa) FACTORY ACTIVITY RETURNS TO GROWTH
The Absa manufacturing PMI rose to 50.7 in September from 45.8, back above 50 for the first time since May, as new orders rebounded. Employment weakened, however, and shipping delays at Durban port continued to disrupt deliveries.
Source: Absa / BER / Reuters



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🟩 🟪 🟩 (Nigeria) DANGOTE REFINERY IPO ENTERS FINAL STRETCH
Africa's biggest-ever share sale closes on 13 October. Dangote is offering 4.1 billion shares at 525 naira each, which would raise about 2.15 trillion naira ($1.63 billion) if fully subscribed. The proceeds will fund a planned doubling of the Lagos refinery's capacity to 1.4 million barrels per day.
Source: Reuters

🟩 🟧 ⬛ (South Africa) STOCKS LOSE $97 BILLION IN SEPTEMBER ROUT
The FTSE/JSE All-Share index fell 6.7% in September as precious metals miners dropped more than 17% on weaker gold and platinum prices. The slide wiped about R1.61 trillion off the index's market value and left it at its most oversold level in 17 months.
Source: Bloomberg / Anchor Capital

🟩 🟧 ⬛ (South Africa) GOLD FIELDS PRESSES ON AFTER NORTHERN STAR REJECTION
Australia's Northern Star rejected Gold Fields' A$38.7 billion ($27.1 billion) cash-and-share takeover proposal as undervalued. Gold Fields said it will keep pursuing a deal that would create the world's second-largest gold miner, and is reportedly weighing a higher cash component.
Source: CNBC / Miningmx / Bloomberg

🟩 🟧 ⬛ (South Africa) ALSTOM WINS €800 MILLION ROLE IN NEW GAUTRAIN CONCESSION
The Sihamba Sonke Mobility consortium reached financial close on a 15-year concession to run and upgrade the Gautrain from 2026 to 2041. Alstom's share of the work, worth €800 million, includes eight locally built trains and a new signalling system.
Source: Alstom / Business Day

🟩 🟧 🟥 (Ethiopia) ERITREA CUTS DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH ETHIOPIA
Ethiopia closed its embassy in Asmara and expelled ten Eritrean diplomats, prompting Eritrea to sever all diplomatic relations. The rupture reverses the 2018 peace deal and raises fears of wider conflict in the Horn of Africa. The African Union urged both sides to resolve their differences through dialogue.
Source: Reuters / Al Jazeera



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🟩🟧⬛ (South Africa) STANDARD BANK EARNINGS RISE 10 PERCENT
Standard Bank's half-year earnings rose 10% to 1.62 billion dollars. Lower credit costs supported the result.
Source: Standard Bank

🌍 JUMIA RAISES 50 MILLION DOLLARS
Jumia raised 50 million dollars from IFC and Axian. The funds will expand its e-commerce business across Africa.
Source: IFC

🟦🟥🟩 (Namibia) NAMIBIA HOLDS REPO RATE
Namibia's central bank kept its repo rate at 6.75%. It also cut its growth forecast.
Source: Bank of Namibia

🟦⬜🟩 (Central African Republic) CAR OPENS 50-MW SOLAR PLANT
The Central African Republic inaugurated a 50-megawatt solar plant. It will expand electricity supply in the country.
Source: African Economy Inc.

🟩🟧⬛🟦 (Tanzania) TANZANIA OPENS BONDS TO FOREIGN INVESTORS
Tanzania now allows all foreign investors to buy its treasury bills and bonds. The step aims to deepen its capital markets.
Source: Bank of Tanzania

🌍 AFRICA SEEKS BIGGER GLOBAL ECONOMIC ROLE
Business leaders and investors met in New York to promote Africa's trade ambitions. Unstoppable Africa 2026 ran alongside the UN General Assembly.
Source: PR Newswire



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🟥⬜🟦 (USA) JOB GROWTH STALLS AT 29,000 IN SEPTEMBER
US employers added just 29,000 jobs in September, far below the roughly 89,000 expected, and revisions cut 60,000 from the prior two months. Unemployment rose to 4.2%. Wage growth slowed to 3% year on year, the weakest since 2021, and traders trimmed bets on a Fed rate hike this year.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics / Bloomberg

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) FACTORY PRICES SURGE AS GROWTH HOLDS
The ISM manufacturing PMI edged down to 54.5 in September, the ninth straight month of expansion. The prices paid index jumped 6.8 points to 77.9 on higher steel, aluminium and petroleum-based costs. New orders rose to 55.3.
Source: Institute for Supply Management

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) TESLA DELIVERIES BEAT FORECASTS
Tesla delivered 486,532 vehicles in the third quarter, well above the roughly 461,000 analysts expected. That was down about 2% from last year's record quarter but up from the second quarter. Energy storage deployments reached 13.7 GWh, and full results are due on 21 October.
Source: Tesla / CNBC

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) TOYOTA CLOSES IN ON GM AS HYBRIDS GAIN
GM's US sales fell 5.5% to 670,974 vehicles in the third quarter as its EV sales dropped 62%. Toyota's sales rose 0.6% to 633,223, with hybrids and EVs making up 57.4% of the total, narrowing the gap to GM to under 136,000 units.

Source: CNBC / Reuters

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Matador Resources completed its acquisition of Paloma Permian from EnCap Investments for $1.255 billion in cash. Source: Matador Resources / Business Wire



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🟥⬜🟦 (USA) SALESFORCE TO BUY AI RESEARCH START-UP LISTEN LABS
Salesforce signed a definitive agreement to acquire Listen Labs, whose AI agents design and run customer research interviews in more than 120 languages. Terms were not disclosed, but the deal is reported to be worth about $2 billion.
Source: Salesforce / Channel Insider

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) PENTAIR COMPLETES $1.4 BILLION TACO DEAL
Water technology group Pentair closed its $1.4 billion acquisition of Taco Group Holdings, a maker of hydronic heating and water-based systems, expanding its building-solutions business.
Source: Pentair / Business Wire

🟥⬜🟥 (Canada) ECONOMY STALLS IN JULY
Canada's GDP was unchanged in July after an upwardly revised 0.4% gain in June. Construction grew 1.3% for a fourth straight month, but manufacturing fell 0.9%. A flash estimate points to 0.2% growth in August, as new US bans on Canadian alcohol, dairy and motorcycles took effect.
Source: Statistics Canada / The Canadian Press

🟩⬜🟥 (Mexico) BANXICO HOLDS RATE, SAYS NO NEED TO FOLLOW THE FED
Mexico's central bank unanimously kept its benchmark rate at 6.50% for a third straight meeting. Governor Victoria Rodríguez said Mexico need not copy US rate moves. Headline inflation stood at 3.42% in early September, with core at 3.79%.
Source: Banco de México / Bloomberg

🟥⬜🟦 (USA) FORD HOLDS OFF HYUNDAI BY 1,200 CARS Ford's third-quarter US sales fell 6.6% to 507,395 vehicles, but it kept the No. 3 spot ahead of Hyundai Motor Group's 506,200. Source: CNBC / Bloomberg



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🟩🟧🟦 (Brazil) BRAZIL VOTES TODAY, RUNOFF EXPECTED
Brazilians vote today in the first round of the presidential election. The final Datafolha poll put President Lula at 40% and Senator Flávio Bolsonaro at 36%, with a simulated runoff at 47% to 45%. If no candidate wins a majority, a second round will be held on 25 October.
Source: Datafolha / Al Jazeera

🟧🟦🟥 (Colombia) CENTRAL BANK SURPRISES WITH RATE HIKE
Colombia's central bank raised its policy rate by 25 basis points to 12.25%, against market expectations of a hold, in a 4–2–1 board split. Inflation reached 6.24% in August. The peso firmed after the decision, and the government has asked the IMF to begin a regular review of the economy.
Source: Banco de la República / The Rio Times

🟦⬜🟦 (Argentina) COUNTRY RISK HITS HIGHEST SINCE DECEMBER
Argentina's country risk premium rose to about 636 basis points, its highest since December 2025, as the Merval stock index fell 2.15%. The peso held steady at around 1,525 per dollar.
Source: The Rio Times

🟥⬜🟦 USA) ONSEMI SWITCHES TO ALL-CASH SYNAPTICS DEAL AFTER RIVAL BID Onsemi and Synaptics amended their June merger agreement after Synaptics received an unsolicited competing proposal. Onsemi will now pay $123 per share in cash, valuing Synaptics at about $5.7 billion, down from roughly $7 billion under the original stock deal. The revised terms are expected to boost onsemi's earnings immediately, and closing is targeted for mid-2027. Source: onsemi

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🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) RBA LIFTS RATES TO 15-YEAR HIGH OF 4.60%
The Reserve Bank of Australia unanimously raised its cash rate by 25 basis points to 4.60%, its fourth hike this year and the highest level since 2011. Governor Michele Bullock said higher rates are needed to bring inflation back to target. The board left the door open to further increases, and the next decision is due on 3 November.
Source: Reserve Bank of Australia / ABC News

🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) INFLATION CLIMBS TO 4.0%
Annual inflation rose to 4.0% in August from 3.5% in July. Housing was the largest contributor at 5.7%, as builders passed on higher material and labour costs and electricity prices rose. Trimmed mean inflation, the RBA's preferred underlying measure, held at 3.6% for a third straight month, still above the 2–3% target.
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) HOME APPROVALS FALL 6.1% AS APARTMENTS SLUMP
Total dwelling approvals fell 6.1% in August to 16,953. Apartment and townhouse approvals dropped 21.2%, led by Queensland, while private house approvals rose 3.7% to their highest level since 2021.
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics / Westpac

🟦🟥⭐ (New Zealand) TREASURY SEES HOUSING SLOWDOWN AHEAD OF ELECTION The Treasury's Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Update shows house prices still falling in the North Island's main cities, while the South Island remains on an upward trend. Strong building consents since late 2025 point to a solid construction pipeline. Nominal GDP is forecast to be a cumulative NZ$30 billion higher than in the May Budget, lifting tax revenue. Source: New Zealand Treasury / The Post



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🟦🟥⭐ (New Zealand) BUSINESS CONFIDENCE EASES BUT STAYS STRONG
ANZ's business confidence index slipped 2 points to +52 in September, while expected own activity held steady at +48. Manufacturing was by far the most optimistic sector at +79. Inflation expectations held at 3.25%, which ANZ called encouraging for the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. Responses received later in the month were weaker after oil prices rose again.
Source: ANZ New Zealand Business Outlook / NZ Herald

🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) BHP RESTARTS ESCONDIDA AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT
BHP is gradually resuming operations at Escondida in Chile, the world's largest copper mine, after a contractor was killed during maintenance work on 23 September. A union rejected BHP's request to pause contract talks, and supervisors were set to vote on strike action this week. The disruptions come with copper prices close to record highs.
Source: Reuters / Mining.com

🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) JOB VACANCIES FALL FOR SECOND STRAIGHT QUARTER
Job vacancies fell 0.9% to 325,000 in the three months to August, after a 2.2% drop in the previous quarter. Private-sector vacancies fell 2.0%, led by wholesale trade (–18%) and professional services (–17.3%), while public-sector vacancies rose 7.8%. Vacancies are now 31.2% below their May 2022 peak, and unemployment has risen to 4.6%.
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics



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🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) JOB VACANCIES FALL AGAIN
Job vacancies fell again in the three months to August, the statistics bureau said, adding to signs of a cooling labour market.
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) TRADE SURPLUS NARROWS BY A$856 MILLION
Australia's balance on goods trade decreased by A$856 million in August.
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics

🟦🟥⬜ (Australia) DATA CENTRE IMPORTS SHRINK TRADE SURPLUS
Australia's goods trade surplus narrowed to A$495 million in August, well below the A$2 billion forecast. Imports rose 5.8% as data-processing equipment jumped 79.3%, outpacing a 3.7% rise in exports led by gold and coal.
Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics / Reuters

🌏 (Pacific) ADB CUTS PACIFIC GROWTH FORECAST TO 3.0%
The Asian Development Bank lowered its 2026 growth forecast for the Pacific to 3.0% from 3.3%, with downgrades for Papua New Guinea and Fiji. A stronger El Niño is expected to hurt farm output, PNG mining has disappointed and Fiji's industry is subdued, although tourist arrivals keep growing. Regional inflation is now seen at 4.6%.

Source: Asian Development Bank

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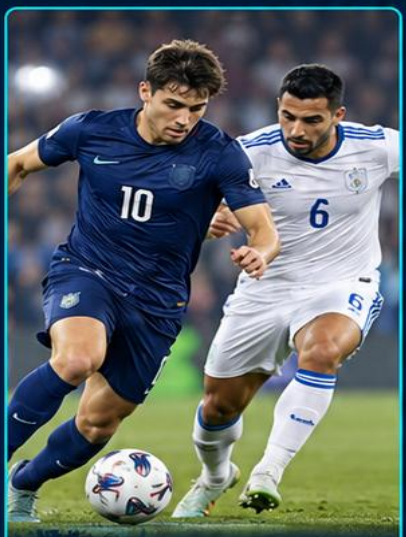
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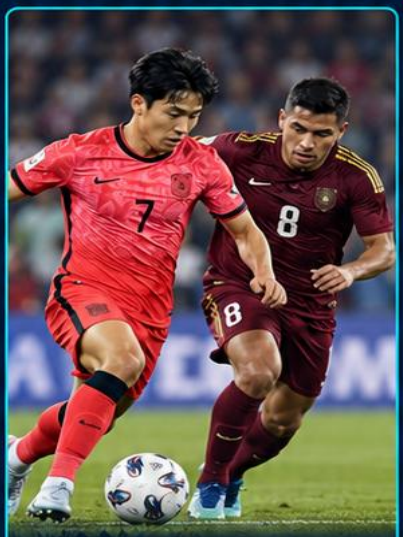
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Has technology strengthened human connection, or quietly weakened it?

JENNIFER'S PERSPECTIVE

Technology helps us stay in touch and find our people, but we should not let digital connection replace real closeness. Meaningful relationships need time, attention and genuine human interaction.

MARKUS'S PERSPECTIVE

Digital connection has expanded opportunities and given people access to knowledge, markets and communities like never before. The key is to design and use technology in a way that builds inclusion, trust and long-term value.

A SHARED CONCLUSION

Technology can connect people instantly. Turning that connection into trust, belonging and meaningful relationships remains a human responsibility.

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22°C	23°C	19°C	27°C
Cloudy	Sunny	Light Rain	Partly Cloudy

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TOKYO	SINGAPORE	DUBAI	BANGKOK
19°C	28°C	39°C	28°C
Overcast	Sunny	Sunny	Partly Cloudy

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

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NEW YORK	LOS ANGELES	MEXICO CITY	SÃO PAULO
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