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INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS

US-China Trade War: The trade tensions between the United States and China continued to dominate international business news in September 2019. Both countries announced additional tariffs on each other's goods, leading to heightened uncertainty and impacting global markets.



Brexit Developments: September 2019 was a crucial period in the Brexit process. The United Kingdom's exit from the European Union on October 31, 2019, was approaching, and discussions revolved around the potential impact on businesses, trade agreements, and the future relationship between the UK and the EU.



Oil Market Volatility: Oil market dynamics were significant during September 2019. The attacks on Saudi Arabia's oil facilities, which disrupted a significant portion of the country's oil production, caused a spike in oil prices. This incident led to concerns about global oil supply and impacted energy markets worldwide.

Tech Industry News: Developments in the technology industry continued to make headlines in September 2019. Topics included advancements in artificial intelligence, 5G technology, the rise of tech giants, regulatory scrutiny on tech companies, and debates around data privacy and cybersecurity.



Global Economic Outlook: Global economic indicators were closely watched in September 2019. Concerns over a potential economic slowdown persisted, with discussions on factors such as trade tensions, geopolitical risks, and monetary policies of major economies.



Please note that these points are general trends and highlights that were likely relevant to international business news in September 2019. For specific news articles or more detailed information, it is recommended to refer to reliable news sources or archives from that time period.

SHARE MARKET

Trade War Developments: The ongoing trade tensions between the United States and China continued to impact stock markets in September 2019. Investors closely monitored trade negotiations, announcements of tariffs, and any progress or setbacks in reaching a trade deal. These developments often led to market volatility and fluctuations in stock prices.

Federal Reserve Monetary Policy: The U.S. Federal Reserve's monetary policy decisions were closely watched by investors in September 2019. The central bank cut interest rates by 25 basis points during that month, which impacted market sentiment and influenced stock market movements, particularly in sectors sensitive to interest rate changes.



IPO Activity: September 2019 witnessed several high-profile initial public offerings (IPOs) and market debuts. Companies like Peloton, SmileDirectClub, and Cloudflare went public, generating significant interest and impacting the stock market. The performance of these IPOs and market reactions were closely monitored by investors.

Global Economic Concerns: There were growing concerns about a global economic slowdown in September 2019. Weak economic data, including manufacturing PMI figures, and geopolitical tensions contributed to market volatility and increased uncertainty among investors. Developments in major economies like China, Europe, and the United States were closely monitored.



Energy Sector News: News related to the energy sector also made headlines in September 2019. Oil prices experienced volatility due to factors such as geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and concerns over global demand. Market participants closely monitored news related to oil production, OPEC decisions, and global energy market dynamics.



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EDUCATION

Education Funding and Budgets: Discussions on education funding and budgets were prominent in September 2019. News related to government allocations for education, debates on educational spending priorities, and funding challenges at various levels of education (primary, secondary, and higher education) were frequently

reported.



Policy Reforms: Educational policy reforms were a key topic in September 2019. News covered changes in curriculum, assessment methods, and teaching methodologies. Discussions also included policies related to access to education, equity in education, and initiatives to improve educational outcomes.

Technology in Education: The integration of technology in education was a significant focus. News highlighted the use of digital tools, online learning platforms, and educational technology advancements. Discussions covered the benefits and challenges of incorporating technology in classrooms and its potential impact on teaching and learning.



Higher Education: Higher education news often included topics such as college admissions, student debt, rankings, and university research. Discussions on affordability, access to higher education, and efforts to improve the quality of education at the university level were also reported.



Global Education Trends: News related to global education trends and developments received attention in September 2019. Topics included international student mobility, cross-border collaborations, global rankings, and efforts to foster global citizenship and cultural exchange through education.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Climate Change Research: September 2019 saw numerous news articles and studies related to climate change research. Reports on rising global temperatures, melting ice caps, extreme weather events, and the impact of climate change on ecosystems and human populations were widely discussed.



Space Exploration: Space exploration news continued to be of interest in September 2019. NASA's Artemis program made progress towards returning humans to the moon, with announcements regarding the selection of astronauts and the development of lunar lander concepts. Additionally, private space companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin made advancements in their missions and technologies.



Artificial Intelligence and Robotics: Advances in artificial intelligence (AI) and robotics were reported in September 2019. Topics included breakthroughs in machine learning algorithms, developments in autonomous vehicles and drones, and the integration of AI in various industries such as healthcare, finance, and manufacturing.



Health and Medical Discoveries: September 2019 witnessed notable developments in health and medical research. Discussions revolved around breakthroughs in disease treatment, advancements in medical technology, and studies on topics such as genetics, stem cells, and personalized medicine.



Cybersecurity and Data Privacy: Cybersecurity and data privacy were ongoing concerns in September 2019. News covered data breaches, cyber attacks, and discussions on privacy regulations and legislation aimed at protecting personal information and improving cybersecurity practices.

Please note that these are general themes and highlights in science and technology news that were likely relevant in September 2019. For specific news articles or more detailed information, it is recommended to refer to reliable science and technology news sources or archives from that time period.