

### UK Economy

- The UK government's appeal over the High Court's Article 50 ruling will start this week at the Supreme Court. The case will be heard by 11 of the UK's most senior judges. The hearing is scheduled to conclude on Thursday but the judgement is expected to come in January.
- A British Official has said that a Brexit deal needs to be achieved within 15 months and the UK will need to push the EU to allow for the three key strands of the separation (agreeing a departure payment, border arrangements and long term relationships) to be addressed simultaneously to avoid a "cliff edge". However, such an arrangement would need the agreement of the EU parliament.

### UK Property / construction headlines

- The government's £500bn infrastructure and housing pipeline was released, announcing 720 projects. £300bn is expected to be invested over the next five years, with more than 40% of this coming from the government.
- According to Markit/CIPS' latest PMI, construction output continued to rise in November, up to 52.8 from 52.6 in October. Housebuilding remained the best performing sector whilst a marginal rebound was seen in commercial activity.

### Things to look out for this week

- The European Central Bank will meet on Wednesday and Italy will no doubt be high on the agenda following their constitutional referendum yesterday.
- European trade figures are released on Wednesday.

### Friday to Friday

	Price / index	Week % change	Annual % change
FTSE 100	6,730.72	-1.61	+7.89
FTSE 250	17,435.28	-0.96	+0.39
Nikkei	18,426.08	+0.24	-5.53
S&P 500	2,191.95	-0.97	+4.79
Nasdaq	5,255.65	-2.65	+2.20
CAC 40	4,528.82	-0.46	-3.94
Dax	10,513.35	-1.74	-2.22
\$ per £	1.2614	+1.80	-16.02
€ per £	1.1886	+1.09	-14.35
Gold £/oz	924.80	-2.48	+29.68
Brent Oil	54.09	+14.50	+25.79

### Stocks / commodities

- OPEC finally agreed to reduce output by 1.2 million barrels per day (roughly 4% of 2015's output). The cartel are attempting to boost oil prices slightly, but not enough to encourage more expensive shale oil to come back on line. The cuts will come into action next year, and analysts say that the oversupply which has halved oil prices since 2014, could remain through 2017. The news boosted the price of oil.
- In the immediate fall-out from the Italian referendum, the euro fell to a 20-month low against the dollar, reaching \$1.051

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### World Economy

- Consumer confidence in America has hit a post-crisis, nine-year high. So-called "Trumpflation" has helped stocks surge to record highs, also the labour market has been strong and salaries have risen. These data combined, have increased market expectations of a US Federal Reserve rate rise later this month (the first in a year).
- Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi resigned early on Monday as the referendum on constitutional changes fell against him. He suggested that he will not stay on to usher in and stabilise a caretaker administration. This adds to the amount of political instability across the European Union. Early polls show an anti-euro party as the current favourites for a replacement.
- Mark Carney warned that as the UK is "effectively the investment banker for Europe, more than half the equity and debt raised is raised in the UK by firms based in the UK" and usually from UK investors, risks could emerge in the euro area as a consequence of the UK's withdrawal from the EU.
- China's second-largest equity market was opened up to foreign investors as the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect became live. The link enables overseas investors to buy Shenzhen stocks through the Hong Kong exchange. The Shenzhen market is a hub for technology and is China's busiest exchange, turning over more than \$1tn a month. The launch was meant to happen last year, but was delayed by Chinese volatility.
- A year on from a presentation we delivered at a World Architecture News event on the volatility in China, we have reviewed the data [here](#).