

## December Market Commentary Sources

10/11 Oil price dips below \$70 a barrel as slide continues

<http://www.cityam.com/268874/oil-prices-drop-below-70-per-barrel-slide-continues-tenth>

21/11 US hints at evicting China from WTO

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46280318>

### UK

3/11 Ashley buys Evans Cycles <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46074109>

5/11 New UK car sales down again in October

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46088844>

Record breaking profits for UK plc's – above £2tn

<http://www.cityam.com/268232/uk-plcs-produce-record-breaking-profits-after-revenue-soars>

6/11 850 jobs go in Dundee as Michelin factory closes

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-tayside-central-46097215>

7/11 Falling food sales hit M&S <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46122177> Boss of John Lewis steps down <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46124577>

More on M&S <http://www.cityam.com/268722/food-cant-save-ms-posts-weak-results-again>

9/11 UK economy grows at fastest rate since 2016 – 0.6% in Q3

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46151172>

Three times faster than the Eurozone

<https://order-order.com/2018/11/09/britain-growing-three-times-faster-eurozone/>

But shops closing at an increasing rate <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46142025>

Or will 'Golden quarter' bring Xmas cheer to retailers?

<http://www.cityam.com/268879/golden-quarter-could-bring-christmas-cheer-struggling>

13/11 Interserve the next Carillion? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-46191830>

UK debt back to pre-crisis levels over next 5 years

<http://www.cityam.com/268990/uk-debt-soar-financial-crisis-levels-over-next-five-years>

But fastest wages growth in a decade <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46193571>

16/11 Mild Autumn whacks retail <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46219340>

24/11 Black Friday looks black for high street

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46320551>

Transactions up, spend down 10-12%

<http://www.cityam.com/269636/black-friday-transactions-jump-10-per-cent-2017-according>

28/11 Thomas Cook issues 2nd profit warning in two months – another blow to the high street? <https://www.ft.com/content/93f3463e-f212-11e8-ae55-df4bf40f9d0d>

## **Brexit**

10/11 Jo Johnson quits, calls for 2<sup>nd</sup> referendum

<http://www.cityam.com/268873/breaking-jo-johnson-leaves-government-protest-over-brexit>

Remembrance Day headline in Sunday Times: May's Brexit deal crashes as EU turns off life support

13/11 Talks in 'endgame' – or is time running out

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-46188790>

14/11 Brexit endgame <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-46203425>

15/11 11 Cabinet members against deal. 'Back May or sack May' and 'My deal or no Brexit.'

16/11 She just doesn't listen

<https://order-order.com/2018/11/16/mark-francois-sends-eviscerating-no-confidence-letter/>

19/11 Arlene Foster warns May on Brexit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-46269757>

23/11 CBI - May's #1 cheerleader – has doubts over the deal

<http://www.cityam.com/269590/its-not-good-deal-internal-emails-reveal-cbi-doubts-over>

Markets may not bail out May's Brexit deal

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46305921>

26/11 May's Brexit deal could cost UK economy £100bn

<http://www.cityam.com/269695/theresa-mays-brexit-deal-could-cost-uk-economy-100bn>

Leave UK economy 5.5% smaller <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46353125>

29/11 Project Hysteria <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46377765>

Bank of England forecasts are absurd

<https://capx.co/the-bank-of-englands-brexit-forecasts-arent-just-wrong-theyre-absurd/>

## **Europe**

6/11 EU orders Italy to submit a revised budget by 13/11

<http://www.cityam.com/268409/brussels-ups-ante-over-italy-budget>

10/11 Greek shipping sector/economy to be hit by Trump ban on Iranian oil exports

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46123217>

14/11 Italy defies EU over Budget <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-46203605>

and <http://www.cityam.com/269074/italy-rejects-eu-calls-amend-budget-ahead-deadline>

18/11 VW plough \$50bn into electric cars

<http://www.cityam.com/269261/volkswagen-embarks-50bn-plan-mass-produce-electric-cars>

France and Germany agree European budget

<http://www.cityam.com/269264/germany-and-france-make-eurozone-budget-breakthrough-and>

20/11 Do fuel protests show that Macron is out of touch?

<http://www.cityam.com/269369/debate-do-protests-over-fuel-duty-rises-show-president>

Yellow vests threaten to bring France to a standstill

<https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2018/11/17/protesters-vow-bring-france-standstill-macron-fuel-tax-hikes/>

24/11 Eurozone growth slows to four year low

<http://www.cityam.com/269619/eurozone-growth-slows-four-year-low-due-sluggish>

27/11 Macron popularity at historic low thanks to gilets jaunes

<https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2018/11/26/macron-most-unpopular-french-president-ever-at-this-stage-of-presidential-term/>

## US

2/11 Apple shares slide – company no longer worth \$1tn

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46066977> and  
<http://www.cityam.com/268082/apple-slides-christmas-sales-forecast-falters>

US adds 250,000 jobs in October, wage growth up to 3.1% and unemployment at 3.7%.

Trump: Wow! Incredible numbers. Keep it going. Vote Republican

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46072979>

4/11 Trump “US and China closing in on trade deal”

<http://www.cityam.com/268205/trump-think-well-make-deal-china>

Warren Buffet’s company sees sharp rise in profits in second quarter – up to \$6.88bn (£5.3bn) more than double last year – also bought back stock suggesting they see a lack of investment opportunities

<http://www.cityam.com/268209/insurance-turnaround-helps-double-profit-berkshire-hathaway>

7/11 US mid term results <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-46067264>

8/11 Dow up after US mid terms <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46129252>

Trump hails ‘tremendous success’ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-46125121>

13/11 Wall Street rocked over concerns that demand for iPhones is slowing – symptomatic over a wider concern US vs Far East? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46186131>

<http://www.cityam.com/268995/apple-loses-50bn-market-valuation-fears-grow-slowing-iphone>

Amazon HQ2 to be in New York and Virginia

<http://www.cityam.com/269001/amazon-heads-new-york-and-virginia-settles-two-new>

15/11 Uber loses \$1bn in three months ahead of IPO

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46217266>

18/11 Facebook shares at 20 month low as Sandberg defends reputation

<http://www.cityam.com/269258/facebook-shares-hit-near-20-month-low-sandberg-defends-its>

21/11 4 reasons Apple shares are falling <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46281768>

28/11 US stocks = 62% of world capitalisation

<http://www.cityam.com/269322/expensive-stocks-high-debt-concern-investors>

## **Far East**

5/11 Xi promises to cut China import tariffs

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46093478>

12/11 Singles Day 'frenzy' surpasses records

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46168996>

14/11 Natural disasters hit Japan economic growth

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46203864>

16/11 Shares in Nintendo crash on chip problems

<http://www.cityam.com/269216/nintendo-hit-largest-share-price-drop-two-years>

N. Korea tests new hi-tech weapon <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-46231372>

20/11 Nissan shares slump as boss is arrested

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46271048>

28/11 NZ is latest country to block Huawei on security concerns

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46368001>

## **And finally**

8/11 Bradley Stokes

<https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/sport/football/football-news/bradley-stoke-town-fc-new-2185195>

Dutchman brings lawsuit to lower his age 20 years

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-46133262>

Bluntly there are some mornings when I feel about 120

RBS paid £400 a day for envelope stuffing <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-46174269>  
- and there is your son or daughter wasting time on an engineering degree...

Ashburton Devon traders nude calendar – the idea started by Mr Rodgers

<https://www.devonlive.com/news/devon-news/nude-calendar-help-charity-thanks-291190>

Chinese state news agency debuts AI news anchors

<https://mashable.com/video/ai-news-anchor-presenter-china-xinhua/?europa=true#AiguViA7Pgqm>

Trim Jong-un

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4418628/Trim-Jong-North-Koreans-choice-15-hair-cuts.html>

Billy Bass

Capital letters make students anxious

<https://www.breitbart.com/tech/2018/11/19/leeds-trinity-university-capital-letters-trigger-students/>