

BRITAIN TO FIRE STARTING GUN ON BREXIT TALKS

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DUBLIN: The nine-month Brexit "phony war" is set to come to an end next week when British Prime Minister Theresa May notifies the European Union of Britain's intention to leave...

ing of battle lines. Britain appears to have set its course for a "hard Brexit", where a clean break is favoured to regain control over immigration...

But May has revealed little of her strategy to secure what she calls "the best possible deal" for the world's fifth-largest economy.

Irish vote "The tone of this process might have implications for sterling markets," said Investec economist Chris Hare.

begins to bite, timelier indicators next week including mortgage approvals, house prices and consumer confidence may be worth watching more closely.

Trump's defeat

Friday's defeat was more than a small stumble: Trump had thrown his full political weight behind the measure, the first big legislative test of his nascent administration.

The vote had been billed by financial markets as a crucial test of Trump's ability to work with Congress to deliver on growth policies like tax cuts and infrastructure spending.

Flash deflation

In a date-heavy week around the world, eurozone flash inflation readings for March stand out after annual price rises surged to a four-year high of 2.0 percent in February.

Rising inflation across the 19-country bloc has put pressure on rate setters to say when and how extraordinary stimulus measures could be scaled back.

"We expect that run to have come to an end this month," wrote economists at RBC Capital Markets, referring to the six consecutive months of year-on-year headline inflation rate rises.

"With the oil price effect abating and underlying inflation still weak, we see headline inflation continuing to moderate from here and falling to 1.5 percent year-on-year by year-end."

Next week also brings a string of emerging central bank policy meetings with Czech rate setters set to hold their last meeting before the bank's self-imposed deadline for lifting a 3-1/2-year old currency cap.



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