



Zain Bahrain successfully launches **Apple 17** products

Manama

Zain Bahrain proudly hosted an exclusive launch event for the highly anticipated Apple 17 products, held at Zain Tower yesterday. The launch event attracted a diverse audience of tech enthusiasts, Apple fans, media representatives, and loyal Zain customers eager to experience Apple's latest innovation. As part of the event, preorder customers were invited to collect their new iPhone devices, creating a memorable experience as they were among the first in Bahrain to own the latest smartphone. Attendees had the opportunity to explore the latest Apple products, including the iPhone 17, iPhone Air, iPhone 17 Pro, iPhone 17 Pro Max, Apple Watch



Series 11, Apple Watch SE 3, Apple Watch Ultra 3, and AirPods Pro, allowing them to explore the new devices firsthand.

iPhone 17

The new iPhone 17 features an innovative center stage front camera, a bigger and brighter new display with up to 120Hz, and the A19 chip for improved performance. Available in five



beautiful colors: black, lavender, mist blue, and sage.

iPhone Air

Completing the lineup, the iPhone Air is the thinnest iPhone ever made. It is more durable

and sky blue

iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max

iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max set a new benchmark as the most powerful iPhones ever, with a striking new design powered by the A19 Pro chip that unlocks the best-ever performance, advanced camera systems, and battery life in an iPhone. Available in three beautiful new finishes: cosmic orange, deep blue, and silver. Zain also offers an extended two-year warranty on new iPhone 17 devices and iPhone Air along with optional mobile insurance covering accidental damage, burglary, and theft to ensure complete peace of mind.

Stocks steady, dollar up as Donald Trump and Xi talk

AFP | London, United Kingdom

Stock markets steadied and the dollar mostly rose yesterday at the end of a week marked by central bank decisions, as attention turned to a call between US President Donald Trump and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping. Wall Street's three main indices were flat or slightly higher in late morning trading, coming off record closes Thursday thanks to another surge in the share prices of technology giants. Europe's main indices ended the day little changed or slightly lower. "The key event today is the scheduled phone call between US President Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping," Sam Cornford, head of trading at broker Ballinger Group, said ahead of the discussion between the leaders of the world's two leading economies. Shortly before European markets closed, Trump said he made progress in his call on a deal for the social networking platform TikTok, though he stopped short of announcing a deal. "We made progress on many

Key figures at around 1530 GMT

New York - Dow:	■ at 46,127.99 points
New York - S&P 500:	■ at 6,632.74
Nasdaq Composite:	▲ 0.2% at 22,507.25
London - FTSE 100:	▼ 0.1% at 9,216.67 (close)
Paris - CAC 40:	■ at 7,853.59 (close)
Frankfurt - DAX:	▼ 0.2% at 23,639.41 (close)
Tokyo - Nikkei 225:	▼ 0.6% at 45,045.81 (close)
Hang Seng Index:	■ at 26,545.10 (close)
Shanghai - Composite:	▼ 0.3% at 3,820.09 (close)
Euro/dollar:	▼ at \$1.1743 from \$1.1785 on Thursday
Pound/dollar:	▼ at \$1.3476 from \$1.3550
Dollar/yen:	▼ at 147.90 yen from 147.97 yen
Euro/pound:	▲ at 87.14 pence from 86.96 pence
Brent North Sea Crude:	▼ 0.8% at \$66.92 per barrel
West Texas Intermediate:	▼ 0.8% at \$63.09 per barrel

very important issues including Trade, Fentanyl, the need to bring the War between Russia and Ukraine to an end, and the approval of the TikTok Deal," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform. He has repeatedly put off a ban under a law designed to force TikTok's Chinese parent company ByteDance to sell its US operations for national security reasons.

The call came after high-level discussions between Washington and Beijing officials in Madrid, where they addressed trade ahead of a November tariff deadline. Trump said Friday that he would meet Xi at an Asia-Pacific summit in South Korea in just over a month, and visit China himself next year. Trump imposed massive tariffs on China earlier this year,

causing severe disruption to the supply chains of many US firms. While the tariffs were lowered temporarily, their lapse could trigger fresh volatility as the US economy shows signs of weakness. Meanwhile, the British pound retreated after official data showed that UK government borrowing had reached its highest level since the Covid pandemic. In Asia, Tokyo led losses among major indices on expectations that Japan's central bank would hike interest rates this year after leaving borrowing costs unchanged Friday. Before the announcement, official data showed that inflation in Japan, the world's fourth-largest economy, slowed in August, with rice price increases easing following a spike that had rattled the country's government. The week also saw a widely expected interest rate cut from the US Federal Reserve as well as reductions by the central banks of Norway and Canada. The Bank of England left its benchmark rates unchanged.

New Fed governor says was not told how to vote by Trump

Washington, United States

Donald Trump's pick to join the US Federal Reserve said yesterday that he did not speak to the president about how to vote on interest rates ahead of the central bank's meeting this week. In an interview with CNBC, Stephen Miran said that "the president called me to say 'congratulations.' He didn't ask me to do any particular actions. I didn't commit to doing any particular actions." He said that he would carry out "independent analysis" based on his interpretation of the economy. Miran was the sole dissenter to the Fed's decision this week to cut interest rates by a quarter point, instead favoring a bigger half-point reduction -- more in line with Trump's frequent demands for slashing rates. He said he would give a "full accounting" for his economic views on

Monday. Asked Friday about his decision, he said: "I don't see any material inflation from tariffs. I see no evidence that it's occurred." The Fed typically holds rates at a higher level to rein in inflation, and policymakers had kept rates unchanged for most of the year as they monitored the effects of Trump's tariffs on prices. Miran's swift arrival to the Fed came as Trump ramped up pressure on the independent central bank with repeated calls for large rate cuts. Miran had been chairing the White House Council of Economic Advisers prior to joining the bank, and was confirmed by the US Senate on Monday night. He was sworn in just before the rate-setting meeting started early Tuesday. He told CNBC that he hopes to persuade some Fed colleagues of his views. Miran fills a term that ends January 31, replacing another Fed governor who resigned early.

