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The **Bank of England (BoE)** is the central bank of England.

Bank Negara Malaysia is the central bank of Malaysia.

Brexit is a combination of the words "Britain" and "Exit" and describes the possible exit of the United Kingdom of the European Union.

EUR is the currency code for the euro, the currency of the Eurozone.

The **Eurozone** is formed of 19 European Union member states that have adopted the euro as their common currency and sole legal tender.

The **Federal Reserve** is the central bank of the United States. Its **Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC)** meets to determine interest rate policy.

Hard data refers to data that than can be proved on the basis of numbers or facts.

Jackson Hole is the location (and common name) of an annual economic symposium of the Kansas City Fed.

JPY is the currency code for the Japanese yen, the Japanese currency.

The **MSCI Asia ex Japan Index** captures large- and mid-cap representation across 2 of 3 developed-market countries (excluding Japan) and 8 emerging-market countries in Asia.

The **MSCI Japan Index** is designed to measure the performance of the large- and mid-cap segments of the Japanese market.

The **People's Bank of China (PBoC)** is the central bank of the People's Republic of China.

The **Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)** is an international organization with the mandate to "coordinate and unify the petroleum policies" of its 12 members.

Purchasing manager indices (PMI) provide an indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector and are based on five major indicators: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and the employment environment. The composite PMI includes both manufacturing and services sectors.

Quantitative easing (QE) is an unconventional monetary policy tool, in which a central bank conducts a broad-based asset purchases.

The **Reserve Bank of Australia** is the central bank of Australia.

The **Reserve Bank of New Zealand** is the central bank of New Zealand.

Soft data is data than relies on human opinions and interpretations.

Treasuries are bonds issued by the U.S. government.

USD is the currency code for the U.S. Dollar.

Valuation attempts to quantify the attractiveness of an asset, for example through looking at a firm's stock price in relation to its earnings.