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RTT News

▶ Japan's Leading Index Rises In May

Japan's leading index strengthened in May, while coincident index fell from April, preliminary data from the Cabinet Office showed Friday. The leading index that measures the future economic activity, rose to 104.7 in May from 104.2 in April. The score was forecast to rise to 104.6.

Business Insider

Here's your full preview of the upcoming jobs report

The June jobs report will be released at 8:30 a.m. ET on Friday. Job creation in the US has slowed down this year, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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FX Street

► <u>EUR/USD - Focus on German yields & US wage growth, ECB Taper -</u> Not a matter of choice

EUR/USD jumped to 1.1425 on Thursday and remained bid around the same level in Asian session today after the hawkish ECB minutes led to bond market sell-off across the Eurozone.

Reuters

Dollar gains against yen as Bank of Japan boosts bond buying

The dollar gained in Asian trading on Friday, getting a leg up against the yen after the Bank of Japan increased its purchases of Japanese government bonds in a move aimed at stemming a rise in yields.

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CNBC

China 20 years after the Asian financial crisis

Andy Xie, independent economist, says China has spoken about economic rebalancing for 10 years, but consumption as a share of GDP has continued to fall.

Bloomberg

▶ Bruegel's Wolff on G-20, Trade, Global Markets

Guntram Wolff, director at Bruegel, discusses the G-20 Summit, the free trade agreement between Japan and the EU and the outlook for global markets.

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Bloomberg

► Russians Are Said to Be Suspects in Nuclear Site Hackings

Hackers working for a foreign government recently breached at least a dozen U.S. power plants, including the Wolf Creek nuclear facility in Kansas, according to current and former U.S. officials, sparking concerns the attackers were searching for vulnerabilities in the electrical grid.

Deutsche Welle

▶ Trump and Putin take center stage as Hamburg's G20 begins

This will be no easy meeting for German Chancellor Merkel. Disagreement on several issues hangs in the air, while the sideline meetings of Trump, Putin and Co. could overshadow the summit itself, Bernd Riegert reports.

▶▶▶ Markets

Reuters

Oil prices slump over 1 percent on rise in U.S. output

Oil prices fell by more than 1 percent early on Friday, with U.S. crude futures dipping below \$45 per barrel as news of a rise in U.S. production added to earlier reports that OPEC output was also on the rise.

The Economic Times

► Gold prices dip ahead of US non-farm payrolls data

Gold prices inched down early on Friday to hover around their lowest in nearly two months, with investors waiting for key US non-farm payrolls data later in the day.

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Jared Dillian

► The Stock Market Has Entered Bizarro World

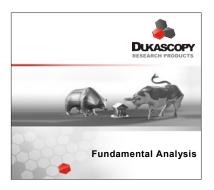
Indexing is screwing up a lot of things. This is not news. Equity investors focused on bottom-up, fundamental analysis have been complaining for years about how hard it is to make money.

John Penrose

Brexit offers Britain a chance to mould a fairer society

There's an element of "back to the future" about this current parliament. Two-party politics is back with a bang, after 25 years away, and with it has come a retro vibe to the economic debate too.













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