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# **▶▶▶** Economy

#### **BBC**

▶ UK economic recovery not secure, warns George Osborne

The UK's economic recovery is "not yet secure", Chancellor George Osborne has warned, ahead of next month's Budget.

## **Spiegel**

► Interest Rate Blues: Emerging Nations Demand Western Support

At the G-20 finance ministers' meeting in Sydney, emerging economies will push for joint action to halt rising interest rates. But the industrialized nations want nothing to do with it and are instead arguing that each country should solve its own problems.

## **▶▶▶** Currencies

#### ICN.com

► Asian currencies fall after China's manufacturing data

Asian currencies dropped against dollar in early trades after China's HSBC Manufacturing PMI was released with an actual reading below estimates, signaling a continuous weakness in the nation's manufacturing activity.

#### **Fxstreet**

► EUR/GBP took a short pause before new rally

EUR/GBP took another round of climbing up in the moment meeting some resistance around 0.8250 area, and taking a pause for now.

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#### **Euronews**

► More tourists help Greece achieve current account surplus

Record spending by tourists helped the Greek government post a current account surplus last year.

## **Bloomberg**

China No Longer `Global Manufacturing Engine': Ju

Christie Ju, head of Hong Kong and China equity research at Jefferies Group, talks about reforms underway in the mainland and the outlook for its economy.

# **>>> Politics**

#### MNI

▶ Obama Urges Dialogue, End to Violence in Venezuela, Ukraine

President Barack Obama late Wednesday for the first time addressed the escalating violence in Venezuela amid growing anti-government protests there, and again commented on the deteriorating situation in Ukraine...

#### **AFP**

US, Canada, Mexico stress trade at North America summit

US President Barack Obama and leaders of Mexico and Canada pledged to improve their massive North American trade links at a summit shadowed by friction between the neighbors.

# **▶▶▶** Markets

## Investing.com

Asian stocks lower after record trade deficit in Japan; Nikkei down 2.1% Asian stocks were lower on Thursday after Japan reported its widest ever trade deficit in January and Chinese manufacturing index fell more than expected.

#### **WBPOnline**

► Gold still trimming this year's 10% gain

Gold prices extend their two day correction streak on Thursday as investors take profits from the yearly precious metals uptrend. At the Feb 18 peak of \$1,332.80 gold had gained nearly 10% from the year's start.

# **▶▶▶** Blogs

#### **Heather Timmons**

► <u>Facebook bought WhatsApp for its global reach—except in the world's</u> biggest mobile market

Facebook just placed a \$19 billion bet on the mobile messaging service WhatsApp, which has grown to a staggering 450 million monthly users in only a few years—many of them in fast-growing international markets...

### Henrik Braconier, Mauro Pisu

► Roads to deeper European integration

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