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► Australia reports bigger-than-expected trade surplus

Australia has reported better-than-expected trade and retail sales data for January, sending its dollar to a one-week high.

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The EU's ambassador in Reykjavik says Iceland could put its EU membership bid on hold instead of retracting it, publicly contradicting the Icelandic prime minister.

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AUD picks up on cheerful fundamentals

The Australian dollar picked up against majors backed by positive fundamentals showing improvement in retail sales and a widening trade balance surplus that topped analysts` estimates.

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► <u>USD/JPY Technical Analysis – Support Found Above 101.00</u>

Prices recoiled higher from support at 101.38, the February 17 low. Nearterm resistance is at 102.84, the 23.6% Fibonacci expansion, with a break above that targeting the 38.2% level at 104.14.

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David Walker, Senior Equities Analyst at StocksInValue, explains why Australia's benchmark S&P ASX 200 index failed to get any boost from recent raft of positive economic data.

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Overstock.com CEO discusses Bitcoin transactions

Overstock.com CEO Patrick Byrne on reaching \$1 million in sales with Bitcoin.

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U.S. equities are flat on Wednesday following Tuesday's big gains. Mark Newton, chief market technician at Greywolf Equities, told TheStreet's Debra Borchardt that commodities might be the better place for investors to be.

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Ukraine's problems are not just political. In recent weeks its economy has taken a hammering.

Heather Timmons

► After buying up the world's commodities, China gears up to trade more of them

The Hong Kong Exchange is moving into commodity trading this year to cater to the changing needs of "China Inc.," the bourse's exuberant chief executive Charles Li told analysts and reporters in Hong Kong on March 4.













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