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▶▶▶ Economy

The Australian

► UK retail sales jump in Feb

The World Bank warned Wednesday that Russia's economy could contract this year if the United States announces another round of sanctions in response to its annexation of Crimea.

ABC News

▶ US Economic Growth for 4Q Is Revised Higher

The U.S. economy grew at a 2.6 percent annual rate in the October-December quarter, slightly more than previously estimated, as consumer spending rose at the fastest pace in three years.

▶▶▶ Currencies

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► EUR/USD trading below \$1.38

EUR/USD is currently testing the significant support of \$1.3750. Should this metric succumb to additional euro selling, it may well encourage the bears.

The Japan Times

► Yen repatriation 'fiesta' fades as more exporters move abroad

For yen traders, March used to be a time for extra vigilance. Traders knew they needed to be careful selling the currency because the nation's exporters would place big yen bids ahead of their financial year-end.

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BBC

► Consumer goods demand higher in Asia

The world's largest consumer goods companies have seen slow growth in profits over the last decade - that is according to accountants Ernst & Young.

Reuters

Egypt's Sisi to run for president, vows to tackle militancy

Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, the general who ousted Egypt's first freely elected leader, declares his candidacy for a presidential election he is expected to win easily. Sarah Toms reports.

>>> Politics

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► Putin says Russia will launch national payment system, like China and Japan

Russian President Vladimir Putin says Russia should create its own national card payment system, following the example of China and Japan.

Nasdag

► <u>Stephen Harper, Angela Merkel condemn Vladimir Putin's Ukraine actions</u> Prime Minister Stephen Harper says that despite international efforts to make him a partner, Russian President Vladimir Putin wants to be a rival to the West.

▶▶▶ Markets

Businessweek

► S&P 500 Erases Advance for Year as GDP Growth Misses Forecasts

U.S. stocks fell, extending a decline from the last hour of yesterday's session, as investors sold health-care stocks that have led gains in the last year, Internet companies retreated and Citigroup Inc. fell 5 percent.

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► Crude oil prices rise, markets fear Crimea escalation

Crude oil prices are on the rise with markets anticipating an escalation of Ukraine's crisis and expectations of oil supplies being disturbed.

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Agnès Benassy-Quéré, Shahin Vallee

A political community to rebuild the architecture of the euro

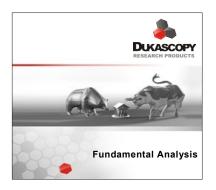
The recent crisis has highlighted some problems in the current structure of the Eurozone, such as the lack of political integration.

Jonathan Weil

► Kicksuckers Whining About Oculus

One of them, a fellow named Joel Johnson, even wrote a post for ValleyWag explaining why he donated money to the virtual-reality company on Kickstarter and why he's upset that it's being sold to Facebook for \$2 billion...













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