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Bloomberg

▶ [N.Z. Raises Key Rate for Second Month as Recovery Gains Pace](#)

New Zealand's central bank increased interest rates for the second time in two months as an economic recovery gathers pace, and said it will assess the extent to which currency gains curb inflation.

China.org

▶ [Infrastructure projects set to boost growth](#)

China announced 80 major public infrastructure projects on Wednesday to arrest the economy's slowdown while experimenting with wider access for private and overseas investors.

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Sydney Morning Herald

▶ [Rising Kiwi pressuring the Aussie dollar again](#)

The Australian dollar has fallen to a two-week low against the New Zealand dollar as the country's Reserve Bank hike interest rates for the second-straight month and maintained a hawkish outlook for the economy.

ForexMinute

▶ [Yen Advances against the Dollar as New U.S. Home Sales Lag Forecasts](#)

The yen advanced to a two-week high against the U.S. dollar...

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ABC News

▶ [China manufacturing index shows continued weakness](#)

The latest gauge of Chinese manufacturing, HSBC's China Flash purchasing manager's index shows continued weakness in the world's second biggest economy.

Euronews

▶ [Steinmeier, Fabius meet Moldova PM](#)

The foreign ministers of France and Germany have said the EU would be ready to sign an association agreement with Moldova this summer.

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Reuters

▶ [Obama uses Japan visit to reassure wary Asian allies](#)

U.S. President Barack Obama used a state visit to Japan on Thursday to try to reassure Asian allies of his commitment to ramping up U.S. engagement in the region, despite Chinese complaints that his real aim is to contain Beijing's rise.

BBC News

▶ [Ukraine crisis: Russia 'to respond if its interests' attacked](#)

Russia will respond if its interests in Ukraine are attacked, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov has said, drawing a parallel with the 2008 Georgian war.

▶▶▶ Markets

The Australian

▶ [Australian sharemarket steady at near six-year highs](#)

THE Australian share market was flat at noon, holding steady at levels not seen since June 2008.

CNBC

▶ [Japanese shares fall to 1-week lows on TPP disappointment](#)

Asian equity markets fell on Thursday, with Japan leading losses as investors were disappointed with the lack of a Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement during U.S. President Barack Obama's visit to Tokyo.

▶▶▶ Blogs

Tim Fernholz

▶ [The Pacific free trade pact's problems won't be solved by a sushi dinner in Japan](#)

But if Obama, on a state visit to Japan, and Abe are seriously pursuing a trade pact that requires the political equivalent of Jiro's deft knife-work and exquisite timing, they're looking in the wrong place.

Surjit Bhalla

▶ [Guest post: India, get ready for the growth mojo](#)

I'm a natural optimist, but there are still plenty of good reasons to be positive about India's growth...



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