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# Press Review

## ▶▶▶ Economy

### CNBC

#### ▶ [Japan retail sales rise at fastest pace in 17 years before tax hike](#)

Japanese retail sales rose in March at their fastest pace in 17 years as consumers went on a shopping spree before a national sales tax hike took effect on April 1, setting the stage for a decline in consumer spending the following month.

### Wall Street Journal

#### ▶ [U.S. Pending Home Sales Rise 3.4% in March](#)

A gauge of upcoming home sales ticked higher in March after eight straight months of declines, a sign the sector could be pulling out of its malaise.

## ▶▶▶ Currencies

### Reuters

#### ▶ [Euro firm on expectations of inflation uptick, dwindling cash](#)

The euro rose to a two-week high against the dollar on Monday, aided by higher money market rates and expectations inflation in the euro zone...

### FX Street

#### ▶ [USD/CHF sank below 0.88 reaching 0.8777 low](#)

USD/CHF managed to appreciate in the morning posting 0.8825 session high from 0.8804 at the open, but the stronger demand on the euro translated to the USD sell-off

## ▶▶▶ Top Videos

### ABC

#### ▶ [Flight 370 Aerial Search Suspended: Search Efforts Focusing Underwater](#)

The aerial search for missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 is being suspended, with underwater search efforts expanding, Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said today.

### CNN

#### ▶ [Ukraine crisis: Who will blink first, Vladimir Putin or the West?](#)

Russia's seizure of Crimea last month may have unfolded with a lightning quickness, but Vladimir Putin

## ▶▶▶ Politics

### Bloomberg

#### ▶ [U.S. Said to Sanction Seven Russians, 17 Companies](#)

The Obama administration will sanction seven Russians and 17 companies, including some involved in the financial, energy and infrastructure sectors, according to a congressional official briefed on the actions.

### The Guardian

#### ▶ [Israel risks becoming apartheid state if peace talks fail, says John Kerry](#)

The US secretary of state, John Kerry, has warned in a closed-door meeting that Israel risks becoming an "apartheid state" if US-sponsored efforts to reach an Israeli-Palestinian peace settlement fail.

## ▶▶▶ Markets

### CNBC

#### ▶ [Bitcoin price slips as China steps up regulation](#)

The price of bitcoin lost 14 percent over the weekend as one the largest bitcoin exchanges in the world confirmed that transactions have been affected by a clampdown from the Chinese government.

### BloombergBusinessWeek

#### ▶ [European Stocks Are Little Changed Amid Deals, Russia Sanctions](#)

European stocks were little changed as companies from AstraZeneca (AZN) Plc to Bayer AG rose amid an increase in mergers-and-acquisitions activity, offsetting new U.S. sanctions against Russian individuals and companies.

## ▶▶▶ Blogs

### Chuck Jaffe

#### ▶ [Investors double down on dumb idea](#)

Right now, however, they may be avoiding one of their bad traits by actually doing something worse.

### Paolo Manasse

#### ▶ [Wages, Productivity and Employment in Italy: Tales From a Distorted Labor](#)

Italy's labour market productivity has been stagnating in the past decade despite numerous reforms.



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