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▶▶▶ Economy

Reuters

► China factories stall; Japanese exports enjoy rare bounce

China's factories looked to have hit an air pocket in November as a private survey showed output falling for the first time in six months, adding to concerns about slowing economic momentum and to the case for further policy easing from Beijing.

BBC News

► Federal Reserve in easy decision to end stimulus

Although the US Federal Reserve was worried about turmoil in emerging markets, the central bank reached an easy consensus to end its stimulus...

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► <u>USD/JPY nears the January and October 2006 highs at 119.40/88</u> – Commerzbank

Axel Rudolph, Analyst at Commerzbank notes USD/JPY near 2006 high of 119 levels as Yen remains under pressure.

WBP Online

► <u>GBP/USD: Sterling Lower, UK Retail Sales Seen on Strong Footing</u> Sterling retreated from some of Wednesday's Bank of England minutesinduced-gains, and the UK retail sales report for October is expected to cast more light onto the pre-Christmas appetite of shoppers.

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► Low Risk of a Hard Landing in China

JPMorgan Asset Management Global Market Strategist Geoff Lewis discusses the HSBC China Flash PMI figure and the lack of interest in the Hong Kong-Shanghai connect with Bloomberg's David Ingles...

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▶ **U**K economy 'failing' on exports

John Longworth, director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce, says exports have fallen sharply and government support is needed to boost them.

>>> Politics

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► Steinmeier sees long road to Ukraine calm

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has said "we remain far away from a de-escalation and even further away from a political solution" in the Ukraine conflict, a day after meeting Vladimir Putin.

France 24

► Clashes, arrests as Hong Kong protesters storm legislature

At least six people were arrested after overnight clashes as protesters tried to break into the Hong Kong legislature early on Wednesday.

▶▶▶ Markets

Investing.com

► Asia shares fall as soft China data sours mood, yen slides

Asian stocks mostly fell on Thursday as fresh data signaling a further loss of momentum in China's economy weighed on sentiment, while the yen slid to multi-year lows against the dollar and euro.

Market Watch

▶ Oil ends below \$75 a barrel as rebound fizzles

Crude-oil futures on Wednesday extended losses to a third straight session, as an earlier rebound fizzled and investors focused on a surprise increase in supplies.

▶▶▶ Opinions

Mitsuru Obe

► Japan Exports Rise Likely A False Dawn

An almost 10% year-on-year increase in Japanese exports in October, to their highest level since 2008, has raised hopes that Japan's cheap-yen policy may finally be starting to lift economic activity.

Rui Cartaxo Mano, Tarek Hassan

► Currency carry trades are not what you think

Fama (1984) found a positive covariance between interest differentials and currency appreciation against the US dollar when running pair-wise regressions with a constant.















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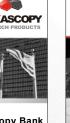
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