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▶▶▶ Economy

The Sydney Morning Herald

▶ Banks offer a glimmer of hope in 'terrible' week for Australian shares

The market finished 0.42 per cent higher for the week, staging a spirited mid-week comeback after a disastrous 2 per cent drop on Monday and a further 0.60 per cent fall on Friday.

Reuters

▶ US unemployment falls again in November

The US economy added 321,000 jobs in November, while the unemployment rate stayed at 5.8%, official Labor Department figures show.

▶▶▶ Currencies

WBP Online

► Forex - USD/JPY: Yen Bows to Dollar Bulls After Upbeat NFP

The Japanese currency traded at the lowest level in 7 years after US non-farm payrolls came in markedly above forecasts in November.

FX Street

► EUR/USD finds support around 1.2340

The euro is managing to gather some steam now vs. the greenback, pushing EUR/USDback to the 1.2370/75 band from the boundaries of 1.2340.

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Dark side of oil's fall

Scott Minerd, Guggenheim Partners, shares his thoughts on the impact of lower oil prices on equities.

Bloomberg

▶ January `Sensible' for ECB to Add Measures

The European Central Bank is "behind the curve" and should announce more stimulus measures in January, says Riccardo Barbieri, chief European economist at Mizuho International Plc. He spoke with Guy Johnson on Bloomberg Television's "The Pulse."

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► West seeks to 'dismantle' Russia, Putin says

In his annual national address on Thursday, President Vladimir Putin accused the West of seeking to undermine Russia's "growing capabilities" but offered few concrete plans for boosting the economy...

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► Kerry, Cameron promise not to forget Afghanistan after troops leave
Leaders at an international conference on Afghanistan have pledged to not abandon the country, as military operations there wind down but Taliban attacks surge. Afghanistan's leaders outlined their reform plans.

▶▶▶ Markets

ABC

Local market ends on a low, dragged down by energy and mining stocks. It was a rocky end to a rocky week for the Australian share market today, with early gains overshadowed by more losses for the energy and mining sectors.

Investing.com

► Crude oil drops as Saudi decision continues to weigh

Crude oil futures dropped on Friday, as Saudia Arabia's decision on Thursday to trimmed the price of oil it exports to the U.S. and Asia continued to weigh.

▶▶▶ Opinions

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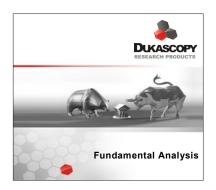
► <u>Mario Draghi won't let anything stop him—from delaying big decisions</u>
What did the markets make of the European Central Bank's actions today?
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► Putting an accurate price tag on government credit support

The BRICS officially launched the \$100 billion New Development Bank along with a new reserve currency pool worth over another \$100 billion on 15 July













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