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# **▶▶▶** Economy

#### Reuters

### ► For Fed stress tests, U.S. banks form a study group

Executives at the biggest U.S. banks are sharing notes with each other before their next round of tests with federal regulators.

#### The Guardian

### ► Global economy – a year of divergence looms

In the coming year, "divergence" will be a major global economic theme, applying to economic trends, policies, and performance.

# **▶▶▶** Currencies

### **WBP** Online

## ▶ Yen Retreats From 6-Yr Low, Enjoys Risk-Off Mode

The yen gained in strength and reversed partially the trend that sent it to its weakest level since October 2008 earlier in the session, with the forming risk-off mode leading traders to seek safe-haven assets.

#### **FX Street**

## ► GBP/USD back to square one

GBP/USD reached a daily high of 1.5692 at the beginning of the European session, but the run was tempered by weaker-than-expected UK production data, sending Cable back to the lower 1.56s.

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#### CNBC

## Low oil's economic tailwind

Jeremy Siegel, The Wharton School, discusses the positive impact of low energy prices on the markets.

# **Bloomberg**

# ▶ 19% of U.S. Employers Expect to Hire More Workers

ManpowerGroup CEO Jonas Prising discusses his outlook for the U.S. labor market on "In The Loop.

# **>>> Politics**

#### **BBC News**

### ▶ Ukraine Sends Russia Huge Advance Payment For Gas

Ukraine's Naftogaz has sent \$378.22 million to Russia as advance payment for natural gas supplies, which should lead to the resumption of shipments that were suspended nearly six months ago in a dispute over the prices...

#### DW.DE

## ► Merkel blasts SPD, urges CDU not to 'stand still

Chancellor Angela Merkel has slammed her center-left coalition partners for making a regional deal with the Left party. Contrastingly, she praised the achievements of her previous alliance with the Free Democrats.

# **▶▶▶** Markets

#### **Market Watch**

### ► Greek stocks plunge; European equities eye third straight loss

Greek stocks were slammed Tuesday, with political uncertainty spooking investors after the government said it will hold its presidential election earlier than anticipated.

# Investing.com

## ► Gold extends rally to hit 6-week high on weaker dollar

Gold prices extended gains to hit the highest level in nearly six weeks on Tuesday, as a broadly weaker U.S. dollar and losses in global equity markets boosted the safe-haven appeal of the precious metal.

# **▶▶▶** Opinions

#### Max Nisen

# Less than 4 percent of Wall Street's analyst class joined startups

There's been a great deal of attention paid to the supposed growing talent rivalry between Silicon Valley and Wall Street. Silicon Valley started booming just as Wall Street tried to recover from the financial crisis

# Lily Kuo

# ► Alibaba's Jack Ma tells China to let the kids have more playtime

Speaking at a conference in Shanghai this week, Jack Ma, founder of the e-commerce giant Alibaba had some harsh words for China's education













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