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Press Review





FFF Economy

MarketWatch

China's manufacturing swings to contraction: HSBC data

China's manufacturing activity appears to be contracting this month for the first time since May, according to HSBC's preliminary or "flash" version of its monthly manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, released Tuesday morning.

BBC

Russia raises key interest rate to 17% amid rouble decline

The Russian central bank has announced it is increasing its key interest rate from 10.5% to 17%.

>>> Currencies

Reuters

Yen firm as oil slump curbs risk appetite, rouble rebounds sharply

The yen hit a two-week high versus the dollar on Tuesday as investors shunned riskier assets, while the rouble - a major victim of plunging oil prices - rebounded after the Russian central bank hiked rates to halt its currency's collapse.

Yahoo! Finance

Australian dollar flirts with 82c barrier, ASX falls sixth straight day

The Australian dollar and the world's biggest miner have both touched new five-and-a-half-year lows as oil prices slid further overnight.

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CNBC

ECB QE will drag peripheral yields lower: Pro

lain Stealey, fixed income fund manager at JPMorgan Asset Management, says quantitative easing by the European Central Bank will happen and this will force yields on bonds in the...

Bloomberg

Greek Political Risk May Destabilize Euro, Foley Says

Jane Foley, senior foreign-exchange strategist at Rabobank International, talks about the outlook for the euro amid elections in Greece and the prospect of quantitative easing in the joint currency area.

Politics

DW

EU approves German-UK initiative to revive Bosnia membership bid

The European Union has agreed to back a German-UK initiative meant to revive Bosnia's bid to join the bloc.

France24

Hollande hails benefits of immigration in swipe at Sarkozy

French President François Hollande delivered a rare and passionate defence of the benefits of immigration as he formally inaugurated France's first immigration museum, seven years after its hushed opening under his predecessor, Nicolas Sarkozy.

►►► Markets

Market Pulse

Gold Remains Below \$1195 after Strong Fall

Gold fell more than 2 percent to one-week lows on Monday for its weakest session so far this year after a late sell-off triggered by oil's continued rout and a stronger dollar ahead of the key Federal Reserve meeting later in the week.

Xinhuanet

Nikkei plunges 2.01 pct as crude oil dives

Tokyo stocks plunged 2.01 percent on Tuesday, with its benchmark Nikkei stocks index hitting a five- week low as crude oil prices continued to plummet.

Dinions

Satyajit Das

America's Hard & Soft Power

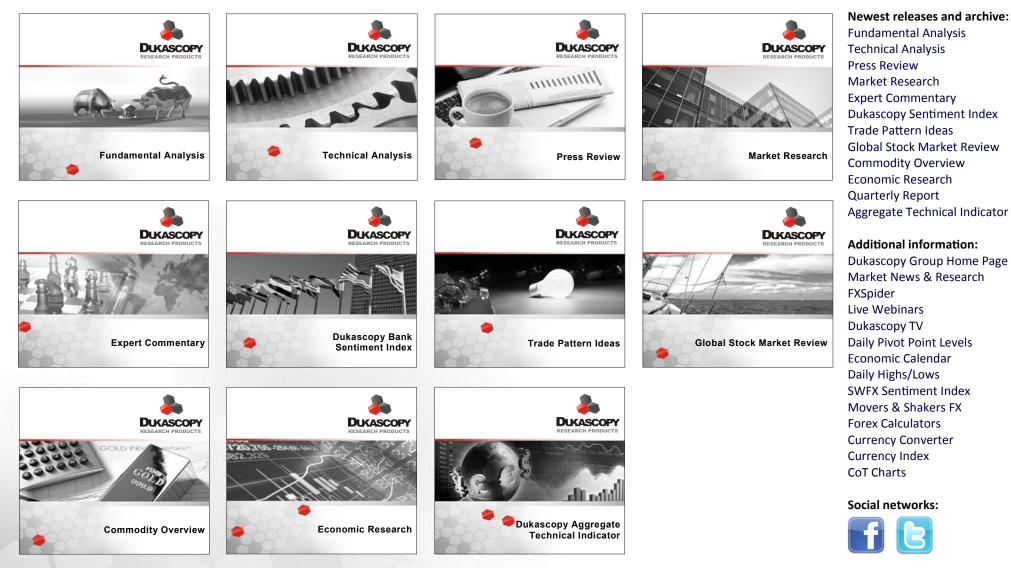
The obituary of the American century has been written, but there are very good reasons to believe that the USA will continue to play a dominant role in the 21stcentury.

Matt Phillips

► Why Russia just launched a massive interest-rate hike at 1am Moscow time

The Central Bank of Russia just answered with a monster interest rate hike.





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