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China Daily

► China banks' 2014 new yuan lending hits record high

China's new yuan-denominated lending in 2014 hit record high at 9.78 trillion yuan (\$1.58 trillion), up 890 billion yuan from one year earlier, latest data showed on Thursday.

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Poland's consumer prices declined more-than-expected in December, mainly due to cheaper clothing and footwear as well as lower transport...

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Trading Floor

Swiss Franc Rockets After SNB Scraps Euro Currency Cap

The Swiss franc rocketed beyond parity with the euro on Thursday after Switzerland's central bank stunned markets by scrapping its long-standing cap on the strength of the currency.

FX Street

► EUR/USD clings to 1.1700

EUR/USD seems recovered after the SNB caught everybody off guard in today's meeting, now regaining the 1.1700 region after being down to 1.1570.

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► Swiss Franc Roils the Markets

On today's "The Agenda," Tom Keene, Brendan Greeley and Olivia Sterns report on trending news stories. They speak on "Bloomberg Surveillance."

CNBC

► Stocks hit wall of resistance

CNBC's Dominic Chu charts volatility on the Dow as the market resets after reaching record highs.

>>> Politics

WBP Online

EU Foreign Policy Chief Suggests Re-Engagement with Russia

The European Union's foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini has distributed a paper to EU governments suggesting that EU member states could reengage with Russia on global diplomacy, trade and other issues in exchange for gradual steps to end the Ukraine crisis.

Business Insider

► Russia Just Made A Bold Move To Keep Its Gas Leverage On Europe

On Wednesday Russia's announced that it will shift all its natural gas flows to Europe via Turkey, instead of Ukraine, reports Bloomberg News.

▶▶▶ Markets

Reuters

Oil prices steady on dollar; forecasts cut again

Oil prices steadied on Thursday, firming as the dollar weakened, despite OPEC forecasts of lower demand for its oil this year and another cut in oil price forecasts by a major U.S. bank.

Market Watch

▶ <u>U.S. stock futures choppy after Swiss move to ditch euro cap</u>

Stock futures were choppy Thursday, swinging between losses and gains, after the Swiss National Bank shocked investors by ditching its currency ceiling against the euro and slashing its deposit rate to negative 0.75%.

▶▶▶ Opinions

James Picerno

► The Troubled Outlook For QE In Europe

It's a forgone conclusion in the markets that the European Central Bank will soon roll out a quantitative easing program—buying government bonds with newly printed money.

Zhang Monan

Moving toward the next Chinese economy

After more than 30 years of extraordinary growth, the Chinese economy is shifting onto a more conventional development path, and a difficult rebalancing is under way, affecting nearly every aspect of the economy.













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