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▶ ▶ ▶ Economy

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► China faces pressure on exports

The pressure is on Chinese exports as the euro sinks against the yuan, Ministry of Commerce spokesman Shen Danyang said on Tuesday.

Market Watch

► U.K. budget forecasts strike upbeat tone for economy

U.K. Treasury chief George Osborne unveiled forecasts Wednesday showing Britain's public finances are in slightly better shape than previously thought, as he presented his final budget before elections in May.

>>> Currencies

Business Recorder

Dollar bulls bank on Fed losing its patience

The dollar traded flat on Wednesday ahead of the conclusion of a Federal Reserve meeting expected to take a major step toward lifting interest rates for the first time in almost nine years.

RTT News

► Canadian Dollar Extends Slide As Wholesale Sales Hit 6-yr Low

The Canadian dollar extended its previous decline against its major rivals in European deals on Wednesday, as the nation's wholesale sales tumbled to a 6-year low in January.

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Bloomberg

Long-Term Bull Market Hurt Short-Term by Profits: Holland

Michael Holland, chairman at Holland & Company, and Bloomberg's Mike Regan discuss the market impact of expected lower corporate profits and questions over when the Federal Reserve will raise rates.

CNBC

► Cashin: Fed's 'high wire' act

Art Cashin of UBS, says traders will be watching to see if the markets are "traumatized" by the Fed's removal of "patient" from its lexicon, and looking for clues from Fed Vice Chair Stanley Fischer next week.

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Business Insider

It's back to the future in Putin's Europe

The language of the Cold War has returned with a vengeance, with renewed talk of nuclear alerts, alleged testing of medium-range nuclear missiles and...

International Business Times

► <u>Donetsk, Luhansk Leaders Refuse Compromise With Ukraine On</u> Special Status; Lavrov Condemns Law

Authorities from eastern Ukrainian self-proclaimed Donetsk and Luhansk People's republics on Wednesday ruled out compromise with Ukraine...

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FX Street

No action in Gold

Gold sees no action, even after the opening bell in the US as investors avoid taking big bets ahead of the FOMC event. The metal trades marginally lower for the day at USD 1147/Oz levels.

WBP Online

Bullion Just Off 4-Month Lows as Traders Bet on Hawkish Fed

The prospect of the US central bank taking another step away from zero interest rates kept gold prices under \$1,150 an ounce.

▶▶▶ Opinions

Gregory W. Harmon

► The Dance Between The Euro, The Dollar, And The Yen

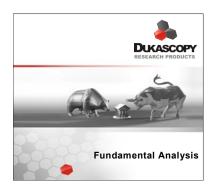
The euro has been cratering against the US dollar. Or the dollar has been rocketing against the euro. Take your pick. They are both true. It just depends upon your perspective.

Stephen Pope

► Which way will Janet jump?

There is a sense in markets that this evening's Federal Open Market Committee communiqué will be critical in shaping the near-term direction of the USD, the US bond and equity markets and the US economy.



























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