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## The Business Times

Eurozone bank sector on mend, ECB survey shows

Europe's battered financial sector is showing further signs of mending and banks are increasingly competing for custom by easing credit standards...

## **WBP Online**

Foreign Investment in Canada's Securities Slows Dramatically

Non-residents took a major step back, slowing purchases of Canadian securities in November. Meanwhile, Canadian investors assumed a much more aggressive role abroad, investing at a record high level into foreign...

# **<b>Description Currencies**

## Investing.com

Dollar holds onto gains vs. other majors

The dollar held onto gains against the other major currencies on Tuesday, after data showed that a slowdown in China's fourth-quarter growth matched expectations and as the International Monetary Fund cut its...

### CNBC

Yen falls as China growth pace matches forecasts, yuan slips

The safe-haven yen fell on Tuesday on relief that China's fourth-quarter economic growth had matched forecasts and as expectations of further monetary easing there boosted risk appetite.

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### Bloomberg

### Have Central Banks Lost Control of Global Markets?

Bloomberg Gadfly columnist Lisa Abramowicz examines the role of central banks in markets and the weight they hold in controlling investor sentiment.

### Euronews

# Greece faces first 2016 protests against reforms

The Greek government's plans for pension reforms have brought thousands of farmers out on the streets in protests in the north of the country, and in Athens it was pensioners who voiced their anger.

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Russia to respond to NATO Black Sea force by deploying new weapons - report

The Russian Army and Navy will deploy additional forces and modern weapons to its southwest in reply to NATO's plans to boost its presence in...

#### Reuters

Germany sees Iran as key to stabilizing Middle East

Germany wants to work with Iran to help calm regional conflicts now that the Islamic Republic is emerging from international isolation and also prevent...

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#### Market Pulse

Can Oil Go Lower? 'An Emphatic Yes', Says IEA

The International Energy Agency warned on Tuesday that a further drop in oil prices is likely as supply continues to exceed demand, placing "enormous strain" on the ability of the oil system to absorb it efficiently.

### **Market Watch**

# Dow futures rise more than 200 points as stocks try to rebound

U.S. stock futures pointed to a higher open Tuesday, putting the market on track to rebound a little from its worst 10-session start to a year ever.

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## John Ross

## Xi's visit highlights China's new Middle East role

Xi Jinping's visit to Egypt, Iran, and Saudi Arabia this week takes China's President to three of the Middle East's most important states – a region which is simultaneously one of the world's most important, with some of its...

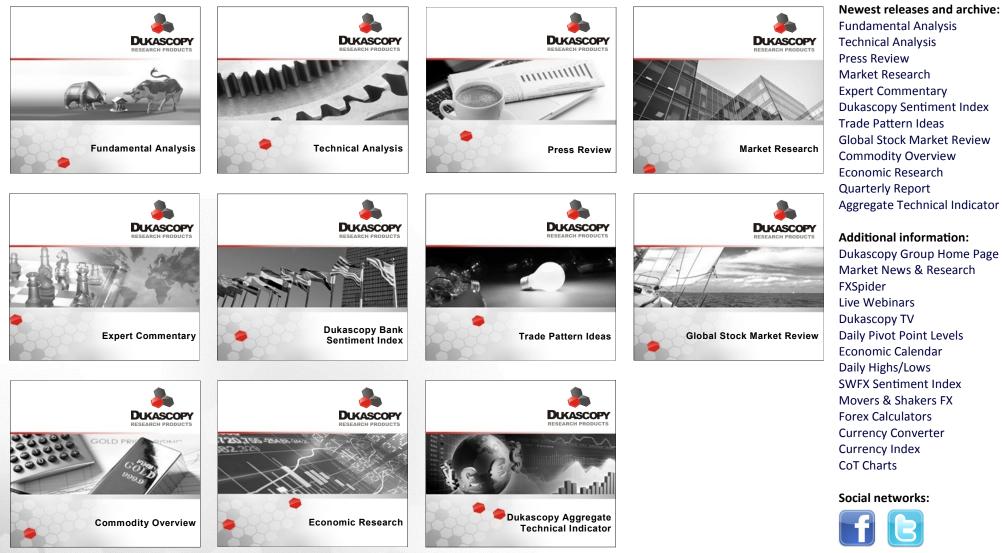
## **Doug Bandow**

## Persuading China to cooperate against the North

Another North Korean nuclear test, another round of demands that China bring Pyongyang to heel. Said U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry: Beijing's policy "has not worked and we cannot continue business as usual."

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