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The New Zealand dollar gained against its Australian counterpart as data indicated a stronger labour market and after Reserve Bank governor Graeme Wheeler talked down the chances of another interest rate cut.

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Risk averse investors plunge anew into Japanese yen, shunning dollar The yen strengthened against the dollar and other rivals in Asia trade Wednesday, with a deepening aversion to risk prompting investors to seek the safety of the Japanese currency.

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David Cameron is to attempt to persuade Conservative MPs to back a package of reforms he hopes will keep Britain in the European Union.

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► ASX suffers worst day of the year amid renewed oil rout

Over \$30 billion was wiped off the sharemarket on Wednesday in the biggest fall of the year as a sharp dive in oil prices over the past two days shattered investor confidence and sparked a broad-based sell-off.

Reuters

▶ Oil futures drop for third session on rising crude stocks, oversupply

Oil futures extended losses into a third session in Asian trade on Wednesday, as U.S. crude stocks last week surged to more than half-a-billion barrels and as Iran plans to boost exports from March.

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Melvin Backman

BP just had its worst year since it destroyed the Gulf of Mexico

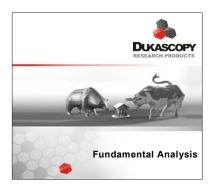
BP just reported earnings, and they weren't good. The company announced its worst-ever annual loss (£4.5 billion, or \$6.5 billion), sending its stock down around 9% in London trading.

Rick Rieder

▶ What Investors Need to Know About Returns in 2016

Last year wasn't a great one for investors seeking solid returns. With 2016 off to a rocky start, will we see more of the same this year? Rick Rieder weighs in.













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