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# **FFF** Economy

### The Business Times

## US manufacturing output rises in February

Strong demand for machinery and steel led US factories to increase production in February, according to Federal Reserve data that suggested a manufacturing slowdown could be easing.

# WBP Online

### EC Accused of Bowing to Chinese Pressure Over Steel Plans

The European Commission has been accused of watering down plans to tackle cheap Chinese steel imports.

# **>>>** Currencies

### Market Watch

Emerging-market currency rally on the verge of first crucial test

Emerging-market currencies have risen sharply since bottoming in mid-January as the number of Federal Reserve interest-rate hikes expected this year declined, robbing the dollar of momentum.

## **RTT News**

### Dollar Higher As Core Inflation Picks Up; Fed Decision Due

The U.S. dollar was higher against its major counterparts in European deals on Wednesday, as the U.S. core consumer inflation topped forecasts in February and housing starts strengthened, backing hopes...

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## Bloomberg

# Is the Global Economy Trapped in Japan-Style Stagflation?

Stephen King, senior economic adviser at HSBC, discusses his outlook for various markets and comparison of present economies to the Japanese economy of the nineties.

## CNBC

## Pro: Fed is in a tight spot

David Zervos, Chief Strategist at Jefferies and Lindsey Piegza, Chief Economist at Stifel Fixed Income, discuss what to look for ahead of the Federal Reserve's policy decision.

# **>>>** Politics

**Business Insider** 

Obama makes his Supreme Court pick

President Barack Obama on Wednesday is expected to select Judge Merrick Garland to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court.

### Reuters

Russia flies out almost half Syria strike force: Reuters analysis

Just under half of Russia's fixed-wing strike force based in Syria has flown out of the country in the past two days, according to a Reuters calculation which suggests the Kremlin is accelerating its partial withdrawal.

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### Investing.com

WTI oil futures up 3% after bullish weekly stockpile data

West Texas Intermediate oil were sharply higher in North America trade on Wednesday, after data showed that oil supplies in the U.S. rose less than feared last week.

**Business Recorder** 

## Gold eases, near 2-week low as market eyes Fed statement

Gold slid for a fourth consecutive session on Wednesday, hovering near its lowest in two weeks although investors were waiting for the outcome of the Federal Reserve policy meeting.

# **Delta**

## Mani Sh Bapna

## Golden opportunity to embrace green growth

Will China make concrete progress toward its vision of a more inclusive and sustainable society in 2016, rebalancing its economy to better address the related challenges of eradicating poverty, reducing inequality and protecting...

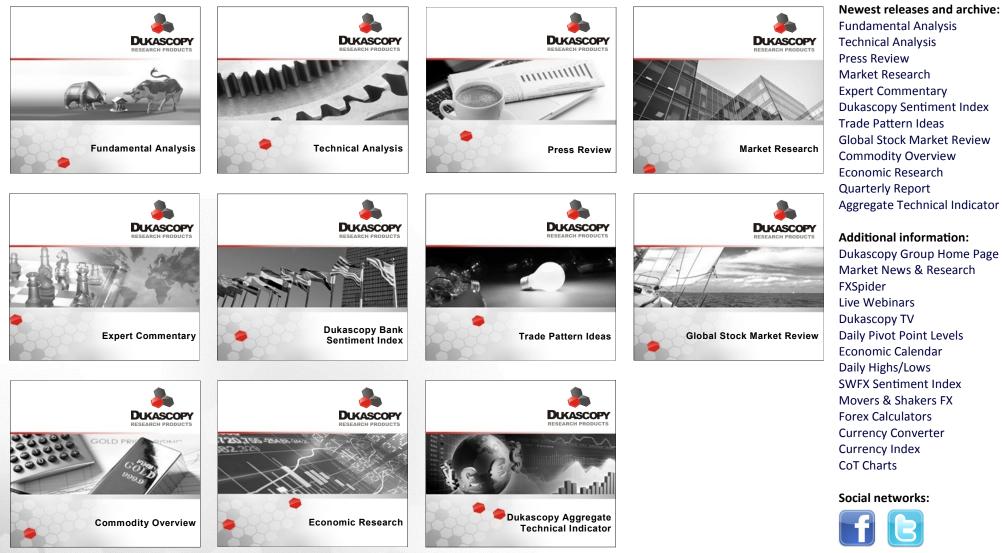
## Ole Hansen

# Oil producers buying time as US inventory print looms

Oil, led by WTI crude, has recovered on a double dose of price-supporting news. The American Petroleum Institute yesterday reported a smaller-than-expected rise in US weekly inventories.

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