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# **▶▶▶** Economy

#### **RTT News**

Australia Retail Sales Gain 0.2% In April

Retail sales in Australia were up a seasonally adjusted 0.2 percent on month in April, the Australian Bureau of Statistics said on Thursday.

### **CNBC**

► Consumer confidence hits 92.6 in May, versus 96 estimate

Consumers were feeling less optimistic for the second month in a row, new data said Tuesday.

## **▶▶▶** Currencies

### **FXStreet**

► EUR/USD storms through 1.1200 ahead of ECB

The EUR/USD pace consolidated the overnight rally and now pierces through the 1.1200 barrier amid fresh selling seen in the greenback against its major peers.

### **WBP** Online

► NZD/USD: Kiwi Trades Near 2-Wk High After ISM & Dairy Impacts

The kiwi stayed near its fresh two-week high following a set of factory data from the US, while bouncing dairy prices provided additional support.

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## **Bloomberg**

Japan Outlook: Should Investors Be Wary?

Khiem Do, head of Asian multi-asset strategy at Baring Asset Management, discusses why he's been reducing his exposure to Japanese equities, the state of Japan's economy and his outlook for the country.

### CNBC

OPEC: Will we see a production freeze?

OPEC members are unlikely to implement a freeze but they will likely discuss mechanisms around it, according to Jonathan Barratt, chief investment officer at Ayers Alliance Securities.

# **▶▶▶** Politics

## Investing.com

► <u>Clinton to blast Trump on North Korea, NATO in foreign policy speech</u>

Democratic presidential front-runner Hillary Clinton will slam Republican

Donald Trump for being too friendly with North Korea and too harsh on

European allies during a foreign policy speech in California on Thursday...

### **Deutsche Welle**

'Islamic State' group pushed back in Syria, Libya

A major offensive has been launched to isolate the "Islamic State" group in northern Syria. Meanwhile, forces loyal to Libya's unity government are pushing back the militant group near their stronghold of Sirte.

# **▶▶▶** Markets

#### MarketWatch

▶ U.S. stocks kick off June with meager gains

U.S. stocks eked out a gain Wednesday as investors focused on the positive aspects of the latest batch of data that showed the U.S. economy plodding along.

#### Reuters

Oil prices tread water ahead of OPEC meeting

Oil prices were steady on Thursday on mixed market signals ahead of an OPEC meeting in Vienna, which analysts said was not expected to result in restrictions on crude output.

# **▶▶▶** Opinions

### Josh Mitchell

The Average Student at a For-Profit College Was Worse Off After Attending

Undergraduates were less likely to be employed and earned smaller paychecks, largely due to high dropout rates, a new study found.

## Robert Grundke, Christoph Moser

Evidence of hidden protectionism in the US in the Great Recession

When the Great Recession hit the world economy, fears of protectionism led to close monitoring of non-tariff barriers to trade.













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