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# **Press Review**





# **FFF** Economy

#### BBC

#### • UK economy to slow down this year and next, says think tank

The UK economy may slow down in the next couple of years, even while the world economy picks up, a report says.

#### **The Business Times**

Fed to hold rates steady to reassess outlook: Decision-day guide

Federal Reserve officials convene this week amid expectations that they will take a break after their December interest-rate hike to assess whether the economy is shifting out of its low-inflation, 2 per cent growth mode into a higher gear.

# **Currencies**

#### **RTT News**

Commodity Currencies Fall Amid Increased Risk Aversion

Commodity currencies such as the Australian, the New Zealand and the Canadian dollars weakened against their major counterparts in the Asian session on Wednesday, as investors tracked the lackluster cues...

#### Reuters

#### Dollar caught in crossfire as Trump talks tough on currencies

The dollar struggled to regain its poise on Wednesday after the Trump administration accused Germany, Japan and China of devaluing their currencies to gain a trade advantage, adding to a risk-off mood that also kept stocks subdued.

### **Image: Top Videos**

#### CNBC

#### Fed has to start raising rates: JPMorgan

Kerry Craig, J.P. Morgan AM, says that the Fed will need to tackle recession risks brought about by growth.

#### Bloomberg

#### Aberdeen's Hickmore: Fed to Hike Three Times This Year

Luke Hickmore, Aberdeen Asset Management senior investment manager, discusses the impact of President Donald Trump's policies on global markets and the outlook for Fed policy.

# **Politics**

France 24

# ► Le Pen spurns deadline, refuses to repay €300,000 to EU Parliament in misused funds scandal

Marine Le Pen has refused to repay €298,000 to the European Parliament following allegations the French far-right leader misused funds, disregarding a deadline set by the body.

**Business Recorder** 

Trump picks conservative Gorsuch to shift Supreme Court balance

Donald Trump has nominated Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court, seizing an unusual early opportunity to put conservatives back in the majority on America's top court.

## ►►► Markets

#### **Market Watch**

#### Oil prices ease, stick to tight trading ranges

Oil futures eased during Asian trading hours Wednesday, pulling back after a modest rally in the U.S. as investors kept their eye on the progress of production cuts by major oil-producing countries.

**4-traders** 

#### Australia Stocks Recover After Falling Last Two Days

Australian shares rose for the first day this week on Wednesday, as resources companies helped drive a broad recovery.

# **<b>Di**nions

#### Steven Knight

Channel Reversal Potentially Ahead For The Dollar-Yen

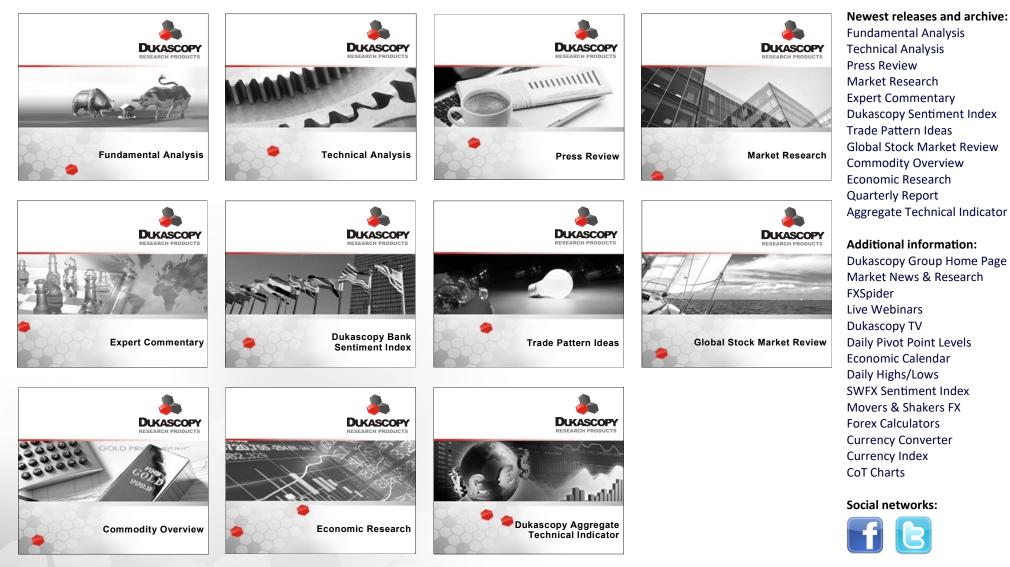
The USDJPY has been on a veritable roller coaster over the past few weeks as the currency has reacted to all sorts of sentiment shocks.

**James Picerno** 

#### Mild rebound expected for US jobs growth

Wednesday brings another busy day of economic releases, including revised January data for the Eurozone Manufacturing PMI.





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