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1. ECONOMIC INDICATORS

UK

- UK Gross Domestic Product (GDP) was estimated to have increased by 0.8% in Q1 2014.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) annual inflation was 1.6% in March 2014, down from 1.7% in February.
- For December 2013 to February 2014, the unemployment rate was 6.9%, down by 0.3% from September to November 2013 and down by 1.1% from a year earlier.
- Between December 2013 to February 2014, total pay (including bonuses) increased by 1.7% and regular pay (excluding bonuses) increased by 1.4%.
- UK house prices increased by 9.1% in the year to February 2014, up from 6.8% in the year to January 2014.
- Production output increased by 2.7% in February 2014, compared with February 2013.
- Manufacturing output increased by 3.8% in February 2014, compared with February 2013.
- In the year to March 2014 the output price index for home sales of manufactured products rose 0.5%. In the same period the total input price index fell by 6.5%.
- The Index of Services increased by 2.7% in February 2014 compared with February 2013.

- The seasonally adjusted estimate of construction output in February 2014 has fallen by 2.8% (£270 million) when compared with January 2014.
- In March 2014, the quantity bought in the retail industry increased by 4.2% compared with March 2013 and by 0.1% compared with February 2014. The quantity bought also increased in Q1 2014 compared with Q1 2013, by 3.8%. This continues a pattern of year-on-year growth since early 2013.
- Public Sector Net Borrowing for the financial year 2013/14 was £107.7 bn. This was £7.5 billion lower than the same period in 2012/13, when it was £115.1 billion.
- In March 2014, public sector net borrowing was £6.7 billion. This was £4.7 billion lower than in March 2013, when it was £11.4 billion.
- In Q4 2013, business investment rose by an estimated £0.8 billion (2.4%) compared with the previous quarter and is 8.7% higher compared with Q4 2012.
- The UK's deficit on seasonally adjusted trade in goods and services was £2.1 billion in February 2014. The deficit on trade in goods was £9.1 billion. The surplus on trade in services was estimated at £7 billion.
- There was a current account deficit of £22.4 billion in Q4 2013, down from a revised deficit of £22.8 billion (originally published as a deficit of £20.7 billion) in Q3 2013. In 2013, the UK's current account deficit was £71.1 billion.
- Compared to a year ago, visits to the UK by overseas residents increased by 12.1% to 9.9 million in Q3 2013. In addition, the estimated earnings from these visits increased by 11.4% to £7.2 billion. Visits abroad by UK residents in this quarter increased by 6.9% to 20.6 million and expenditure during these visits increased by 8.3% to £12.7 billion.
- The number of visits to the UK by overseas residents in February 2014 rose by 9%, when compared to February 2013. During the period December 2013 to February 2014, overseas residents made 5% more visits to the UK than in the corresponding period a year earlier and they spent 21% more on these visits. In the 12 months to February 2014 the number of visits to the UK was 6% higher than a year earlier and earnings grew by 15%.
- The estimated number of visits abroad by UK residents in February 2014 was 3.29 million, which is a rise of 2% when compared to the number of visits abroad in February 2013. During the period December 2013 to February 2014, the number of UK residents' visits abroad increased by 2% when compared with the corresponding period a year earlier, but they spent 3% less on these visits. In the 12 months to February 2014 the number of visits abroad by UK residents grew 3% when compared with a year earlier and expenditure on these visits rose by 5%.

For previously released UK economic indicators visit National Statistics [Link](#)

LONDON

- London's annual growth in output decreased to 3.2% in Q3 2013 from an upwardly-revised 4.1% in Q2 2013.
- London's annual employment growth remained unchanged at 3.9% in Q3 2013 from an upwardly-revised figure for Q2 2013.
- Annual house price inflation in London was 18.2% in Q1 2014, up from 14.9% in Q4 2013.
- The percentage of the resident working age population who are unemployed and claiming Jobseekers' Allowance in London fell to 2.8% in March 2014 from 2.9% in February 2014. There were 161,300 seasonally adjusted unemployment claimants in London in March 2014

compared to 165,300 in February 2014.

- The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of business activity recorded 59.5 in March 2014, unchanged from February 2014.
- The PMI for new orders for London firms recorded 60.6 in March 2014 compared to 60.1 in February 2014.
- The PMI for the level of employment in London firms was 53.3 in March 2014, compared to 56.4 in February 2014.
- The RICS Residential Market Survey shows a positive net balance of 79 for London house prices over the three months to March 2014.
- The net house price expectations balance in London was 62 in March 2014.
- For Greater London, the consumer confidence score increased to -2 in March 2014 from -4 in February 2014.
- In the most recent 28 day period, (from 2 February 2014 to 1 March 2014) London's underground and buses had 280.3 million passenger journeys; 185.9 million by bus and 94.4 million by Underground.
- The moving average annual rate of growth in passenger journeys decreased to 1.8% from 2% in the previous period.

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US

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) increased at an annual rate of 0.1% percent in Q1 2014.
- In March 2014, personal income increased \$78.4 billion, or 0.5%, disposable personal income (DPI) increased \$68 billion, or 0.5% and personal consumption expenditures (PCE) increased \$107.2 billion, or 0.9%.
- The March 2014 international trade deficit decreased 3.6% from February, to \$40.4 billion. Exports increased 2.1%, to \$193.9 billion, and imports rose 1.1%, to \$234.3 billion.
- The U.S. current account deficit decreased to \$81.1 billion or 1.9% of current-dollar gross domestic product (GDP) in Q4 2013, from \$96.4 billion, or 2.3% of GDP in Q3.
- The U.S. current account deficit decreased to \$379.3 billion or 2.3% of current-dollar GDP in 2013, from \$440.4 billion or 2.7% percent of GDP in 2012.
- Real spending on travel and tourism accelerated in Q4 2013, increasing at an annual rate of 4.2% after increasing 3.1% (revised) in Q3 2013. For the year, real spending on travel and tourism increased 3.6% in 2013 after increasing 2.8% in 2012

For previously released US economic indicators visit US Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA): [Link](#)

NY

- Private employment rose in New York City by 400 between January and February 2014.
- The unemployment rate rose to 7.9% in February 2014 from 7.8% in January.
- The Manhattan Class A office vacancy rate was 9.9% in March 2014, while the average asking rent was \$70 PSF.
- The Manhattan hotel occupancy rate in February 2014 was 77.3%, down from 80% in February

2013.

- Passengers in NYC area airports totaled 8.2 million in January 2014, down 1% from January 2013.
- In March 2014, the Manhattan Class A direct vacancy rate fell to 9.9% while the average rental rate remained at \$70 PSF.
- In the same month, the Downtown Class A direct vacancy rate fell to 12.3% and the rental rate rose to \$55 PSF.
- The Manhattan Class A sublease vacancy rate fell to 1.8% from 2% from February to March.
- For the twelve months ending February 2014: Building projects (including new, additions and alterations) that started construction in NYC rose by 6.4%, and infrastructure (non-building) project starts fell by 7% from the twelve months ending February 2013.
- Planned space for building project starts rose by 11.9% from the same period in 2013.
- 2,816 residential building projects began construction, a 13.3% increase from the twelve months ending in February 2013. These starts contained 22,739 units, an increase of 38.7% from last year.
- In January 2014, 8.2 million passengers flew into and out of the region's airports, a decrease of 1% from January 2013.
- Domestic air carriers accounted for 5.3 million passengers, a 3.1% decrease from January 2013.
- 2.9 million Passengers traveled with international air carriers in January 2014, a 3% increase from January 2013.
- Total ridership on MTA subways, trains and buses in February 2014 was 199.4 million, a decrease of 1.5% from February 2013.
- Subway ridership in February 2014 was 129.8 million, which was a 1.5% increase from February 2013.
- Total Broadway attendance was approximately 1.03 million during the four weeks ending March 30, 2014, up 14.3% from the same period last year.
- Broadway revenue during this period was about \$101.3 million, up 13.7% from last year.
- In February 2014, the average daily hotel room rate was \$232, a 6% increase from February 2013.
- Hotel occupancy was 77.3% in February 2014, down from 80% in February 2013.
- The average daily hotel room rate increased the most in hotels charging over \$315 per night.

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Euro Zone

- GDP rose by 0.2% in the euro area in Q4 2013, compared with the previous quarter. In Q3 2013, GDP grew by 0.1%. Compared with the same quarter of the previous year, seasonally adjusted GDP rose by 0.5% in the euro area. Over the whole year 2013, GDP fell by 0.4% in the euro area.
- The Euro area unemployment rate was 11.8% in March 2014, down from 12% in March 2013.
- The Euro area annual inflation is expected to be 0.7% in April 2014, up from 0.5% in March.
- In February 2014 compared with January 2014, seasonally adjusted industrial production rose by 0.2% in the euro area. In February 2014 compared with February 2013, industrial production grew by 1.7% in the euro area.

- In March 2014, compared with February 2014, the industrial producer prices fell by 0.2% in the euro area. In March 2014 compared with March 2013, industrial producer prices decreased by 1.6% in the euro area.
- In February 2014 compared with January 2014, production in the construction sector grew by 0.1% in the euro area. In February 2014, compared with February 2013, production in construction increased by 6.7% in the euro area.
- In March 2014 compared with February 2014, the volume of retail trade rose by 0.3% in the euro area. In March 2014, compared with March 2013, retail trade increased by 0.9% in the euro area.
- House prices, fell by 1.4% in the euro area in Q4 2013, compared with the same quarter of previous year. Compared with Q3 2013, house prices fell by 0.7% in the euro area.
- In Q4 2013, business investment rate was 19.5% in the euro area, compared with 19.2% in Q3 2013.
- The first estimate for the euro area trade in goods balance with the rest of the world in February 2014 gave a 13.6 billion euro surplus compared with +9.8 billion in February 2013.
- The EU28 external current account recorded a surplus of 39.4 billion euro (1.2% of GDP) in Q4 2013, up from a surplus of 34.4 billion (1.1% of GDP) in Q3 2013 and from a surplus of 24.1 bn (0.7% of GDP) in Q4 2012.
- In Q3 2013, the EU28 made direct investment abroad of 50.9 billion euro, compared with 62.7 billion in Q3 2012, while direct investment from the rest of the world into the EU28 was 30.4 billion, compared with 89.1 billion in the same quarter of 2012. Portfolio investment recorded a net outflow of 58.5 billion compared with a net outflow of 171.6 billion in Q3 2012.

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2. INVESTMENT INDICATORS

UK Investment Position: Q4 2013

The financial account showed a net inflow (that is, inward investment) of £23.6 billion in Q4 2013, compared with a net inflow of £33.8 billion in Q3 2013.

Direct investment recorded a net outflow (that is, outward investment) of £16.3 billion in Q4 2013, a switch from a net inflow of £3.5 billion in Q3 2013.

Direct investment abroad switched in Q4 2013 to investment of £25.5 billion from disinvestment of £0.8 billion in Q3 2013. Direct investment in the UK increased by £6.5 billion in Q4 2013 to £9.2 billion.

Portfolio investment recorded a net inflow of £13.2 billion in Q4 2013, a switch from a net outflow of £19.5 billion in Q3 2013.

Portfolio investment abroad showed net investment of £31.6 billion in Q4 2013, following a net investment of £0.9 billion in Q3 2013. Portfolio investment in the UK showed net investment of £44.9 billion in Q4 2013, a switch from net disinvestment of £18.7 billion in Q3 2013.

Other investment in Q4 2013 recorded net inflows of £34.7 billion compared with net outflows of £27.0 billion in Q3 2013.

Other investment abroad recorded net disinvestment of £69.8 billion in Q4 2013, following net disinvestment of £133.4 billion in Q3 2013. Other investment in the UK showed net disinvestment of £35.1 billion in Q4 2013, following net disinvestment of £160.4 billion in Q3 2013.

US Investment Position: Q4 2013

Investment income receipts on U.S.-owned assets abroad increased to \$204.5 billion from \$195.9 billion. Income payments on foreign-owned assets in the United States increased to \$137.8 billion from \$134.6 billion.

U.S.-owned assets abroad increased \$148.6 billion in the Q4 2013 after increasing \$70.8 billion in Q3. Foreign-owned assets in the United States increased \$325 billion in Q4 2013 after increasing \$145.6 billion in Q3.

Outflows of U.S. direct investment abroad were \$87 billion in Q4 2013, down from \$93.2 billion in Q3. Inflows of foreign direct investment in the United States were \$68.1 billion in Q4 2013, up from \$54.3 billion in Q3.

US Investment Position 2013

Investment income receipts on U.S.-owned assets abroad increased to \$782.4 billion from \$770.1 billion. Income payments on foreign-owned assets in the United States increased to \$545 billion from \$537.8 billion.

U.S.-owned assets abroad increased \$553 billion in 2013 after increasing \$97.5 billion in 2012. Foreign-owned assets in the United States increased \$906.1 billion in 2013 after increasing \$543.9 billion in 2012.

Outflows of U.S. direct investment abroad were \$359.6 billion in 2013, down from \$388.3 billion in 2012. Inflows of foreign direct investment in the United States were \$193.4 billion in 2013, up from \$166.4 billion in 2012.

US International Investment Position: Q4 2013

The U.S. net international investment position at the end of Q4 2013 was -\$4,577.5 billion as the value of foreign investments in the United States exceeded the value of U.S. investments abroad. At the end of Q3, the net position was -\$4,171.8 billion. The \$405.7 billion decrease in the net position reflected a \$777.8 billion increase in the value of foreign-owned assets in the United States that exceeded a \$372.1 billion increase in the value of U.S.-owned assets abroad.

U.S.-owned assets abroad were \$21,963.8 billion at the end of Q4 2013 compared with \$21,591.7 billion at the end of Q3. The \$372.1 billion increase reflected a \$318.4 billion increase in the value of U.S.-owned assets abroad excluding financial derivatives and a \$53.7 billion increase in the value of

financial derivatives.

Foreign-owned assets in the United States were \$26,541.3 billion at the end of Q4 2013 compared with \$25,763.5 billion at the end of Q3. The \$777.8 billion increase reflected a \$749.3 billion increase in the value of foreign-owned assets in the United States excluding financial derivatives and a \$28.5 billion increase in the value of financial derivatives.

US International Investment Position: Year 2013

The U.S. net international investment position was -\$4,577.5) at the end of 2013 compared with -\$3,863.9 billion at the end of 2012. The \$713.6 billion decrease in the net position reflected a \$1,039.8 billion increase in the value of foreign-owned assets in the United States that exceeded a \$326.1 billion increase in the value of U.S.-owned assets abroad. The U.S. net international investment position decreased 18.5% from the end 2012 to the end of 2013, compared with a 3.6% decrease from yearend 2011 to yearend 2012.

U.S.-owned assets abroad were \$21,963.8 billion at the end of 2013 compared with \$21,637.6 billion at the end of 2012. The \$326.1 billion increase reflected a \$1,130.8 billion increase in the value of U.S.-owned assets abroad excluding financial derivatives that was partly offset by an \$804.7 billion decrease in the value of financial derivatives.

Foreign-owned assets in the United States were \$26,541.3 billion at the end of 2013 compared with \$25,501.5 billion at the end of 2012. The \$1,039.8 billion increase reflected a \$1,859.8 billion increase in the value of foreign-owned assets in the United States excluding financial derivatives that was partly offset by an \$820.1 billion decrease in the value of financial derivatives.

Transatlantic Economy 2014 Study

U.S. companies are the largest source of onshored jobs in Europe and European companies are the largest source of onshored jobs in America, according to a study released today by the Johns Hopkins University Center for Transatlantic Relations. Up to 15 million workers are employed in the \$5 trillion transatlantic economy, which despite recent turbulence remains the largest and wealthiest market in the world.

Europe remains the most profitable region of the world for U.S. companies. U.S. companies' earnings in Europe reached a record high of \$230 billion last year. In fact, American companies earned more from Europe than from Asia and Latin America combined.

America is also the most profitable market in the world for European companies. European companies based in the United States earned \$119 billion in 2013.

The US and Europe are each other's primary source and destination for foreign direct investment. Since 2000 Europe has attracted 56% of US global foreign direct investment. Since 2000, Europe has accounted for over 57% of the earnings generated abroad by U.S. companies.

3. UK/US EXPORTS/IMPORTS

February 2014 UK/US Exports/Imports

USA Accounts for 21% of UK Exports in February 2014 (£3 bn)

UK Exports to USA (£m) February 2014	Change from January 2014	Change from February 2013
2,951	6.2%	-1.8%

USA Accounts for 16% of UK Imports (£2.3 bn)

UK Imports from USA (£m) February 2014	Change from January 2014	Change from February 2013
2,338	-7.1%	-18.9%

4. UK/EU & Non-EU Exports/Imports

2013 UK Trade with EU Member States

The total EU export trade for 2013 is £151 billion, which is marginally greater than the £150 billion in 2012 (0.5% increase).

The total EU import trade for 2013 is £219 billion, which is greater than the figure of £209 billion in 2012 (4.5% increase).

Total Monthly UK Trade with EU Member States: Key Points

EU Exports for February 2014 are £11.7 billion. This is a decrease of £0.6 billion (4.9%) compared to last month. It is also a decrease of £10 billion (7.7%) compared to February 2013.

EU Imports for February 2014 are £17.8 billion. This is a slight decrease of £17 million (0.1%) compared to last month. However it is an increase of £0.4 billion (2.4%) compared to February 2013.

The UK is a net importer this month, with imports exceeding exports by £6 billion. This is an increase of £0.6 billion (10.8%) compared to last month, and an increase of £1.4 billion (29.8%) compared to February 2013.

2013 UK Trade with non-EU Member States

The total non-EU export trade for 2013 is £200 billion, which is substantially greater than the £153 billion in 2012 (30% increase).

The total non-EU import trade for 2013 is £201 billion, which is a reduction when compared to £232 billion in 2012 (14%).

Total Monthly UK Trade with non-EU Member States: Key Points:

Non-EU Exports for February 2014 are £14.3 billion. This is a decrease of £0.2 billion (1.2%) compared to last month, and an increase of £0.3 billion (2.4%) compared to February 2013.

Non-EU Imports for February 2014 are £14.2 billion. This is a decrease of £2.4 billion (14.5%) compared to last month, and a decrease of £2.5 billion (14.8%) compared to February 2013.

The UK is a net exporter this month, with exports exceeding imports by £0.1 billion. This is an increase of £2.2 billion compared to last month, and an increase of £2.8 billion compared to February 2013.

5. NEW INVESTMENTS

VF Corporation establishes office in the UK

North Carolina-based clothing manufacturer VF Corporation is opening a new office, creating 120 jobs in Nottingham. VF Corporation already employs 200 staff at Calverton, and now plans to create a customer service center, and will recruit significant numbers of people who can speak a range of foreign languages. The expansion also means 30 new jobs at Calverton.

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Proteus Digital Health to Open Plant in the UK

California-based medical device firm Proteus Digital Health is to open a manufacturing site in the UK – its first outside the US – to supply sensors to thousands of NHS patients for its first major international trial.

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Coalfire opens office in UK

Coalfire, a Colorado-based firm specializing in information technology security and government compliance services, has expanded its operations internationally by opening an office in Manchester, England. The addition of the UK office brings Coalfire's operations to 12 locations. The privately held Coalfire serves industries such as retail, financial services, health care, government and utilities. The company has 180 employees, including 60 workers in Colorado and three in the UK.

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Convergys to Expand in the UK

Ohio-based Convergys Corporation is to create 333 new jobs in Londonderry, Northern Ireland with the establishment of a new customer service center with its client EE, an investment which Invest Northern Ireland is supporting with an offer of £1.5 million. The new center will open in spring 2014 and the new jobs will be created over the next 12 months. Convergys will exclusively serve EE customers following EE's recent announcement that it is bringing customer service jobs to the United Kingdom.

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UK Investments into the US

AFEX opens office in Miami

UK-based AFEX, one of the world's largest non-bank providers of global payment and risk management solutions, with international presence and expertise, announces the opening of a new office in Miami, Florida. Including Miami, AFEX now operates four offices in the U.S., in addition to those in Europe, Asia and Australasia. AFEX, with existing US offices in New York City, Chicago and Woodland Hills, California, will initially employ six staff in Miami, headed up by Susan Walker. Walker brings over 12 years of experience in foreign exchange to the role.

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ThinkAnalytics to open office in the US

Search and recommendation vendor ThinkAnalytics is opening a new office in Silicon Valley and has hired industry veteran Rich Soucie to work with the company's new and existing business partners in the San Jose area. Soucie, who previously worked for Arris, was named vice president of business development for Think Analytics. ThinkAnalytics CEO Eddie Young said Soucie would work in tandem with Christy Martin, the company's chief technical advisor, on business development out of the new office.

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Nujira to open West Coast design centre

Global Envelope Tracking (ET) technology company, Nujira has announced plans to open a new design center in the U.S. in March. The California design center is Nujira's first expansion outside the U.K., and comes as ET technologies continues to gain momentum in 4G smartphones. Nujira's new design center will focus on the development of new ET ICs and will provide a base for local applications and operations support to U.S.-based customers and partners. Nujira is currently looking at several locations in Silicon Valley for the new design center.

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6. TRADE SHOWS

UK

May 21–22, 2014 – “All-Energy” Renewable Energy Conference & Exhibition – Aberdeen AEEC

Website: [Link](#)

The All-Energy exhibition and conference is the UK's largest event devoted to renewable energy. Its highly relevant to companies actively involved in all areas of the renewable energy industry – wind (onshore and offshore), wave, tidal, hydro, hydrogen and fuel cells, solar and biofuels.

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June 17–19, 2014– Internet World -- Excel London

Website: [Link](#)

“Internet World is Europe's longest running, best attended and biggest annual event for digital marketing and online business, attracting over 10,000 visitors and more than 300 exhibitors.”

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June 17–19, 2014 IFSEC International 2014 -- Excel London

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US

May 17–20, 2014 – NRA Show 2014 – Chicago, IL

Website: [Link](#)

Link Every year, over the course of four days, more than 1,800 suppliers and tens of thousands of buyers come together to make lasting connections that drive business profitability and shape the future of the restaurant, foodservice and hospitality industry.

June 14–20, 2014 – InfoComm 2014 – Las Vegas, NV

Website: [Link](#)

InfoComm 2014 is the largest professional AV show in the world, with more than 950 exhibitors and 35,000+ attendees from over 110 countries. This is your once-a-year opportunity to see the latest audiovisual technology, learn the skills that will advance your career, and grow your professional network.

June 19–21, 2014 – 2014 International Franchise Expo – New York, NY

Website: [Link](#)

Join thousands of entrepreneurs and business owners at the International Franchise Expo, the largest franchise expo in the country. Meet hundreds of proven franchise opportunities. Every industry. Every investment level. Full-time and part-time.

June 29–July 1, 2014 – Fancy Food Show (Summer) 2014 – New York, NY

Website: [Link](#)

North America's Largest Specialty Food & Beverage Event will be in New York City from June 29 – July 1, 2014. Discover 180,000 products including confections, cheese, coffee, snacks, spices, ethnic, natural, organic and more. Connect with 2,400 exhibitors from 80 countries & regions.

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