

Market Commentary

- With U.S. bond and stock markets shut on Monday for Presidents' Day, investors are turning to corporate and political developments. Trading in Kraft and its erstwhile target remains in focus on the back of Friday's surge in both stocks. People familiar with the talks at the weekend said 3G Capital and Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc. decided Unilever's negative response made a friendly transaction impossible.
- London house prices posted their largest annual drop in almost six years in February as high values deterred buyers. The average asking price in the capital fell 0.4 percent to 641,116 pounds (\$797,000) this month from a year earlier, the first annual decline since April 2011. While asking prices gained 2.6 percent from January, that's the weakest monthly gain for a February since 2009 during the depths of the recession. London's housing market underperformed the rest of the country during 2016 after stretched affordability, Britain's vote to leave the European Union and tax increases on investors in the early part of the year weighed on demand.
- The Topix rose 0.2 percent, after retreating as much as 0.6 percent earlier in the day. The yen dropped 0.2 percent to 113.11 per dollar after gaining 1.3 percent over the previous three sessions. The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index was little changed. Chinese shares traded in Hong Kong rose for the third time in four sessions. Hong Kong's Hang Seng climbed 0.4 percent, while the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index jumped 0.8 percent. S&P 500 futures were flat, after the index added 1.5 percent last week to a record. The Stoxx Europe 600 Index had a weekly gain of 0.8 percent, closing at the highest since December 2015.
- Optimism that West Texas Intermediate oil prices will rise reached an all-time high as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries delivers on pledges to reduce production. The International Energy Agency said the group has achieved a record 90 percent initial compliance with an output accord. Crude futures were little changed at \$53.41 a barrel.
- Gold was slightly lower at \$1,234.16 or less than 0.1 percent. The metal dropped 0.4 percent on Friday, though it ended higher for the week. Gold prices have climbing for seven out of the past eight weeks.

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

Currencies	
EUR/USD	1.0607
GBP/USD	1.2427
USD/JPY	113.23
AUD/USD	0.7677
NZD/USD	0.7178
USD/CHF	1.0038
USD/CAD	1.3090

Interbank Rates						
	USD	GBP	EUR	AED	SAR	BHD
1WK	0.71444	0.23875	-0.4073	0.7173	-	1.050
1MO	0.77944	0.26275	-0.38943	0.9700	1.558	1.575
2MO	0.85333	0.32175	-0.3691	0.5971	2.029	1.800
3MO	1.05233	0.35838	-0.35157	1.3777	1.863	2.075
6MO	1.35739	0.51863	-0.2444	1.6156	2.066	2.200
12MO	1.73539	0.74463	-0.11086	2.0550	2.262	2.575

Commodities	
Brent Crude	55.99
WTI	53.56
Gold	1233.31
Aluminum	1871.3
Copper	5960
Silver	17.96
Platinum	1003.3
Palladium	776.15

Indices	
DJIA	20,624.1
S&P 500	2,351.2
DAX	11,757.0
NIKKEI 225	19,251.1
CAC 40	4,867.6
FTSE 100	7,300.0
DFM	3,631.0
TASI	7,140.2

Treasury	
US2Y	1.1882
US10Y	2.4146
EU2Y	-0.8100
EU10Y	0.3020
GB2Y	0.0850
GB10Y	1.2110
SAR2Y	2.3800
SAR10Y	3.8400

Main Economic Indicators

Country	Indicator	Consensus	Previous
EZ	Consumer Confidence (Feb)	-4.90	-4.90
GE	PPI YoY (Jan)	2.00%	1.00%
CA	Wholesale Trade Sales MoM (Dec)	0.4%	0.2%

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