

March Market Commentary Sources

23/2 WTO deal comes into force – to boost global trade by \$1tn

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UK

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5/2 Growth in UK services sector slows (but still expanding)

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UK retail sales slow in January <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-38888614>

8/2 IDS says tax burden to be highest for 30 years, with austerity continuing into the 2020s <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-38894023> Telegraph: "Chancellor faces £34bn black hole."

10/2 Apple optimistic about post-Brexit UK

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11/2 Strong end to 2016 for manufacturing as sector grows 2.1% in December

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13/2 Pubs call for business rate relief

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Coop Bank puts itself up for sale <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-38954115>

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Firms using 'gig economy' to avoid tax

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What is 'gig economy?' <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-38930048> also - what is it?

UK economy to slow down says European Commission

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UK inflation highest since June 2014

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17/2 Growing revolt over business rates

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UK retail sales unexpectedly down in February

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20/2 Amazon plans 5,000 new jobs in UK

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May to speak to Peugeot re Vauxhall jobs <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39016604>

21/2 Upcoming Budget: Chancellor listening to rates worries

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Government finances have £9.4bn surplus in January

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While Barclays profits triple to £3.2bn

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Further blow to retail – John Lewis cuts hundreds of jobs

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Boeing to open factory in South Yorkshire

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Merger agreed March 2016 but now bosses being investigated

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Bundesbank plays down Brexit punishment

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Stock market merger derailed by Brussels?

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Plan is to appeal to German self-interest

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2/2 Facebook loses \$500m VR case, but on course for 2bn users

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Fed upbeat on US economy as it holds rates

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Snapchat worth up to \$25bn despite making losses

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Trump orders review that could relax Dodd-Frank

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-38881873> over immigrant ban

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12/2 Trump pledges "full support" for Japan as N Korea conducts missile test

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And finally

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