

May monthly commentary compliance

2/4 Oil price slumps on Saudi 'freeze' comments

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35941757>

6/4 Mossack Fonseca leak reveals tax havens

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-35918844>

18/4 IMF countries vow to boost slow growth

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36066252>

UK

1st Apr National Living wage comes in

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35935677> - as California on track for \$15 minimum wage <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35937372>

Sainsbury's win battle to buy Argos <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35941233>

2/4 Cameron raises steel concerns with the Chinese

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35948432> Chinese respond by putting 46% tariff on UK steel imports
<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2016/apr/01/chinese-imposes-tariff-on-eu-steel-imports-tata>

North-South house price gap widens dramatically

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35941503>

3/4 Public sector urged to buy Tata steel <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35952868>

6/4 Steel sale - Tata want to go quickly: Government urges 'responsible' sale

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35973613>

7/4 UK car sales hit 17 year high in March

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35976094>

Scottish economy grows by 0.2% in Q4 2015 but trails UK as a whole

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-business-35976869>

anger over Govmt spend £9m on pro-EU leaflets

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-35980571>

M&S clothing sales down 2.7% in Q1

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35984316>

8/4 Weak industrial output data raises growth fears

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35996400> down 0.5% in Feb from a year ago
– biggest decline since August 2013

UK trade gap also worse than expected in February

<http://www.freshbusinessthinking.com/uk-trade-deficit-worse-than-expected/>

Good news – deal to save Scunthorpe steel could be signed on Monday

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35994323>

Productivity fell in Q4 2015 at fastest rate since 2008

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35986907>

11/4 BCC says UK economic growth ‘to soften further’

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36011502>

12/4 Government could “co-invest” to save Port Talbot

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36020141> shows how difficult it will be to find
a buyer

13/4 Tesco finally returns to profit <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36032577>

14/4 BP boss Bob Dudley faces revolt over £14m pay

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36040210>

Investors reject Bob’s meagre stipend

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36040210>

18/4 Treasury warns of Brexit hit to economy

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36068892>

20/4 Port Talbot boss to launch buyout

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-36087767>

24/4 Chinese investment in Manchester

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36086012>

25/4 BHS teetering on the brink of administration – 11,000 jobs at risk

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36123444>

26/4 What next for BHS? <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36134165>

Scottish Power to pay £18m and Npower £26m

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36137005>

27/4 Austin Reed follows BHS <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36137226> - 20 years' time, tumbleweed blowing through out of town shopping centres? America's deserted malls...

Whitbread profits boosted by Costa <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36137225>

UK economic growth slows to 0.4% in Q1
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36149185> 2.1% on an annual basis

28/4 Economists for Brexit launch campaign
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36150193>

...110 bosses say City will "thrive" outside EU
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-eu-referendum-36173263>

29/4 RBS losses more than double to £968m after £1.2bn dividend to Government
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36167495>

Martin Sorrell paid £70m <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36158871>

29/4 Two MP committees invite Green in for a chat
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36180520>

Europe

12/4 Italy sets up bank rescue fund <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36020628>

15/4 Big 5 EU nations launch tax crackdown
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36049817>

European car sales up in March despite VW fall
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36052141>

24/4 VW doubles emissions provision to €16.2bn
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36112333>

Greece bailout talks make progress <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36114491>
History repeats itself, the first as tragedy, then as farce – Marx

29/4 Eurozone recovery picks up speed
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36167289>

US

2/4 US creates 215,000 jobs in March

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35944942>

7/4 Pfizer scraps \$160bn Allergan deal

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35974998>

12/4 Marriott beat off Anbang to buy starwood for \$12.4bn

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36000528>

20/4 Intel to cut 12,000 jobs around world due to decline in PC market

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36088072>

Chinese buy Lexmark for \$3.6bn <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36089247>

21/4 VW 'to offer buyback deal in the US'

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36097244>

27/4 Apple revenue falls - drop in iPhone sales

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36146336>

28/4 Facebook triples quarterly profits as advertising continues to grow

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36154151>

US Fed keeps interest rates on hold <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36154150>

29/4 Billionaire investor dumps Apple shares

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36166867>

Profits and sales surge at Amazon <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36163479>

Far East

7/4 Samsung sees 10% jump in Q1 profits

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35983811>

12/4 China trade activity beats expectations as exports surge

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36032201>

15/4 China economic growth down to 6.7% in Q1 2016

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36051327>

18/4 Major Japanese firms suspend production after earthquake

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36069349>

19/4 China commits to cut in steel production

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36073140>

21/4 Mitsubishi admit to falsifying fuel economy data

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36089558>

26/4 Data falsified since 1991 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36137719>

28/4 Japan holds rates – no further monetary easing

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-36156956>

29/4 Yuan strengthens against the dollar

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-36166925>

Emerging Markets

2/4 Petrobras to axe 12,000 jobs <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-35944951>

12/4 Brazilian President to be impeached

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-36021230>

Loses vote in lower house

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-latin-america-36069477>

And finally

1 in 7 workers now spends lunchtime colouring in

<http://www.freshbusinessthinking.com/adult-colouring-at-work/>

14/4 Sniffer dogs <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-36041316>