

January Market Commentary Sources

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<https://www.cityam.com/lockdown-batters-uk-footfall-but-retailers-hope-for-christmas-boost/>

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55412640>

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UK & Turkey sign free trade deal

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Deal finally done

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-55324422>

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<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-55471282>

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And Finally

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Aliens have contacted Donald Trump – 1m hits, so you won't be short of something to read over the weekend...