

February Market Commentary Sources

UK

600,000 people being vaccinated in one day

<https://www.theguardian.com/society/2021/jan/31/daily-record-as-600000-people-in-the-uk-receive-covid-jabs-on-saturday>

5/1 Business leaders call for help as new lockdown announced

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55536723>

21/1 Furlough scheme to continue into summer

<https://www.cityam.com/rishi-sunak-set-to-extend-furlough-scheme-past-april/>

Asos bids for Topshop, Miss Selfridge and Topman brands – doesn't want the shops

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55786980>

25/1 Boohoo buys Debenhams brand & website for £55m – doesn't want shops or staff

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55793411>

UK car production 'worst in a generation'

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55817920>

6/1 UK new car reg in 2020 down to 30 year low

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55551315>

22/1 Nissan commits to Sunderland

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55757930>

15/1 GDP down 2.6% in November lockdown

<https://order-order.com/2021/01/15/new-gdp-fell-2-6-in-november-lockdown/>

UK inflation doubles as transport costs rise

<https://www.cityam.com/uk-inflation-doubles-in-a-month-as-transport-prices-rise/>

23/1 UK borrowing for December highest on record

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55762674>

BoE boss expects 'pronounced recovery'

<https://www.cityam.com/bank-of-englands-bailey-expects-pronounced-recovery-for-economy/>

25/1 Record number of businesses set up during lockdown

<https://www.cityam.com/new-business-creation-nears-all-time-high-during-lockdown/>

Europe

5/1 PSA merger announced <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55526360>

13/1 Europol takes down dark web's largest illegal marketplace

<https://www.cityam.com/europol-takes-down-dark-webs-largest-illegal-marketplace/>

20/1 Germany considers border controls

<https://www.cityam.com/germany-warns-of-border/>

26/1 German business morale slumps

<https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-britain-sterling-idUKKBN29UoXD>

11/1 CDU has no vision, and no viable successor

<https://www.spiked-online.com/2021/01/11/life-after-merkel/>

Italian PM to resign over pandemic criticism

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-55802611>

US

Democrats take first Georgia Senate seat

<https://www.cityam.com/democrat-wins-us-senate-race-in-georgia-in-major-coup-for-joe-biden/>

Biden offers legal status to 11m illegals

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-01-20/biden-administration-releases-bill-establishing-pathway-to-citizenship-for-11-million-undocumented-immigrants>

6/1 Trump bans Alipay and 7 other Chinese apps

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55555269>

8/1 Elon Musk overtakes Jeff Bezos as world's richest person

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-55578403>

4/1 Tesla sets vehicle delivery record

<https://www.cityam.com/tesla-sets-vehicle-delivery-record-but-falls-just-short-of-musk-target/>

13/1 Tesla moves closer to launching in India

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55642817>

28/1 Apple sales up to \$111bn in last 3 months of the year

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55835504>

Facebook revenue to \$26.4bn in Q4

<https://www.cityam.com/facebook-revenue-beats-analyst-expectations-and-rises-to-28bn-in-fourth-quarter/>

Netflix more than 200m subscribers

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55723926>

9/1 US loses 140,000 jobs in December

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55591057>

So bad they're good – will force Biden into stimulus

<https://www.cityam.com/non-farm-payrolls-show-us-jobs-declined-in-december-as-covid-19-cases-surged/>

Biden to announce \$2tn stimulus package – comes in at \$1.9tn including \$1,400 to every household in the US

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-55670801>

16/1 Biden stimulus package

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-55670801>

Far East

Arrests in HK <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-55555299>

29/1 China warns Taiwan independence means war

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-55851052>

China new laws <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55614034>

25/1 China takes foreign investment top spot from USA

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55791634>

Emerging Markets

24/1 Police arrest 1,500 in Navalny protest

<https://www.cityam.com/alexei-navalny-hundreds-arrested-in-protests-over-jailing-of-putin-critic/>

Putin palace <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-55732296>

12/1 Ford ends decades of manufacture in Brazil

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-55626572>

And Finally

Schoolboy changes name to re-connecting

<https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/schoolboy-dubbed-bonafide-genius-after-23390035>

Game, set and mattress <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/world-55698274>

If you've been worrying about losing your privacy to facial recognition, we must warn you that the latest tech is now monitoring another part of your anatomy.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/chinese-workers-get-to-the-bottom-of-smart-cushion-spies-rwh6opw5z?shareToken=4cd18b1502969c48cf3c4c51doe0553>