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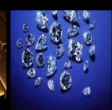
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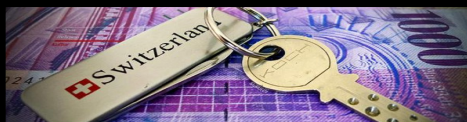
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WASHINGTON In a lengthy report this week, the senators said Credit Suisse bankers secretly travelled to the United States, sometimes on tourist visas, describing one customer who got bank statements tucked into the pages of an issue of Sports Illustrated magazine at a hotel meeting.

The report said Credit Suisse opened accounts for more than 22,000 U.S. customers, with combined assets of \$12 billion.

Switzerland has amassed assets worth trillions of dollars from foreigners over the past decades, aided by its tight bank secrecy laws, but the business has come under threat from politicians and regulators abroad.

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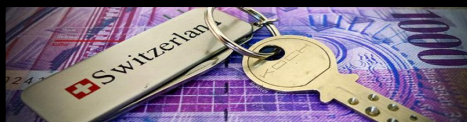
During the hearing, Credit Suisse bank laid out a detailed defense, saying that the perpetrators were a small group of Swiss-based bankers, and that while it wanted to hand over more client names, it was caught between U.S. and Swiss law.

"Credit Suisse is ready to provide the additional information requested by the U.S. authorities on U.S. account holders, but we have been unable to do so," the bank said in a statement provided at the hearing.

Credit Suisse had provided as much information as allowed under Swiss law, it said, and while it wanted to provide more client names, the U.S. Senate had not ratified a bilateral treaty with Switzerland that would allow it to do so.

Subcommittee Chair Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat, poured cold water on that argument, saying the treaty will only expose U.S. accounts at Swiss banks after 2009, when it was signed.

If U.S. customers closed their accounts before 2009 and moved to another account, they could evade detection and years of U.S. tax bills, Levin said, which Credit Suisse bankers acknowledged.



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"We can't collect taxes owed by those folks, which is what the heart of the problem is. ... Don't tell us the treaty is going to get us what we want," he said. "It won't."

Levin also scolded the Justice Department for only having retrieved 238 client names from Credit Suisse - and none from the other banks under investigation. But the Justice Department officials said their work did show good progress.

Credit Suisse said it was a "demonstrably inappropriate assumption" that all 20,000 U.S. clients were tax cheats, saying many U.S. clients, such as expatriates living in Switzerland, had a valid reason to hold a Swiss bank account.

NEW SEC PROBE

Credit Suisse last week settled charges levied by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, admitting to wrongdoing and paying \$196 million in fines. But a settlement with the Justice Department is not imminent, a person familiar with the matter has told Reuters.

"This fine ... pales in comparison with the severity of the full extent of Credit Suisse's misconduct," said McCain.

Levin also grilled Credit Suisse over the way it accounted for new client money it had earned, a matter the bank admitted some of its staff had mishandled, even if the issue was not directly related to helping clients avoid taxes.

The report cited emails from staff asking whether money could be booked in a different region to make end-quarter numbers look better. The bank did not condemn the practice per se but said the emails looked out of line.

The U.S. securities regulator, the Securities and Exchange Commission, has been investigating the bank over the issue since last fall, a source familiar with the matter said. The SEC and Credit Suisse declined to comment on that matter.



How Swiss Bank Accounts Work Also The History of Swiss Bank Accounts

For over 300 years, Swiss bankers have had a **code of secrecy** regarding banking and their account holders. It began with the kings of France who required strict secrecy, had high financial needs and had the ability to always pay back their loans.

Legislation about banking secrecy also dates back to this period. The **Great Council of Geneva**, in 1713, established regulations that required bankers to keep registers of their clients but prohibited them from sharing the information with anyone except the client-unless the City Council agreed with the need to divulge information.

This began Switzerland's long reputation as a safe haven for funds for noblemen fleeing the Revolution and others seeking financial asylum. Bank secrecy was regulated solely by civil law, enabling clients to lodge complaints for damages against any bank that didn't maintain confidentiality. However, no criminal charges could be placed so there was no threat of imprisonment for the banker who divulged information.

Until the turn of the century, provisions of the Swiss civil code and labor code provided a legal framework that supported bank secrecy. In order to survive twentieth-century financial upheavals such as the stock market crash of 1929 and subsequent depression, achieving legal recognition for bank secrecy was the only way the Swiss government could maintain its beliefs and refusal to interfere in the private affairs of its citizens. Switzerland's **Banking Act of 1934** accomplished this goal.

The law was enacted in large part because both Germany and France attempted to press Swiss banks into divulging depositor information in the name of the "good of the state." This federal law clearly stated that bank secrecy fell within the criminal domain, meaning any banker who divulged bank client information was punishable by imprisonment.

One issue of the time that reinforced the passage of this law came during the era of Hitler when a German law stated that any German with foreign capital was to be punished by death. Swiss banks were watched closely by the **German Gestapo**. It was after Germans began being put to death for holding Swiss accounts that the Swiss government was even more convinced of the need for bank secrecy.

In 1984, the people of Switzerland once again voted in favor of maintaining bank secrecy -- by a whopping 73 percent.



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Nazi Gold

Many European Jews deposited their life savings in Swiss banks when WWII broke out during the 1930s and 1940s. And, after the war many were not allowed to recover their assets because their documentation was gone.

Swiss banks have come under fire in recent years because of their actions towards Jewish account holders after World War II and also because money that German Nazis plundered from defeated countries and their prisoners was held in Swiss banks. Christoph Meili, a former bank security guard, exposed the bank he worked for, saying that they destroyed records of people murdered in the Holocaust so that their money would not be returned to their heirs.

Gold ingots from Sveriges Riksbank

According to a report by Stuart Eizenstat on Nazi theft of Jewish assets, during WWII "between January 1939 and June 30, 1945, Germany transferred gold worth around \$400 million (\$3.9 billion in today's values) to the Swiss National Bank in Bern." It is believed that much of this gold was stolen from Jews and sent to Switzerland to be melted down and used to finance the war.

According to Eizenstat, "Although there is no evidence that Switzerland or other neutral countries knowingly accepted victim gold ... at least a small portion of the gold that entered Switzerland and Italy included non-monetary gold from individual citizens in occupied countries and from concentration camp victims or others killed before they even reached the camps." This gold was deliberately mixed with other gold when re-smelted. It's assumed that the Swiss feared possible invasion from neighboring Germany.

After the war, to ensure that there could be no Nazi return to power, the Allies held or disposed of German external assets to prevent their return to German ownership or control. A plan was also made to take care of Nazi victims who needed aid.

The **Paris Agreement of 1946** provided that non-monetary gold recovered by the Allies in Germany and an additional \$25 million from the proceeds of liquidating German assets in neutral countries would be transferred to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees



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The **1946 Allied-Swiss Washington Accord** was held by the United States, United Kingdom and France. Switzerland was invited to discuss issues as a result of the Paris agreement. Under the Washington Agreement, Swiss negotiators agreed to transfer approximately 250 million Swiss francs (\$58.1 million) of gold into the Tripartite Gold Commission's (TGC) monetary gold pool. In return, according to Eizenstat, the United States, United Kingdom and French governments agreed to "waive in their name and of their banks of issue all claims against the government of Switzerland and the Swiss National Bank in connection with gold acquired from Germany by Switzerland."

Recognized claims against the monetary gold pool greatly exceeded the amount of monetary gold actually recovered. So the TGC established a proportional redistribution system which established that each country would receive approximately 65 percent of its recognized claim.

The problem of dormant accounts and heirless assets was not directly addressed in the Washington Agreement. The head of the Swiss delegation did state, however, that his Government would "examine sympathetically" possibilities for making available for "relief and rehabilitation" proceeds of property found in Switzerland which belonged to (Nazi) victims . . . who have died without heirs." Although no action was taken until 1962 when a **Swiss Federal Decree** required banks, law offices, trustees and others to comb through records to discover dormant accounts belonging to foreign or stateless persons who were deemed victims of racist, religious or political persecution. As a result, a total of nearly 9.5 million Swiss francs (an approximate 1962 value of \$2.4 million) was reported and about three-fourths was transferred to the rightful heirs. Of the remaining heirless assets, two-thirds were given to the Swiss Federation of Jewish communities and one-third to the Swiss Central Agency for Refugee Assistance.

The current investigation by the Swiss Bankers Association, begun in 1995, is the most recent attempt to find remaining dormant accounts and heirless assets. The investigations turned up approximately \$32 million in 775 additional dormant accounts opened prior to 1945, though not all were of European origin.

An ad hoc task force known as the Historical Commission was established by the Swiss to determine what happened to assets transferred to Switzerland as a result of the Nazi regime. During this study, bank secrecy laws will be waived for a period of five years so the Commission can conduct a thorough study. The Swiss have indicated a three-to-five-year time frame for this study with the release of interim reports that will be submitted to the UK Parliament. This will help resolve whether dormant accounts were used to satisfy Swiss business claims against central and eastern European countries which nationalized that property during the Communist era.



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New Appointment

Mr Isaac Takawira,



Ex CEO for Barclays Bank in Africa
First Edge International Banking Director and
Advisor for African Banking Affairs

Personal Profile

All our Associates and the Principles of First Edge Ltd would like to welcome Mr Takawira as our International Banking Director and Advisor for African Banking Affairs.

Mr Takawira is the first ever non-white when he was appointed the first ever African CEO of Barclays Bank subsidiary in Africa in November 2000. It all started in 1991, when he was chosen to head Barclays Zimbabwe.

When he took over Barclays Zimbabwe, the bank was making \$5.6 million in profits. When he left, Barclays profits had shot up to \$63 million. This translated to an annual average growth of 35 per cent.

Mr Takawira, 58, proceeded to South Africa subject to regulatory approvals.

Mr Takawira, stayed at the bank from September 29, 2000. He is a fellow of the Institute of Bankers and member of the Council of International Advisors to Insead Business School in France and also member Banking Group Advisory Board for IFC, he has also been credited to Bloomberg Business week.

Isaac Takawira joined the Ministry of Finance at independence in 1980 and was appointed to head the domestic and international finance department in the treasury. Mr. Takawira joined Barclays in 1983 as the General Manager's assistant and has served as the Assistant General Manager of Operation and the Deputy Managing Director of Barclays Bank of Zimbabwe before becoming Managing Director in 1991. From 2000-2002, Mr. Takawira served as Managing Director of Barclays Bank in Kenya and from 2002-2004 as Country Managing Director of Barclays Bank of South Africa. In 2004, he was appointed as Chairman and CEO of Eton Capital (Pty) Ltd South Africa.

Mr. Takawira is also a member of the International Advisory Council of INSEAD Business School in France, the World Economic Forum Task Force for Southern Africa and the NEPAD Business Group in South Africa. He has served as a Board member of the Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund. Mr. Takawira also farms tobacco, maize and cattle in Zimbabwe.



New Appointment

First Edge International Banking Director and
Advisor for African Banking Affairs



Personal Profile

Mr. Takawira also brings to First Edge a degree of certainty and comfort with regard our Investors, also a large contribution in African government affairs and their banking policies, which can be a major factor which contributes to the erosion of confidence with some investors.

As a businessman Mr McGhie Company Director of First Edge and Mr Takawira has had personal involvement in the commodity transaction industry for many years, the both share the same vision in African affairs.

Mr. Takawira is not shy about commenting on the troubling events in his country of birth, Zimbabwe.

He describes the situation as unfortunate and disappointing.", I and others have tried very hard to influence the situation for the better.

Mr Takawira was born in 1943 in the Masvingo region of Zimbabwe.
His birthplace is a walking distance from the ruins of Great Zimbabwe, the centre of the Munhumutapa Kingdom.

He is a trained accountant, and for 17 years worked in industry after graduating with a BA in economics from the University of Southern Rhodesia in 1968.

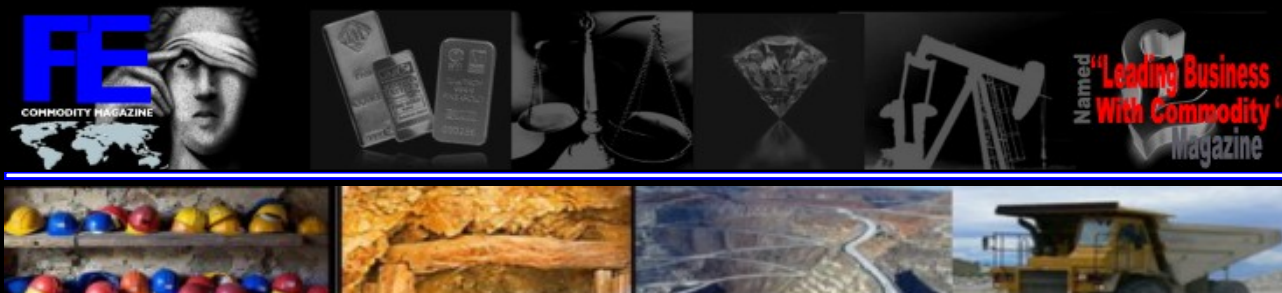
His career in banking, virtually all of it with Barclays, spans 19 years.

He joined Barclays Zimbabwe in 1983 after a three-year stint with the government immediately after independence.

He had headed a section of the Treasury dealing with domestic and international finance.

Mr Takawira is married with six children - three sons and three daughters."It's an even number, in line with African tradition.

Two of the children are in high school in Kenya, another is attending university in the US, while the two youngest are at home in Nairobi.



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'Shell shock' bond move sends yields to pre-taper low

Strategists now expect the 10-year to take aim at 2.50 percent, where it could meet resistance.

"The way this market is behaving is far more powerful than we thought."

"There was an air pocket created post the June 2013 FOMC meeting," Goncalves said.

Goncalves said as the Fed tapered, the market overshot and the 10-year yield was at 3 percent at the end of the year. The Fed first tapered its bond buying program in December, trimming \$10 billion from every meeting since then.

Traders said the Fed also competes with the market for securities at the long end of the curve, as it continues to buy, and that is also helping send rates lower.

Selling in stocks and a surge of buying in bonds—driving interest rates dramatically lower—accelerated Thursday after negative reports on manufacturing and housing, two key legs of the economy.

But the positive momentum in the bond market was already in full swing and has been the trend this week around the globe as traders react to central bank easing, particularly in Europe. Thursday's rout also reverses a schism in markets, where bonds had been moving higher and stocks were also rising, with the Dow and S&P 500 at record highs earlier this week.

Markets were also spooked by comments from widely followed hedge fund manager David Tepper, who was cautious on stocks and said he was not recommending going short but "don't be too fricking long right now." That comment, in various iterations and spellings, sped around Wall Street overnight and greeted many traders in their in boxes Thursday morning.





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"The thesis of a better economy keeping the markets bid is being put to the test," said Julian Emanuel, U.S. equity and derivative strategist at UBS. "Our belief is the economy is going to come through, but we've been telling clients all year—when the market gets wobbly, we want to wait for a spike in the VIX to become buyers."

The VIX is the CBOE's volatility index, a fear gauge for stocks, and it was roaring ahead, up more than 10 percent to just above 13. Emanuel says it flashes buy to him as it approaches 20.

"All I can say as a person who has been trading the market to see what I saw yesterday and have the PPI come out hot as in more inflation ... and have the bonds rally the way they did, tells me something is not right with the markets," said Emanuel.

Stocks investors have been banking on an improvement in the economy to match the gains in the stock market and propel earnings growth. The first quarter data was distorted by bad weather and there was absolutely no growth in GDP, but hopes are still high for the second quarter to grow 3 percent or better.

Ader said the economic data is not weak enough to justify current low yields, and the action in bonds may make some technical levels irrelevant. But he noted that key chart points for the 10-year yield would include lows from last October of around 2.47 percent and 2.41 percent from last July.

"From a chart perspective, 2.33 comes into play," he said. That is a retracement level and happens to have been a level hit on June 19, a day that former Fed chairman Ben Bernanke discussed tapering of the Fed's quantitative easing program.

The Fed's reduction of bond purchases began in December, and investors had expected to see rising rates as a result. The 10-year ended last year with a 3 percent yield, which has traded lower ever since, but now some traders say yields could be responding to the large quantify of longer duration securities the Fed holds on its balance sheet and out of the market.

Traders say this could be exaggerating gains in bond prices, as investors turned more bullish and reposition from earlier short positions.

"As an aside, there's been some concentrated large-size sellers of June out-of-the-money (S&P 500) options—1910 and 1920 calls, and on the downside 1840 and 1850 puts," Emanuel said. "As the market goes toward either of those strike prices, the possibility for acceleration increases through the strike prices."

Concerns about Ukraine have also helped keep a bid in Treasury's, in a flight-to-safety trade.



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Gold price rigging fears put investors on alert

Global gold prices may have been manipulated on 50 per cent of occasions between January 2010 and December 2013, according to analysis by Fideres, a consultancy.

The findings come amid a probe by German and UK regulators into alleged manipulation of the gold price, which is set twice a day by Deutsche Bank, HSBC, Barclays, Bank of Nova Scotia and Societal Générale in a process known as the "London gold fixing".

Fideres' research found the gold price frequently climbs (or falls) once a twice-daily conference call between the five banks begins, peaks (or troughs) almost exactly as the call ends and then experiences a sharp reversal, a pattern it alleged may be evidence of "collusive behaviour".

"[This] is indicative of panel banks pushing the gold price upwards on the basis of a strategy that was likely predetermined before the start of the call in order to benefit their existing positions or pending orders," Fideres concluded.

"The behaviour of the gold price is very suspicious in 50 per cent of cases. This is not something you would expect to see if you take into account normal market factors," said Alberto Thomas, a partner at Fideres.

Alasdair Macleod, head of research at GoldMoney, a dealer in physical gold, added: "When the banks fix the price, the advantage they have is that they know what orders they have in the pocket. There is a possibility that they are gaming the system."

Pension funds, hedge funds, commodity trading advisers and futures traders are most likely to have suffered losses as a result, according to Mr Thomas, who said that many of these groups were "definitely ready" to file lawsuits.

Daniel Brockett, a partner at law firm Quinn Emanuel, also said he had spoken to several investors concerned about potential losses.



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"It is fair to say that economic work suggests there are certain days when [the five banks] are not only tipping their clients off, but also colluding with one another," he said. Matt Johnson, head of distribution at ETF Securities, one of the largest providers of exchange traded products, said that if gold price collusion is proven, "investors in products with an expiry price based around the fixing could have been badly impacted". Gregory Asciolla, a partner at Labaton Sucharow, a US law firm, added:

"There are certainly good reasons for investors to be concerned. They are paying close attention to this and if the investigations go somewhere, it would not surprise me if there were lawsuits filed around the world."

All five banks declined to comment on the findings, which come amid growing regulatory scrutiny of gold and precious metal benchmarks.

BaFin, the German regulator, has launched an investigation into gold-price manipulation and demanded documents from Deutsche Bank.

The bank last month decided to end its role in gold and silver pricing. The UK's Financial Conduct Authority is also examining how the price of gold and other precious metals is set as part of a wider probe into benchmark manipulation following findings of wrongdoing with respect to Libor and similar allegations with respect to the foreign exchange market.

The US Commodity Futures Trading Commission has reportedly held private meetings to discuss gold manipulation, but declined to confirm or deny that an investigation was ongoing.



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US oil boom checks inflation

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The US and Canada accounted for 90% of the increase in global oil production between 2008 and 2013, according to US Energy Information Administration estimates. US production rose 9.6% in 2012 and 10.6% last year, taking it back above the 1985 peak that preceded two decades of more or less steady decline, and the EIA is predicting further increases averaging about 7.5% for both this year and next.

But since 2005, US consumption of oil and petroleum products has fallen 9.2% reducing imports and making more oil available for countries where demand is still rising. The availability of sufficient supply to meet demand is the main factor that kept oil prices stable for the past three years.

The World Bank estimates that nearly 90% of known oil reserves and about 70% of global oil production are controlled by government-run national oil companies. While private oil companies plough much of their profits back into investment to increase future production, profits at national oil companies are often diverted to other purposes.

However, ownership of oil resources and production in the US and Canada is mostly private and the structure of the energy businesses there favours risk-taking and the financing of exploration. Also, besides large integrated oil companies, numerous private firms of varying size are involved in the industry, allowing a flexibility in exploration and production absent in many other economies.

The importance of increasing US production for growing global oil markets should not be underestimated. In 2008, increasing world demand and stagnant supply eventually resulted in a price spike so severe it could be considered one cause of the ensuing world recession.

That recession drove down oil prices temporarily, but once economic expansion resumed in 2010, oil prices quickly returned to 2008 levels. Had global supplies remained stagnant, prices probably would have increased again as demand for energy products grew in line with rising incomes, especially fast-growing incomes in emerging-market economies.

But instead, oil prices trended sideways, mainly because the growth in oil demand outside the US was supplied by a decline in oil imports to the country. Without the boom in US and Canadian oil production we estimate benchmark prices such as North Sea Brent might have jumped as high as \$175 a barrel, well above the recent average of around \$110



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This downward pressure on the oil price has translated into reduced core inflation in the US and ongoing increases in US and Canadian oil output should have a restraining effect on core inflation for several years.

Exactly when the US Federal Reserve starts to raise interest rates, and how fast they rise, will depend to a large extent on the outlook for inflation. The chances that headline and core inflation will stay below 2% through 2015 are more likely if oil prices continue to be held down by sizable production increases in the booming US and Canadian oil industries.

Brent benefits from Ukraine drama

Front-month Brent crude futures held on to gains ahead of the contract expiration on Thursday, while U.S. futures fell even as concerns about the crisis in Ukraine and a tightening global oil market kept prices near 2-1/2-week highs.

News of returning Libya supply provided pressure on oil crude futures, with the OPEC-member country's output at 300,000 barrels per day (bpd) with the El Feel field at full capacity and Wafa field back at work after protests ended in the west of the country, an official with the National Oil Corporation (NOC) said on Thursday.

Pump jacks and wells are seen in an oil field on the Monterey Shale formation where gas and oil extraction using hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is on the verge of a boom, March 23, 2014 near McKittrick, California.

Expiring Brent crude for June was up 10 cents above \$110 a barrel. Wednesday's close at \$110.19 was the highest settlement since April 24. U.S. oil ended down 87 cents at \$101.50 a barrel, not far from its highest since April 21 above \$102. The U.S. June contract expires on Tuesday.



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(A) What's the best speed to drive on a highway for optimum fuel efficiency?

- ☐ 55
- ☐ 65
- ☐ 60
- ☐ 70

(B) Which is NOT a website that provides information on gas prices?

- ☐ GasBuddy.com
- ☐ GasPriceWatch.com
- ☐ AltFuelPrices.com
- ☐ They all provide information on gas prices

(C) Accelerating and braking quickly can reduce fuel efficiency by how many miles per gallon?

- ☐ 1 mile
- ☐ 2 miles
- ☐ 3 miles
- ☐ 4 miles

(D) Which is a gas-saving myth?

- ☐ Buying gas in the morning when temperatures are cooler gets you a denser, better quality of fuel.
- ☐ Properly inflated tires can help your gas mileage.
- ☐ Not following your car's maintenance guidelines can decrease your gas mileage.
- ☐ Using an incorrect weight of motor oil can affect your gas mileage.

(E) For every 100 extra pounds it carries, your car:

- ☐ Can lose 1 to 2 percent of fuel efficiency.
- ☐ Will pay more in tolls.
- ☐ Will have uneven tire wear.
- ☐ None of the above. Check Answer

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(F) In the USA what are some the perks that owners of hybrid or electric cars can receive?

- ☐ A state income tax credit.
- ☐ Access to carpool lanes on certain state roads and highways.
- ☐ Free parking in some cities.
- ☐ All of the above

(G) Some websites can help estimate the fuel costs of your trip if you enter in:

- ☐ Your starting point and destination plus the make, model and year of your car.
- ☐ How much money you can afford to spend on gas.
- ☐ How long you will be driving.
- ☐ The average speed you will be driving during your trip.

(H) If you let your car idle for two minutes:

- ☐ You will overheat your engine.
- ☐ You will use as much fuel as you would as if you drove one mile.
- ☐ You will use gas in your reserve tank.
- ☐ You will damage your clutch if you have a manual transmission.

(I) In 2009, which age group was the largest purchaser of hybrid vehicles?

- ☐ Ages 16 to 17
- ☐ Ages 18 to 44
- ☐ Ages 55 to 74
- ☐ Age 75 and older

(J) Which car maintenance checks or features can help with your gas mileage?

- ☐ Keeping gas cap tightened
- ☐ Cruise control
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Euro zone growth had missed expectations, with Italy and Portugal both reporting contractions, according to data released by Eurostat.

European stocks were also pushed lower by a weaker start to trade on Wall Street. Markets there extended the previous session's losses, after disappointing earnings from a handful of retailers such as Wal-Mart and its rival Kohl's.

ECB action eyed

The pan-European **FTSEurofirst 300 index** closed provisionally lower by 0.9 percent at 1,356.67 points.

The lackluster growth data came as anxiety has spread across global markets, with concerns centered around deflation in Europe, hefty stocks valuations and ongoing tensions in Ukraine.

In an ECB survey, professional forecasters cut their outlook for inflation in the euro zone on Thursday morning, boosting fears the region was heading for stagnation.

The euro fell to a 11-week low after the survey and stocks retreated, as investors put money into fixed income, seen as a safer investment option.

However, expectations are growing that the ECB could take act against deflation at its next Governing Council meeting in June.

ECB Vice President Vitor Constancio said on Thursday that the central bank was ready to act if needed, but said there were no distinct signs of deflation in the euro bloc.

Among the policy tools available to the bank are a further cut to interest rates, a negative deposit rate or even a Federal Reserve-style quantitative easing program.

Stocks news

Shares of Thomas Cook Group closed around 12 percent lower after it announced disappointing first half sales. Airlines, including Easyjet, saw their shares fall as a result.

UK's Dixons and Carphone agree \$6.4 billion merger

Shares of Carphone Warehouse and Dixons also closed sharply down on Thursday, after the two U.K. electrical stores agreed a 3.8 billion pounds (\$6.38 billion) all-shares merger.

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However, shares of the London Stock Exchange Group closed sharply higher on Thursday, after it reported a 50 percent rise in revenue for its full year.



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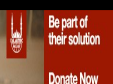
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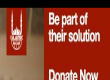
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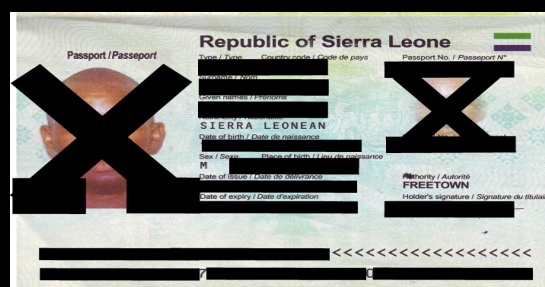
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No 1 **WANTED** PATRIZIO PILATI

WANTED and Captured by FE Magazine

First Edge has a full book on him for:
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(this man is a very good liar be very careful)

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Subject: Patrizio Pilati
To: asrtech1981@gmail.com

He is now operating under a company from Dubai, and Australia with A Partner by name Of Alan the Company goes by the call letter NTR Nexus Technologies & Resources

Good Day Sir,

I have just come across your website and I wish I had known about it 3 weeks ago. The snake that that man is, is unbelievable.

He has cost me just over \$12 000 in flights, accommodation, food and sorts.



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India opposition heads for landslide

The opposition Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has called its predicted landslide win in India's election a "people's victory".

Party president Rajnath Singh said it marked "a new era" for India.



Turkey mine owner denies negligence

The operator of the Turkish mine that collapsed, killing at least 284 people, has denied any negligence. Representatives from Soma Holding defended their response to the disaster, telling a news conference their priority had been to save lives.

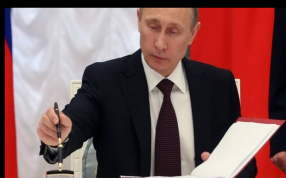
They added that an unexplained build-up of heat in the mine appeared to have caused the collapse.



9/11 museum: Obama attends New York ceremony

President Barack Obama has joined September 11 survivors and rescuers at the dedication of a memorial museum on the site of the attacks in New York.

Mr Obama told those gathered it was a "sacred place of healing and of hope".



Sanctions: Potential economic damage

Russia, already teetering on the edge of recession, has a lot to lose from any economic sanctions imposed by Europe and the US - as does Europe, experts say.

The tense stand-off between Russia and the West over Crimea and Ukraine has led to sanctions being imposed on members of the Russian elite by the EU and the US.



Jay Z and Solange 'have both apologised'

Jay Z, Beyoncé and her sister Solange broke their silence today over the lift attack video saying "families have problems and we're no different".

The CCTV footage — in which Solange appears to assault the rapper in a hotel lift after the Met Ball in New York, hitting and kicking him while his wife looks on without intervening — was posted online this week. The security guard who leaked it has been sacked.



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Monkey see
Monkey do.
Make my living
Screwing you!

Naked short,
Manipulate.
Rack my bonus
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well...
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