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Gold	Today	Change	Week Ago	Month Ago	Year Ago
	\$1,283.80	+\$10.00	\$1280.80	\$1,204.00	\$1246.00

After dipping to intra-day low of \$1265.60 an ounce during mid-morning New York time, the price of spot gold rallied to end the day with a small loss. April gold closed up \$1.90 an ounce at \$1,281.10 an ounce and spot gold ended the day at \$1273.80 per ounce.

In the U.S, the ISM manufacturing index dropped to 53.5 in January versus expectations of 55.0. That's the lowest reading since January 2014. The UK, PMI manufacturing index increased to 53.0 in January, slightly better than expectations of 52.9.

Eurozone manufacturing was unchanged at 51.0 in January. The Italian PMI manufacturing was 49.9 in January versus expectation of 49.3. However, Swiss SVME PMI dropped sharply to 48.2 in January, the steepest fall since November 2008. Analysts noted that the sharp drop was due to the action taken by the SNB.

In China, the official PMI dropped to 49.8 in January, falling below 50 for the first time since September 2012.

In Eurozone, ECB executive board member Benoit Coeure said that the expansion of the asset purchase program, fall in energy price and euro exchange rate "have opened a unique window of opportunity for euro-area governments to act together, remove structural obstacles to growth, and pull our economy out of the low-growth, low-confidence trap."

Meanwhile, the new prime minister of Greece, Alexis Tsipras, has reaffirmed Greece's intention to stay in the Eurozone and made it clear that Greece has

"obligations" towards international lenders. Finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, said he wanted a new plan for fiscal stimulus to be in place by the end of May. And he preferred the repayment of existing international loans to be tied to Greece's ability to restore growth.

The Reserve Bank of Australia cut interest rates to a record low, sending the .Australian dollar to a six-year low against the U.S. dollar. And, it fell more than 2% against the yen.

Australia's central bank has cut its cash rate by a quarter point to 2.25% in order to spur a sluggish economy and keep downward pressure on its currency.



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