

Market Overview

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- Gold: In recent two weeks prices of gold has rebounded slightly from this year lows, however volatility remains subdued as investors are focused on equity markets (page 4).
- US dollar: A more dovish than expected FOMC has created doubts about the USD bull market in medium term. However, US concerns about a strong currency will most likely delay, but not cancel Fed's rates normalisation at the time when more than twenty non-US central banks remain in easing stance. In short term, stronger Eurozone data and positioning unwinds may extend EUR upside for a while, but a trend reversal is unlikely since the currency is critical to ECB plans to boost inflation. (page 5).

FOMC members revised their rates expectations downward once again



Source: Bloomberg, KGHM



		Close price	2w chng.
	LME (USD/t)	-	
	Copper	6 146.00	4.9%
•	Nickel	13 260.00	-4.3%
	LBMA (USD/troz)		
	Silver	17.14	10.6%
	Gold (PM)	1 195.75	3.8%
	FX		
	EUR/USD	1.0856	2.7%
\blacksquare	EUR/PLN	4.0993	-1.3%
•	USD/PLN	3.7890	-3.2%
•	USD/CAD	1.2580	-1.7%
•	USD/CLP	620.68	-2.0%
	Stocks		
	KGHM	120.00	5.3%
Sou	ırce: Bloomberg, KO	GHM; (more on	<u>page 9</u>)

Important macroeconomic data

	Release	For	
	Industrial prod. (yoy)	Feb	4.9% 🔺
*‡	HSBC's manuf. PMI	Mar	49.2 ▼
	Composite PMI	Mar	54.1 🔺
	Manufacturing PMI	Mar	52.4
$\{()\}$	ZEW survey expectations	Mar	62.4
Sour	ce: Bloomberg, KGHM; <i>(mo</i>	re on <u>p</u>	<u>age 7</u>)

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Base and precious metals

Copper

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Codelco lost 6,500 mt copper production as heavy rains shut mines

The story of 14 years' worth of rain in just one day...

Chilean state metals giant Codelco has lost around 6,500 mt of copper production as the result of torrential rain and flooding which hit northern Chile. Heavy rains have forced companies to suspend operations at several major mines, putting an estimated 1.6 mn mt of capacity of copper on hold (circa 8% of global output according to Reuters). Codelco shut five of its seven mining divisions on a preventative basis although many of the mines' processing plants continued to operate using stockpiled material. Operations have resumed at all mines except Salvador, where the mine suffered medium-sized damage. According to CEO Nelson Pizarro, Codelco has plans to recover the lost production by the end of the year. Regarding Salvador, it is estimated to take one month to repair damage at mine. The high altitude complex suffered "medium" damage to the line between the concentrator plant and filtration plant as well as the mine itself, other units and road access. The Salvador division, Codelco's smallest, produced 54,000 mt of copper last year.

JX shuts Caserones copper ops in Chile due to bad weather

Other Chilean copper miner, Antofagasta, restarted its operations in Centinela and Michilla mines. Caserones mine, owned by Japan's Pan Pacific Copper, remains shut due to more than a meter of snow covering the high altitude open pit. JX Nippon Mining announced last month that Caserones produced 19,000 mt of red metal concentrate in terms of copper content in 2014, far below its earlier target of 70,000 tonnes, due to a delay in setting up an automatic operation programme and building a tailing dam.

Other important information on copper market:

- Codelco, the world's biggest copper miner, produced 1.672 mn mt of copper in 2014, up 3.1% from 2013, reflecting increased output at its Chuquicamata, El Teniente and Ministro Hales mines. Codelco earned 3 bn USD from its copper sales in 2014, down 22% from 3.9 bn USD in 2013, as lower prices ate into profit margins. Codelco also sold 26,670 mt of molybdenum last year, up 23% from 21,708 mt in 2013, it said. Molybdenum is a key byproduct of the company's copper business.
- Freeport McMoRan, the world's largest publicly traded copper producer, cut its dividend by 84 percent due to the need of funding mining and energy



projects in the face of lower commodities prices. The quarterly payout was reduced to 5 cents a share from 31.25 cents. Freeport is going to evaluate funding opportunities for its oil and gas projects and consider measures including additional spending cuts and assets sales "as would be required".

- Southern Copper Corp officially said that the company will not proceed with plans to build a copper mine in Peru. The decision was caused by renewed farmers' protests who are concerned that the mine would pollute local waters. However, Peruvian government responded that the 1.4 bn USD mine will be built anyway. The mine was part of Southern Copper's plan to almost double output to 1.2 million tons. Before the decision, the mine was intended to add 120,000 mt of copper capacity.
- Newmont Mining Corp's Indonesian copper export permit has been extended for another six months, according to Reuters. The permit was granted by the mining ministry on the company's assurance over its commitment to build smelter with Freeport. Newmont's export quota is set at 477,000 mt until September. Apart from Newmont, eight other companies received export permits for 2015.

Molybdenum

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Moly output has been increased by 7% The Chinese integrated molybdenum producer increased its molybdenum pr

The Chinese integrated molybdenum producer increased its moly output to 35.9Mlbs in 2014. All production comes from one of three China Molybdenum mines, Sandaozhuang. The other two, Xinjiang mine and Shangfanggou are not currently operational.

In 2015 the costs are expected to raise by nearly 12% in comparison to 2014

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In 2015, second-largest moly producer in China, is intended to keep its production flat at 35.9 Mlbs. However the miner expects its cash costs to rise to RMB63,358/tonne (10,219 USD/tonne) of moly metal this year. This compares to RMB56,663/tonne (9,139 USD/tonne) of moly metal the company reported for 2014.

Small-scale high cost mine closures are coming; 2014 profits disturbed by one-offs

According to CRU, Chinese Molybdenum raised its moly output while a number of small-scale, high-cost primary molybdenum operations scaled back production and some even shut down completely due to rising cost pressures. The research company estimates that this accounts for 21% of total country production in 2014. However, in the first quarter of 2015 small-scale mines will likely cut back output and some will remain closed from last year which is expected to lower company's output by 8% qoq. China Molybdenum's net profit



was of RMB1.82 billion (\$0.3 billion) in 2014, up by 55.4% year-on-year. This was partly due to sales of copper units from its 80% share of Northparkes coppergold mine in Australia. China Molybdenum sold 43.8Mlbs of molybdenum in 2014, an increase of 14.4% year-on-year.

Gold

In recent two weeks prices of gold has rebound slightly from this year lows, however volatility remains subdued as investors are focused at equity markets.

New gold fixing mechanism

After 96.5 years of the traditional Gold Fixing, market has launched the new price setting mechanism for the LBMA Gold Price, which will be administered by the ICE Benchmark Administration. Under the administration of IBA, the methodology underpinning the LBMA Gold Price is as follows:

- An independently administrated and tradable auction process.
- Electronic and physically settled auction.
- Aggregated and anonymous bids and offers published on-screen and in real-time.
- Auction conducted in US Dollars.

The auction runs twice a day at 10:30am and 3:00pm London time. The process has an independent chairperson, appointed by IBA to determine the price for each round and ensure that the price responds appropriately to market conditions. The auction process provides a market-based platform for buyers and sellers to trade physical spot gold and the final auction price is used and published to the market as the LBMA Gold Price benchmark.

The seven direct participants as of March 27, 2015 are: Barclays, Goldman Sachs, HSBC Bank USA NA, JPMorgan Chase Bank N.A. London Branch, The Bank of Nova Scotia – ScotiaMocatta, Societe Generale and UBS.

10:30am and 3:00pm London time auction

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US dollar: Is March just a temporary rest point?

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Fed's "patience" phrase removal may make USD more data-dependant

The bullish positioning and sentiment, and a more dovish than expected FOMC outcome combined to create significant short term volatility in the USD in March. The removal of time dependent guidance "patience" from Fed's statement means rates will react more freely to economic data.

US data has disappointed recently

The problem recently is that the economic or corporate earnings data has not been strong either in terms of actual numbers or relative to elevated expectations. This may proof to be temporary and caused by the special factors in the West Coast ports and in East Coast weather, but it is also possible that expectations for US activity have to yet again go through a correction. In addition, the Fed seems to be increasingly concerned about how the dollar's value affects world influence on the US, namely exports and inflation. This is all less positive for the USD than markets hoped.

Monetary policies divergence still alive

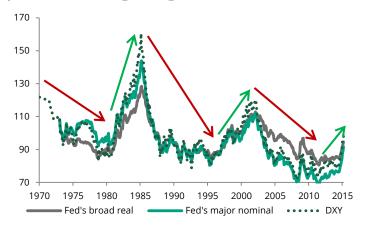
On the other side, more than twenty central banks outside the US eased monetary policy this year, some of them more than once. As such, the widely expected policies divergence that should drive USD gains over coming months is still in power. In particular, both BoJ (Bank of Japan) and ECB (European Central Bank) seem specifically focused towards FX weakness as a tool to raise inflation and inflation expectations. While some improvement is evident in both the Japanese and EZ business cycle indicators, core inflation improvement is not especially evident implying that further easing is likely in both centres.

Looking at historical moves, USD could still gain

As a result, in the longer term, the USD could still gain. Dollar cycles tend to be quite long lasting, with rallies typically 5-6 years long. That would imply that the current trend, which began in 2011, could go through to the end of 2016. Regarding size of the move, the gain thus far in the G10 USD indices amounted to around 30-35% from the lows, which compares to a typical rise of about 40-50% historically. In the real broad indices, which include emerging markets, the gain is around 16-17% with 30% marking the typical historical move. Therefore, there is still some space for further dollar strengthening, although market consensus does not seem to believe that the move will be significant, as reflected in the latest EURUSD forecasts.

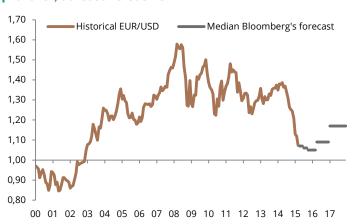


Dollar cycles – 10 years down, 5-6 years up – imply further USD strengthening...



Note: Chart shows Fed's broad real index, major currencies and ICE's DXY indices. Source: Bloomberg, KGHM

... but the market does not expect it to go much further, at least versus EUR



Note: Median of forecasts submitted to Bloomberg in March. Source: Bloomberg, KGHM



Macroeconomic calendar

Important macroeconomic data releases

Weight	Date	Event	For	Reading ¹	Previous	Consensus ²
		China				*1
000	24-Mar	HSBC's manufacturing PMI - preliminary data	Mar	49.2	50.7	50.5
		Poland				
0000	16-Mar	Core CPI (excluding food and energy, yoy)	Feb	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%
00	16-Mar	Trade balance (EUR mn)‡	Jan	1 021	- 791	- 59.0
00	16-Mar	Exports (EUR mn)‡	Jan	13 472	11 708	12 755
00	16-Mar	Current account balance (EUR mn)‡	Jan	56.0	-1 414	- 920 🦱
0	16-Mar	Budget balance (ytd)	Feb	24.6%	1.3%	
00	17-Mar	Average gross salary (yoy)	Feb	3.2%	3.6%	3.2%
٥	17-Mar	Employment (yoy)	Feb	1.2% =	1.2%	1.3%
0000	18-Mar	Sold industrial production (yoy)	Feb	4.9%	1.7%	4.1%
000	18-Mar	Retail sales (yoy)	Feb	-1.3%	0.1%	0.0%
00	18-Mar	Producer inflation PPI (yoy)‡	Feb	-2.7%	-2.8%	-2.7%
00	24-Mar	Un employment rate	Feb	12.0% =	12.0%	12.0%
		US				
0000	16-Mar	Industrial production (mom)‡	Feb	0.1%	-0.3%	0.2%
٥	16-Mar	Capacity utilization‡	Feb	78.9%	79.1%	79.5%
00000	18-Mar	FOMC base rate decision - upper bound (Fed)	Mar	0.25% =	0.25%	0.25%
00000	18-Mar	FOMC base rate decision - lower bound (Fed)	Mar	0.00% =	0.00%	0.00%
00	19-Mar	Philadelphia Fed business outlook	Mar	5.0	5.2	7.0
0000	24-Mar	Consumer inflation CPI (mom)	Feb	0.2%	-0.7%	0.2%
0000	24-Mar	Consumer inflation CPI (yoy)	Feb	0.0%	-0.1%	-0.1%
000	24-Mar	Manufacturing PMI - preliminary data	Mar	55.3	55.1	54.6
•	24-Mar	Richmond Fed manufacturing index	Mar	- 8.0	0.0	3.0
00	25-Mar	Durable goods orders‡	Feb	-1.4%	2.0%	0.2%
000	26-Mar	Composite PMI - preliminary data	Mar	58.5	57.2	
000	26-Mar	PMI services - preliminary data	Mar	58.6	57.1	57.0
00000	27-Mar	GDP (annualized, qoq)	4Q	2.2% =	2.2%	2.4%
00	27-Mar	University of Michigan confidence index - final data	Mar	93.0	91.2	92.0
		Eurozone				0
0000	17-Mar	Consumer inflation CPI (yoy) - final data‡	Feb	-0.3%	-0.6%	-0.3%
0000	17-Mar	Core CPI (yoy) - final data‡	Feb	0.7% =	0.7%	0.6%
٥	17-Mar	ZEW survey expectations	Mar	62.4	52.7	
•	18-Mar	Trade balance (EUR mn)‡	Jan	7.9	24.0	15.0
00	19-Mar	Labour costs (yoy)‡	4Q	1.1%	1.4%	
•	23-Mar	Consumer confidence - estimation	Mar	- 3.7	- 6.7	- 6.0
000	24-Mar	Composite PMI - preliminary data	Mar	54.1	53.3	53.6
000	24-Mar	Manufacturing PMI - preliminary data	Mar	51.9	51.0	51.5
000	24-Mar	Services PMI - preliminary data	Mar	54.3	53.7	53.9
•	26-Mar	M3 money supply (yoy)‡	Feb	4.0%	3.7%	4.3%
		Germany				
000	24-Mar	Composite PMI - preliminary data	Mar	55.3	53.8	54.1
000	24-Mar	Manufacturing PMI - preliminary data	Mar	52.4	51.1	51.5
00	25-Mar	IFO business climate	Mar	108	107	107 🦱
00	26-Mar	GfK consumer confidence	Apr	10.0	9.7	9.8



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		France					
000	24-Mar	Composite PMI - preliminary data		Mar	51.7	52.2	51.9
000	24-Mar	Manufacturing PMI - preliminary data		Mar	48.2	47.6	48.5
00000	26-Mar	GDP (yoy) - final data		4Q	0.2% =	0.2%	0.2%
00000	26-Mar	GDP (qoq) - final data		4Q	0.1% =	0.1%	0.1%
		Italy					
		٨	No major data in the period				
France 24-Mar Composite PMI - preliminary data 24-Mar Manufacturing PMI - preliminary 26-Mar GDP (yoy) - final data 36-Mar GDP (qoq) - final data 1taly UK UK UN UN CO 18-Mar Unemployment rate (ILO, 3-month) COSUMER INFLICTION (yoy) Japan		UK					
00	18-Mar	Unemployment rate (ILO, 3-months)		Jan	5.7% =	5.7%	5.6%
0000	24-Mar	Consumer inflation CPI (yoy)		Feb	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%
		Japan					
000	24-Mar	Manufacturing PMI - preliminary data		Mar	50.4	51.6	52.0
0000	27-Mar	Consumer inflation CPI (yoy)		Feb	2.2%	2.4%	2.3%
		Chile					*
00000	18-Mar	GDP (yoy)‡		4Q	1.8% 🔺	1.0%	1.9%
00000	19-Mar	BCCh overnight rate target		Mar	3.00% -	3.00%	3.00%
		Canada					*
0000	20-Mar	Consumer inflation CPI (yoy)		Feb	1.0% =	1.0%	1.0%

¹ Reading difference to previous release: \triangle = higher than previous; \blacktriangledown = lower than previous; == equal to previous.

² Reading difference to consensus: ■ = higher than consensus; ■ = lower than consensus; ○ = equal to consensus. mom = month-on-month; yoy = year-on-year; qoq = quarter on quarter; ytd year-to-date; sa = seasonally adjusted; wda = working days adjusted; ‡ = previous data after revision.

Source: Bloomberg, KGHM



Key market data

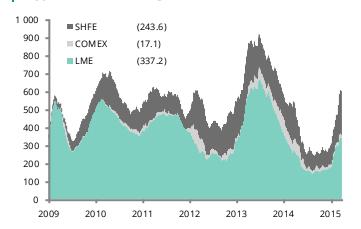
Key base & precious metal prices, exchange rates and other important market factors

(as of: 27-Mar-15)					Price change 4					From year beginning ²		
	Price		2W		QTD		YTD		1Y	Average	Min	Max
LME (USD/t)												
Copper	6 146.00		4.9%	•	-3.3%	\blacksquare	-3.3%		-6.6%	5 809.54	5 390.50	6 309.00
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Nickel	13 260.00	_	-4.3%	•	-11.2%	\blacksquare	-11.2%	_	-15.4%	14 389.84	13 260.00	15 455.00
Aluminum	1 772.00		1.6%	_	-3.2%	\blacksquare	-3.2%		5.3%	1 800.38	1 742.00	1 871.50
Tin	17 300.00	_	-0.6%	_	-11.3%	\blacksquare	-11.3%	_	-24.9%	18 440.41	16 805.00	19 750.00
Zinc	2 069.00		3.4%	_	-4.5%	\blacksquare	-4.5%		5.2%	2 079.85	1 985.00	2 183.50
Lead	1 831.00		2.2%	•	-1.2%	\blacksquare	-1.2%	•	-10.4%	1 805.76	1 696.00	1 881.50
LBMA (USD/troz)												
Silver	17.14		10.6%		7.3%		7.3%	•	-12.9%	16.71	15.47	18.23
Gold ¹	1 195.75		3.8%	•	-0.3%	\blacksquare	-0.3%	_	-7.7%	1 219.51	1 147.25	1 295.75
LPPM (USD/troz)												
Platinum ¹	1 138.00		2.1%	_	-6.0%	•	-6.0%	_	-18.9%	1 194.54	1 088.00	1 285.00
Palladium ¹	748.00	_	-5.4%	_	-6.3%	•	-6.3%	_	-2.3%	787.39	748.00	831.00
FX ³												
EUR/USD	1.0856		2.7%	_	-10.6%	•	-10.6%	_	-21.1%	1.1276	1.0557	1.2043
EUR/PLN	4.0993	_	-1.3%	_	-3.8%	•	-3.8%	_	-2.0%	4.1963	4.0886	4.3335
USD/PLN	3.7890	_	-3.2%		8.0%		8.0%		24.6%	3.7256	3.5725	3.9260
USD/CAD	1.2580	_	-1.7%		8.4%		8.4%		13.8%	1.2403	1.1728	1.2803
USD/CNY	6.2157	_	-0.7%		0.2%		0.2%		0.0%	6.2379	6.1883	6.2747
USD/CLP	620.68	_	-2.0%		2.2%		2.2%		11.7%	624.41	606.75	642.18
Money market												
3m LIBOR USD	0.275		0.02		0.08		0.08		0.18	0.260	0.251	0.275
3m EURIBOR	0.021	•	-0.16	•	-0.73	\blacksquare	-0.73	•	-0.93	0.047	0.021	0.076
3m WIBOR	1.650	-	0.00	\blacksquare	-0.20	\blacksquare	-0.20	\blacksquare	-0.39	1.874	1.650	2.060
5y USD interest rate swap	1.580	•	-0.10	\blacksquare	-0.11	\blacksquare	-0.11	\blacksquare	-0.12	1.605	1.313	1.849
5y EUR interest rate swap	0.262	_	-0.04	\blacksquare	-0.27	\blacksquare	-0.27	\blacksquare	-0.73	0.298	0.235	0.350
5y PLN interest rate swap	1.868	•	-0.09	\blacksquare	-0.04	\blacksquare	-0.04	•	-0.48	1.808	1.563	2.100
Fuel												
WTI Cushing	48.87		9.0%	\blacksquare	-8.3%	\blacksquare	-8.3%	•	-51.7%	48.51	43.46	53.53
Brent	54.36		1.0%	\blacksquare	-2.5%	\blacksquare	-2.5%	•	-49.2%	53.89	45.25	61.81
Diesel NY (ULSD)	173.00	•	-1.3%	•	-5.2%	\blacksquare	-5.2%	•	-41.4%	183.70	161.84	233.64
Others												
VIX	15.07	•	-0.06	•	-0.22	•	-0.22		0.03	16.62	13.02	22.39
BBG Commodity Index	99.37		1.8%	•	-4.8%	•	-4.8%	•	-26.2%	101.50	96.96	104.47
S&P500	2 061.02		0.4%		0.1%		0.1%		11.5%	2 063.24	1 992.67	2 117.39
DAX	11 868.33	•	-0.3%		21.0%		21.0%		25.6%	10 945.30	9 469.66	12 167.72
Shanghai Composite	3 691.10		9.4%		14.1%		14.1%		80.4%	3 323.42	3 075.91	3 691.41
WIG 20	2 373.18		3.0%		2.5%		2.5%	•	-2.0%	2 337.18	2 242.42	2 414.39
KGHM	120.00		5.3%		10.2%		10.2%		14.4%	113.25	100.95	122.70

[°] change over: 2W = two weeks; QTD = quarter-to-day; YTD = year-to-date; 1Y = one year. ¹ based on daily closing prices. ² latest quoted price. ³ central banks' fixing rates (Bank of China HK for USD/CNY). ⁴.
Source: Bloomberg, KGHM

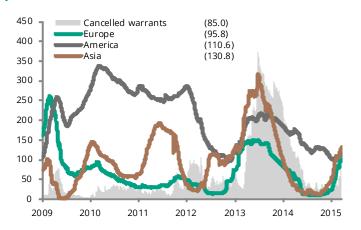






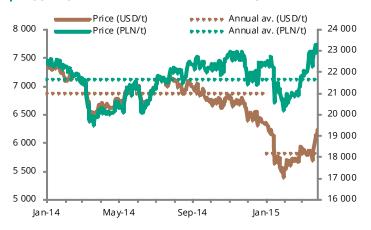
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Copper: official LME stocks (thousand tonnes)



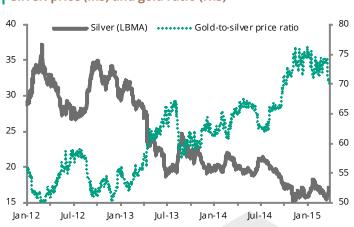
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Copper: price in USD (lhs) and PLN (rhs) per tonne



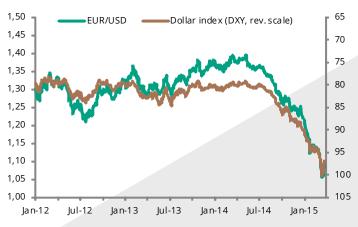
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Silver: price (lhs) and gold ratio (rhs)



Source: Bloomberg, KGHM

USD: dollar index (lhs) and ECB-based EUR/USD (rhs)



Source: Bloomberg, KGHM

PLN: NBP-fixing based rate vs. USD (lhs) and EUR (rhs)



Source: Bloomberg, KGHM



Legal note

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• "Commodities Comment" Macquarie Research Metals and Mining, • "Commodities Daily" Standard Bank, • "Commodities Weekly" Barclays Capital Research, • "Metals Market Update" Morgan Stanley, • "Daily Copper Wrap" Mitsui, • "Base and Precious Metals Daily" JPMorgan, • "Codziennik" BZ WBK, • "Tygodnik Ekonomiczny" BZ WBK, • "Raport dzienny" mBank, • "Biuletyn Dzienny" Bank PEKAO S.A., • "Dragonomics: China Research" Gavekal

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