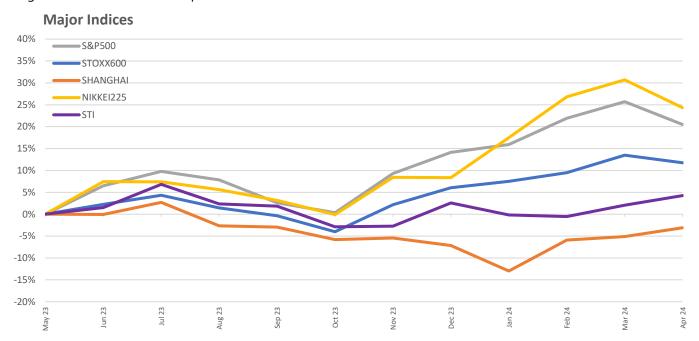




## **OVERVIEW**

Global equities experienced a mixed month in April. The U.S. witnessed a decline after a strong March, with geopolitical and economic concerns impacting the market. Europe saw a moderate drop, though some sectors performed well. Japan's market corrected after reaching record highs, with manufacturing showing weakness. China, however, managed a slight increase on the back of positive economic data.



**U.S.** equities experienced a decline in April, with the S&P500 dropping by 4.16%. This marked the largest downturn since the rally began in late October. This attributed to geopolitics, rising government bond yields, inflation, and monetary policy concerns. Despite this, the index closed April with a positive YTD level of 5.57%, buoyed by its 10.16% gain in the first quarter of 2024. S&P Global reported that its flash US Composite PMI Output Index, which monitors both the manufacturing and services sectors, declined to 50.9 this month from 52.1 in March. The rally has lost momentum as investors anticipated that the Federal Reserve may still not be close to pivoting towards interest rate cuts.

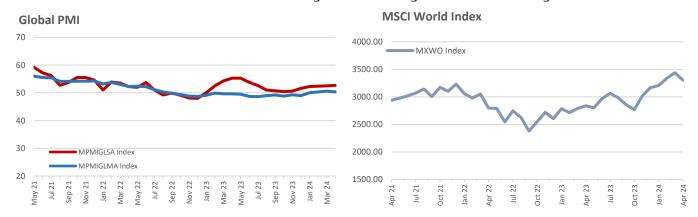
**European** equities saw a decline in April, with the STOXX600 ending 1.52% lower for the month. The weakest performing sectors included information technology and consumer discretionary. Top performing sectors were energy and real estate. The ECB kept interest rates unchanged in April, with officials suggesting that a more accommodative policy might be warranted if inflation continues to move closer to the 2% target. Business activity in the Eurozone picked up pace as the flash composite PMI increased to 51.4 in April. Employment also accelerated following more positive business confidence readings.

**Japanese** equities concluded April on a lower note, with the Nikkei 225 experiencing a decline of 4.86%. The market correction predominantly impacted large-cap and semiconductor-related shares, with observed selling pressures stemming from profit-taking. Additionally, heightened tensions in the Middle East exerted a negative influence on market sentiment. The Manufacturing PMI was revised lower to 49.6 in April, though it still represented an improvement from March's 48.2. This marked the 11th consecutive month of contraction in factory activity, albeit at the softest rate since August 2023, as both output and new orders experienced a slower decline. Preliminary data indicated an increase in the Services PMI for April compared to March, marking the 20th successive month of growth, fuelled by rising new orders, particularly from overseas.



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**Chinese** equities concluded April with a slight increase, as the SHANGHAI Composite Index closed 2.09% higher. Confidence in China's economic recovery grew stronger as Q1 GDP growth surpassed expectations, boosted by accelerated investment in manufacturing and infrastructure in March. PMI data indicated continued expansion in both the manufacturing and services sectors throughout April. Despite prevailing challenges in the property market, authorities reiterated their commitment to addressing the crisis during the Politburo meeting.





# **MARKET STATISTICS**

## **ECONOMY**

### Economy

|            | %1M   | %6M  | %1Y   | 3Y  |            | %1M   | %6M    | %1Y    | 3Y  |
|------------|-------|------|-------|-----|------------|-------|--------|--------|-----|
| World MPMI | -0.6% | 3.1% | 1.4%  | ~~  | EM MPMI    | 0.0%  | 3.8%   | 2.9%   | Mm  |
| World SPMI | 0.4%  | 4.6% | -4.9% | m   | EM SPMI    | -0.2% | 3.9%   | -6.2%  | ~~~ |
| US CPI     | 0.3%  | 1.8% | 3.4%  |     | EU CPI*    | 0.6%  | 1.4%   | 2.6%   |     |
| US PPI     | 0.3%  | 1.1% | 2.2%  |     | EU PPI*    | -0.6% | -15.8% | -19.9% |     |
| US UNEMP   | 2.6%  | 0.0% | 14.7% | \   | EU UNEMP*  | 0.0%  | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |     |
| US MPMI    | -2.2% | 5.4% | 4.5%  | ~~~ | EU MPMI    | -1.1% | 6.0%   | 0.0%   | ~~~ |
|            |       |      |       |     | EUSPMI     | 3.5%  | 11.5%  | -5.2%  | ~~  |
| CHINA MPMI | 0.6%  | 3.8% | 3.8%  | www | SWISS MPMI | -8.4% | 2.0%   | -8.6%  | ~~~ |
| CHINA SPMI | -0.4% | 4.2% | -6.9% | ~~~ | SWISS SPMI | 16.8% | 6.5%   | 6.5%   | m   |

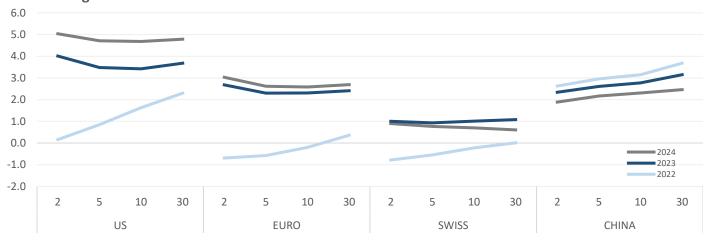
<sup>\*</sup>Projected figure

# **KEY RATES**

### **Sovereign Key Rates**

|           | Apr    | Δ1Μ     | Δ6Μ     | Δ1Υ     |   |           | Apr    | Δ1Μ    | Δ6Μ     | Δ1Υ    |
|-----------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---|-----------|--------|--------|---------|--------|
| US 2Y     | 5.0360 | 0.4150  | -0.4680 | 1.0790  |   | EU 2Y     | 3.0300 | 0.1840 | -0.1650 | 0.3310 |
| US 5Y     | 4.7160 | 0.5030  | -0.6420 | 1.3750  |   | EU 5Y     | 2.6150 | 0.2950 | -0.3320 | 0.3520 |
| US 10Y    | 4.6810 | 0.4800  | -0.7310 | 1.5120  | - | EU 10Y    | 2.5830 | 0.2860 | -0.5070 | 0.4940 |
| US 30Y    | 4.7850 | 0.4410  | -0.7510 | 1.4150  | _ | EU 30Y    | 2.6880 | 0.2330 | -0.6350 | 0.6800 |
|           |        |         |         |         |   |           |        |        |         |        |
| CHINA 2Y  | 1.8880 | -0.0150 | -0.4450 | 0.0080  |   | SWISS 2Y  | 0.8980 | 0.0430 | -0.3840 | 0.2390 |
| CHINA 5Y  | 2.1690 | -0.0120 | -0.3510 | -0.0780 |   | SWISS 5Y  | 0.7690 | 0.0790 | -0.3010 | 0.0610 |
| CHINA 10Y | 2.3100 | 0.0210  | -0.4000 | -0.0810 |   | SWISS 10Y | 0.7000 | 0.0740 | -0.4630 | 0.0790 |
| CHINA 30Y | 2.5250 | 0.0640  | -0.5320 | -0.1570 | _ | SWISS 30Y | 0.6060 | 0.0000 | -0.4880 | 0.0140 |

### **3Y Sovereign Yield Curve**







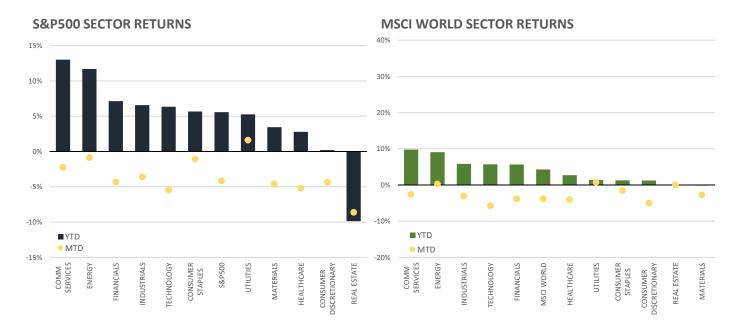


# **EQUITIES**

| Equities | Apr    | YTD   | 1Y     | 3Y Ann  | 5Y Ann | 3Y SD  | 3Y   |
|----------|--------|-------|--------|---------|--------|--------|------|
| WORLD    | -3.85% | 4.30% | 16.55% | 4.00%   | 10.07% | 7.19%  | ~~~~ |
| EM       | 0.26%  | 2.17% | 7.05%  | -8.10%  | 0.94%  | 14.35% | ~~~  |
| ASIA PAC | -1.49% | 2.87% | 8.69%  | -5.48%  | 2.72%  | 11.81% | ~~~  |
| US       | -4.16% | 5.57% | 20.78% | 6.39%   | 12.84% | 7.16%  | ~~~~ |
| EUROPE   | -1.45% | 5.43% | 7.98%  | 5.39%   | 6.35%  | 5.08%  | ~~~  |
| CHINA    | 6.42%  | 4.27% | -9.34% | -18.99% | -4.68% | 25.15% |      |
| SWISS    | -3.83% | 0.80% | -3.09% | -0.47%  | 2.53%  | 6.09%  | ~~~  |

### Style

|                 | Apr    | YTD    |              | Apr    | YTD    |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|
| WORLD LARGE CAP | -3.73% | 4.80%  | US LARGE CAP | -4.16% | 5.57%  |
| WORLD SMALL CAP | -5.30% | -1.54% | US SMALL CAP | -5.61% | -3.29% |
| WORLD VALUE     | -3.60% | 3.02%  | US VALUE     | -5.74% | 1.63%  |
| WORLD GROWTH    | -4.09% | 5.54%  | US GROWTH    | -6.27% | 6.77%  |
| WORLD MOMENTUM  | -4.07% | 15.22% | US MOMENTUM  | -5.22% | 15.91% |







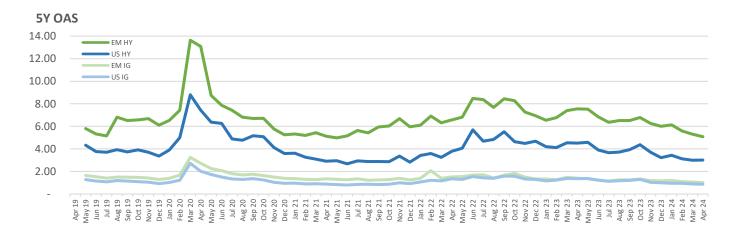


## **FIXED INCOME**

| Fixed Income | Apr    | YTD    | 1Y     | 3Y Ann | 5Y Ann | 3Y SD | 3Y CURVE |
|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|----------|
| WORLD AGG    | -2.52% | -4.55% | -2.48% | -5.93% | -1.88% | 8.41% | ~~~      |
| US AGG       | -2.53% | -3.28% | -1.47% | -3.54% | -0.51% | 5.74% | ~~~      |
| EUROPE AGG   | -1.47% | -1.88% | 3.19%  | -4.91% | -2.20% | 8.38% |          |
| CHINA AGG    | 0.20%  | 0.39%  | 1.26%  | 1.10%  | 3.59%  | 2.58% | ~~~      |
| EM AGG       | -1.65% | -0.14% | 6.22%  | -2.45% | 0.53%  | 7.43% | ~~~      |
| SWISS AGG    | -0.24% | 0.29%  | 5.38%  | -2.04% | -1.31% | 4.80% | ~~~~~    |

#### OAS

|              | Apr  | Δ1Μ   | Δ6Μ   | Δ1Υ   | Δ3Υ   |             | Apr  | Δ1Μ   | Δ6Μ   | Δ1Υ   | Δ3Υ   |
|--------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| WORLD IG OAS | 0.98 | -0.03 | -0.45 | -0.51 | 0.07  | EM IG OAS   | 1.01 | -0.05 | -0.32 | -0.40 | -0.34 |
| WORLD HY OAS | 3.78 | -0.03 | -1.42 | -1.73 | 0.20  | EM HY OAS   | 5.08 | -0.23 | -1.70 | -2.47 | -0.04 |
|              |      |       |       |       |       |             |      |       |       |       | _     |
| US IG OAS    | 0.87 | -0.03 | -0.42 | -0.49 | -0.01 | EURO IG OAS | 1.13 | -0.01 | -0.48 | -0.50 | 0.26  |
| US HY OAS    | 3.01 | 0.02  | -1.36 | -1.51 | 0.10  | EURO HY OAS | 3.68 | 0.10  | -1.20 | -1.36 | 0.71  |





### **FX & COMMODITIES**

| Commodities           | Apr    | YTD    | 1Y     | 3Y Ann | 5Y Ann    | 3Y SD     | 3Y Curve |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| BBG Index             | 2.69%  | 4.94%  | 2.89%  | 7.19%  | 7.78%     | 9.88%     |          |
| BBG Energy            | 0.37%  | 5.23%  | 1.89%  | 10.80% | 0.55%     | 22.30%    |          |
| BBG Agri & Livestock  | -0.97% | -1.80% | -4.00% | 3.71%  | 8.00%     | 8.03%     |          |
| BBG Soft              | -1.72% | 7.76%  | 3.87%  | 17.02% | 14.06%    | 12.96%    |          |
| BBG Precious Metals   | 4.09%  | 10.93% | 12.52% | 6.75%  | 10.97%    | 5.87%     | ~~~~     |
| BBG Industrial Metal: | 13.91% | 13.08% | 8.66%  | 3.77%  | 9.66%     | 9.62%     | ~~~~     |
|                       | Apr    | YTD    | 1Y     | 3Y Ann | S-Term    | M-Term    | 3Y CURVE |
| BBG Gold              | 3.38%  | 11.00% | 14.65% | 8.59%  | 2270-2370 | 2270-2370 | ~~~~     |
| BBG Brent Crude       | 0.70%  | 16.44% | 20.28% | 27.04% | 80-90     | 80-90     |          |

| Currencies | Apr    | 1M HIGH | 1M LOW | 1M SD | S-Term    | M-Term    | 1M CURVE                               |
|------------|--------|---------|--------|-------|-----------|-----------|--|
| EUR/USD    | 1.07   | 1.09    | 1.06   | 0.73% | 1.05-1.09 | 1.06-1.10 |  |
| USD/JPY    | 157.80 | 158.33  | 151.32 | 1.41% | 151-156   | 147-152   | •*                                     |
| GBP/USD    | 1.25   | 1.27    | 1.24   | 0.77% | 1.23-1.28 | 1.24-1.29 |  |
| USD/CHF    | 0.92   | 0.92    | 0.90   | 0.54% | 0.88-0.92 | 0.87-0.91 | · ···································· |
| USD/CNY    | 7.24   | 7.25    | 7.22   | 0.08% | 7.18-7.28 | 7.15-7.25 |  |
| USD/SGD    | 1.37   | 1.37    | 1.34   | 0.47% | 1.34-1.37 | 1.33-1.36 |  |

# **COMMODITIES & FX VIEW**

**Oil** prices experienced a modest gain in April. Amid easing tensions between Israel and Iran, expected delays in US rate cuts, and the possibility of a ceasefire in the Middle East, prices stabilized. These factors collectively helped to lower the risk premium for crude oil.

**Precious metals** prices surged by 4.09% higher in April, with gold experiencing a 3.38% increase. Although gold's rise in April was slower compared to March, it was still notable. Key factors driving this upward trend include strong Chinese buying activity and continued support from central banks. China's official gold reserves recorded their 18th consecutive increase, adding 2 tonnes in April. This marks the slowest rise since the People's Bank of China (PBoC) resumed announcing gold purchases in November 2022. Additionally, the anticipation of interest rate cuts and escalating geopolitical tensions have contributed to the heightened demand for gold. These various factors highlight the enduring allure of gold as a valuable asset during periods of economic and geopolitical uncertainty.

The **USD** generally strengthened in April against most major currencies, with the DXY index ended 1.66% higher MoM. The resilience of the U.S. economy was evident through robust inflation and labour market indicators. Consequently, the expectation of reduced easing measures by the Federal Reserve (Fed) in the current year has propelled the dollar to new peaks. The macroeconomic market discussion has transitioned from the timing of Fed easing to questioning whether it will occur at all this year, driving the dollar's ascent accordingly.

The **EUR** weakened in April against the USD. Eurozone inflation remained stable as anticipated, but a significant indicator reflecting underlying price pressures slowed down, further reinforcing the case for the European Central Bank to implement interest rate cuts in June. However, the unexpectedly high inflation figures in the United States could pose a greater concern, potentially leading to delays in rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve and diminishing earlier rate cut expectations. While the ECB asserts its independence, the actions of the Fed influence global financing conditions, and



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a widening interest rate differential would likely weaken the euro and increase imported inflation. This would also elevate long-term yields in the eurozone, effectively offsetting some of the ECB's efforts to reduce borrowing costs.

The **CNY** weakened slightly against the USD in April. China maintained its benchmark lending rates at a monthly fixing, aligning with market expectations. This decision follows positive first-quarter economic data from China, reducing the immediate need for Beijing to implement monetary stimulus measures to support economic recovery. However, challenges persist, including a depreciating Yuan, uncertainty surrounding the timing of the first Federal Reserve interest rate hike, and declining net interest margins (NIMs) at commercial banks, all of which hinder easing efforts. The one-year loan prime rate (LPR) remained unchanged at 3.45%, while the five-year LPR also stayed steady at 3.95%.

The **GBP** concluded April with a slight drop against the USD. The U.K.'s March inflation dropped to 3.2% YoY from the previous month's 3.4%. Bank of England (BOE) Governor Andrew Bailey remarked in April that the European outlook differed from that of the U.S., expressing optimism that U.K. inflation was decreasing. He described the latest data as being "pretty much on track" with the institution's forecasts. The BOE anticipates that inflation will dip below its 2% target in the second guarter before rebounding towards 3% later this year.

The **JPY** weakened against the USD in April, largely attributed to the robustness of the U.S. economy, and diminishing market expectations for a Fed rate cut. Concurrently, the Bank of Japan (BoJ) refrained from further policy tightening during its April meeting, sparking increased speculation in the currency market. The JPY reached a level of 160 yen against the US dollar, prompting concern from the Japanese government regarding its potential impact on inflationary pressures. There are worries that this could hinder real-term wage growth, subsequently dampening consumption and delaying Japan's domestic demand-driven economic expansion.





# THEME OF THE MONTH

### **Decentralized Finance**

The traditional architecture of financial systems (e.g., banks, brokers, Exchanges) relies heavily on intermediaries. These intermediaries serve centralized nodes that govern access to the financial system and provide customers with a broad range of services, such as record keeping, verification of transactions, settlement, liquidity, and security. Therefore, they signify a galvanic force empowering most of the core functions of the centralized institutions, helping them with the implementation of regulatory compliances, like tax reporting, anti-money-laundering laws, or consumer financial protection.

However, these centralized financial systems are not without some considerable inefficiencies. They give birth to certain concerns, like inherent fragility and systematic risks, especially as a fallout of core intermediaries becoming insolvent, or as a result of dwindling trust of investors in the system. These concerns reflect the experience of the 2008 financial crisis that exposed the corruption or fragility of intermediaries. It also spearheaded a new 'revolution' of blockchain technology, especially its ability to build decentralized platforms to democratize finance, in an open, decentralized, permissionless, and autonomous way.

#### **Decentralized Finance (DeFi)**

DeFi allows users to bypass traditional financial institutions and conduct financial transactions directly with each other. Unlike CeFi (Centralized Finance) which relies on intermediaries, DeFi leverages blockchain technology and smart contracts to facilitate peer-to-peer (P2P) transactions.

#### Key features of DeFi:

- Decentralization: No central authority controls DeFi, giving users more control over their finances.
- Accessibility: Anyone with an internet connection can participate in DeFi.
- Transparency: All transactions are recorded on a public blockchain ledger, ensuring transparency.
- Smart contracts: Self-executing code automates agreements and transactions, eliminating the need for trusted third parties.

#### Examples of DeFi applications:

- Decentralized exchanges (DEXs): Allow users to trade cryptocurrencies directly with each other, without relying on a central
  exchange.
- DeFi lending and borrowing: Users can lend or borrow cryptocurrencies without involving banks.

#### Benefits of DeFi:

- Increased efficiency and transparency in financial transactions.
- More open and inclusive financial system.
- Potential for innovation in financial products and services.

### Risks of DeFi:

- DeFi is a relatively new technology and is still evolving.
- Security risks associated with hacking and scams.
- Volatility of cryptocurrency markets.

DeFi and CeFi, despite their opposing approaches to control, share a surprising amount of common ground. Both utilize blockchain technology as the backbone for their operations, ensuring secure and transparent financial services. They cater to users interested in cryptocurrency by offering services like buying, selling, and trading digital assets. Additionally, DeFi and CeFi leverage digital assets as collateral, opening these financial products to a global audience. Finally, both systems rely on automation powered by digital technologies to streamline financial transactions for their users. However, DeFi goes a step further by introducing unique components like stablecoins, liquidity mining, and specialized exchanges, creating a more intricate financial ecosystem.



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| Date  | Country        | Event                               | Period | Surv(M)  | Prior    | Revised  | Date  | Country        | Event                           | Period | Surv(M) | Prior | Revised |
|-------|----------------|-------------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------|----------------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| 04/01 | Japan          | Tankan Large Mfg Index              | 1Q     | 10       | 12       | 13       | 04/16 | China          | Industrial Production YoY       | Mar    | 6.0%    |       |         |
| 04/01 | Japan          | Tankan Large Non-Mfg Index          | 1Q     | 32       | 30       | 32       | 04/16 | China          | Retail Sales YoY                | Mar    | 4.8%    |       |         |
| 04/01 | Japan          | Tankan Large Mfg Outlook            | 1Q     | 10       | 8        |          | 04/16 | United Kingdom | ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths     | Feb    | 4.0%    | 3.9%  | 4.0%    |
| 04/01 | Japan          | Tankan Large All Industry Capex     | 1Q     |          | 13.5%    |          | 04/16 | United Kingdom | Claimant Count Rate             | Mar    |         | 4.0%  |         |
| 04/01 | Japan          | Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg            | Mar F  |          | 47.2     |          | 04/16 | United Kingdom | Jobless Claims Change           | Mar    |         | 16.8k | 4.1k    |
| 04/01 | China          | Caixin China PMI Mfg                | Mar    | 51       | 50.9     |          | 04/16 | Italy          | CPI EU Harmonized YoY           | Mar F  | 1.3%    | 1.3%  | 1.2%    |
| 04/01 | Canada         | S&P Global Canada Manufacturing PMI | Mar    |          | 49.7     |          | 04/16 | Germany        | ZEW Survey Expectations         | Apr    | 35.5    | 31.7  |         |
| 04/01 | United States  | S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI     | Mar F  | 52.5     | 52.2     | 51.9     | 04/16 | Germany        | ZEW Survey Current Situation    | Apr    | -76     | -80.5 |         |
| 04/01 | United States  | ISM Manufacturing                   | Mar    | 48.3     | 47.8     |          | 04/16 | United States  | Housing Starts                  | Mar    | 1485k   | 1521k | 1549k   |
| 04/02 | United Kingdom | Nationwide House PX MoM             | Mar    | 0.3%     | 0.7%     | 0.6%     | 04/16 | Canada         | CPI NSA MoM                     | Mar    | 0.7%    | 0.3%  |         |
| 04/02 | United Kingdom | Nationwide House Px NSA YoY         | Mar    | 2.4%     | 1.2%     |          | 04/16 | Canada         | CPI YoY                         | Mar    | 2.9%    | 2.8%  |         |
| 04/02 | Italy          | HCOB Italy Manufacturing PMI        | Mar    | 48.8     | 48.7     |          | 04/16 | United States  | Industrial Production MoM       | Mar    | 0.4%    | 0.1%  | 0.4%    |
| 04/02 | France         | HCOB France Manufacturing PMI       | Mar F  | 45.8     | 47.1     | 46.2     | 04/17 | United Kingdom | CPI MoM                         | Mar    | 0.4%    | 0.6%  |         |
| 04/02 | Germany        | HCOB Germany Manufacturing PMI      | Mar F  | 41.6     | 42.5     | 41.9     | 04/17 | United Kingdom | CPI YoY                         | Mar    | 3.1%    | 3.4%  |         |
| 04/02 | United Kingdom | Mortgage Approvals                  | Feb    | 56.5k    | 55.2k    | 56.0k    | 04/17 | United Kingdom | CPI Core YoY                    | Mar    | 4.1%    | 4.5%  |         |
| 04/02 | United Kingdom | S&P Global UK Manufacturing PMI     | Mar F  | 49.9     | 47.5     | 50.3     | 04/17 | United States  | MBA Mortgage Applications       | Apr 12 |         | 0.1%  |         |
| 04/02 | Germany        | CPI YoY                             | Mar P  | 2.2%     | 2.5%     |          | 04/18 | Japan          | Tertiary Industry Index MoM     | Feb    | 0.5%    | 0.3%  | -0.5%   |
| 04/02 | Germany        | CPI MoM                             | Mar P  | 0.5%     | 0.4%     |          | 04/18 | United States  | Initial Jobless Claims          | Apr 13 | 215k    | 211k  | 212k    |
| 04/02 | Germany        | CPI EU Harmonized YoY               | Mar P  | 2.4%     | 2.7%     |          | 04/18 | United States  | Leading Index                   | Mar    | -0.1%   | 0.1%  | 0.2%    |
| 04/02 | United States  | Durable Goods Orders                | Feb F  | 1.4%     | 1.4%     | 0.7%     | 04/18 | United States  | Existing Home Sales             | Mar    | 4.20m   | 4.38m |         |
| 04/02 | United States  | Factory Orders                      | Feb    | 1.0%     | -3.6%    | -3.8%    | 04/19 | Japan          | Natl CPI YoY                    | Mar    | 2.8%    | 2.8%  |         |
| 04/03 | United States  | MBA Mortgage Applications           | Mar 29 |          | -0.7%    |          | 04/19 | United Kingdom | Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM  | Mar    | 0.3%    | 0.0%  | 0.1%    |
| 04/03 | United States  | ADP Employment Change               | Mar    | 150k     | 140k     | 176k     | 04/19 | United Kingdom | Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel YoY  | Mar    | 1.0%    | -0.4% | -0.3%   |
| 04/03 | United States  | ISM Services Index                  | Mar    | 52.8     | 52.6     |          | 04/23 | Japan          | Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg        | Apr P  |         | 48.2  |         |
| 04/04 | France         | HCOB France Composite PMI           | Mar F  | 47.7     | 48.1     | 48.3     | 04/23 | France         | HCOB France Composite PMI       | Apr P  | 48.8    | 48.3  |         |
| 04/04 | France         | HCOB France Services PMI            | Mar F  | 47.8     | 48.4     | 48.3     | 04/23 | France         | HCOB France Manufacturing PMI   | Apr P  | 46.8    | 46.2  |         |
| 04/04 | United States  | Trade Balance                       | Feb    | -\$67.6b | -\$67.4b | -\$67.6b | 04/23 | France         | HCOB France Services PMI        | Apr P  | 48.9    | 48.3  |         |
| 04/04 | United States  | Initial Jobless Claims              | Mar 30 | 214k     | 210k     | 212k     | 04/23 | Germany        | HCOB Germany Manufacturing PMI  | Apr P  | 42.7    | 41.9  |         |
| 04/05 | Germany        | Factory Orders MoM                  | Feb    | 0.7%     | -11.3%   | -10.9%   | 04/23 | United Kingdom | S&P Global UK Manufacturing PMI | Apr P  | 50.4    | 50.3  |         |
| 04/05 | France         | Industrial Production MoM           | Feb    | 0.4%     | -1.1%    | -0.9%    | 04/23 | United States  | S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI | Apr P  | 52      | 51.9  |         |
| 04/05 | United States  | Change in Nonfarm Payrolls          | Mar    | 214k     | 275k     | 236k     | 04/23 | United States  | New Home Sales                  | Mar    | 668k    | 662k  | 637k    |
| 04/05 | Canada         | Net Change in Employment            | Mar    | 25.0k    | 40.7k    |          | 04/24 | Germany        | IFO Business Climate            | Apr    | 88.8    | 87.8  | 87.9    |
| 04/05 | Canada         | Unemployment Rate                   | Mar    | 5.9%     | 5.8%     |          | 04/24 | Italy          | Consumer Confidence Index       | Apr    | 96.8    | 96.5  |         |
| 04/05 | United States  | Unemployment Rate                   | Mar    | 3.8%     | 3.9%     |          | 04/24 | Italy          | Manufacturing Confidence        | Apr    | 89.2    | 88.6  | 88.4    |
| 04/08 | Japan          | BoP Current Account Balance         | Feb    | ¥3050.0b | ¥438.2b  | ¥457.0b  | 04/24 | United States  | MBA Mortgage Applications       | Apr 19 |         | 3.3%  |         |
| 04/08 | Germany        | Industrial Production SA MoM        | Feb    | 0.5%     | 1.0%     | 1.3%     | 04/24 | United States  | Durable Goods Orders            | Mar P  | 2.5%    | 1.3%  | 0.7%    |
| 04/10 | Japan          | PPI YoY                             | Mar    | 0.8%     | 0.6%     | 0.7%     | 04/25 | United States  | GDP Annualized QoQ              | 1Q A   | 2.5%    | 3.4%  |         |
| 04/10 | United States  | MBA Mortgage Applications           | Apr 5  |          | -0.6%    |          | 04/25 | United States  | Initial Jobless Claims          | Apr 20 | 215k    | 212k  |         |
| 04/10 | United States  | CPI MoM                             | Mar    | 0.3%     | 0.4%     |          | 04/26 | Japan          | Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food YoY     | Apr    | 2.2%    | 2.4%  |         |
| 04/10 | United States  | CPI YoY                             | Mar    | 3.4%     | 3.2%     |          | 04/26 | Japan          | BOJ Target Rate (Upper Bound)   | Apr 26 | 0.10%   | 0.10% |         |
| 04/10 | Canada         | Bank of Canada Rate Decision        | Apr 10 | 5.00%    | 5.00%    |          | 04/26 | United States  | Personal Income                 | Mar    | 0.5%    | 0.3%  |         |
| 04/11 | China          | PPI YoY                             | Mar    | -2.8%    | -2.7%    |          | 04/26 | United States  | Personal Spending               | Mar    | 0.6%    | 0.8%  |         |
| 04/11 | China          | CPI YoY                             | Mar    | 0.4%     | 0.7%     |          | 04/26 | United States  | U. of Mich. Sentiment           | Apr F  | 77.9    | 77.9  |         |
| 04/11 | Italy          | Industrial Production MoM           | Feb    | 0.5%     | -1.2%    | -1.4%    | 04/29 | Germany        | CPI YoY                         | Apr P  | 2.3%    | 2.2%  |         |
| 04/11 | United States  | PPI Final Demand MoM                | Mar    | 0.3%     | 0.6%     |          | 04/29 | Germany        | CPI MoM                         | Apr P  | 0.6%    | 0.4%  |         |
| 04/11 | United States  | Initial Jobless Claims              | Apr 6  | 215k     | 221k     | 222k     | 04/29 | Germany        | CPI EU Harmonized YoY           | Apr P  | 2.3%    | 2.3%  |         |
| 04/12 | Japan          | Industrial Production MoM           | Feb F  |          | -0.1%    |          | 04/30 | Japan          | Jobless Rate                    | Mar    | 2.5%    | 2.6%  |         |
| 04/12 | Germany        | CPI YoY                             | Mar F  | 2.2%     | 2.2%     |          | 04/30 | Japan          | Job-To-Applicant Ratio          | Mar    | 1.26    | 1.26  |         |
| 04/12 | Germany        | CPI MoM                             | Mar F  | 0.4%     | 0.4%     |          | 04/30 | Japan          | Industrial Production MoM       | Mar P  | 3.3%    | -0.6% |         |
| 04/12 | Germany        | CPI EU Harmonized YoY               | Mar F  | 2.3%     | 2.3%     |          | 04/30 | China          | Manufacturing PMI               | Apr    | 50.3    | 50.8  |         |
| 04/12 | United Kingdom | Industrial Production MoM           | Feb    | 0.0%     | -0.2%    | -0.3%    | 04/30 | China          | Caixin China PMI Mfg            | Apr    | 51      | 51.1  |         |
| 04/12 | United Kingdom | Manufacturing Production MoM        | Feb    | 0.1%     | 0.0%     | -0.2%    | 04/30 | France         | GDP QoQ                         | 1Q P   | 0.1%    | 0.1%  |         |
| 04/12 | France         | CPI YoY                             | Mar F  | 2.3%     | 2.3%     |          | 04/30 | France         | CPI YoY                         | Apr P  | 2.2%    | 2.3%  |         |
| 04/12 | China          | Exports YoY                         | Mar    | -1.9%    | 5.6%     |          | 04/30 | Germany        | Unemployment Change (000's)     | Apr    | 8.0k    | 4.0k  | 6.0k    |
| 04/12 | China          | Trade Balance                       | Mar    | \$69.10b | \$39.71b | \$75.08b | 04/30 | Italy          | GDP WDA QoQ                     | 1Q P   | 0.1%    | 0.2%  | 0.1%    |
| 04/12 | China          | Money Supply M2 YoY                 | Mar    | 8.7%     | 8.7%     |          | 04/30 | United Kingdom | Mortgage Approvals              | Mar    | 61.5k   | 60.4k | 60.5k   |
| 04/12 | United States  | U. of Mich. Sentiment               | Apr P  | 79       | 79.4     |          | 04/30 | Italy          | CPI EU Harmonized MoM           | Apr P  | 0.6%    | 1.2%  |         |
| 04/15 | Japan          | Core Machine Orders MoM             | Feb    | 0.8%     | -1.7%    |          | 04/30 | Italy          | CPI EU Harmonized YoY           | Apr P  | 1.1%    | 1.2%  |         |
| 04/15 | United States  | Retail Sales Advance MoM            | Mar    | 0.4%     | 0.6%     | 1.0%     | 04/30 | Canada         | GDP MoM                         | Feb    | 0.3%    | 0.6%  | 0.5%    |
| 04/15 | United States  | Empire Manufacturing                | Apr    | -5.2     | -20.9    |          | 04/30 | United States  | MNI Chicago PMI                 | Apr    | 45      | 41.4  |         |
|       | China          | GDP YoY                             | 1Q     | 4.8%     | 5.2%     |          | 04/30 | United States  | Conf. Board Consumer Confidence | Apr    | 104     | 104.7 | 103.1   |

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