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| Global Overview  | Previous Week Macro Data                  | Actual   | Cons.    | Date   | Upcoming Week Macro Data                   | Cons.   | Prior   |
|--|---|----------|----------|--------|--|---------|---------|
| • US equities closed flat to lower with the S&P 500 at -0.3%, the Dow Jones  | EU Unemployment rate (Feb)                | 9.5%     | 9.5%     | 10-Apr | EU Sentix investor confidence (Apr)        | 21.0    | 20.7    |
| roughly flat, the Nasdaq at -0.6% and the Russell 2000 at -1.5% amid cautious investor sentiment on geopolitical developments in North Korea   | US ISM manufacturing PMI                  | 57.2     | 57.2     | 11-Apr | UK Core CPI (YoY) (Mar)                    | 1.9%    | 2.0%    |
| and Syria and ahead of US President Trump meeting with Chinese President<br>Xi Jinping. After rallying on stronger-than-expected ADP payrolls, US equities   | US Total vehicle sales (Mar)              | 16.5M    | 17.3M    | 11-Apr | EU ZEW economic sentiment (Apr)            | -       | 25.6    |
| reversed on FOMC minutes signaling possible changes to Fed's reinvestment policy this year and House Speaker Paul Ryan stating that "the three entities  | EU Retail sales (YoY) (Feb)               | 1.8%     | 1.0%     | 11-Apr | US NFIB business optimism index (Mar)      | 104.9   | 105.3   |
| aren't on the same page yet on tax reform", referring to Congress, Senate<br>and White House. Investor enthusiasm further dimmed on non-farm<br>payrolls at their weakest since May 2016 with 98K jobs added (vs. 180K | US Trade balance (Feb)                    | \$-43.6B | \$-44.5B | 11-Apr | EU Industrial production (YoY) (Feb)       | 1.9%    | 0.6%    |
|  | US Factory orders (MoM) (Feb)             | 1.0%     | 1.0%     | 11-Apr | US JOLTS job openings (Feb)                | -       | 5.63M   |
| cons.) although largely blamed on cold weather conditions while<br>unemployment rate came in lower-than-expected at 4.5%   | US IBD/TIPP Economic optimism (MoM) (Apr) | 51.7     | 53.2     | 12-Apr | CNY CPI (YoY) (Mar)                        | 1.0%    | 0.8%    |
| <ul> <li>10-year US Treasury yields declined on Friday's jobs report and increased</li> </ul>  | EU Markit PMI composite (Mar)             | 56.4     | 56.7     | 12-Apr | CNY FDI (YTD) (YoY) (Mar)                  | -       | -2.3%   |
| demand for safe-haven debt although were higher midweek as FOMC minutes suggested possible shrinking of Fed's USD 4.5 trillion bond portfolio  | US ADP employment change (Mar)            | 263K     | 185K     | 12-Apr | UK ILO unemployment rate (3M) (Feb)        | 4.7%    | 4.7%    |
| "later this year", while Fed Dudley downplayed earlier dovish remarks  | US ISM non-manufacturing PMI (Mar)        | 55.2     | 57.0     | 12-Apr | US EIA crude oil stocks change (Apr 7)     | -       | 1.6M    |
| regarding a pause in rate normalization which had driven yields lower. US Dollar Index closed higher as safe-haven demand following US missile attack  | US EIA crude oil stocks change (Mar 31)   | 1.6M     | -        | 13-Apr | CNY Trade balance USD (Mar)                | \$11.7B | \$-9.1B |
| on Syria offset largely weaker-than-expected jobs report, and uncertainty as investors await firmer signs of policy changes from the Trump   | US Initial jobless claims (Mar 31)        | 234K     | 250K     | 13-Apr | US Initial jobless claims (Apr 7)          | 245K    | 234K    |
| administration. Gold traded higher despite firmer US Dollar, supported by  | JPY Coincident index (Feb)                | 115.5    | 115.5    | 13-Apr | US Michigan consumer sentiment index (Apr) | 96.5    | 96.9    |

 WTI crude oil closed higher as US missile attack on Syria raised concerr about supplies in the oil-rich region in addition to stronger US refine demand and despite an increase in US crude inventories and oil rigs

stronger safe-haven demand

 European equities closed flat as banks weighed, despite support from c and investor optimism following poor performance by Marine Le Pen durin French presidential debate. Equities were also supported as ECB Drag stated that it was still too soon to reduce current monetary stimulus despit the rise in inflation. 10-year Bunds rallied on geopolitical concerns following attack on St. Petersburg metro and US air strike in Syria. UK equities close higher with the FTSE 100 at +0.4% while Sterling firmed on stronger-than expected services PMI despite weaker-than-expected industrial production

• Japanese equities closed lower with the Nikkei 225 at -1.3% on weaker USD/JPY from Yen safe-haven buying. Japan manufacturing PMI came in lower-than-expected while consumer confidence improved to its highest level since September 2013

 Chinese equities closed higher with Shanghai Composite at +2.0%. Foreign 13-App currency reserves rose above the USD 3 trillion threshold while Renminbi stabilizes as pressure from capital outflows eased. Emerging markets outperformed with the MSCI EM at +0.3%

 MENA equities closed higher with the S&P Pan Arab Composite at +1.1% on gains in UAE and Saudi markets. Shares of recently merged First Abu Dhabi Bank supported Abu Dhabi markets while Saudi equities were up on stronger oil prices

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| rns .        | UK Industrial production (YoY) (Feb)      | 2.8%  | 3.7%  | 14-Apr | JPY Industrial production (YoY) (Feb)      |
| ery          | UK NIESR GDP estimate (3M) (Mar)          | 0.5%  | 0.6%  | 14-Apr | US Retail sales (MoM) (Mar)                |
|              | US Nonfarm payrolls (Mar)                 | 98K   | 180K  | 14-Apr | US Core CPI (YoY) (Mar)                    |
| oil ·<br>ing | US Unemployment rate (Mar)                | 4.5%  | 4.7%  | 14-Apr | US Business inventories (Feb)              |
| ghi<br>ite   | US Average hourly earnings (YoY) (Mar)    | 2.7%  | 2.7%  | 14-Apr | US Baker Hughes oil rig count              |
| ing          | US Wholesale inventories (Feb)            | 0.4%  | 0.4%  |        |  |
| sed .<br>an- | US Baker Hughes oil rig count             | 672   | -     | Date   | Upcoming Policy & Related Events           |
| n -          |   |       |       |        |  |

| Date   | Upcoming Week Key Earnings                         |
|--------|--|
| 12-Apr | Infosys, Delta Air Lines, Tesco, Fastenal, Shaw    |
| 13-Apr | JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, TSMC, Citigroup, PNC |

Financial Group, Progressive, First Republic Bank

| Date   | Upcoming Policy & Related Events                            |
|--------|---|
| 10-Apr | EU ECB Annual report 2016, EU ECB Constâncio, US Fed Yellen |
| 11-Apr | US Fed Kashkari   |
| 12-Apr | UK BoE Carney   |

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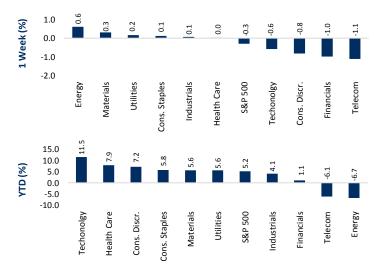
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| Equities       | Value     | 1 Day %        | 1 Week %       | YTD % | P/E   | Div. Yld. % |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|-------------|
| S&P 500        | 2,355.54  | ▼ -0.08        | <b>v</b> -0.30 | 5.21  | 20.68 | 2.07        |
| Dow Jones      | 20,656.10 | <b>v</b> -0.03 | <b>v</b> -0.03 | 4.52  | 19.04 | 2.49        |
| NASDAQ         | 5,877.81  | <b>v</b> -0.02 | <b>v</b> -0.57 | 9.19  | 24.11 | 1.13        |
| Russell 2000   | 1,364.56  | ▲ 0.01         | <b>•</b> -1.54 | 0.55  | 21.74 | 1.29        |
| STOXX 600      | 381.26    | <b>▲</b> 0.13  | ▲ 0.03         | 5.49  | 20.01 | 3.48        |
| FTSE 100       | 7,349.37  | <b>▲</b> 0.63  | <b>▲</b> 0.36  | 2.89  | 26.82 | 4.25        |
| Nikkei 225     | 18,664.63 | <b>▲</b> 0.36  | <b>•</b> -1.29 | -1.66 | 19.93 | 1.94        |
| Shanghai Comp. | 3,286.62  | <b>▲</b> 0.17  | <b>1.99</b>    | 5.41  | 16.78 | 1.96        |
| S&P Pan Arab   | 686.86    | ▲ 0.02         | <b>1.09</b>    | 0.51  | 13.03 | 5.18        |
| MSCI ACWI      | 1,780.11  | <b>v</b> -0.02 | <b>v</b> -0.72 | 5.71  | 17.91 | 3.31        |
| MSCI EM        | 961.61    | ▼ -0.17        | ▲ 0.34         | 11.52 | 14.37 | 2.68        |

| Credit                             | Value    | 1 Week %    | YTD % | Yield % |
|------------------------------------|----------|-------------|-------|---------|
| Barclays Global Aggregate          | 459.69   | ▲ 0.08      | 1.85  | 1.62    |
| Barclays Global Agg. – Corporate   | 243.10   | ▲ 0.29      | 1.49  | 2.65    |
| Barclays Global High Yield         | 1,226.93 | ▲ 0.26      | 3.44  | 5.50    |
| Markit CDX N.A. Investment Grade   | 57.64    | ▼ -1.65     | NA    | NA      |
| Markit CDX N.A. High Yield (price) | 107.26   | <b>0.06</b> | NA    | NA      |
| Markit CDX EM (price)              | 95.90    | ▲ 0.14      | NA    | NA      |
| Markit iTraxx ITX Crossover        | 163.87   | ▼ -2.13     | NA    | NA      |
| Markit iTraxx Europe               | 37.54    | ▼ -0.08     | NA    | NA      |





| Rates            | Value  | 1 Week %       | YTD % | Yield % |
|------------------|--------|----------------|-------|---------|
| Treasuries 2-Yr  | 99.93  | <b>v</b> -0.06 | -0.19 | 1.29    |
| Treasuries 10-Yr | 98.84  | <b>▲</b> 0.05  | 2.83  | 2.38    |
| Treasuries 30-Yr | 99.84  | ▲ 0.03         | 3.69  | 3.01    |
| Gilts 10-Yr      | 131.91 | <b>▲</b> 0.54  | 1.74  | 1.07    |
| Bunds 10-Yr      | 100.24 | <b>▲</b> 0.97  | 2.22  | 0.24    |
| French 10-Yr     | 94.14  | <b>▲</b> 0.76  | -1.82 | 0.93    |
| Italian 10-Yr    | 100.02 | ▲ 0.90         | 5.29  | 2.26    |
| Spanish 10-Yr    | 99.09  | ▲ 0.50         | -0.18 | 1.64    |
| Greek 10-Yr      | 78.72  | <b>▲</b> 0.95  | 3.60  | 6.83    |
| JGBs 10-Yr       | 100.43 | <b>▲</b> 0.09  | -0.15 | 0.05    |

| Volatility           | Value | 1 Week %       | YTD %  |
|----------------------|-------|----------------|--------|
| S&P 500 VIX          | 12.87 | <b>4.04</b>    | -8.33  |
| Stoxx 50 VIX         | 19.54 | ▲ 18.25        | 7.80   |
| EM VIX               | 17.53 | <b>▲</b> 9.63  | -21.50 |
| Interest rate VIX    | 84.10 | <b>v</b> -0.34 | -5.42  |
| Deutsche Bank FX VIX | 9.34  | ▲ 14.81        | -7.25  |
| Crude Oil VIX        | 26.30 | <b>▼</b> -3.77 | -10.82 |
|                      |       |                |        |

| Commodities | Value    | 1 Week %      |
|-------------|----------|---------------|
| Oil-Brent   | 55.24    | <b>▲</b> 3.19 |
| Oil-WTI     | 52.24    | ▲ 3.24        |
| Natural Gas | 3.26     | ▲ 2.23        |
| Gold        | 1,257.30 | ▲ 0.49        |
| Silver      | 18.15    | ▼ -0.58       |
| Copper      | 264.70   | ▼ -0.21       |
| S&P GSCI    | 395.20   | <b>▲</b> 1.80 |

| Currencies | Value    | 1 Week %       | YTD % |
|------------|----------|----------------|-------|
| EUR-USD    | 1.0591   | ▼ -0.57        | 0.70  |
| GBP-USD    | 1.2371   | <b>▼</b> -1.43 | 0.25  |
| USD-JPY    | 111.0900 | ▼ -0.27        | -5.02 |
| USD-CNY    | 6.9005   | <b>0.19</b>    | -0.64 |
| USD-CHF    | 1.0091   | <b>▲</b> 0.65  | -0.97 |
| AUD-USD    | 0.7500   | <b>▼</b> -1.69 | 4.05  |
| USD-CAD    | 1.3398   | ▲ 0.60         | -0.32 |
| USD-SEK    | 9.0736   | <b>1.15</b>    | -0.36 |
| DXY Index  | 101.1800 | <b>0.83</b>    | -1.01 |

### **Investment Style**

|          |       | Value | Blend | Growth |  |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--|
| (%)      | Large | -0.4  | -0.3  | -0.2   |  |
| Week (%) | Mid   | -0.9  | -0.8  | -0.7   |  |
| 1 (      | Small | -2.0  | -2.0  | -2.0   |  |

|         |       | Value | Blend | Growth |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| YTD (%) | Large | 2.2   | 5.2   | 7.9    |
|         | Mid   | 1.3   | 2.8   | 4.1    |
|         | Small | -2.8  | -1.2  | 0.1    |

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