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Previous Week Ma **Global Overview** • US equities ended the week higher with the S&P 500 at +2.0%, the Dow EU Sentix investor Jones at +1.8%, the Nasdaq at +2.8% supported by Facebook as investors reacted favorably to Zuckerberg's testimony before Congress and the US NFIB business o Russell 2000 at +2.4%. US equities erased midweek losses resulting from US Wholesale inver US President Donald Trump's warning of a possible US military response to Syrian's regime alleged chemical attack. Equities were supported by i) CNY CPI (YoY) (Mar easing trade war fears between US and China and ii) Trump's tweet that a US missile strike on Syria might not be imminent. Q1/18 corporate UK Industrial produ earnings season kicked off with Citigroup, Wells Fargo and JP Morgan Chase results beating expectations UK NIESR GDP estin US Core CPI (YoY) ( US Treasury yields increased with 2-year Treasury yields rising to their highest levels since September 2008 on expectations of more US Fed US EIA crude oil sto interest rate hikes this year. FOMC minutes showed that all participants EU Industrial produ

Taiwan Semiconductor, Novartis, Unilever, Philip Morris,

P&G, GE, Honeywell, Schlumberger, HDFC, State Street

Danaher, BNY Mellon, ABB, BB&T, The Blackstone

expected the economy to strengthen and inflation to rise in coming months which could lead to a 'slightly steeper' path of future interest rate hikes. US Dollar index edged down likely on fears of a US military action in Syria while gold strengthened on safe heaven demand and despite hawkish FOMC minutes

· WTI oil surged significantly reaching three-year high on fears that tensions in the Middle East could lead to supply disruptions and despite largely higher-than-expected build in US crude inventories. Oil prices were also supported by reports that Saudi Arabia is targeting oil prices near USD 80 per barrel as well as OPEC monthly report which forecasts oil markets to tighten further despite higher US oil output

• European equities closed higher with the Stoxx 600 at +1.2% on easing trade war fears between US and China although EUR/USD edged higher. Minutes from ECB's March meeting warned against the negative impact of a trade war with the US and stronger Euro on economic growth. UK equities were up with the FTSE at +1.1% despite stronger GBP/USD

18-Apr • Japanese equities ended the week higher with the Nikkei at +1.0% supported by stronger USD/JPY. BoJ governor Kuroda stated that the Central Bank will consider normalization during the next five years yet 19-Apr highlighted the BoJ's commitment to achieving the 2% inflation target in a news conference following his reappointment 20-Apr

· Chinese equities were up with the Shanghai Composite at +0.9% as fears of a trade war with the US receded. Emerging markets were also up with the MSCI EM at +0.7%

 MENA equities closed lower with the S&P Pan Arab at -0.7% despite stronger oil, weighed by losses in Saudi and Dubai equities

Previous V	Veek Macro Data	Actual	Cons.	Date	Upcoming Week Macro Data	Cons.	Prior
EU Sentix investor confidence (Apr) 19.6		20.5	16-Apr	US Retail sales (MoM) (Mar)	0.4%	-0.1%	
US NFIB bu	isiness optimism index (Mar)	104.7	107.0	16-Apr	US Business inventories (Feb)	0.6%	0.6%
US Wholes	ale inventories (Feb)	1.0%	0.9%	17-Apr	CNY Retail sales (YoY) (Feb)	9.9%	9.7%
CNY CPI (Y	oY) (Mar)	2.1%	2.6%	17-Apr	CNY Industrial production (YoY) (Feb)	6.2%	7.2%
UK Industr	ial production (YoY) (Feb)	2.2%	2.9%	17-Apr	CNY Fixed asset investment (YTD)(YoY) (Feb)	7.6%	7.9%
UK NIESR G	GDP estimate (3M) (Mar)	0.2%	0.3%	17-Apr	CNY GDP (YoY) (Q1)	6.7%	6.8%
US Core CPI (YoY) (Mar)		2.1%	2.1%	17-Apr	JPY Industrial production (YoY) (Feb)	2.3%	1.4%
US EIA crude oil stocks change (Apr 6) 3.3N		3.3M	-0.2M	17-Apr	UK ILO unemployment rate (3M) (Feb)	4.3%	4.3%
EU Industrial production (YoY) (Feb) 2.9% 3.8%		3.8%	17-Apr	EU ZEW economic sentiment (Apr)	7.3	13.4	
US Initial jobless claims (Apr 6) 233K		230K	17-Apr	US Housing starts (MoM) (Mar)	1.27M	1.24M	
CNY Trade balance USD (Mar) \$-5.0B		\$-5.0B	\$27.2B	17-Apr	US Industrial production (MoM) (Mar)	0.3%	0.9%
US JOLTS jo	ob openings (Feb)	6.0M	6.1M	18-Apr	UK Core CPI (YoY) (Mar)	2.4%	2.4%
US Michiga	an consumer sent. index (Apr)	97.8	100.5	18-Apr	EU Core CPI (YoY) (Mar)	0.9%	1.0%
US Baker H	lughes oil rig count	815	-	18-Apr	US EIA crude oil stocks change (Apr 13)	2.5M	3.3M
				19-Apr	UK Retail sales (YoY) (Mar)	1.1%	1.5%
Date Upcoming Week Key Earnings		19-Apr	US Initial jobless claims (Apr 13)	235K	233K		
16-Apr Bank of America, Netflix		19-Apr	JPY CPI (YoY) (Mar)	1.8%	1.5%		
17-Apr J&J, UnitedHealth, IBM, Goldman Sachs, Charles Schwab		20-Apr	EU Consumer confidence (Apr)	0.0	0.1		
Abbott, Morgan Stanley, ASML, US Bancorp, American Express		20-Apr	US Baker Hughes oil rig count	-	815		

	Date	Upcoming Policy & Related Events
_	16-Apr	US Fed Kaplan, Kashkari & Bostic, EU ECB Praet
_	17-Apr	CNY NBS conference, US Fed Williams, Quarles, Evans & Bostic
	18-Apr	US Fed Dudley & Quarles, US Fed Beige Book
	19-Apr	EU EcoFin meeting, US Fed Brainard, Quarles & Mester, UK BoE Cunliffe, EU ECB Cœuré, Angeloni &Hakkarainen
	20-Apr	IMF meeting, UK BoE Saunders, US Fed Evans & Williams

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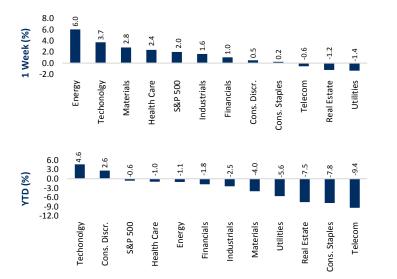
Equities	Value	1 Day %	1 Week %	YTD %	P/E	Div. Yld. %
S&P 500	2,656.30	-0.29	<b>▲</b> 1.99	<b>v</b> -0.65	21.09	2.01
Dow Jones	24,360.14	-0.50	<b>1.79</b>	▼ -1.45	19.60	2.31
NASDAQ	7,106.65	-0.47	<b>2.77</b>	▲ 2.94	18.18	1.09
Russell 2000	1,549.51	-0.50	<b>2</b> .39	<b>0.91</b>	21.17	1.18
STOXX 600	379.20	0.10	<b>1.17</b>	<b>v</b> -2.56	15.03	3.60
FTSE 100	7,264.56	0.09	<b>1.13</b>	▼ -5.50	12.90	4.32
Nikkei 225	21,778.74	0.55	▲ 0.98	▼ -4.08	15.81	1.97
Shanghai Comp.	3,159.05	-0.66	▲ 0.89	▼ -5.94	14.98	2.42
S&P Pan Arab	729.94	-0.35	<b>▼</b> -0.72	<b>7.64</b>	13.92	3.81
MSCI ACWI	2,042.41	0.24	<b>1.45</b>	<b>v</b> -0.41	15.40	3.37
MSCI EM	1,170.09	-0.58	▲ 0.70	<b>1</b> .00	14.60	2.77

Rates	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	Yield %
Treasuries 2-Yr	99.79	▼ -0.17	<b>v</b> -0.19	2.36
Treasuries 10-Yr	99.34	▼ -0.45	▲ 0.04	2.83
Treasuries 30-Yr	99.45	▼ -0.19	<b>0.76</b>	3.03
Gilts 10-Yr	125.28	<b>▼</b> -0.36	<b>▼</b> -2.57	1.43
Bunds 10-Yr	99.91	▼ -0.14	▲ 0.21	0.51
French 10-Yr	100.11	▼ -0.05	<b>▲</b> 0.41	0.74
Italian 10-Yr	101.92	▼ -0.10	<b>1.45</b>	1.79
Spanish 10-Yr	101.59	▼ -0.07	<b>2.59</b>	1.23
JGBs 10-Yr	97.43	<b>v</b> -0.68	▲ 0.05	4.07

Commodities	Value	1 Week %	YTD %
Oil-Brent	72.58	▲ 8.15	▲ 8.54
Oil-WTI	67.39	▲ 8.59	<b>11.54</b>
Natural Gas	2.74	<b>▲</b> 1.26	<b>▼</b> -7.38
Gold	1,347.90	<b>▲</b> 0.88	<b>▲</b> 2.95
Silver	16.66	▲ 1.81	▼ -2.84
Copper	307.10	▲ 0.41	▼ -6.95
S&P GSCI	468.31	▲ 5.54	<b>▲</b> 5.85

Credit	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	Yield %
Barclays Global Aggregate	490.63	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1</b> .45	1.85
Barclays Global Agg. – Corporate	249.60	▼ -0.01	▼ -1.94	2.96
Barclays Global High Yield	1,315.76	▲ 0.54	▼ -0.56	5.82
Markit CDX N.A. Investment Grade	61.34	▼ -6.06	<b>4</b> 0.72	NA
Markit CDX N.A. High Yield (price)	NA	NA	NA	NA
Markit CDX EM (price)	99.16	▼ -0.15	▼ -0.18	NA
Markit iTraxx ITX Crossover	90.55	▼ -7.97	▼ -0.78	NA
Markit iTraxx Europe	10.05	▼ -28.16	<b>A</b> 26.09	NA

S&P 500 Sector



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Volatility	Value	1 Week %	YTD %
S&P 500 VIX	17.41	▼ -18.99	▲ 57.70
Stoxx 50 VIX	15.30	▼ -12.27	▲ 13.22
EM VIX	21.71	<b>v</b> -16.98	<b>33.60</b>
Interest rate VIX	72.02	▼ -1.27	▲ 10.16
Deutsche Bank FX VIX	6.98	<b>4</b> 4.08	▲ 38.24
Crude Oil VIX	28.07	<b>▲</b> 11.26	<b>4</b> 3.87

# **Investment Style**

		Value	Blend	Growth	
(%)	Large	1.7	2.0	2.3	
1 Week	Mid	1.8	1.6	1.4	
1 (	Small	2.1	2.0	1.9	

		Value	Blend	Growth	
(%)	Large	-3.5	-0.6	2.1	
<b>TD</b>	Mid	-2.9	-0.9	1.1	
	Small	0.0	1.8	3.5	

Currencies	Value	1 Week %	YTD %
EUR-USD	1.2331	▲ 0.41	▲ 2.72
GBP-USD	1.4238	<b>1.04</b>	▲ 5.37
USD-JPY	107.3500	▲ 0.39	<b>▼</b> -4.74
USD-CNY	6.2750	<b>▼</b> -0.45	▼ -3.56
USD-CHF	0.9622	▲ 0.32	<b>▼</b> -1.24
AUD-USD	0.7764	<b>1.04</b>	<b>▼</b> -0.58
USD-CAD	1.2608	<b>▼</b> -1.36	▲ 0.29
USD-SEK	8.4740	▲ 0.98	<b>▲</b> 3.55
DXY Index	89.8000	<b>▼</b> -0.34	▼ -2.52

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