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Global Overview	Previous Week Macro Data	Actual	Cons.	Date	Upcoming Week Macro Data	Cons.	Prior
• US equities ended the week higher with the S&P 500 at +3.5%, the Dow	US ISM non-manufacturing PMI (Feb)	59.5	59.0	13-Mar	CNY FDI (YTD) (YoY) (Feb)	-	0.3%
Jones at +3.2% while the Nasdaq and the Russell 2000 both outperformed at +4.2%. Equities rallied as i) employment situation report came in mixed	US IBD/TIPP econ. optimism (MoM) (Mar)	55.6	-	13-Mar	US Core CPI (YoY) (Feb)	1.8%	1.8%
with largely higher-than-expected nonfarm payrolls (313K vs. 210K cons.) while earnings growth disappointed and unemployment remained unchanged, and ii) ECB hinted at a possible policy normalization in the coming years while reaffirming that its monthly bond buying program and key policy rate remain unchanged, in line with investor expectations	JPY Coincident index (Jan)	114.0	119.5	14-Mar	CNY Retail sales (YoY) (Jan)	9.8%	9.4%
	EU GDP (YoY) (Q4)	2.7%	2.7%	14-Mar	CNY Industrial production (YoY) (Jan)	6.1%	6.2%
	US ADP employment change (Feb)	235K	195K	14-Mar	CNY Fixed asset investment (YTD) (YoY) (Jan)	7.0%	7.2%
although iii) US President Trump refused to reconsider the proposed tariffs on steel and aluminum which were feared to cause a trade war,	US EIA crude oil stocks change (Mar 2)	2.4M	2.7M	14-Mar	EU Industrial production (YoY)	4.7%	5.2%
leading to the resignation of economic advisor Gary Cohn. Trump signed a proclamation to implement the tariffs starting March 23, exempting	JPY GDP (Q4)	0.5%	0.9%	14-Mar	US Retail sales (MoM)	0.3%	-0.3%
Canada and Mexico with a possibility of exempting other countries	CNY Trade balance USD (Feb)	33.7B	0.6B	14-Mar	US EIA Crude oil stocks change (Mar 9)	2.7M	2.4M
• US Treasury yields were flat to higher on stronger-than-expected jobs	EU ECB interest rate decision	0.0%	0.0%	15-Mar	US Initial jobless claims	226K	231K
gains despite muted wage growth and easing geopolitical tensions with North Korea. US Dollar Index weakened on disappointing earnings growth	US Initial jobless claims (Mar 2)	231K	220K	16-Mar	EU Core CPI (YoY) (Feb)	1.0%	1.0%
raising doubts about US inflation outlook and tempering expectations for a fourth Fed rate hike in 2018. Gold was roughly flat supported by news	CNY CPI (YoY) (Feb)	2.9%	2.5%	16-Mar	JPY Industrial production (MoM) (Jan)	-6.6%	-6.6%

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12-Mar

Jong Un by end of May

· WTI crude oil was higher helped by lower-than-expected US crude inventories and improved investor sentiment as Libya's El Feel oilfield remained shut

that Trump accepted an invitation to meet with North Korean leader Kim

• European equities closed higher with the Stoxx 600 at +3.1% while EUR/USD slightly weakened amid uncertain outcome of proposed US tariffs. ECB kept its monetary policy unchanged and removed a previous commitment to increase its bond purchases if needed which was perceived as a move towards monetary policy normalization. Italian elections resulted in a hung parliament and gains for anti-establishment parties. UK equities closed higher with the FTSE 100 at +2.2% despite stronger GBP/USD

• Japanese equities closed higher with the Nikkei 225 at +1.4% helped by stronger USD/JPY despite weaker-than-expected macro data. BoJ maintained its current yield-curve control policy unchanged

• Chinese equities closed higher with the Shanghai Composite at +1.6%. China's GDP growth target for 2018 was set at 6.5% following the annual legislative meeting while officials are still focused on curbing financial 14-Mar risks. Emerging markets closed higher with the MSCI EM at +2.1%

15-Mar MENA equities closed higher with the S&P Pan Arab Composite at +0.7% as gains in Saudi Arabia offset losses in Dubai and Abu Dhabi

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CNY CPI (YoY) (Feb)	2.9%	2.5%	16-Mar	JPY Industrial production (MoM) (Jan)	-6.6%	-6.
JPY BoJ interest rate decision	-0.1%	-0.1%	16-Mar	r US industrial production (MoM) (Feb)		-0.
UK Industrial production (YoY) (Jan)	1.6%	1.9%	16-Mar	US JOLTs job openings (Jan)	5.9M	5.8
UK NIESR GDP estimate (3M) (Feb)	0.3%	0.3%	16-Mar	US Baker Hughes oil rig count	-	79
US Nonfarm payrolls (Feb)	313K	210K				
US Unemployment rate (Feb)	4.1%	4.0%	Date	Upcoming Policy & Related Events		
US Average hourly earnings (YoY) (Feb)	2.6%	2.8%	12-Mar	Eurogroup meeting		
US Wholesale inventories (Jan)	0.8%	0.7%	13-Mar	EcoFin Meeting, UK Budget report, JPY Monetary policy meet minutes		
US Baker Hughes oil rig count	796	-	14-Mar	EU ECB Draghi, Praet, Constancio & Coeuré		
Date Upcoming Week Key Earnings			15-Mar	EU ECB Lautenschlaeger		
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# Volkswagen, KB Financial, China Lodging, Antofagasta, HD 13-Mar Supply Prudential, Ctripcom, Shinhan, RWE, Empire Company, Quebecor Adobe, Broadcom, Dollar General, Lufthansa, Old Mutual, Ulta Beauty

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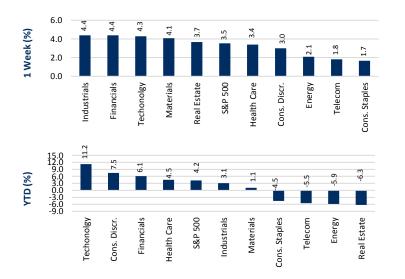
Equities	Value	1 Day %	1 Week %	YTD %	P/E	Div. Yld. %
S&P 500	2,786.57	1.74	▲ 3.54	<b>4</b> .22	22.26	1.91
Dow Jones	25,335.74	1.77	<b>3.25</b>	<b>2</b> .49	20.46	2.21
NASDAQ	7,560.81	1.79	<b>4.17</b>	<b>9.52</b>	19.65	1.03
Russell 2000	1,597.14	1.60	<b>4</b> .17	<b>4</b> .01	21.86	1.13
STOXX 600	378.24	0.43	<b>3.05</b>	▼ -2.48	15.26	3.60
FTSE 100	7,224.51	0.30	<b>2.19</b>	▼ -5.70	12.80	4.40
Nikkei 225	21,469.20	0.47	<b>1.36</b>	<b>▼</b> -4.13	15.75	1.83
Shanghai Comp.	3,307.17	0.57	<b>▲</b> 1.62	▲ 0.59	16.24	2.16
S&P Pan Arab	711.91	0.69	<b>0.71</b>	<b>4.68</b>	13.49	3.82
MSCI ACWI	2,040.90	0.20	<b>1.79</b>	<b>v</b> -0.48	15.58	3.34
MSCI EM	1,207.23	1.00	<b>2.13</b>	<b>4</b> .21	15.53	2.66

Rates	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	Yield %
Treasuries 2-Yr	99.98	•-0.03	- 0.00	2.26
Treasuries 10-Yr	98.76	-0.25	▼ -0.55	2.90
Treasuries 30-Yr	96.95	▼ -0.35	<b>▼</b> -1.78	3.16
Gilts 10-Yr	124.91	▼ -0.19	▼ -2.86	1.49
Bunds 10-Yr	98.62	<b>0.04</b>	<b>▼</b> -1.09	0.64
French 10-Yr	98.65	<b>0.28</b>	<b>▼</b> -1.06	0.89
Italian 10-Yr	100.04	<b>▲</b> 0.42	▼ -0.42	2.01
Spanish 10-Yr	99.73	<b>1.01</b>	<b>0.71</b>	1.43
JGBs 10-Yr	100.52	<b>▲</b> 0.15	▼ -0.05	0.05

Value	1 Week %	YTD %
65.49	<b>1.74</b>	▼ -2.06
62.04	<b>▲</b> 1.29	<b>▲</b> 2.68
2.73	<b>▲</b> 1.37	<b>▼</b> -7.48
1,324.00	▲ 0.05	▲ 1.12
16.61	<b>0.86</b>	▼ -3.13
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Credit	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	Yield %
Barclays Global Aggregate	487.38	▼ -0.19	▲ 0.55	1.89
Barclays Global Agg. – Corporate	248.41	-0.10	▼ -1.88	2.92
Barclays Global High Yield	1,308.66	<b>0.35</b>	▼ -0.09	5.64
Markit CDX N.A. Investment Grade	54.34	<b>2</b> .98	<b>1</b> 0.85	NA
Markit CDX N.A. High Yield (price)	104.79	<b>▲</b> 0.08	▼ -0.54	NA
Markit CDX EM (price)	100.86	<b>▲</b> 1.95	<b>1</b> .77	NA
Markit iTraxx ITX Crossover	111.32	▼ -0.10	<b>13.85</b>	NA
Markit iTraxx Europe	17.31	▼ -0.07	<b>48.18</b>	NA

S&P 500 Sector



Volatility	Value	1 Week %	YTD %
S&P 500 VIX	15.25	▼ -25.27	<b>▲</b> 32.61
Stoxx 50 VIX	15.41	▼ -34.13	<b>1</b> 4.02
EM VIX	20.53	▼ -17.75	<b>2</b> 6.34
Interest rate VIX	76.31	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1</b> 6.72
Deutsche Bank FX VIX	7.95	▲ 25.52	<b>38.24</b>
Crude Oil VIX	22.18	▼ -10.92	<b>1</b> 3.69

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#### Currencies Value 1 Week % YTD % UR-USD 1.2307 •-0.08 2.52 SBP-USD 1.3850 **2**.49 **0.35** JSD-JPY 106.8200 **1.01** ▼ -5.21 JSD-CNY 6.3344 -2.65 **-**0.17 JSD-CHF 0.9513 **1.48 -**2.36 UD-USD 0.7844 **1.08** 0.45 USD-CAD 1.2812 **v** -0.54 **1**.92 USD-SEK 8.2442 - 0.00 **0.74** DXY Index 90.0930 -2.20 **0.18**

**Investment Style** 

		Value	Blend	Growth	
(%)	Large	3.0	3.5	4.0	
1 Week	Mid	3.2	3.8	4.3	
1 (	Small	3.6	4.0	4.4	

		Value	Blend	Growth	
(%)	Large	0.2	4.2	8.1	
YTD (%)	Mid	0.0	2.6	5.0	
	Small	1.4	3.6	5.8	

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