

Global Overview: US equities closed the week with their largest weekly drop since mid-February, with the Dow at -1.3%, the S&P at -1.3% and the Nasdaq at -2.7%. Despite the Dow and the S&P paring losses to close the month in positive territory, weekly losses were weighed by i) weaker than expected earnings from healthcare and technology stocks such as Gilead Sciences and Apple, ii) soft US macro data with durable goods orders, Q1 GDP, Chicago PMI and consumer confidence below expectations, despite cautious outlook from Fed, showing no sign of monetary policy tightening and thereby decreasing expectations of a June rate hike (FF pricing a ~12% rate hike by June 2016 and ~60% by December 2016). US Treasury yields and the US dollar were lower while gold and silver traded at fifteen-month highs supported by dovish data-dependent Fed while BoJ decision to leave interest rates unchanged defied market expectations of additional monetary stimulus and drove the Yen to register its biggest weekly gain since the global financial crisis. Oil rallied mid-week on the back of weaker dollar and increase in gasoline demand before closing slightly lower on rising output from major producers led by Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Iran as well as US inventories climbing an all-time high and exceeding 500 million barrels. European equities closed lower with the Stoxx 600 at -2.0% and the FTSE 100 at -1.1% driven by disappointing corporate results in the financial sector such as Barclays and Banco Santander, despite Eurozone economic growth and employment data showing signs of improvement coming in ahead of expectations. Japanese stocks traded lower with the Nikkei 225 at -4.0% on stronger Yen from BoJ inaction and disappointing corporate earnings. Important US macro data this week include Redbook index, total vehicle sales, ADP employment change, trade balance, ISM non-manufacturing PMI, EIA crude oil change, initial jobless claims, non-farm payroll, and unemployment rate. Other macro data include EU Markit composite PMI, EU retail sales, UK construction PMI, and CNY Caixin China services PMI. Earnings season to continue with over one hundred S&P 500 companies due to report such as Pfizer, HSBC, Royal Dutch Shell, Kraft Heinz and Merck.

Previous Week Macro Data	Actual	Cons.
US Dallas Fed man. business ind. (Apr)	-13.9	-10.0
US Durable goods orders (Mar)	0.8%	1.9%
US Consumer confidence (Apr)	94.2	95.8
UK GDP (YoY) (Q1)	2.1%	2.0%
US EIA crude oil Δ (Apr 22)	1.99M	-
US Fed interest rate decision	0.5%	0.5%
JPY Industrial production (YoY) (Mar)	0.1%	-1.6%
JPY BoJ interest rate decision	-0.1%	-0.1%
EU Consumer confidence (Apr)	-9.3	-9.3
US Initial jobless claims (Apr 22)	257k	259k
US GDP annualized (Q1)	0.5%	0.7%
EU Unemployment rate (Mar)	10.2%	10.3%
US Core PCE – price index (YoY) (Mar)	2.1%	1.9%
US Personal income (MoM) (Mar)	0.4%	0.3%
US Personal spending (Mar)	0.1%	0.2%
US Chicago PMI (Apr)	50.4	52.8
Upcoming Week Macro Data	Cons.	Prior
T US Redbook index (YoY) (Apr 29)	-	0.8%
T US Total vehicle sales (Apr)	17.2M	16.6M
W EU Markit composite PMI (Apr)	53.0	53.0
W UK Construction PMI	54.0	54.2
W EU Retail sales (YoY) (Mar)	2.6%	2.4%
W US ADP employment change	195K	200K
W US Trade balance (Mar)	-\$41.5B	-\$47.06B
W US ISM non-manufacturing PMI (Apr)	0.6%	-1.7%
W US EIA crude oil Δ (Apr 29)	-	1.99M
Th CNY Caixin China services PMI	52.6	52.2
Th US Initial jobless claims (Apr 22)	260K	257K
F US Non-farm payroll (Apr)	200K	215K
F US Unemployment rate (Apr)	5.0%	5.0%

Upcoming Week Key Earnings
 T Pfizer, HSBC, CVS, UBS, Duke Energy, Haliburton
 W Amheuser-Busch Inbev, Royal Dutch Shell, Kraft Heinz, Ambev, Priceline Group, Time Warner
 Th Alibaba, Merck, Occidental Petroleum, BT, EOG Resources
 F Cognizant, Cigna, Exelon

Upcoming Week Policy & Related Events
 T US Fed Mester and Lockhart
 W EU Non-monetary policy's ECB meeting, US Fed Kashkari
 Th EU Economic bulletin
 F EU European commission releases economic growth forecasts

	Value	1 Day %	1 Week %	YTD %	P/E	Div. Yld. %
S&P 500	2,065.3	▼ -0.51	▼ -1.26	1.8	18.7	2.2
Dow Jones	17,773.6	▼ -0.32	▼ -1.28	2.7	17.1	2.6
NASDAQ	4,775.4	▼ -0.62	▼ -2.67	-3.8	20.8	1.3
Russell 2000	1,130.8	▼ -0.84	▼ -1.38	0.4	19.5	1.5
STOXX 600	341.5	▼ -2.13	▼ -2.00	-8.2	17.3	3.8
FTSE 100	6,241.9	▼ -1.27	▼ -1.09	-1.0	20.8	4.2
NIKKEI 225	16,666.1	▼ -3.61	▼ -4.02	-15.2	16.6	2.1
Shanghai Index	2,938.3	▼ -0.25	▼ -0.71	-15.4	14.1	2.1
S&P Pan Arab	655.2	▲ 0.03	▲ 1.40	-1.2	11.6	5.5
MSCI ACWI	1,693.2	▲ 0.30	▼ -0.29	-1.7	16.8	3.5
MSCI EM	840.2	▲ 0.46	▼ -0.14	5.2	11.9	2.8

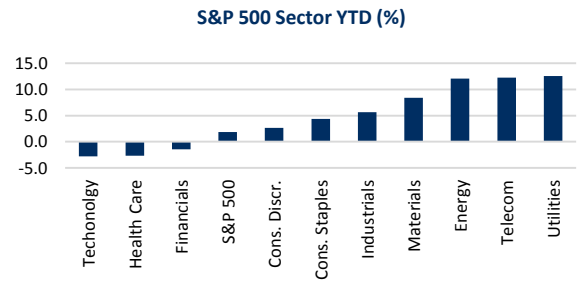
Fixed Income	Value	Yield %	YTD %
Barclays Global Aggregate	474.7	1.4	7.4
Barclays Global Agg. – Corporate	241.4	2.6	6.0
Barclays Global High Yield	1,117.9	7.0	7.7
Markit CDX N.A. Investment Grade	78.0	NA	NA
Markit CDX N.A. High Yield	102.9	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx Europe	59.0	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx ITX Crossover	366.6	NA	NA

Rates	Value	Yield %
Treasuries 2-Yr	99.9	0.78
Treasuries 10-Yr	98.0	1.86
Treasuries 30-Yr	95.7	2.71
Gilts 10-Yr	103.5	1.59
Bunds 10-Yr	102.2	0.27
French 10-Yr	98.8	0.62
Italian 10-Yr	104.8	1.47
Spanish 10-Yr	103.5	1.57
Greek 10-Yr	68.4	8.47
JGBs 10-Yr	102.3	-0.13

Commodities	Value	YTD %
Oil-Brent	46.2	23.9
Oil-WTI	45.1	21.8
Natural Gas	2.1	-11.9
Gold	1,293.1	21.9
Silver	17.6	27.3
Copper	223.5	4.7
S&P GSCI	355.1	14.0

Currencies	Value	YTD %
EUR-USD	1.1556	6.4
GBP-USD	1.4727	-0.1
USD-JPY	105.7900	-12.0
USD-CNY	6.4717	-0.3
USD-CHF	0.9530	-4.9
AUD-USD	0.7583	4.1
USD-CAD	1.2487	-9.8
USD-SEK	7.9451	-5.9
DXY Index	92.3060	-6.4

Volatility	Value	YTD %
S&P 500 VIX	14.7	-19.4
Euro Stoxx 50 VIX	25.1	13.3
Crude Oil VIX	44.4	-4.0
Interest Rate VIX	85.0	3.9



	Investment Style YTD (%)		
	Value	Blend	Growth
Large	4.1	1.8	-0.3
Mid	8.1	5.4	2.6
Small	7.3	4.2	1.4

FFA Equity Ideas
 - ARM Holdings plc (ARM)
 - Airbus (AIR)
 - Suncor (SU)
 - Siemens (SIE)
 - Commercial International Bank (COMI)

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