Global Markets Monitor

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Markets await US tariff announcements

Yesterday's late day recovery in US stocks pushed global markets higher today, but US equity index futures are lower in early morning trading. US and European government bond market yields have fallen further, indicating that investors remain cautious ahead of tomorrow's much anticipated tariff announcements. The benchmark 10-year US Treasury yield has declined to 4.16%, a new low for 2025. The dollar is slightly stronger against most major currencies, while oil prices are mixed. In other news, bank stocks in Europe are doing well on hopes of higher dividend payouts. The Brazilian real is stronger due to higher commodity prices and high local interest rates. In South Africa, the rand is experiencing a period of volatility ahead of a crucial budget vote in Parliament.

Key Global Financial Indicators

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4/1/25 8:00 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities				9	%		%
S&P 500		5612	0.6	-3	-6	7	-5
Eurostoxx 50	may man and a second	5284	0.7	-3	-3	4	8
Nikkei 225	myrum	35624	0.0	-6	-4	-11	-11
MSCI EM	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	44	-0.2	-2	1	6	4
Yields and Spreads				b	ps		
US 10y Yield	man and a second	4.16	-4.8	-16	-5	-15	-41
Germany 10y Yield	manne	2.66	-7.8	-14	25	36	29
EMBIG Sovereign Spread	was a second	349	4	20	21	8	24
FX / Commodities / Volatility				9	%		
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation	~~~~	44.6	-0.1	-1	1	-4	4
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation	man man	104.3	0.1	0	-3	-1	-4
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	man	74.8	0.0	2	2	-14	0
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	milme	23.1	0.8	6	3	9	6

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United States

The first quarter of 2025 came to an end yesterday in the midst of high volatility as tariff worries challenged markets. The S&P 500 was briefly in a correction before recovering at the end of the day to post a small gain. The index fell below its March 13 low for 2025 before bouncing back. The Nasdaq is

down over 13% from its December record and the small cap Russell 2000 index is down 17%, close to a bear market. Europe has given up half or more of its gains for the year, although it remains in positive territory. The dollar is weaker against most major currencies in 2025 after several years of significant appreciation. It appears to have lost its safe haven status for now, with haven investors favoring the Yen, Swiss Franc, and the Scandinavian currencies. The US Treasury market is also an outlier, with Treasury yields lower for the year whereas other major markets saw their yields increase, quite substantially in Germany and especially Japan. These moves in the dollar and Treasuries reflect the widespread view that tariffs will hurt the US economy the most.

Selected Market Variables: Q1 2025 Moves

Source: Bloomberg

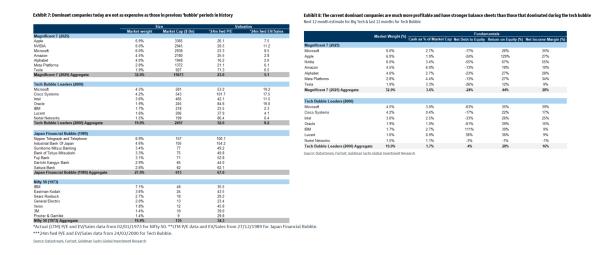
10-year Treasury	4.23% (down 33 bps)
10-year Bund	2.74% (up 37 bps)
10-year JGB	1.49% (up 39 bps)
10-year CGB	1.82% (up 20 bps)
EUR	1.08 (dollar 4.3% weaker)
JPY	149.56 (dollar 4.9% weaker)
CNY	7.26 (dollar 0.6% weaker)
S&P 500	5612 (-4.6%)
Euro Stoxx 600	534 (+5.18%)
Shanghai CSI 300	3887 (-1.21% in local currency)
Nikkei	35617 (-10.72% in local currency)
VIX	23 (up five points)
Brent Crude Oil	74.67 (no change)

For Q1 2025, US stocks had their worst quarterly performance versus the rest of the world since 1988. The S&P 500 is down 4.6% YTD, while the MSCI All World Ex-US index has gained 6.5%. Market participants appear to believe that US markets will suffer the most damage as a result of the tariffs. The biggest losses in US markets are coming from the technology sector, especially for the Magnificent Seven stocks that led the great rallies of 2024 and 2024. Bloomberg's Magnificent Seven index is down



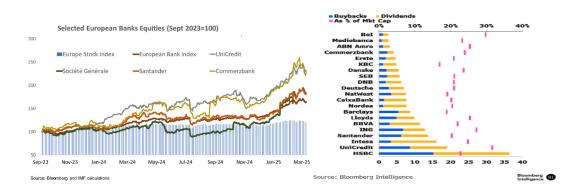
16% for the year. However, investors have taken comfort from the fact that other sectors in the market are holding up reasonably well. The equal weight version of the S&P 500 and the more traditional Dow Jones index are down less than 2% for the year. Meanwhile, volatility is not too high, with the VIX at 22.

The past week saw the 25th anniversary of the bursting of the dotcom bubble. The recent US market selloff and the underperformance of the Magnificent Seven US tech giants in 2025 has raised questions about whether the US stock market in general and the Magnificent Seven in particular are in a bubble. Analysis by Goldman suggests not, because their performance is much better than the tech leaders of the bubble era. The 24-month forward price earnings ratio (P/E) is just 23 for the Magnificent Seven compared to 52 for the tech leaders of 2000. The 24-month forward P/E of the companies in the 1989 Japan Financial Bubble was 67. In addition, the Magnificent Seven are far more profitable than their predecessors, with much stronger balance sheets. Their businesses have high barriers to entry and throw off much higher levels of cash, giving them much stronger balance sheets.

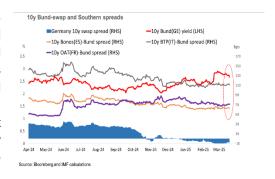


Euro Area

European equities were higher this morning, following gains in Asian markets overnight after US equities ended yesterday with a last minute gain. The STOXX 600 index was up 1.2% this morning. All major European bourses were in the green with Germany (DAX +1.3%) and Italy (FTSE MIB +1%) in the lead. European banks' shares continue to outperform the market (+22.8% YTD, vs. Stoxx 600 index +6.2% YTD). Goldman Sachs maintains a positive outlook on the sector on the back of favorable economic conditions, stable cost of credit risk and high capital distributions, forecasting a 9% dividend yield across the sector. According to Bloomberg consensus estimates, HSBC, UniCredit and Santander will distribute up to €206bn payout to shareholders over 2025-26, representing almost 19% of their combined market capitalization, with €124bn dividends making the bulk of the payout (about 10% yield), while about €82bn earning will be used for share buybacks. High capital payouts strengthen profitability but confirm muted organic-growth prospects.

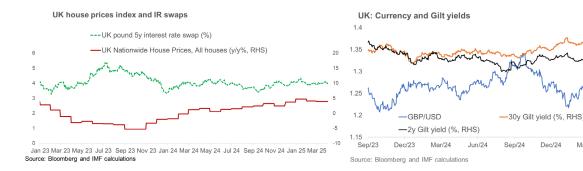


European government bond yields edged lower this morning, with the curve flattening as the 10-year bund yield declined by 7bps to 2.66% while the 2y bund yield was down 5bps to 1.99%. European government spreads tightened marginally, with 10-year BTP-Bund yield spread closing by -2bps to 110bps while the French-German spread was little changed at 71 bps after yesterday's news that Marine Le Pen, leader of France's far-right National Rally party, was convicted of embezzling EU funds with a sentence including a five-year election ban.



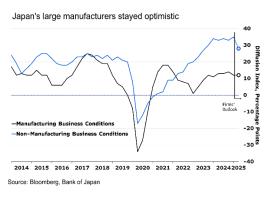
United Kingdom

The pound sterling rebounded (+0.1%) against the dollar this morning, trading at around \$1.2932/£, while gilt yields were down. The Nationwide housing price index surprised to the downside printing at +3.9% y/y in March (vs. est. 4.2%), the same as in February. On a sequential basis, house prices were flat in March against consensus estimate of 0.2% m/m and from +0.4% m/m growth in February. Yesterday's data showed that UK mortgage approvals fell to a six-month low of 65,481 in February, down from 66,041 in January. Analysts at Bloomberg see the housing market facing normalization of demand after increase of a stamp duty on transactions from April 1.



Japan

The BOJ's quarterly Tankan report indicates resilient business confidence, supporting further rate hikes. Large manufacturers' sentiment eased to 12 from 14, market estimates, while non-manufacturing sentiment rose to 35 from 33, the highest since 1991. Strategists believe yesterday's selloff was an overreaction, and the tariff impact may be less severe than feared. Prime minister Ishiba indicated ongoing negotiations for tariff exemptions and measures to minimize tariffs impact, including plans to set up 1,000 consultation booths nationwide to address small businesses concerns. Today,



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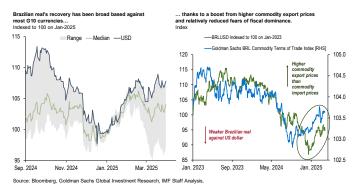
the stock market gained slightly (NIKKEI 225: +0.02%) and the yen appreciated against the dollar (+0.2%). Reports of Berkshire Hathaway planning to sell yen bonds and the BOJ's statement on reducing long-term bond purchases pushed long-term bond yields higher (10y: +0.7bps to 1.49%; 30y: +1.1bps to 2.53%), steepening the JGB curve. Bloomberg estimates that corporate bond issuance climbed 5.5% y/y to a record high of ¥15.9 tn (\$106 bn) in the fiscal year ended March 31, though underwriters predict a slight decrease for this fiscal year to around ¥15 tn due to rising borrowing costs.

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EMEA equities were mostly trading higher while currencies were mixed. Polish (+1.6%) and South African (+1.4%) equities were outperforming. Currencies were mostly little changed against the dollar, with the South African rand underperforming (-0.2% to 18.36/\$). Asian shares rebounded (EM Asia: +1.2%) from yesterday's sharp selloff. EM Asian currencies were generally weaker. A late rally in US stocks wasn't enough for Latin American equity markets to end the day higher. The Colombian central bank held rates on hold in line with expectations (+9.5%) although three out of the seven members of the MPC opted for a 50bps cut.

Brazil

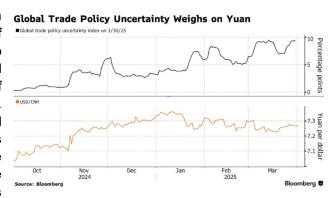
The real has boosted by higher commodity export prices and reduced fears of fiscal dominance. The real has been the best performing currency against the US dollar so far this year (+8.3%, YTD) having reached its weakest levels last year on fears about fiscal sustainability. While improved sentiment has played a role, rising commodity prices have improved the terms of trade. Brazil is also one of the few countries that is currently in a hiking cycle due to an overheating economy and



increasing inflation expectations. As policy rates are expected to go to 15%, Brazil will continue to offer one of the highest carry returns across major markets.

China

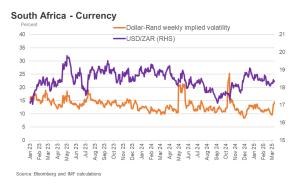
Despite improved factory activity, the yuan weakened against the dollar (-0.16%) amid tariff concerns. The Caixin manufacturing PMI rose to 51.2 in March from 50.8, higher than expected (50.6), indicating a second consecutive month of expansion, consistent with the official survey. Economists view this rise as a seasonal bounce and anticipate weakened export activities due to tariffs and softer external demand. They estimate that the 20% additional US tariffs on Chinese goods in the last two months could reduce China's direct exports



to the US by up to 65% over the medium term. Meanwhile, the property market saw an 11% drop in new-home sales in March. State-backed developer Vanke experienced a 41% sales slump in Q1 and reported a record RMB 49.5bn (\$6.8bn) loss for last year, its first annual loss since listing in 1991. These external and domestic headwinds lead to unanimous expectations that the PBOC will cut the reserve requirement ratio by 50 bps in Q2 to release liquidity for lending and investment. Today, the stock market remained stable (+0.01%), with Bloomberg reporting a notable sector rotation from tech stocks to long-term bond funds over the past two weeks, indicating a safe-haven mindset among investors ahead of reciprocal tariffs.

South Africa

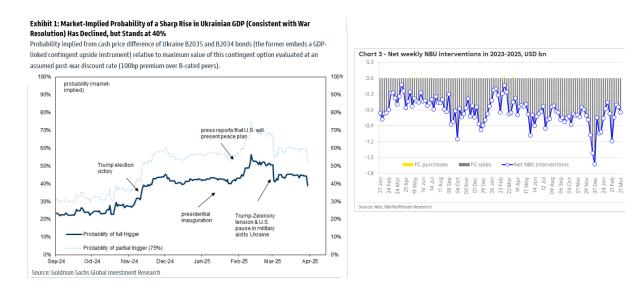
Rand volatility increased ahead of Wednesday's budget vote. With Parliament set to vote on the budget on April 2, the ANC and DA yesterday held discussions to break the budget impasse. Volatility for the USDZAR has increased to a four month high this morning, with Bloomberg also noting that risk reversals are in favor of the dollar. The rand is now trading around 18.35, a level last seen around mid-February. JPMorgan analysts expect an agreement with the DA, but caution that markets could question the relevance of the Government of National Unity (GNU) if the two parties cannot reach a



compromise. BofA analysts do not expect a breakdown in the GNU and highlight that markets are not pricing such a development. On the data front, Absa's manufacturing PMI increased by 4 points to 48.7 in March, remaining in contractionary territory.

Ukraine

Analysts estimate that the market-implied probability of a significant increase in Ukrainian GDP has declined to 40%. Data released yesterday showed Ukraine's Q4 GDP surprising significantly on the downside, declining to -0.1% y/y versus Bloomberg consensus of +1.9% (from an upwardly revised +2.2%). Goldman Sachs analysts estimate that annual economic growth in Ukraine would have to average +5% y/y from 2025-2028 to reach the real GDP level target required to trigger the upside instrument that is embedded in Ukraine's newly restructured long-dated contingent eurobonds. Meanwhile, on the FX side, Raiffeisen analysts noted that the intraweek volatility of the USD/UAH had increased last week as the hryvnia weakened amidst a decrease in foreign currency sales of exporters, together with concerns among importers regarding the probability of the currency strengthening in the short-term. However, the USD/UAH was little changed on the week after the National Bank of Ukraine became more active in its market interventions aimed at stabilization.



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4/1/25 8:02 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities					%		%
United States		5,603	0.6	-3.0	-5.9	6.9	-5
Europe	myrmina	5,284	0.7	-3.5	-3.3	3.9	8
Japan	myrimm	35,624	0.0	-5.7	-4.1	-10.6	-11
China	munitaria	3,888	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	8.6	-1
Asia Ex Japan	mann	74	-0.2	-2.7	0.4	8.7	3
Emerging Markets	www.	44	-0.2	-2.4	1.1	6.2	4
Interest Rates				basis	points		
US 10y Yield	morrow	4.2	-5	-16	-5	-15	-41
Germany 10y Yield	monday	2.7	-8	-14	25	36	29
Japan 10y Yield	man	1.5	1	-9	12	76	40
UK 10y Yield	manne	4.6	-7	-15	13	68	4
Credit Spreads				basis	points		
US Investment Grade	morning	132	1	6	10	12	12
US High Yield	manden	390	6	41	57	43	61
Exchange Rates					%		
USD/Majors	month	104.3	0.1	0.1	-3.1	-0.7	-4
EUR/USD	month	1.08	-0.3	-0.1	2.8	0.4	4
USD/JPY	mymm	149.2	-0.5	-0.5	-0.2	-1.6	-5
EM/USD	man and a second	44.6	-0.1	-0.7	1.4	-3.9	4
Commodities					%		
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	my www.	74.8	0.0	3.3	3.5	-5.9	2
Industrials Metals (index)	Myseum	150.8	0.0	-3.1	3.9	7.5	7
Agriculture (index)	man man	57.9	0.6	0.5	-0.1	-2.9	2
Implied Volatility					%		
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	mulmalun	23.1	0.8	5.9	3.4	9.4	5.7
Global FX Volatility	nopulan	8.5	0.0	0.3	0.2	1.8	-0.7
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Year spread vs. Germany (bps)				
Greece	myrmm	81	-1	1	-4	-27	-4
Italy	met my man	111	-2	1	-2	-28	-5
France	my mandam	72	0	3	-2	21	-11
Spain	m. M. May May man	63	0	1	-1	-23	-6

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Last updated:	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)						
4/1/2025	Leve	Level			Change (in %)			Level		Change (in basis points)				
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		vs. USD	(-	+) = EM a	ppreciatio	n			% p.a.					
China		7.27	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.4	money	1.9	0	-4	8	-49	18
Indonesia	many	16699	-0.7	-0.5	-1.3	-4.8	-3.4	Mayner	7.0	0	-12	7	28	-6
India	M	85	0.4	0.6	2.4	-2.4	0.2	my way	6.9	0	-6	-10	-30	-48
Philippines	man man	57	0.0	0.6	1.2	-1.7	1.3	Janker Marker	5.1	-6	-12	-6	-37	20
Thailand	man man	34	-0.6	-1.0	-0.4	7.1	0.6	manne	2.1	-6	-6	-17	-49	-25
Malaysia	man from	4.43	0.0	-0.3	0.6	6.8	0.8	my	3.8	0	3	-1	-8	-4
Argentina		1073	-0.2	-0.4	-0.9	-20.1	-3.9	www.	36.0	4	148	698	-1670	684
Brazil	and the same	5.71	0.0	-0.1	3.1	-11.4	8.2	and the same	15.1	-2	5	-19	460	-81
Chile	My Market	948	0.3	-2.8	0.3	4.0	5.2	my m	5.6	-5	0	-14	-9	-5
Colombia	~~~~~	4184	0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-7.6	5.3	man was	12.2	-8	31	76	213	36
Mexico	~~~~~~	20.51	-0.2	-2.2	0.9	-19.0	1.5	many man	9.4	1	-13	-16	-2	-96
Peru	my my may	3.7	-0.5	-0.8	0.3	1.3	2.2	Mary	6.7	0	19	31	-87	6
Uruguay		42	0.0	0.1	0.9	-10.5	3.7	h-	9.5	-1	-6	-23	47	-19
Hungary	~~~~~~~~	373	-0.3	-0.9	2.1	-1.5	6.5	mynow	6.9	3	-3	51	28	50
Poland	may and	3.88	-0.2	-0.6	2.1	3.0	6.4	mywam	5.4	-8	-10	-9	10	-20
Romania	man	4.6	-0.3	-0.1	2.8	0.2	4.1	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	7.2	-2	-3	2	86	-5
Russia	- My	84.8	-1.9	-0.3	5.7	9.0	33.9							
South Africa	May man	18.3	-0.1	-0.4	1.5	3.3	2.8	Manne	10.8	-2	-1	12	-130	32
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US (DXY; 5y UST)	mande	104	0.1	0.1	-3.1	-0.7	-3.8	my man	3.90	-5	-17	-12	-42	-48

			Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)										
	Level		Change (in %)				Level		Change (in basis points)				
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	Last 12m	Latest	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
								basis poi	nts				
China		3,888	0.0	-1.1	-0.1	8.6	-1.2	Market Comments	106	4	8	-43	10
Indonesia	mmmmmm	6,511	0.0	2.0	-1.9	-10.7	-8.0	market property and a service.	125	12	18	25	34
India	monday	76,025	-1.8	-2.5	3.9	2.9	-2.7	white was a second	115	14	15	8	29
Philippines	mysommy	6,181	0.0	-0.2	3.0	-11.2	-5.3	manya ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang ang an	100	9	0	13	21
Thailand	and the same of th	1,168	0.9	-1.4	-3.0	-15.3	-16.6						
Malaysia	mymmy	1,514	0.0	0.5	-3.9	-2.2	-7.8	mery my man	90	10	11	7	20
Argentina		2,338,761	-1.7	-3.9	6.0	92.7	-7.7	Marked Market Ma	823	48	36	-636	186
Brazil	~~~~~~~~	130,260	-1.3	-0.8	6.1	2.6	8.3	washing the war	236	12	-2	23	-11
Chile	announce of the same	7,649	-0.6	0.6	4.3	15.2	14.0	manyman	129	7	1	5	16
Colombia	manual res	1,603	0.0	-2.0	-0.3	18.3	16.2	Market Market	353	20	20	60	27
Mexico	manne	52,484	-1.3	-0.4	0.3	-9.0	6.0	white	318	11	3	7	6
Peru	JAN JAN	30,090	0.0	-2.0	5.4	6.4	3.9	mountain	151	10	3	10	10
Hungary	**************************************	89,163	0.5	-2.7	2.3	36.4	12.4	and the state of t	172	17	21	19	17
Poland	~~~~~~~~~~	97,313	1.4	-2.2	5.8	17.6	22.3	mary house franch	121	11	5	23	9
Romania	my my may may may may may may a second	17,571	0.3	0.7	0.3	3.2	5.1	and the same	267	24	15	83	32
South Africa	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	89,799	1.3	0.1	4.5	20.5	6.8	Market Market	336	21	21	-23	43
Türkiye	homomorph	9,659	0.0	6.8	0.0	6.8	-1.7	monthouse	323	13	40	22	64
EM total	mann	44	0.5	-2.4	1.1	6.2	4.5	who when	397	22	23	103	33

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