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Markets end the week on a negative note

European and Asian equities dropped as market participants remained worried ahead of the next round of US tariffs next week and their impact on global growth. US equity futures also signaled a negative opening, with the S&P 500 index set for its worst quarter since 2023. Gold prices topped a fresh record and the dollar was marginally stronger. Advanced economy sovereign bond yields fell across the board, supported by safe haven flows. Euro area sovereign bond yields were also supported by softer-than-expected inflation readings in France and Spain. In Japan, JGB yields fell despite the release of higher-than-expected Tokyo inflation, as the BOJ's March monetary policy meeting summary showed some board members were worried about rising downside risks from tariffs. Elsewhere, the Mexican peso was little changed this morning after the central bank cut rates by 50 bps yesterday while the Polish zloty was also steady with the central bank expected to keep rates on hold next week.

Key Global Financial Indicators

Last updated: 3/28/25 8:12 AM	Level		Change from Market Close				YTD
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	
Equities			%				%
S&P 500		5693	-0.3	1	-4	8	-3
Eurostoxx 50		5357	-0.4	-1	-2	5	9
Nikkei 225		37120	-1.8	-1	0	-8	-7
MSCI EM		45	0.5	0	3	9	7
Yields and Spreads			bps				
US 10y Yield		4.32	-3.7	8	11	12	-25
Germany 10y Yield		2.73	-4.2	-3	33	43	36
EMBIG Sovereign Spread		334	4	5	9	-12	10
FX / Commodities / Volatility			%				
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation		44.7	-0.1	0	2	-4	4
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation		104.5	0.1	0	-3	0	-4
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)		74.0	0.0	3	1	-15	-1
VIX Index (% change in pp)		19.2	0.5	0	0	6	2

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United States

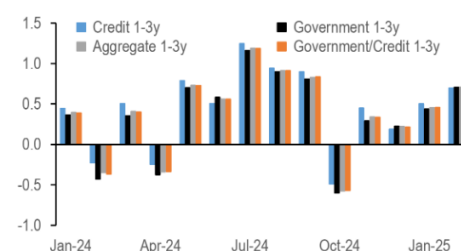
This morning, **prices accelerated in February's personal income report suggesting growing inflation pressures.** The overall index rose in line with expectations, but core PCE inflation exceeded expectations (0.4% mom and 2.8% yoy, vs an expected 0.3% and 2.7% respectively). The increases appear to justify the upward revisions to FOMC members' year-end inflation forecasts in the recent Summary of Economic Projections. Personal spending rebounded by 0.4%, but turned out slower than the 0.5% expected, raising some concerns about the pace of consumption in the in first-quarter GDP. US Treasury yields extended modestly their earlier rally and the dollar was flat immediately after the data releases.

Demand for short-term fixed income investments surges.

Treasury yields have crept higher following the March lows, partly as investors have grown increasingly wary about whether—and to what extent—tariffs will ultimately spur inflation. As a result, the Fed kept rates on hold, while market expectations for three cuts in early March were slashed down to two in the latest Fed dots. As a result, policy-sensitive two-year yields have risen from an early-March low, while the outlook for rates supported continued inflows into short-term funds. Total assets of US MMFs rose to \$7.01 tn in March, even after the central bank cut its benchmark by a full percentage point since September, as MMFs continue to offer superior yields relative to other instruments—especially bank deposits. In addition, short-term bond funds (operating at the 1.5 to 2.5 years maturities) have also extended a strong streak of inflows since the start of 2025.

Figure 7: February marked a period where low-duration bond funds achieved their strongest returns over the past four months

Monthly total returns of various Bloomberg short duration indices (%)

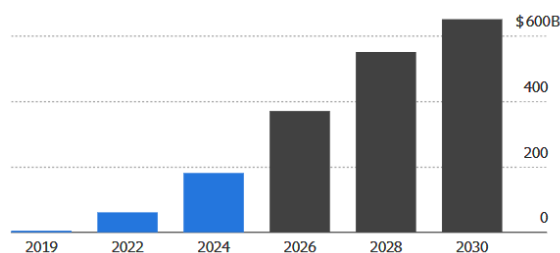


Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan as of 2/28/25

Derivatives based ETFs are growing as investors seek risk management solutions.

Outcome-oriented ETFs are a small segment of the derivatives ETF market, designed to help investors hedge and diversify their portfolios. These ETFs use various derivative-based strategies to meet specific investment objectives, such as limiting stock losses during market downturns or generating income when prices fall. According to BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, only 10% of investment advisers currently use these ETFs, but the outcome-oriented ETF segment was one of the fastest-growing in 2024, with a 58% increase from the previous year. BlackRock expects adoption to increase as investors look for risk management solutions and predicts that assets in outcome-oriented ETFs will triple to \$650 billion by 2030.

BlackRock Sees Outcome-ETF Assets Tripling by 2030
Growth to be spurred by advisor adoption and changing market dynamics



Source: BlackRock
Note: 2026, 2028 and 2030 are projections

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Euro area

European equities continued to decline this morning amid tariff concerns, while government bond yields fell and the euro was marginally weaker against the dollar. The STOXX 600 index traded in the red (-0.3%), with the banking sector (-1.4%) underperforming. The 10-year bund yield was lower this morning (-5 bps), trading around 2.72%, while southern spreads were little changed. **Preliminary March inflation data from Spain and France, which surprised on the downside, are seen to have provided further support to keep yields low.** Separately, the February ECB survey on inflation expectations

showed that inflation expectations for the coming 12 months remained unchanged at 2.6% while expectations for three years ahead was unchanged at 2.4%. The euro weakened (-0.2%).

Markets increased ECB rate cut expectations amid tariff fears. Markets have scaled up ECB rate cut expectations this week and are now pricing in roughly 22 bps of easing for the ECB's April meeting (compared to 16 bps at the start of the week) and roughly 60 bps of easing by end-2025 (compared to about 52 bps at the start of the week).

The bund yield curve reached its steepest level since 2022 yesterday, although some of this was moderately reversed this morning. The 2-year bund yield is now at roughly similar levels than at the start of the year while the 30-year yield has increased by almost 50 bps, thus increasing the 2–30year bund curve above 100 bps. Contacts note that immediate tariff risks ahead of the April 2 tariff announcements from the US are overshadowing the medium-term German fiscal hopes, and Commerzbank analysts expect the steepening trend to be further supported by hopes for ECB rate cuts amid tariff fears.

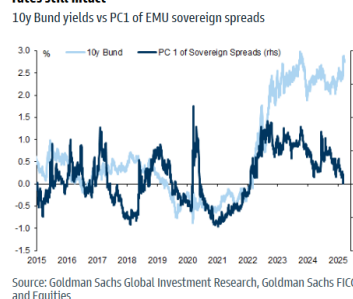
Above 100 basispoints!
2-30y Bund curve and swap curve (vs. 6mE), in %



Source: Bloomberg, Commerzbank Research

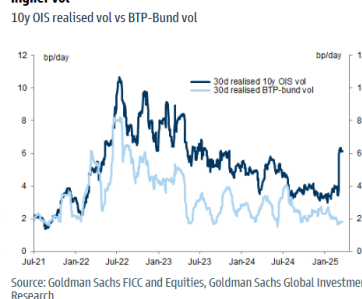
Analysts see limited room for further euro area sovereign spread compression. German bund yields have increased sharply since the government announced higher fiscal spending. For example, the 10-year bund yield is now roughly 30 bps higher than at the start of the month. European sovereign credit spreads have, however, remained tight. Goldman Sachs analysts highlight several reasons for the resilience in European sovereign credit, including improved growth prospects in Europe on the back of higher German spending, while the analysts also anticipate that Europe's broader strategy towards defense spending would take the constrained fiscal resources of several sovereigns into consideration. Moreover, the analysts think that near-term risks, including tariffs, should mean that the ECB's policy remains relatively dovish. While the analysts think that the conditions for spreads to remain tight is still broadly intact, they see limited room for further compression.

Exhibit 1: Conditions that led to decoupling of spreads and rates still intact
10y Bund yields vs PC1 of EMU sovereign spreads



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research, Goldman Sachs FICC and Equities

Exhibit 2: But spreads are tight and have not responded to higher vol
10y OIS realised vol vs BTP-Bund vol

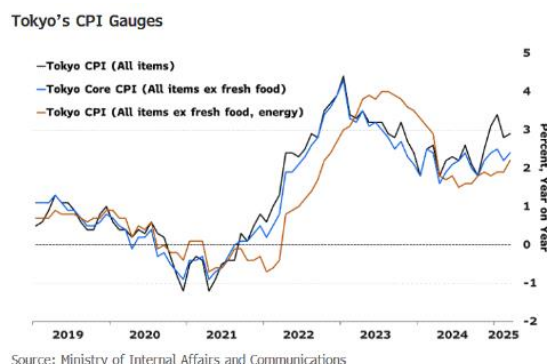


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Japan

JGB yields fell on concerns about global uncertainties and despite the release of higher-than-expected inflation. Tokyo headline inflation gained +2.9% y/y in March, rising more than expected (consensus +2.7%). Core inflation (excl. fresh food) rose to +2.4% y/y and core-core inflation (excl. fresh food and energy) accelerated to +2.2% y/y, both beating forecasts. Analysts view that price pressures are becoming more broad-based for goods and services, thereby supporting inflation momentum

and further rate hikes as core inflation stays above 2% target. However, JGB yields fell (10-year, -4 bps) and rate-hike expectations retreated amidst tariff uncertainties and upon publication of the Summary of Opinions at the March 18–19 monetary policy meeting. The brief summary showed that some board members are more cautious whether gradual rate hikes should continue given rising global uncertainties, with some expressing caution due to rising downside risks from tariffs. Japanese equities fell sharply (-1.8%) today, driven by bank, automobile and semiconductor stocks. The yen strengthened (+0.3%). Prime minister Ishiba emphasized the need to consider all options including cash-flow measures to protect domestic industries and employment in the face of the potential US 25% auto tariffs next week.



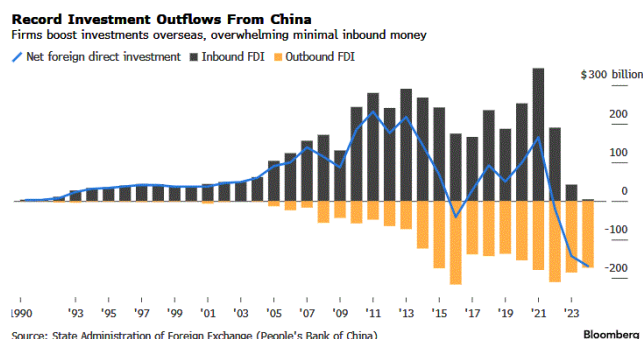
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In **Asia**, equities declined on increased concerns over global growth. Thailand declined (SET Index: -1.0%) before trading was halted after Myanmar triggered a state of emergency in Bangkok. Asian currencies were mixed, with Indian rupee the strongest (+0.3%) and Thai baht underperforming (-0.4%). In **EMEA**, equities continued to edge lower this morning, while currencies were mixed as investors remain in the wait and see mode ahead of next week's tariffs announcements. In CEE, the stock markets were down across the region, with Hungary (-1.1%) and Czechia (-1.2%) underperforming, while currencies were overall little changed to the euro. The cedi was little changed against the dollar this morning, ahead of the MPC decision later on today where the central bank of Ghana is expected to hold its policy rate unchanged at 27%. In **Latam**, most currencies depreciated while most equity markets gained yesterday. In **Argentina**, economic activity rose more than economists expected in January. It rose +0.6% from December (vs. +0.2% expected). The GDP proxy grew 6.5% from a year ago (vs. +5% expected). Between October and December, exports, government, consumer spending, and capital expenditures contributed to more-than-expected growth. Inflation also has cooled to 67% from 211% when President Milei took office.

China

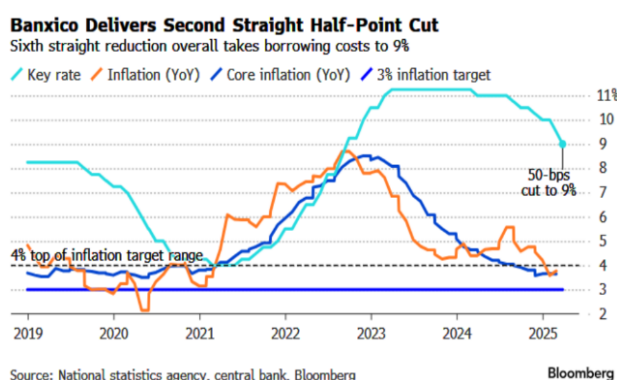
Chinese President Xi Jinping vowed to improve market access at a meeting with a group of global business leaders in Beijing, in an effort to boost investor sentiment on concerns rising tariffs fuel uncertainty for the economy and international trade. Xi, along with officials overseeing the economy, finance, trade, and national development, met with over 40 leaders representing firms in finance, manufacturing, and technology, from the US, Europe, Japan and South Korea. Xi acknowledged how geopolitical factors have affected business investment into China in recent years, called for managing China-US frictions through dialogue and urged companies to uphold the global economic order. At the BOAO forum today, former PBOC deputy governor Hu Xiaolian said the



central bank is correct in spending more time to observe China's economic recovery before cutting banks' reserve ratios and rates, echoing current deputy governor Xuan Changneng's remark yesterday that PBOC will use multiple tools to support liquidity and will carefully choose timing to cut RRR and rates. The yuan was fixed stronger at 7.1752 today, 887 bps stronger than survey consensus. Onshore CNY and offshore CNH both strengthened slightly after having weakened for the past seven consecutive trading days.

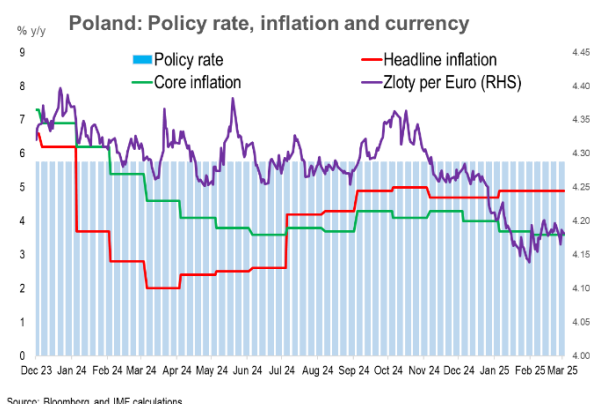
Mexico

Mexico's central bank lowered its benchmark interest rate by 50 bps to 9% on Thursday, as expected. It was a sixth consecutive rate cut and second straight half-percentage-point reduction. The central bank indicated in its statement that more cuts of "similar magnitudes" are possible. The economy's GDP contracted 0.6% in Q4 from Q3, and January data also signaled that the economy might continue to slow down. In addition, trade uncertainty continues to cast a shadow over the country's economic outlook, with the imminent US tariffs on Mexican goods weighing on growth. Economists forecast the policy rate to reach 7.75% by the end of the year.



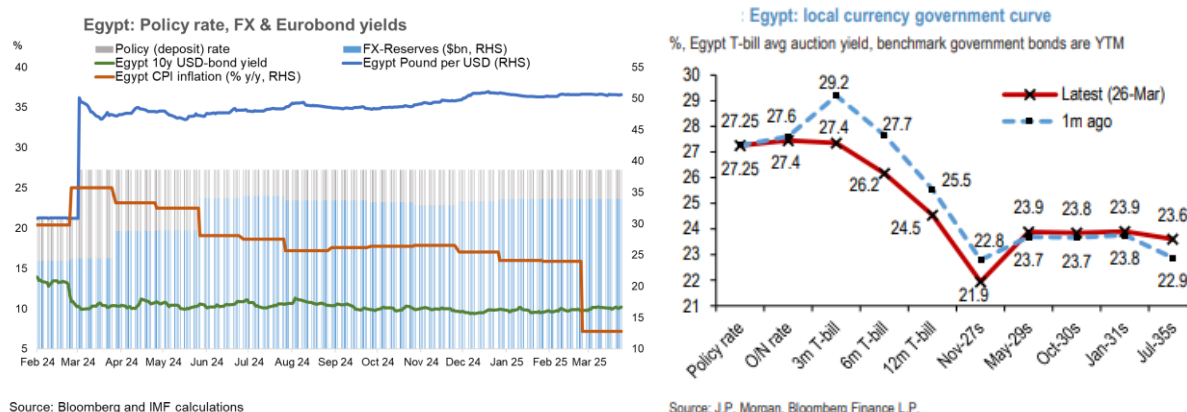
Poland

The zloty was little changed to the euro this morning, ahead of the MPC meeting next week (April 2) when the **central bank (NBP) is expected to keep the policy rate unchanged at 5.75%**. Yields of 2-year government bonds fell to 5.13% today after reaching 5.48% on March 14 right before February headline inflation surprised to the downside. Inflation printed that day at 4.9% (as in January and vs. est. 5.3% y/y), with also core inflation was a touch lower at 3.6%y/y (vs. est. 4%) from prior 3.7%. Still, NBP's Governor Glapinski said yesterday that the inflation outlook "clearly now shows that there's no basis to change interest rates", citing persisting concerns on state-controlled prices, fast growing wages, as well as fiscal policy and geopolitical risks to inflation. Glapinski pointed that inflation would likely decline to NBP's 2.5% target only in 2027.



Egypt

The pound was flat after Egypt's GDP growth printed yesterday at 4.3% y/y in Q4 2024 (1.5% q/q, from prior 6.3% q/q) led by the tourism and manufacturing sectors, with the latter growing by 17.7% after contracting 11.6% last year. Officials emphasized Egypt's shift to a tradable economy driven by industrial production and export growth. **Goldman Sachs** emphasized the decline of inflation in February to 12.8% y/y, with price pressures having significantly abated since Egypt's moved to a floating FX regime in March 2024. **Analysts expect the Central Bank of Egypt (CBE) to lower its benchmark deposit rate from currently 27.25% to 16% at year-end** as policy tightness is weighing on growth.



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Global Financial Indicators

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	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	
Equities			%				%
United States		5,688	-0.3	0.4	-4.5	8.3	-3
Europe		5,357	-0.4	-1.2	-1.9	5.4	9
Japan		37,120	-1.8	-1.5	-0.1	-8.0	-7
China		3,915	-0.4	0.0	0.6	10.7	-1
Asia Ex Japan		76	0.6	-0.5	2.8	11.7	5
Emerging Markets		45	0.5	-0.4	3.2	8.6	7
Interest Rates			basis points				
US 10y Yield		4.3	-4	8	11	12	-25
Germany 10y Yield		2.7	-4	-3	33	43	36
Japan 10y Yield		1.5	-5	2	17	83	44
UK 10y Yield		4.7	-7	0	23	78	15
Credit Spreads			basis points				
US Investment Grade		128	0	1	6	8	8
US High Yield		367	3	5	35	21	39
Exchange Rates			%				
USD/Majors		104.5	0.1	0.4	-2.9	-0.1	-4
EUR/USD		1.08	-0.3	-0.5	3.8	-0.2	4
USD/JPY		150.8	-0.2	1.0	0.1	-0.4	-4
EM/USD		44.7	-0.1	-0.5	1.6	-3.9	4
Commodities			%				
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)		74.0	0.0	2.6	1.7	-7.2	0
Industrials Metals (index)		153.3	0.1	-0.4	5.6	9.7	9
Agriculture (index)		57.0	-0.7	-1.9	-1.6	-4.6	0
Implied Volatility			%				
VIX Index (%, change in pp)		19.2	0.5	-0.1	-0.5	6.1	1.8
Global FX Volatility		8.1	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	1.6	-1.1
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Year spread vs. Germany (bps)				
Greece		82	0	0	-3	-27	-3
Italy		111	1	0	-2	-27	-4
France		70	1	0	-4	19	-13
Spain		63	0	-2	-1	-24	-7

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Emerging Market Financial Indicators

Last updated: 3/28/2025 8:11 AM	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)						
	Level		Change (in %)					Level		Change (in basis points)				
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
	vs. USD		(+)= EM appreciation					% p.a.						
China		7.27	0.0	-0.2	0.2	-0.5	0.5		1.9	0	-3	6	-49	19
Indonesia		16559	0.0	-0.3	0.2	-4.2	-2.6		7.0	-9	-1	10	24	-6
India		85	0.4	0.6	2.4	-2.4	0.2		6.9	-5	15	-9	-30	-48
Philippines		57	0.0	-0.1	1.1	-1.8	1.0		5.2	-3	0	4	-27	30
Thailand		34	-0.5	-0.2	0.8	7.3	1.0		2.1	-1	-1	-9	-45	-19
Malaysia		4.43	0.0	-0.3	0.6	6.8	0.8		3.8	0	3	-1	-8	-4
Argentina		1072	0.0	-0.2	-0.9	-20.0	-3.8		36.5	38	417	795	-1621	732
Brazil		5.78	-0.5	-0.8	1.9	-13.2	6.9		15.1	-13	29	9	465	-81
Chile		941	-0.8	-1.5	2.3	4.1	5.8		5.7	3	8	-9	-4	0
Colombia		4170	-1.0	0.0	-0.9	-7.6	5.6		12.1	10	22	65	204	28
Mexico		20.33	-0.2	-0.5	1.1	-18.2	2.4		9.4	-5	4	-11	4	-90
Peru		3.6	0.0	-0.4	0.9	2.1	3.2		6.7	12	26	30	-66	6
Uruguay		42	0.0	0.3	0.8	-10.8	3.7		9.4	-4	-11	-24	45	-21
Hungary		374	-0.8	-1.8	3.6	-2.5	6.1		6.9	-2	-1	45	22	47
Poland		3.88	-0.3	-0.2	4.0	2.8	6.3		5.5	3	-1	-3	17	-10
Romania		4.6	-0.3	-0.5	3.7	-0.4	3.9		7.3	1	3	10	91	1
Russia		83.9	0.7	0.7	6.6	10.3	35.3							
South Africa		18.2	0.4	0.3	2.9	4.3	3.7		10.9	4	11	24	-121	38
Türkiye		38.01	-0.1	-0.7	-4.1	-14.9	-7.0		33.9	58	160	574	461	420
US (DXY; 5y UST)		104	0.1	0.4	-2.9	-0.1	-3.7		4.06	-3	6	4	-15	-32

	Equity Markets							Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)						
	Level		Change (in %)					YTD	Level		Change (in basis points)			YTD
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	Last 12m		Latest	7 Days	30 Days	12 M		
									basis points					
China		3,915	-0.4	0.0	0.6	10.7	-0.5		106	3	7	-44	10	
Indonesia		6,511	0.0	2.0	-1.9	-10.7	-8.0		119	5	15	17	28	
India		77,415	-0.2	0.7	5.8	4.6	-0.9		113	10	15	6	27	
Philippines		6,147	0.1	-1.9	2.5	-11.0	-5.8		94	-2	-2	6	15	
Thailand		1,175	-1.0	-0.9	-2.3	-14.7	-16.1							
Malaysia		1,514	-1.4	0.5	-3.9	-2.2	-7.8		88	10	10	4	18	
Argentina		2,412,082	-1.1	0.8	9.4	98.8	-4.8		767	0	-11	-675	130	
Brazil		133,149	0.5	0.9	8.4	3.9	10.7		227	1	-6	15	-20	
Chile		7,654	0.8	0.9	4.4	15.2	14.1		122	-4	-4	-3	9	
Colombia		1,601	0.1	-0.4	-0.4	20.1	16.0		337	3	7	45	11	
Mexico		53,478	1.3	0.7	2.2	-6.8	8.0		310	-2	-3	-3	-2	
Peru		30,250	0.0	-0.4	6.0	6.6	4.5		144	-1	-1	3	3	
Hungary		91,527	-1.3	1.7	5.0	40.0	15.4		151	-7	2	-3	-4	
Poland		98,290	-0.5	1.4	6.8	18.8	23.5		110	-5	-7	11	-2	
Romania		17,521	0.1	1.3	0.0	3.5	4.8		246	-5	-1	61	11	
South Africa		89,890	0.0	0.4	4.6	20.6	6.9		313	-3	4	-47	20	
Türkiye		9,476	-1.4	4.8	-1.9	4.4	-3.6		315	19	36	6	56	
EM total		45	-0.2	-0.4	3.2	8.6	6.6		379	6	5	79	15	

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