

Weak economic data in China fueled investor concerns over global growth

Caution prevailed in the financial markets today with sovereign yields declining further across core countries, hitting new lows amid rising concerns over global growth prospects. The latest signal coming from China's Jan-Feb industrial profits, which saw its biggest contraction since 2009 ([see](#)). On the trade front, ahead of tomorrow's new round of US-China trade talks in Beijing, Trump expressed optimism over prospects of a near term deal while urging China to accept US demands on structural issues ([see](#)). In this regard, the US trade balance figures released today would help assuage Trump's concerns over US trade imbalances - trade deficit narrowed much more sharply than expected in January, led by a decline in imports, including from China ([see](#)).

Meanwhile, in a closely watched speech for policy cues, ECB's Draghi reaffirmed that Euro area growth remained weak and that the ECB will study possible measures to mitigate the side-effects of negative rates on the banking sector profitability ([see](#)).

Core yields declined: The US Treasury 10Y yield inched down, hovering near the 2.35% level, so did the 10Y Bund yield, in turn pushing up peripheral risk premia. Meanwhile, Italy's 10Y yield saw a volatile session amid disappointing domestic confidence indicators and downbeat reports by two local think-tanks, which stated that the Italian economy will stagnate in 2019 ([see](#)).

Equity indices were mixed across developed markets: US stocks fall while European equity indices ended broadly flat. Meanwhile, Chinese equity indices showed slight gains despite today's negative data surprise.

The USD and the JPY appreciated slightly while the EUR remained below the 1.13 USD/EUR level. The GBP held flat ahead of today's UK Parliament vote on different alternatives to the Brexit plan ([see](#)). UK PM May reiterated her pledge to deliver on Brexit if UK MPs back her deal this week, in a third vote ([see](#)). Finally, EM FX saw renewed pressure, with those in Latam underperforming other EMs, dragged by a slight fall in crude oil prices amid an increase in US oil inventories ([see](#)). The BRL depreciated sharply amid idiosyncratic factors ([see](#)).

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Debt markets (10Y, %, changes in bp)					
Developed Markets	level	Daily	Week	Month	YTD
US (2-yr)	2.21	-5.8	-18.8	-30	-28
US	2.38	-3.9	-14.2	-28	-30
GER (2-yr)	-0.60	-3.9	-7.0	-4	1
Germany	-0.08	-6.2	-16.1	-19	-32
France	0.30	-5.6	-15.8	-22	-41
Spain	1.05	-4.3	-11.5	-22	-47
Italy	2.44	-2.8	-8.7	-33	-30
Portugal	1.26	-3.6	-6.2	-35	-61
Greece	3.78	-0.6	-0.2	0	-61
Japan (2-yr)	-0.17	0.0	-1.0	0	-3
Japan	-0.07	-0.2	-3.1	-3	-7
Emerging Markets	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
Brazil	9.14	9.1	43.5	17	-9
Chile	3.95	-2.5	-9.5	-18	-31
Colombia	6.64	5.5	0.3	-22	-11
Mexico	7.95	5.2	-4.5	-21	-69
Peru	4.87	-1.7	-7.8	-28	-49
Poland	2.81	-5.1	-8.5	-9	-1
Russia	8.30	6.5	-0.1	-10	-48
Turkey	17.45	66.0	197.0	283	165
India	7.33	-1.1	-3.2	-8	-4
Indonesia	7.63	1.0	-8.3	-27	-40
Country risk (bp, changes in bp)					
Developed Markets	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
10-yr sovereign spread vs Germany					
France	38	0.6	0.3	2	-3
Italy	252	3.5	7.5	-15	2
Portugal	133	2.6	9.9	-3	-23
Spain	113	1.9	4.6	-3	-9
2-yr sovereign spread vs Germany					
France	6	-0.1	-0.6	-4	-9
Italy	79	2.2	5.7	-16	-29
Portugal	30	2.6	1.1	-1	4
Spain	23	2.4	1.9	-6	-14
Emerging Markets	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
5-yr sovereign CDS *					
Brazil	172	-2.7	23	10	-35
Chile	46	-1.8	4	-1	-17
Colombia	111	-1.9	8	-1	-47
Argentina	774	2.3	44	125	-33
Mexico	124	-3.0	4	-9	-31
Peru	67	-1.8	6	-5	-27
Poland	68	0.0	4	3	0
Russia	130	0.2	5	-4	-24
Turkey	414	7.6	107	97	55
China	46	-2.6	1	-6	-22
India	84	-1.8	5	-8	-30
Indonesia	101	-3.9	6	-8	-37
Risk indicators					
Volatility indicators	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
VIX	16	1.0	2	1	-10
VSTOXX	16	0.5	2	2	-8
EM EFT volatility Index	20	1.2	3	2	-5
Dollar/euro volatility	6	0.2	1	0	-1
EM FX volatility index	9	0.1	1	0	-1
Credit spread (BAA) (change in bps)	233	3.9	2	9	-13
US bonds volatility index	57	-0.6	14	10	-10
Inflation expectations	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US Inflation expectations (5Y5Y)	2.19	-	-9	-7	6
EZ Inflation expectations (5Y5Y)	1.32	-	-15	-13	-28
Banking 5y CDS	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US	63	-1.3	4	-2	-19
EZ	90	-3.9	15	-2	-30
UK	71	-3.4	10	0	-23
Large Spanish	66	-3.2	12	5	-22
Medium Spanish	108	0.3	6	1	-4
Corporate 5y CDS	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US Non-financial	165	-1.3	4	-2	-19
EZ Non-financial	84	-3.9	15	-2	-30
UK Non-financial	106	-1.6	9	5	-13
Interbank markets (% changes in bp)					
	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
EONIA Index	-0.37	0	0	0	-1
Euribor 3m	-0.31	0	0	0	0
Euribor 12m	-0.11	0	0	0	1
Libor 3m	2.60	-1	-2	-5	-20
Libor 12m	2.72	-2	-9	-17	-29
Stock markets (%)					
Main indices	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
S&P500	2,799	-0.7	-0.9	0.1	12
Dow Jones	25,528	-0.5	-0.8	-2.2	9
Nikkei	21,379	-0.2	-1.1	-0.7	7
FTSE 100	7,185	-0.2	-1.5	0.0	7
EuroStoxx 50	3,321	0.1	-1.5	1.3	11
IBEX	9,227	0.5	-1.9	0.2	8
DAX	11,414	0.0	-1.6	-0.8	8
CAC	5,301	-0.1	-1.5	1.3	12
MIB	21,180	0.2	-0.7	3.6	16
ASE Athens	714	0.2	-0.2	3.9	16
MSCI Latam *	91,839	1.1	-2.8	-2.5	6
Ibovespa (Brazil)	93,073	-2.3	-5.1	-4.3	6
Mexbol (Mexico)	42,988	0.4	-0.4	-1.5	3
Merval (Argentina)	31,984	-2.0	-7.9	-12.0	6
MSCI EM Europe *	5,655	0.2	-0.4	0.1	7
Poland	2,315	-0.4	-1.6	-2.4	2
Micex 10 (Russia)	4,437	-1.0	-0.9	0.1	6
Ise 100 (Turkey)	91,855	-5.7	-11.1	-12.0	1
MSCI EM Asia *	861	0.3	-1.5	0.0	10
Shanghai Com (China)	3,023	0.9	-2.2	2.1	21
Jakarta (Indonesia)	6,445	0.5	-0.5	-0.9	4
Banking sector	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US banks	125.7	-0.4	-4.3	-5.3	9
JPM	99.6	-0.4	-4.7	-6.2	2
Citi	61.0	-0.4	-5.2	-5.5	17
BoA	27.1	-0.3	-5.3	-7.3	10
MS	41.6	-0.8	-3.4	-1.5	5
GS	190.3	-0.2	-2.1	-4.2	14
EZ banks	75.3	2.5	-2.8	-0.3	9
BNP	42.4	2.5	-4.0	-1.0	8
Crédit Agricole	10.9	3.7	-2.1	1.2	15
Deutsche Bank	7.5	2.9	-3.1	-3.0	8
ING	10.8	2.8	0.3	-4.2	15
Intesa	2.2	0.9	-3.0	3.8	12
SG	26.0	2.1	-4.6	-0.2	-7
Unicredito	11.5	2.4	-5.2	0.3	16
UK banks	77.7	1.1	-3.8	-0.8	7
HSBC	613.2	0.1	-1.7	-1.4	-5
RBS	251.3	1.6	-5.2	-3.0	16
Barclays	155.9	1.7	-5.2	-2.1	4
Lloyds	62.3	1.3	-4.3	2.9	20
Large Spanish banks	62.8	0.6	-5.8	-1.7	8
Santander	4.2	1.7	-6.0	-0.8	5
BBVA	5.1	-0.4	-5.5	-2.6	10
Medium Spanish banks	53.3	1.1	-4.5	-5.2	-7
Caixabank	2.8	1.7	-4.5	-7.8	-12
Sabadell	0.9	0.9	-8.0	-6.7	-12
Bankinter	6.9	1.0	-2.7	-1.2	-2
Bankia	2.3	1.0	-5.5	-9.0	-8
Currencies (%) red for currency depreciation)					
Developed	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
EURUSD	1.126	-0.1	-1.3	-0.9	-2
GBPUSD	1.32	0.1	0.3	1.0	4
USDJP					