Market Comment | China's trade data increase market concerns about the cycle

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- **Disappointing trade data in China.** China's exports dropped in April against estimates of their remaining unchanged (by -1.8%YoY) after the surge in the previous month (by 11.5% YoY). In the same way, imports plunged by more than expected (by 10.9% YoY; consensus: -4.0%)
- Better than expected German data. German factory orders increased by more than estimates in March (by 1.9% MoM; BBVAe and consensus: 0.6%) due mainly to the contribution of capital goods orders (+4.0% MoM). In addition, foreign orders increased, compensating for the drop in domestic orders.
- Charles Evans, Chicago Fed president, considers that US economic growth could rise this year to 2.5% despite the weak GDP in 1Q16. He also thinks that the Fed is on the right path, waiting to see macroeconomic indicators before taking a decision. He said that inflation and business confidence are still low.
- S&P upgrades Turkish outlook to stable from negative. S&P maintained Turkey's sovereign credit
 rating at BB+, continuing below investment grade. However, the outlook was upgraded to stable from
 negative. This decision was taken due to the stable outlook reflecting the balance between the resilience
 of the Turkish economy and modest fiscal deficits against lingering regional and domestic risks and stillhigh external financing needs.
- Eurogroup meeting today reviews the Greek package of reforms required to complete the first review of the third economic programme and possible debt relief. On Sunday the Greek parliament passed the pension and tax reforms aimed at saving some €5.4bn (3% of GDP), which would allow Greece to reach the 3.8% primary surplus contemplated in the conditions of the third bailout approved last August. The agreement will pave the way to unlock a €5bn tranche of EU lending. The press conference at the conclusion of the meeting is expected at 8 p.m. today. However, the finance minister's remarks on his arrival suggested that a decision would not come until May. Moreover, the IMF is still sceptical about the ability of these measures to achieve the primary surplus target.
- China's trade data increase market concerns about the cycle. Worse-than-expected macroeconomic data in China increase uncertainty about the green shoots seen in China's economy during the last month. This outcome, coupled with the weak US payroll data released on Friday slightly increased the global cyclical risk premiums, despite better-than-expected German factory orders. In bond markets, 10Y bond yields inched down across the board (US 10Y and GER 10Y: -2 bps). In peripheral countries, Greek yield declined sharply (-22 bps) after the Greek parliament backed the pension and tax reforms that would pave the way for unlocking the loan tranche. Despite the growth concerns, European equity rebounded today (Eurostox50: +0.6% DAX: +1.1% CAC: +0.4%), but mainly led by defensive sectors (telecoms and healthcare), while the material, energy and banking sectors declined further, the latter led by declines in the Italian banking sector. Meanwhile, in the US the main indices fell slightly (S&P: -0.1%)



Dow: -0.2%). In FX markets, the USD appreciated sharply against the Japanese yen (-1.08%) due to the intervention of Japan's finance minister, who said that the authorities could act in the forex market if necessary. Meanwhile, The US currency remained almost unchanged against other major currencies. EM currencies depreciated against the US dollar (RUB: -0.6% BRL: -2.8% CLP: -1.4% MXN: -1.7% TRY: -0.6%) hampered by the deterioration in commodity prices (Brent: -3.5% Wtx: -2.5% Cooper: -1.9%). Oil prices suffered high volatility today. They began the session by increasing, however these gains were offset. There are some expectations about a turning point in Alberta's wildfire, which might reduce the negative impact on oil supply disruption. In addition, the announcement of a new oil minister in Saudi Arabia will not change the current strategy of increasing the country's share of the oil market.

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