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Daily Report – Global markets

STOCK EXCHANGE

	Close	Daily chg. (%)	Weekly chg. (%)
DJIA	16 437	↑ 1,11	↓ -0,82
S&P500	1 872	↑ 1,09	↓ -0,99
Nasdaq100	3 600	↑ 1,76	↓ -1,02
Russell2000	1 160	↑ 1,37	↓ -1,79
Stoxx600	335	↑ 0,38	↓ -0,53
DAX	9 506	↑ 0,16	↓ -1,22
FTSE 100	6 636	↑ 0,68	↓ -0,35
CAC40	4 443	↑ 0,40	↑ 0,27
ATX	2 535	↑ 1,42	↓ -0,84
IBEX35	10 485	↑ 0,04	↑ 0,47
Nikkei 225	14 300	↑ 0,00	↓ -5,07
Hang Seng	22 975	↑ 0,58	↑ 2,67
SSEC	2 119	↑ 0,64	↑ 3,67
SENSEX	22 722	↑ 0,09	↑ 0,86
RTS	1 190	↓ -0,47	↓ -2,65
Bovespa	51 185	↓ -0,86	↓ -0,43

FX MARKET

	Close	Daily chg. (%)	Weekly chg. (%)
EUR/USD	1,3843	↓ -0,09	↑ 0,91
EUR/CHF	1,2179	↓ -0,06	↓ -0,34
USD/GBP	1,6792	↑ 0,27	↑ 1,17
USD/JPY	101,73	↓ -0,24	↓ -2,10
AUD/USD	0,9414	↑ 0,30	↑ 2,00
USD/CAD	1,0893	↑ 0,15	↓ -1,25

RISK INDICATORS

	Close	Daily chg (bp)	Weekly chg (bp)
VIX	13,8	↓ -1,1	↑ 0,7
CDS 5Y PIIS	14	↓ -0,5	↓ -10,3
CDS 5Y Italy	91	↑ 0,8	↓ -11,7
CDS 5Y Belg.	95	↑ 1,0	↓ -0,4
iTraxx 5Y EU	25,0	↑ 0,8	↓ -2,3
US TED Spread	70,6	→ 0,0	↓ -1,6

Source: Reuters, OTP Research

Summary

- Investors were optimistic in yesterday's trading.
- In a positive markets reaction to Wednesday's release of the Fed minutes, indices soared.
- An analysis by Fitch held out the prospect of downgrading Russia.

In Wednesday's buoyant trading on global markets, all US indices gained more than 1%. Last night, the Fed published the minutes of its most recent rate decision meeting, which produced positive market reaction: the dollar firmed, short-term yields dropped, and equity indices went higher. The Fed's minutes suggested that the central bank was planning to apply a softer strategy than it had communicated, because some central bankers are concerned about market turbulences that may kick in when the interest rate hike becomes due, one year from now. As a combined effect of release of the Fed minutes and the signs sent by the ECB, which imply that printing money may be scaled back, the EUR/USD leapt to 1.3870. Of the S&P's components, health care made the strongest gain (2.1%) yesterday. The Nasdaq100 was the most successful index in the USA, surging 1.8%.

Similarly to American markets, Europe was also confident in Wednesday's trading, with all major indices closing in the green. The Stoxx600 index of Europe's 600 biggest companies gained 0.4%.

In Wednesday's research note, Fitch pointed out that private investors had withdrawn USD 59.7 billion from Russia by the end of last year. The international rating agency held out the prospect of downgrading Russia.

The Far East's key indices ended this morning's trading with gains. The Hang Seng and the SSEC climbed 0.6% higher each, the SENSEX added 0.1%, and the Nikkei moved sideways.

GOV'T BOND MARKET

	Yield (%)	Daily chg (bp)	Weekly chg (bp)
US 2Y	0,36	↓ -4	↓ -9
US 10Y	2,70	↑ 1	↓ -11
JP 2Y	0,09	↑ 0	↑ 0
JP 10Y	0,62	↓ 0	↓ -3
GER 2Y	0,18	↓ 0	↓ 0
GER 10Y	1,56	↑ 0	↓ -2

CENTRAL BANKS' RATES

	Rate (%)	6M Consensus	1Y Consensus
Fed Funds	0,25	→ 0,25	→ 0,25
ECB Rate	0,25	→ 0,25	→ 0,25
BOE Rate	0,50	→ 0,50	→ 0,50
BOJ Rate	0,10	→ 0,10	→ 0,10
SNB Target	0,00	→ 0,00	→ 0,00

MONEY MARKET

	Rate (%)	Daily chg (bp)	Weekly chg (bp)
US 3M Libor	0,23	↑ 0	↓ 0
US 2Y Swap	0,48	↑ 1	↓ -7
US 5Y Swap	1,67	↓ -4	↓ -20
EUR 3M Euribor	0,33	→ 0	↑ 1
EUR 2Y Swap	0,47	↓ 0	↓ -2
EUR 5Y Swap	0,97	↑ 3	↓ -2
GB 3M Libor	0,52	↓ 0	↓ 0
GB 2Y Swap	1,03	→ 0	↓ -1
GB 5Y Swap	1,97	↓ 0	↓ -2
JP 3M Libor	0,14	→ 0	↓ 0
JP 2Y Swap	0,18	↓ 0	↓ -1
JP 5Y Swap	0,31	↓ 0	↓ -2
CHF 3M Libor	0,02	→ 0	↓ 0
CHF 2Y Swap	0,07	↑ 2	↑ 1
CHF 5Y Swap	0,41	↓ -3	↓ -4

COMMODITIES

	Close	Daily chg. (%)	Weekly chg. (%)
Oil Brent	107,6	↓ -0,36	↑ 1,36
Gold	1 315	↑ 0,31	↑ 2,21

Source: Reuters, OTP Research

Yesterday's statistics on Germany's exports and trade balance missed analysts' expectations but the UK trade balance was in line with the preliminary estimation. US wholesales sales have expanded, but analysts had expected better sales figures.

In this morning's releases, China's exports have improved since the previous period, but the gauge fell short of economists' forecasts. Today the Bank of England is to hold rate decision, and the federal budget balance will be out in the USA.

	COUNTRY	DATE	INDICATOR	FACT	CONSENSUS	PREVIOUS
Wednesday	PL	Apr	Base rate (%)	2,5	2,5	2,5
	DE	Feb	Trade balance (bn EUR)	15,7	17,8	17,2
	DE	Feb	Export (MoM, %)	-1,3	-0,5	2,2
	GB	Feb	Goods trade balance (MoM, bn GBP)	-9,1	-9,1	-9,8
	US	Feb	Wholesale sales (MoM, %)	0,7	1,0	-1,8
Thursday	CN	Mar	Export (MoM, %)	-6,6	4,0	-18,1
	GB	Apr	Base rate (%)		0,5	0,5
	US	Mar	Federal budget (MoM, bn USD)		-88,5	-193,5

Source: Reuters, OTP Research

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