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Summary

- Stock markets made modest gains on Thursday
- Mario Draghi made the case for maintaining loose monetary conditions
- The meeting of US and Chinese presidents may touch upon a number of disputes
- In the wake of the US airstrike on targets in Syria this morning, gold price has risen and the RUB has weakened.

Global stock markets ground higher in Thursday's trading. After rejecting Kraft Heinz's takeover bid, Unilever announced to renew its corporate structure, with an aim to deter future takeover attempts. Currently the Anglo-Dutch company runs a dual structure, with equal headquarters in London and Rotterdam. The latter is likely to become the unified head office, among others because Dutch legislation offers more protection against takeover bids. The company also announced efficiency improvement reorganization measures, buying back EUR 5 billion own shares, and 12% higher dividend payment. Its share price grew 1% in Amsterdam trading.

Yesterday Mario Draghi made the case for maintaining the ECB's current loose monetary policy. The subsequent euro weakening pushed the EUR/USD below 1.065. A one-dollar increase in oil price sent the Brent near 55 USD/barrel. Wheat and maize prices fell more than 1% on light trading volume. Soy's price came down as crop in Brazil is expected to be abundant.

The European Parliament laid down the key principles for Brexit negotiations. The indivisibility of the four basic freedoms (free movement of goods, services, capital, and people) was emphasised; and after its exit the United Kingdom must shoulder the financial obligations it had assumed earlier to the EU.

The two-day meeting of US and Chinese presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping had begun. They may touch upon a number of disputed issues, such as US trade deficit to China, the renminbi's exchange rate, and North Korea. Reports from this meeting and US labour market figures may move markets today.

In the small hours on Friday the US Army launched missiles to targets in Syria, in response to a chemical weapon attack. The airstrike hit markets too: US stock futures prices fell, the Russian rouble weakened, and the price of gold increased.

	Stocks				Bonds				Commodity & FX			
	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)	Product name	Yield	Daily change*	YTD*	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)
Global	S&P500	2357,5	0,2	5,3	VIX	12,4	-3,9	-12	WTI	51,70	1,8	-3,8
	DOW	20663,0	0,1	4,6	US 2Y	1,25	-0,4	5	Brent	54,89	1,0	-3,4
	Nasdaq100	5407,9	-0,2	11,2	US 10Y	2,34	-1,4	-9	Gold	1251,3	-0,3	8,7
	DAX	12230,9	0,1	6,5	GER 2Y	-0,78	0,7	1	Silver	18,23	-0,2	14,4
	CAC40	5121,4	0,6	5,3	GER 10Y	0,26	0,6	6	EUR/USD	1,0642	-0,2	1,2
	FTSE 100	7303,2	-0,4	2,2	PT10Y	3,91	-4,1	15	EUR/GBP	0,8537	0,0	0,2
	FTSE MIB	20297,0	0,2	5,5	IT 10Y	2,26	0,0	44	EUR/NOK	9,1787	0,0	1,0
	Stoxx600	380,8	0,2	5,4	SP 10	1,62	0,3	22	USD/CAD	1,3412	-0,2	-0,1
	- Banks	140,8	0,2	5,0	iTRAXX	74,0	-1,7	2	AUD/USD	0,7545	-0,3	4,6
	Nikkei 225	18676,5	0,4	-4,7	JPY 2Y	-0,21	-1,2	-4	USD/JPY	110,80	0,1	-5,2
SSEC	3287,0	0,2	5,9	JPY 10Y	0,05	-1,3	0	GBP/USD	1,2466	-0,1	1,1	
Regional	RTS	1148,8	-0,3	-0,3	RUS10	7,85	-0,1	-6	USD/RUB	56,372	0,1	-8
	WIG20	2254,47	0,0	15,7	POL 10	3,47	1,0	-4	EUR/PLN	4,2337	0,0	-3,9
	PX50	980,0	-0,1	6,3	CZ10	1,03	12,0	120	EUR/RON	4,5210	-0,1	-0,3
Hungary	BUX	32554	0,5	1,7	3M TB	0,15	0	-1	EUR/HUF	310,60	0,1	0,6
	OTP	8340	1,7	-0,7	1Y	0,18	0	0	USD/HUF	291,70	0,3	-0,6
	MOL	20600	0,7	-0,2	3Y	1,11	-1	25	CHF/HUF	290,28	0,3	0,8
	MTelekom	486	0,2	-2,4	5Y	2,21	0	44	PLN/HUF	73,340	0,2	4,7
	Richter	6742	-1,2	8,6	10Y	3,33	2	13	GBP/HUF	363,69	0,2	1

* In the case of bond yields, the change is in basis points instead of percentage (VIX and ITRAXX not included).

Data	Cd.	Event/Data	Period	Fact	Cons.	Prev.
2017 4. 3.	2 : 30 JP	Nikkei Manufacturing PMI (points)	March	52,4	-	52,6
	9 : 00 HU	Manufacturing PMI (points)	March	56,0	-	59,5
	9 : 00 HU	Trade balance (detailed, monthly, EURmn)	Jan.	633	-	658*
	11 : 00 EZ	Unemployment rate (%)	Febr.	9,5	9,5	9,6
	16 : 00 US	Construction expenditure (mom, %)	Febr.	0,8	1,1	-1,0
	16 : 00 US	ISM Manufacturing PMI (points)	March	57,2	57,0	57,7
	21 : 30 US	Vehicle sales (annualized monthly, million)	March	16,6	17,3	17,6
4.	9 : 00 HU	Retail sales (first estimate, yoy, %)	Febr.	1,2	-	3,7
	11 : 00 EZ	Retail sales (mom, %)	Febr.	0,7	0,5	-0,1
	16 : 00 US	Factory orders (mom, %)	Febr.	1,0	1,0	1,2
5.	9 : 00 HU	Industrial production (preliminary, yoy, %)	Febr.	2,7	-	6,5
	14 : 00 PL	Interest rate decision (%)	Apr.	1,5	1,5	1,5
	14 : 00 RO	Interest rate decision (%)	Apr.	1,75	1,75	1,75
	14 : 15 US	ADP non-farm employment (mom, '000s)	March	263	187	245
	16 : 00 US	ISM non-Manufacturing PMI (points)	March	55,2	57,0	57,6
	20 : 00 US	FOMC Minutes	March	-	-	-
6.	9 : 00 DE	Industrial orders (mom, %)	Febr.	3,4	4,0	-7,4
	11 : 00 HU	Fiscal balance (monthly, billion HUF)	March	-378,5	-	57,0
	13 : 30 EZ	ECB Minutes	March	-	-	-
7.	8 : 00 DE	Export (mom, %)	Febr.	0,8	-0,5	2,7
	9 : 00 HU	Trade balance (preliminary, monthly, EURmn)	Febr.	911	-	658
	9 : 00 DE	Industrial production (mom, %)	Febr.	2,2	-0,2	2,8
	10 : 30 UK	Industrial production (mom, %)	Febr.		0,2	-0,4
	11 : 00 HU	International reserves (final, EURbn)	Febr.		-	25,2
	14 : 30 US	Unemployment rate (%)	March		4,7	4,7
	14 : 30 US	Average earnings (yoy, %)	March		2,4	2,8
	14 : 30 US	Average earning (mom, %)	March		0,2	0,2
	14 : 30 US	Non-farm payroll (mom, '000s)	March		180	235

*preliminary data

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