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Global Daily Report

Summary

- America's stock markets climbed somewhat higher but Europe closed in the red. Asia posted gains this morning.
- Commodity prices rose; bitcoin is below USD 10,000 again.
- The IFO sentiment index disappointed; the US Leading index rose stronger than had been expected

Reversing a three-day losing streak, America's stock markets picked up yesterday. The Dow and the S&P500 nudged higher, while the NASDAQ100 edged 0.1% lower, dropping for the fourth day in a row. One reason for investors' lower risk appetite may be concern that the rising yields add to financing costs, which will negatively affect companies' market value. Hewlett Packard, a winner of the day, jumped 13% higher, as the net revenue in its earnings report has beaten economists' forecasts.

Amid the unsupportive sentiment, the main indices of Europe closed in the red on Thursday. Part of the pessimism stemmed from Wednesday's publication of the minutes of the January FOMC meeting, which revealed that monetary policy decision-makers find an interest rate hike in March increasingly likely. The disappointing figures on German economic sentiment may also have saddened investors. The ECB also published the minutes of its January rate-setting meeting: decision-makers opine that it would be too early to alter their forward guidance, because inflation is still too far from the ECB's near-2% target. In the corporate world, Barclays soared 4.4% after announcing to more than double the dividend per share, despite the GBP 1.9 billion loss in the recent financial year. British American Tobacco shrank 2.2%; its pre-tax profit quadrupled in 2017, but the volume of cigarette sales contracted by 2.6%.

Asia's market closed with gains this morning.

Government bond yields fell in the USA and Germany on Thursday, reversing Wednesday's rise.

The US dollar weakened against the EUR yesterday but it was seen strengthening again this morning. Bitcoin dived 5.2%, to re-visit below-10,000-dollar territories. Commodity prices rose: gold added 0.5% and the WTI oil upped 1.8%.

Important sentiment indicators came out on the eurozone's largest economy. Germany's IFO economic sentiment index stood at 115.4 in February, missing analysts' forecast of 117. Nevertheless, the indicator is at its second highest since 1991. The data released on US economy were encouraging: the Leading index rose 1% in January from the previous month, overshooting analysts' prediction of 0.5%. The indicator has been rising for the third month in a row. In Japan, the consumer price index accelerated to 1.4% year/year in January from 1.0% in the previous month, and the core price index grew by 0.9%, just like in December.

Germany's Q4 GDP breakdown and the January reading of the eurozone's inflation statistics are due out today.

	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	2704,0	0,1	1,1	VIX	18,7	-6	70	WTI	62,77	1,8	3,9
	DOW	24962,5	0,7	1,0	US 2Y	2,3	-2	36	Brent	66,39	1,5	-0,7
	Nasdaq100	6761,9	0,0	5,7	US 10Y	2,9	-2	51	Arany	1331,43	0,6	2,2
	DAX	12461,9	-0,1	-3,5	GER 2Y	-0,5	-1	12	Ezüst	16,61	0,7	-2,0
	CAC40	5309,2	0,1	-0,1	GER 10Y	0,7	-2	28	EUR/USD	1,23	0,4	2,8
	FTSE 100	7252,4	-0,4	-5,7	PT10Y	2,0	4	10	EUR/GBP	0,88	0,1	-0,6
	FTSE MIB	22463,5	-0,8	2,8	IT 10Y	2,2	3	17	EUR/NOK	9,68	0,2	-1,7
	Stoxx600	380,3	-0,2	-2,3	SP 10	1,6	8	3	USD/CAD	1,27	0,0	1,0
	- Banks	171,6	-0,5	4,0	iTRAXX	54,0	5	20	AUD/USD	0,78	0,5	0,6
	Nikkei 225	21892,8	0,7	-3,8	JPY 2Y	-0,2	0	-2	USD/JPY	106,74	-0,9	-5,3
SSEC	3287,6	0,6	-0,6	JPY 10Y	0,1	0	0	GBP/USD	1,40	0,3	3,3	
Regional	RTS	1301,0	0,8	12,7	RUS10	7,1	0	-7	USD/RUB	56,423	-0,5	-2,1
	WIG20	2410,7	0,2	-2,1	POL 10	3,4	-1	4	EUR/PLN	4,18	0,2	0,1
	PX50	1108,3	-0,3	2,8	CZ10	1,8	0	20	EUR/RON	4,653	-0,1	-0,5
Hungary	BUX	38644	-0,8	-1,9	3M T-Bill	0,08	0	4	EUR/HUF	313,00	0,2	0,8
	OTP	11490	-0,9	7,2	1Y	0,07	0	2	USD/HUF	253,78	-0,2	-2,0
	MOL	2806	-1,3	-6,6	3Y	0,91	1	36	CHF/HUF	271,99	0,5	2,6
	MTelekom	462	-0,3	0,9	5Y	1,51	0	34	PLN/HUF	74,79	0,0	0,7
	Richter	6045	-0,6	-10,8	10Y	2,58	1	53	GBP/HUF	354,10	0,2	1,4

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

Sources: Reuters, OTP Research

Data	Cd.	Event/Data	Period	Fact	Cons.	Prev.
2018 2. 20.	9 : 00	HU Gross wages (yoy, %)	Dec.	13,5	-	13,0
	11 : 00	DE ZEW Economic Sentiment (points)	Febr.	17,8	16,0	20,4
	16 : 00	EZ Consumer confidence index (flash, points)	Febr.	0,1	1,0	1,4
21.	1 : 30	JP Nikkei Manufacturing PMI (points)	Febr.	54,0	-	54,8
	9 : 00	FR Markit Service PMI (points)	Febr.	57,9	59,0	59,3
	9 : 00	FR Markit Manufacturing PMI (points)	Febr.	56,1	58,0	58,1
	9 : 30	DE Markit Service PMI (points)	Febr.	55,3	57,0	57,0
	9 : 30	DE Markit Manufacturing PMI (points)	Febr.	60,3	60,6	61,2
	10 : 00	EZ Markit Service PMI (points)	Febr.	56,7	57,6	57,6
	10 : 00	EZ Markit Manufacturing PMI (points)	Febr.	58,5	59,3	59,6
	15 : 45	US Markit Service PMI (points)	Febr.	55,9	54,0	53,3
	15 : 45	US Markit Manufacturing PMI (points)	Febr.	55,9	55,4	55,5
	16 : 00	US Existing home sales (mom, %)	Jan.	5380	5540	5570
	20 : 00	US FOMC Minutes	Jan.	-	-	-
22.	10 : 00	DE IFO Economic sentiment index (points)	Febr.	115,4	117,0	117,6
	10 : 30	UK GDP (yoy, detailed, %)	Q4	1,4	1,5	1,5*
	10 : 30	UK GDP (qoq, detailed, %)	Q4	0,4	0,5	0,5*
	13 : 30	EZ ECB Minutes	Jan.	-	-	-
	16 : 00	US Leading index (mom, %)	Jan.	1,0	0,5	0,6
23.	0 : 30	JP CPI (yoy, %)	Jan.	1,4	-	1,0
	0 : 30	JP core-CPI (yoy, %)	Jan.	0,9	0,8	0,9
	8 : 00	DE GDP (yoy, detailed, %)	Q4		2,9	2,9*
	8 : 00	DE GDP (qoq, detailed, %)	Q4		0,6	0,6*
	11 : 00	EZ CPI (final, yoy, %)	Jan.		1,3	1,3*

* preliminary data

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