

Global:

USA

- According to the Commerce Department, the GDP expanded at a rate of 2.5% on an annual basis in Q4 2017
- According to Labor Department, initial claims for unemployment benefits dropped 10,000 to a seasonally adjusted 210,000 for the week ended February 24, the lowest level in 5 decades
- Markit's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) came in at 55.3 in February, down from 55.5 registered in January

UK

- GfK consumer confidence index declined to -10 in February, down from a level of -9 in January. The decline was attributed to sluggish household income and rising prices paid by consumers in shops
- The IHS Markit/CIPS manufacturing PMI inched down marginally to 55.2 in February, from 55.3 in January

Eurozone

- According to European Commission, the economic sentiment in the euro zone eased to 114.1 points in February, from a revised 114.9 in January
- IHS Markit final manufacturing PMI fell to 58.6 in February 2018, from 59.6 in January
- IHS Markit's Final Composite Purchasing Managers' Index fell to 57.1 in February from January's 58.8 and down from the flash estimate of 57.5.
- The euro area (EA19) seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate stood at 8.6% in January 2018, down from 9.6% in January 2017. It is the lowest rate recorded in the euro area since December 2008
- According to Eurostat, Producer Prices Index (PPI) grew 0.4% and 1.5% on a M-o-M basis and Y-o-Y basis respectively in January

Germany

- According to Destatis the annual rate of inflation stood at 1.4% in February, down from 1.6% in January
- According to Federal Labour Office the unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.4% in February
- IHS Markit/BME manufacturing PMI stood at 60.6 for the month of February, slightly up from 60.3 in January

Japan

- According to Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, industrial production dropped 6.6% on M-o-M basis in January. The drop was attributed to slowdown in production of cars and electronics
- The final Nikkei Manufacturing PMI came in at 54.1, down from 54.8 in January because of a weaker rate of improvement in business conditions
- According to data from the Statistics Bureau of Japan, the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate fell to a 25 years low of 2.4% in January 2018
- According to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, retail sales rose 1.6% on a Y-o-Y basis in January 2018

China

- According to National Bureau of Statistics, Manufacturing PMI fell to 50.3 in February 2018, from 51.3 in January, lowest since July 2016. The non-manufacturing PMI slowed to 54.4 in February, down from 55.3 in January

India

- The Nikkei Manufacturing PMI fell to 52.1 in February, from 52.4 in January. The fall was attributed to slower growth rates of both new orders and output
- According to Central Statistical Office, GDP grew 7.2% for October-December quarter. India's FY18 growth projection was revised marginally upwards to 6.6%

Oil Prices:

Oil prices	23rd Feb 2018	2nd Mar 2018	%W-o-W change
Brent crude (US\$)	67.31	64.53	-4.13%

Indian Forex Reserves:

(in US\$ billion)	16th Feb 2018	23rd Feb 2018	W-o-W Change
Forex reserves	421.7	420.6	-0.27%

Consumer Sentiment:

	23rd Feb 2018	2nd Mar 2018	%W-o-W change
India	92.61	92.08	-0.57%
Rural	96.54	95.81	-0.76%
Urban	85.71	85.88	0.20%

Unemployment Rate:

in %	23rd Feb 2018	2nd Mar 2018	W-o-W change (basis points)
India	5.90	5.99	9
Rural	5.47	5.55	8
Urban	6.73	6.83	10

Markets:10 Year Government Bond Yield:

in %	23rd Feb 2018	2nd Mar 2018	W-o-W change (basis points)
Japan	0.053	0.068	2
US	2.866	2.864	0
UK	1.521	1.474	-5
Germany	0.653	0.651	0
India	7.685	7.741	6

LIBOR Rates:

1 month rate (in %)	23rd Feb 2018	2nd Mar 2018	W-o-W change (basis points)
USD-LIBOR	1.63	1.69	6
EURO-LIBOR	-0.40	-0.40	0
POUND-LIBOR	0.50	0.50	0
YEN-LIBOR	-0.04	-0.09	-4

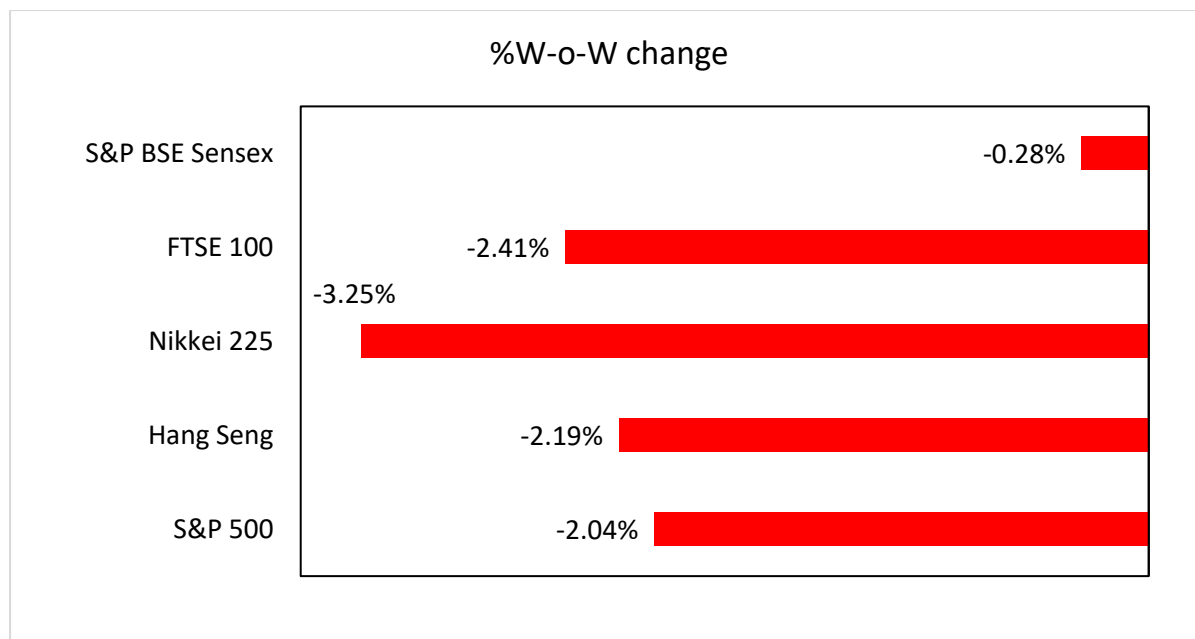
Currency Pairs:

	23rd Feb 2018	2nd Mar 2018	%W-o-W change
British Pound per US\$	0.71833	0.72708	1.22%
Euro per US\$	0.81295	0.8193	0.78%
Yen per US\$	107.11	106.67	-0.41%

	23rd Feb 2018	2nd Mar 2018	%W-o-W change
INR per US\$	64.82	65.23	0.62%
INR per British Pound	90.40	89.71	-0.77%
INR per Euro	79.76	79.50	-0.33%
INR per 100 Yen	60.59	61.07	0.79%

Appreciate

Depreciate

Global Stock Market over the week:

Events:

6th March 2018: Factory Orders (M-o-M)

7th March 2018: Eurozone GDP (Q-o-Q & Y-o-Y)

Japan GDP (Q-o-Q & Y-o-Y)

8th March 2018: ECB Interest Rate Decision (Mar)

Bank of Japan (BoJ) Interest Rate Decision

US Unemployment Rate (Feb)

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