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Global:

USA

- IHS Markit Final manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) came in at 55.6 in March 2018, slightly lower than preliminary reading of 55.9.
- IHS Markit Services PMI came in at 54 in March 2018 down from the final February estimate of 55.9.
- Institute Supply Management (ISM) non-manufacturing PMI came in 58.8 in March 2018, lower than February's of 59.5, indicating the growth in the service sector slowed for the second straight month.
- Initial jobless claims rose to 242,000 for the week ended March 31, 2018 from previous week's jobless claims of 225,000, as per the US Labor Department.
- Unemployment rate was at 4.1% in March 2018, unchanged for the sixth straight month, as per the US
 Department of Labor.

<u>UK</u>

- IHS Markit/CIPS manufacturing PMI rose to 55.1 in March 2018, from a downwardly revised 55 in February 2018, as companies reported solid inflows of new work from both domestic and overseas markets.
- The IHS Markit/CIPS services PMI fell to 51.7 in March 2018, from 54.5 February 2018, its lowest in 20 months.

<u>Eurozone</u>

- IHS Markit final manufacturing PMI fell to 56.6 in March 2018. The fall attributed to a slowdown in growth across all nations in the bloc.
- The preliminary Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose to 1.4% (YoY) in March 2018, from a revised 1.1% (YoY) in February 2018.
- The Euro-area's seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate stood at 8.5% in February 2018, the lowest rate since December 2008, as per Eurostat.
- IHS Markit final services PMI fell to 54.9 in March 2018, down from 56.2 in February 2018.
- Producer Price Inflation (PPI) climbed 1.6% (YoY) and 1.1% (MoM) in February 2018, while PPI rose 0.4% (MoM) in January 2018 as per Eurostat data.
- Retail sales edged up 0.1% (MoM) in February 2018, rebounding from a 0.3% fall in January, while it rose 1.8% (YoY) in February 2018 as per the data from Eurostat.

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Economic update



<u>Germany</u>

- Retail sales rose 1.3% (YoY) but fell by 0.7% (MoM) in February 2018, compared to an upwardly revised drop of 0.3% (MoM) in January 2018, according to Destatis. This is the third consecutive monthly fall.
- IHS Markit/BME final seasonally-adjusted manufacturing PMI dropped to 58.2 in March 2018, its lowest since July 2017 and below its flash estimate of 58.4.
- IHS Markit final services PMI stood at 53.9 in March 2018, its lowest since August 2017, from its preliminary estimate of 54.2.
- Industrial output fell by 1.6% (MoM) in February 2018, the biggest drop in 2-1/2 years, as per the data from Destatis.

<u>China</u>

• Caixin/Markit services PMI fell to 52.3 in March 2018, the weakest since November 2017, as new business and employment grew at a slower rate.

<u>Japan</u>

- Retail sales rose 1.6% (YoY) in February 2018. The rise was attributed to improved labor market and a rise in consumer spending due to rising wages.
- Nikkei Japan Manufacturing PMI fell to 53.1 in March from 54.1 in February 2018. The headline reading fell
 for the second consecutive month.
- The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate rose to 2.5% in February, as per the data released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.
- Industrial production rose 4.1% (MoM) in February 2018 rebounding from a sharp fall in the previous month.

 The increase was led by higher output of cars, construction equipment, and semiconductors.

<u>India</u>

- Nikkei/IHS Markit manufacturing PMI fell to a five-month low of 51 in March 2018 from 52.1 in February 2018.
- The Monetary Policy Committee of RBI has kept reporate unchanged at 6%. This is for the fourth straight occasion where key interest rates have been kept on hold. Reverse reporate also remained unchanged at 5.75%.



Crude Oil Prices:

| Oil Prices | March 30, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | % Change (WoW) |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Brent crude (US\$) | 69.33 | 67.00 | -3.36% |

India's Forex Reserves:

| (in US\$ billion) | March 23, 2018 | March 30, 2018 | Change (WoW) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Forex reserves | 422.5 | 424.4 | 0.43% |

Consumer Sentiment:

| | March 30, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | % Change (WoW) |
|-------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| India | 92.43 | 92.25 | -0.19% |
| Rural | 95.26 | 95.63 | 0.39% |
| Urban | 88.04 | 86.54 | -1.70% |

Unemployment Rate:

| in % | March 30, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | Change (WoW) (basis points) |
|-------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| India | 6.31 | 6.38 | 7 |
| Rural | 6.17 | 6.27 | 10 |
| Urban | 6.58 | 6.60 | 2 |

Markets:

10 Year Government Bond Yield:

| in % | March 30, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | Change (WoW) (basis points) |
|---------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Japan | 0.049 | 0.046 | 0 |
| US | 2.739 | 2.774 | 3 |
| UK | 1.350 | 1.396 | 5 |
| Germany | 0.497 | 0.497 | 0 |
| India | 7.399 | 7.175 | -22 |



LIBOR Rates:

| 1 month rate (in %) | March 30, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | Change (WoW) (basis points) |
|---------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| USD-LIBOR | 1.88 | 1.90 | 1 |
| EURO-LIBOR | -0.41 | -0.40 | 0 |
| POUND-LIBOR | 0.51 | 0.51 | 0 |
| YEN-LIBOR | -0.04 | -0.05 | -1 |

Currency Pairs:

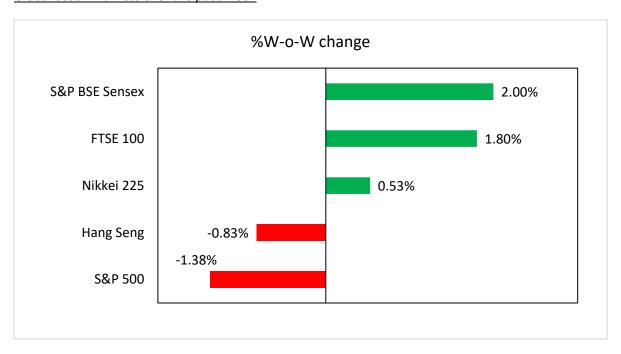
| | March 30, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | % Change (WoW) |
|---------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| USD/GBP | 0.71154 | 0.71243 | 0.13% |
| USD/EUR | 0.81222 | 0.8158 | 0.44% |
| USD/JPY | 106.52 | 107.14 | 0.58% |

| | March 30, 2018 | April 6, 2018 | % Change (WoW) |
|------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| USD/INR | 65.04 | 64.99 | -0.09% |
| GBP/INR | 92.28 | 90.96 | -1.44% |
| EUR/INR | 80.62 | 79.51 | -1.38% |
| 100JPY/INR | 61.54 | 60.54 | -1.62% |

Appreciate Depreciate



Global Stock Markets over the past week



Macroeconomic Releases this Week:

| Date | Event | Expected | Prior |
|------------|---|----------|-------|
| 10-04-2018 | China CPI (M-o-M) (March) | -0.5% | 1.2% |
| 11-04-2018 | UK Industrial Production (M-o-M) (February) | 0.5% | 1.3% |
| 11-04-2018 | US CPI (M-o-M) (March) | 0.0% | 0.2% |
| 12-04-2018 | Eurozone Industrial Production (M-o-M) (February) | 0.1% | -1.0% |
| 12-04-2018 | India Industrial Production (Y-o-Y) (February) | 6.7% | 7.5% |

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