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Global:

USA

- Retail sales rebounded 0.6% (MoM) in March 2018, highlighting the first gain in the past 3 months and the largest increase since November 2017, according to the US Commerce Department.
- Industrial production rose 0.5% (MoM) in March 2018 compared to February's 1% (MoM) gain.
- Manufacturing production inched up 0.1% (MoM) in March 2018. Strong production gains in motor vehicles
 and electronics were partially offset by declines in food and textiles.
- Initial jobless claims fell 1,000 to a seasonally adjusted 232,000 for the week ended April 14, 2018, as per the US Labor Department.

<u>UK</u>

- Unemployment rate declined to 4.2% in the three months through February 2018, compared with 4.3% in the quarter ended January 2018, as per the Office for National Statistics (ONS) data. The rate is the lowest in more than 40 years.
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) declined to 2.5% (YoY) in March 2018, its lowest level recorded in a year, according to ONS. CPI dropped to 0.1% (MoM) in March 2018, compared to previous month's 0.4% rise.
- Retail sales volume fell 1.2% (MoM), while it rose 1.1% (YoY) in March 2018, as per ONS data.

Eurozone

- ZEW Economic Sentiment fell to 1.9 in April 2018, the lowest since July 2016. In the previous month, the reading was 13.4.
- Euro area's final CPI came in at 1.3% (YoY) for March 2018, up from 1.1% (YoY) in February, according to Eurostat data.

<u>Germany</u>

- Wholesale price index (WPI) remained unchanged at 1.2% (YoY) in March 2018.
- ZEW economic sentiment fell to -8.2 in April 2018, its lowest level since late 2012, mainly due to mounting risks to global trade as well as a stronger Euro. In March 2018, the reading was 5.1.
- ZEW current conditions dropped to 87.9 in April 2018, from previous month's 90.7.

BSE-Snapshot

Economic update



 Producer Price Index increased 0.1% (MoM) and 1.9% (YoY) in March 2018, after a series of decreases during the past 6 months.

China

- GDP grew 6.8% (YoY) and 1.4% (QoQ) in Q1, aided by strong consumer demand and robust property investment, as per National Bureau of Statistics.
- Industrial production declined to 6% (YoY) growth in March 2018, down from February's 7.5% (YoY).
- Retail sales rose 10.1% (YoY) in March 2018, higher than February's reading of 9.7% (YoY) growth.

<u>Japan</u>

- The National CPI came in at 0.9% (MoM) and 1.1% (YoY) in March 2018, lower than 1% (MoM) and 1.5% (YoY) growth seen in February 2018.
- The Markit/Nikkei flash Japan manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) increased to 53.3 in April 2018, compared to 53.1 in March 2018.

<u>India</u>

• WPI inflation eased marginally to 2.47% (YoY) in March 2018, from 2.48% (YoY) in February, mainly due to falling prices of food items.

Crude Oil Prices:

Oil prices	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018	% Change (WoW)
Brent crude (US\$)	72.54	73.61	1.48%

India's Forex Reserves:

(in US\$ billion)	April 6, 2018	April 13, 2018	% Change (WoW)
Forex reserves	424.9	426.1	0.29%

Consumer Sentiment:

	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018	% Change (WoW)
India	92.43	92.78	0.38%
Rural	96.54	97.27	0.76%
Urban	85.55	85.38	-0.20%



<u>Unemployment Rate:</u>

in %	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018	Change (WoW) (basis points)
India	6.23	6.31	8
Rural	6.10	6.21	11
Urban	6.49	6.52	3

Markets:

10 Year Government Bond Yield:

in %	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018	Change (WoW) (basis points)
Japan	0.038	0.060	2
US	2.827	2.960	13
UK	1.435	1.479	4
Germany	0.511	0.590	8
India	7.429	7.718	29

LIBOR Rates:

1 month rate (in %)	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018	Change (WoW) (basis points)
USD-LIBOR	1.90	1.90	0
EURO-LIBOR	-0.40	-0.40	0
POUND-LIBOR	0.52	0.53	1
YEN-LIBOR	-0.04	-0.04	0

Currency Pairs:

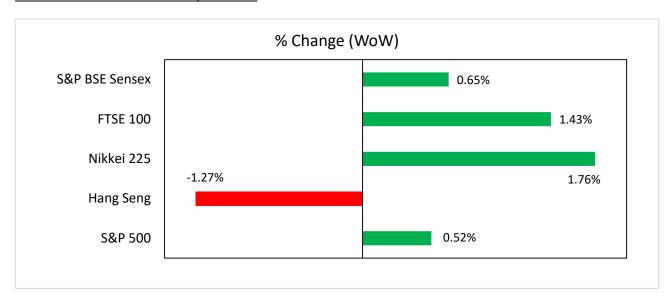
	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018	% Change (WoW)
GBP/USD	0.70404	0.70554	0.21%
EUR/USD	0.81023	0.80872	-0.19%
JPY/USD	107.09	107.38	0.27%

	April 13, 2018	April 20, 2018	% Change (WoW)
USD/INR	65.22	66.02	1.22%
GBP/INR	92.77	92.73	-0.05%
EUR/INR	80.34	81.46	1.39%
100 JPY/INR	60.64	61.40	1.25%

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Global Stock Markets over the past week



Macroeconomic Releases this Week:

Date	Event	Expected	Prior
23-04-2018	US Manufacturing PMI (April)	55.2	55.6
26-04-2018	European Central Bank - Interest Rate Decision	0.0%	0.0%
26-04-2018	Bank of Japan - Interest Rate Decision	-0.10%	-0.10%
27-04-2018	Germany Unemployment Rate (April)	5.3%	5.3%
27-04-2018	UK GDP (QoQ) (Q1)	0.3%	0.4%
27-04-2018	US GDP (QoQ) (Q1)	2.0%	2.9%

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