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Global:

USA

- Initial jobless claims dropped 9,000 to 221,000 for the week ended March 16, 2019, as per figures from the US Labor Department.
- Flash IHS Markit Purchasing Managers Index (PMI) for manufacturing fell to a 21-month low of 52.5 in March
 2019 from 53 in February 2019.
- Flash IHS Markit PMI for services fell to a 2-month low of 54.8 in March 2019 from 56 in February 2019.
- At its monetary policy meeting, the US Federal Reserve left its key interest rate unchanged in a range of 2.25% to 2.5% and projected no rate hikes in 2019.

UK

- Unemployment rate fell to 3.9% in the three months to January 2019, the lowest level in more than 44 years, from 4% in the guarter ended December 2018, as per data published by Office for National Statistics (ONS).
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.9% (YoY) in February 2019 from a 1.8% (YoY) rise in January 2019, according to figures from ONS.
- Retail sales rose 0.4% (MoM) in February 2019 in comparison with a 0.9% (MoM) rise in January 2019, according to figures from ONS.
- Bank of England's (BoE) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) voted to leave interest rates unchanged at 0.75%
 at their final meeting before Brexit.

<u>Eurozone</u>

- Consumer confidence came in at -7.2 in March 2019 from -7.4 in February 2019, as reported by the European Commission.
- Flash IHS Markit PMI for manufacturing fell to 47.6 in March 2019 from 49.3 in February 2019.
- Flash IHS Markit PMI for services fell to 52.7 in March 2019 from 52.8 in February 2019. 0020



Germany

- PPI rose 2.6% (YoY) in February 2019 compared to similar annual rise registered in January 2019, as per preliminary figures from the Federal Statistical Office.
- Flash BME/IHS Manufacturing PMI fell to 44.7 in March 2019 from 47.6 in February 2019.
- Flash BME/IHS Services PMI slowed to 54.9 in March 2019 from 55.3 in February 2019.

<u>Japan</u>

- CPI rose 0.2% (YoY) in February 2019 compared to a similar rise in January 2019, as reported by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications.
- Flash Markit/Nikkei Manufacturing PMI remained unchanged at 48.9 in March 2019.

Crude Oil Prices:

Oil prices	March 15, 2019	March 22, 2019	% Change (WoW)
Brent crude (US\$)	67.16	67.03	-0.19%

India's Forex Reserve:

(in US\$ billion)	March 08, 2019	March 15, 2019	% Change (WoW)
Forex reserves	402.04	405.64	0.90%

Markets:

10 Year Government Bond Yield:

in %	March 15, 2019	March 22, 2019	Change (WoW) (basis points)
Japan	-0.03	-0.07	-4
US	2.59	2.44	-15
UK	1.21	1.01	-20
Germany	0.08	-0.02	-10
India	7.34	7.34	0



LIBOR Rate:

1 month rate (in %)	March 15, 2019	March 22, 2019	Change (WoW) (basis points)
USD-LIBOR	2.48	2.50	2
EURO-LIBOR	-0.41	-0.42	0
POUND-LIBOR	0.73	0.73	0
YEN-LIBOR	-0.13	-0.10	3

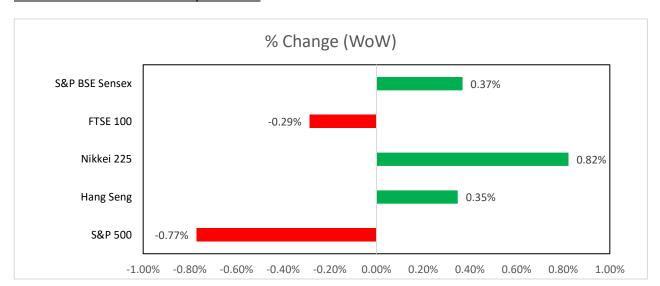
Currency Pairs:

	March 15, 2019	March 22, 2019	% Change (WoW)
USD/GBP	0.7543	0.7606	-0.84%
USD/EUR	0.8840	0.8777	0.71%
USD/JPY	111.60	110.64	0.86%

	March 15, 2019	March 22, 2019	% Change (WoW)
USD/INR	69.21	68.66	0.80%
GBP/INR	91.64	90.28	1.49%
EUR/INR	78.34	78.14	0.26%
100 JPY/INR	61.99	61.97	0.03%

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Global Stock Markets over the past week:





Economic update



Macroeconomic Releases this Week:

Date	Event	Expected	Prior
28-03-2019	U.S. GDP (QoQ) (Q4)	2.4%	2.6%
28-03-2019	Germany CPI (MoM) (March)	0.6%	0.4%
29-03-2019	Japan Unemployment Rate (February)	2.5%	2.5%
29-03-2019	Japan Industrial Production (MoM) (February)	1.4%	-3.4%
29-03-2019	Japan Retail Sales (YoY) (February)	0.9%	0.6%
29-03-2019	Germany Retail Sales (MoM) (February)	-1.0%	3.3%
29-03-2019	Germany Unemployment Rate (March)	4.9%	5.0%
29-03-2019	U.K. GDP (QoQ) (Q4)	0.2%	0.2%
31-03-2019	China Manufacturing PMI (March)	49.5	49.2

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