

Trade concerns weighed on markets with Fed in focus

■ **Cautious mood returned to the financial markets amid mixed news regarding US-China trade negotiations.** Latest reports showed that China was rejecting US trade demands, increasing fear among investors ([see](#)). Nonetheless, the announcement of further high-level trade talks in the coming weeks, in a move to push for a deal by late April ([see](#)), marginally eased trade-related concerns. Furthermore, the Fed's policy decision will be announced later today, in which no change in benchmark interest rate is expected.

■ **Meanwhile, challenges for the UK persist given the uncertainty over the length of delay in Brexit.** Today, May requested the EU to extend the Brexit deadline until late June, in turn prolonging the concerns on this issue ([see](#)). Ahead of tomorrow's start of the EU summit, EU leaders warned that the decision on the length of May's Brexit delay could be announced next week ([see](#)). The UK would need to take part in the European Parliament elections if the extension is longer, a scenario opposed by many UK parliament members.

■ **Core sovereign bond yields declined:** the US Treasury 10Y yield stayed below 2.60% ahead of today's FOMC meeting, while the German 10Y Bund yield also slipped below the 0.10% level. Meanwhile, peripheral risk premia widened.

■ **The positive trend in developed equity markets as seen recently halted.** US and European equities showed losses, the former amid the cut in 2019 profit forecast by a US company ([see](#)). Meanwhile in Asia, Chinese equity indices ended flat despite the mixed developments on trade issues.

■ **The USD was broadly flat ahead of today's FOMC outcome,** while the GBP depreciated amid Brexit woes. Meanwhile, EM currencies appreciated with the sole exception of the ARS, which was unable to maintain its level gained after the Central Bank tightened its monetary policy. Rest of Latam currencies benefited from the rise in crude oil prices led by a sharp decline in US oil inventories ([see](#))

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Debt markets (10Y, %, changes in bp)					
Developed Markets	level	Daily	Week	Month	YTD
US (2-yr)	2,45	-1,9	-1,5	-6	-4
US	2,59	-2,3	-3,2	-7	-10
GER (2-yr)	-0,53	-0,3	1,7	4	8
Germany	0,08	-1,3	1,9	-3	-16
France	0,46	-0,9	-0,7	-9	-25
Spain	1,16	-0,8	-2,4	-17	-36
Italy	2,53	3,2	-2,6	-24	-22
Portugal	1,32	1,6	-2,6	-34	-54
Greece	3,79	3,2	-4,2	1	-61
Japan (2-yr)	-0,16	0,5	-0,3	2	-2
Japan	-0,04	0,4	0,6	-1	-4
Emerging Markets	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
Brazil	8,78	-2,5	4,7	-13	-45
Chile	4,06	-0,6	-3,1	-8	-20
Colombia	6,71	0,0	-7,4	-19	-4
Mexico	8,06	1,8	2,8	-25	-58
Peru	4,98	-0,3	-2,2	-18	-38
Poland	2,90	-1,4	2,7	20	7
Russia	8,30	-2,0	-15,5	-12	-48
Turkey	15,48	-12,0	20,0	108	-32
India	7,37	-0,9	-1,1	0	0
Indonesia	7,71	-1,5	-14,8	-30	-32
Country risk (bp, changes in bp)					
Developed Markets	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
10-yr sovereign spread vs Germany					
France	37	0,4	-2,6	0	-3
Italy	244	4,5	-4,5	-21	-6
Portugal	123	2,9	-4,5	-17	-33
Spain	108	0,5	-4,3	-14	-14
2-yr sovereign spread vs Germany					
France	7	0,1	0,0	-4	-9
Italy	74	2,9	-3,0	-21	-35
Portugal	29	2,0	-1,2	-4	3
Spain	21	0,4	-4,3	-10	-16
Emerging Markets	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
5-yr sovereign CDS *					
Brazil	148	-3,8	-7	-13	-59
Chile	43	-0,3	-3	-5	-20
Colombia	104	-1,4	-5	-14	-55
Argentina	730	11,8	-14	86	-76
Mexico	120	-1,4	-4	-16	-35
Peru	62	-1,1	-4	-12	-33
Poland	64	-0,5	-1	-1	-4
Russia	125	-1,0	0	-19	-29
Turkey	307	0,1	-13	-4	-53
China	45	-0,3	-2	-9	-23
India	79	-0,7	-6	-18	-35
Indonesia	94	-1,4	-3	-16	-43
Risk indicators					
Volatility indicators	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
VIX	14	0,5	1	-1	-11
VSTOXX	14	1,5	1	0	-9
EM EFT volatility Index	17	0,4	0	-1	-8
Dollar/euro volatility	5	0,2	0	-1	-2
EM FX volatility index	8	0,0	0	-1	-2
Credit spread (BAA) (change in bps)	229	2,3	4	1	-16
US bonds volatility index	44	-1,3	-1	-2	-23
Inflation expectations	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US Inflation expectations (5Y5Y)	2,28	-	2	12	15
EZ Inflation expectations (5Y5Y)	1,48	-	-1	3	-13
Banking 5y CDS	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US	59	-1,3	-4	-5	-23
EZ	75	-1,1	-6	-24	-45
UK	61	-3,0	-2	-15	-33
Large Spanish	54	-1,2	-5	-14	-33
Medium Spanish	103	-0,5	-3	-6	-10
Corporate 5y CDS	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US Non-financial	150	-1,3	-4	-5	-23
EZ Non-financial	71	-1,1	-6	-24	-45
UK Non-financial	97	-1,2	-3	-7	-22
Interbank markets (% changes in bp)					
	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
EONIA Index	-0,37	0	0	0	-1
Euribor 3m	-0,31	0	0	0	0
Euribor 12m	-0,11	0	0	0	1
Liber 3m	2,61	-2	2	-7	-18
Liber 12m	2,81	-1	-6	-10	-20
Stock markets (%)					
Main indices	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
S&P500	2,817	-0,6	0,2	1,5	12
Dow Jones	25,721	-0,6	0,1	-0,6	10
Nikkei	21,609	0,2	1,5	1,5	8
FTSE 100	7,291	-0,5	1,8	1,0	8
EuroStoxx 50	3,372	-1,1	1,5	3,9	12
IBEX	9,406	-0,9	2,3	2,7	10
DAX	11,604	-1,6	0,3	2,7	10
CAC	5,383	-0,8	1,4	4,1	14
MIB	21,330	-0,5	2,8	4,9	16
ASE Athens	715	0,1	0,7	7,2	17
MSCI Latam *	94,477	-0,2	1,7	0,8	9
Ibovespa (Brazil)	98,494	-1,1	-0,4	2,1	12
Mexbol (Mexico)	42,377	0,0	1,1	-1,4	2
Merval (Argentina)	34,536	0,5	1,5	-7,5	14
MSCI EM Europe *	5,680	0,3	1,8	1,1	7
Poland	2,352	0,0	1,6	1,1	3
Micex 10 (Russia)	4,477	0,4	1,3	1,5	7
Ise 100 (Turkey)	103,310	-1,5	1,1	1,6	13
MSCI EM Asia *	875	0,2	1,5	4,6	12
Shanghai Com (China)	3,091	0,0	2,1	12,2	24
Jakarta (Indonesia)	6,483	-0,4	2,0	1,5	5
Banking sector	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
US banks	133,4	-1,2	1,2	0,9	15
JPM	105,9	-0,9	1,4	0,3	8
Citi	65,1	-0,8	2,3	1,3	25
BoA	29,4	-0,8	0,5	1,1	19
MS	43,4	-1,4	2,2	3,2	9
GS	196,0	-2,6	-0,6	-1,3	17
EZ banks	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
77,5	-1,7	1,4	4,1	12	12
BNP	44,2	-2,0	1,5	4,2	12
Crédit Agricole	11,1	-1,8	1,0	6,4	18
Deutsche Bank	7,8	-3,3	-2,6	0,0	11
ING	10,8	-2,0	-0,6	-3,1	14
Intesa	2,2	-0,3	3,5	8,0	15
SG	27,2	-2,6	1,9	8,2	-2
Unicredito	12,1	-0,8	4,7	4,8	23
UK banks	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
80,8	-1,1	1,6	2,6	11	11
HSBC	623,9	0,0	0,6	-6,0	-4
RBS	265,0	-2,0	1,5	5,2	22
Barclays	164,4	-2,5	0,3	4,0	9
Lloyds	65,1	-0,6	4,0	11,5	25
Large Spanish banks	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
66,6	-1,3	3,2	5,4	14	14
Santander	4,4	-1,4	3,7	7,4	11
BBVA	5,4	-1,2	2,7	3,7	17
Medium Spanish banks	level	Daily	Weekly	Monthly	YTD
55,8	-1,8	0,5	-0,6	-3	-3
Caixabank	2,9	-3,4	-1,3	-4,3	-8
Sabadell	1,0	-3,1	0,9	1,9	-4
Bankinter	7,1	-1,3	0,7	2,1	1
Bankia	2,5	0,6	2,2	-3,0	-3
Currencies (% red for currency depreciation)					
Developed	level	Daily	Weekly</th		