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**Highlights**

Global	Global risk sentiments improved as geopolitical concerns over the weekend faded. US markets saw a firmer trading tone after re-opening from Easter holidays. VP Mike Pence also said he was “heartened” by China’s early signs and warned that “the world witnessed the strength and resolve of our new president in actions taken in Syria and Afghanistan” so “North Korea would do well not to test his resolve”. Asian markets are set for a firmer tone today amid the improved risk appetites. Today’s economic data calendar is relatively light with only US’ housing starts, building permits, industrial production and capacity utilisation, China’s property prices for Mar, and RBA minutes.
US	NAHB housing market index eased from a 12-year high of 71 in Mar to 68 in Apr, with the 6-month sales outlook also slipping from 78 to 75 and signs of cooling in prospective buyer traffic (-1 point to 52). Meanwhile, the Empire manufacturing also slumped more than expected from 16.4 in Mar to 5.2 in Apr, suggesting momentum is moderating. Note Treasury Secretary Mnuchin’s interview with FT highlighted that “over long periods of time the strength of the dollar is a good thing” and “the president was making a factual comment about the strength of the dollar in the short term”. He also opined that the Aug deadline for tax reform is “highly aggressive to not realistic at this point” and “it is fair to say it is probably delayed a bit because of the healthcare”, but he expects it in 2017.
JP	Japan supposedly wants to avoid Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross in an economic dialogue between Pence and Aso to cover trade and North Korea but avoid pinpointing specific industries.
SG	Tomorrow, MAS will announce the issue size for the 20-year SGS bond (NZ16100X) maturing in 2036 via a mini-auction on 26 April for issuance on 2 May. The maximum re-opening size for the 20-year SGS bond mini-auction is \$1 billion, and precedes the upcoming 30-year SGS bond auction on 29 May for issue on 1 June.
CH	China kicked off 2017 with a strong start, growing by 6.9% yoy. The recovery in the first quarter was mainly attributable to two factors including steady global growth and improving private sentiment. Liquidity continued to improve in the onshore market after PBoC injected CNY495.5 billion via the 6-month and 1-year medium term lending facility.
ID	Exports for the month of March surprised on the upside. At 23.55% yoy growth, compared to 12.2% that market penciled in and also higher than 11.16% of the prior month.
Commodities	Gold prices touched \$1,294.8/oz on intraday trading yesterday, before closing slightly lower. Much of gold’s strength is likely due to safe haven concerns, and the yellow metal may see further upside risk into its \$1,300/oz territory especially if geopolitical tensions intensify further into the weeks ahead. Elsewhere, note that short-covering behaviour in crude oil may continue into the week ahead, especially as risk appetite slows amid higher US rig count print seen of late. In agriculturals, crude palm oil futures fell by 4.2%, the sharpest daily fall in almost nine weeks as market-watchers continue to expect ample supplies into 2017.

## Major Markets

- **US:** Equities started the week well, with major indices marking strong gains. The Dow led the way with a 0.90% gain, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq followed closely with gains of 0.86% and 0.89% respectively. The financial and real estate sectors outperformed as all 11 sectors in the S&P 500 saw gains. Moving forward, the earnings season will come back into focus amidst recent preoccupation with geopolitical tensions. VIX ended sharply lower at 14.66, down 8.1%. US Treasuries retreated over the course of the day after opening higher. 10-year benchmark yields stood at 2.25% at New York close after breaking below 2.20% during Asian trading. 2-year yields were marginally lower at 1.20%. Overall, technicals still appear to favour the downside for Treasury yields, with 2.15-2.20% for the 10-year being a strong draw.
- **Singapore:** STI extended declines by 0.98% to close lower at 3138.30 amid the risk-off sentiments yesterday, but may recover on bottom-fishing today given overnight gains in Wall Street and morning gains in Nikkei and Kospi. The STI's support and resistance are tipped at 3120 and 3160 respectively. Given the flight to quality appears to have run out of immediate steam in UST bonds overnight, this may also give SGS bond investors some food for thought about pushing yields any lower today. MAS will also announce the issue size of the 20-year SGS mini-auction tomorrow.
- **Malaysia:** Headline CPI inflation data for the month of March will be released tomorrow, with market penciling in a hefty print of 5.3%yoy, against the already-high 4.5% of February.
- **Indonesia:** A strong upturn in export of mineral ores – at nearly 5000% yoy growth – as export restrictions were loosened contributed to the uptick. Meanwhile, Imports of machineries pushed up imports growth to 18.2%yoy, compared to 10.6% of the previous month. Trade balance stood at a healthy USD1.234bn, compared to USD1.32bn the month before.

## Bond Market Updates

- **Market Commentary:** The SGD swap curve traded downwards yesterday, with swap rates trading 2-4bps lower across all tenors. Flows in SGD corporates were moderate, with better buying seen in OUESP 3.75%'22s, better selling seen in FCLSP 4.15%'27s. In the broader dollar space, the spread on JACI IG corporates was flattish at 204bps. Likewise, the yield on JACI HY remained at 6.54%. 10y UST yields rose 1bps to 2.25% yesterday, tracking a rise in the dollar driven by fresh comments from Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, who said that a strong currency is good over time. 10y UST yields fell to a low of 2.197% during Asian trading hours on the back of weaker-than-expected U.S CPI and March retail sales figures.
- **New Issues:** Solusi Tunas Pratama Tbk PT plans to sell up to USD400mn of bonds to refinance existing debt and increase working capital.

## Key Financial Indicators

### Foreign Exchange

	Day Close	% Change		Day Close	% Change
<b>DX</b>	100.290	-0.22%	<b>USD-SGD</b>	1.3981	-0.01%
<b>USD-JPY</b>	108.910	0.25%	<b>EUR-SGD</b>	1.4879	0.26%
<b>EUR-USD</b>	1.0643	0.24%	<b>JPY-SGD</b>	1.2837	-0.25%
<b>AUD-USD</b>	0.7589	0.13%	<b>GBP-SGD</b>	1.7566	0.33%
<b>GBP-USD</b>	1.2565	0.34%	<b>AUD-SGD</b>	1.0611	0.14%
<b>USD-MYR</b>	4.4045	-0.06%	<b>NZD-SGD</b>	0.9799	0.16%
<b>USD-CNY</b>	6.8803	-0.07%	<b>CHF-SGD</b>	1.3918	0.10%
<b>USD-IDR</b>	13286	0.09%	<b>SGD-MYR</b>	3.1550	0.05%
<b>USD-VND</b>	22703	0.07%	<b>SGD-CNY</b>	4.9301	0.05%

### Equity and Commodity

Index	Value	Net change
<b>DJIA</b>	20,636.92	183.67
<b>S&amp;P</b>	2,349.01	20.06
<b>Nasdaq</b>	5,856.79	51.64
<b>Nikkei 225</b>	18,355.26	19.63
<b>STI</b>	3,138.30	-30.94
<b>KLCI</b>	1,733.93	2.94
<b>JCI</b>	5,577.49	-39.06
<b>Baltic Dry</b>	1,296.00	--
<b>VIX</b>	14.66	-1.30

### Interbank Offer Rates (%)

Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD LIBOR	Change
<b>1M</b>	-0.3720	--	<b>O/N</b>	0.9261	--
<b>2M</b>	-0.3410	--	<b>1M</b>	0.9944	--
<b>3M</b>	-0.3310	--	<b>2M</b>	1.0350	--
<b>6M</b>	-0.2460	--	<b>3M</b>	1.1584	--
<b>9M</b>	-0.1820	--	<b>6M</b>	1.4032	--
<b>12M</b>	-0.1200	--	<b>12M</b>	1.7718	--

### Government Bond Yields (%)

Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)
<b>2Y</b>	1.17 (-0.01)	1.20 (--)
<b>5Y</b>	1.60 (-0.02)	1.78 (+0.01)
<b>10Y</b>	2.11 (-0.02)	2.25 (+0.01)
<b>15Y</b>	2.24 (-0.02)	--
<b>20Y</b>	2.31 (-0.02)	--
<b>30Y</b>	2.33 (-0.02)	2.91 (+0.02)

### Eurozone & Russia Update

	2Y Bond Ylds (bpschg)	10Y Bond Ylds (bpschg)	10Y Bund Spread
<b>Portugal</b>	0.40	--	3.70
<b>Italy</b>	-0.01	--	2.13
<b>Ireland</b>	-0.33	--	0.74
<b>Greece</b>	7.24	--	6.48
<b>Spain</b>	-0.18	--	1.52
<b>Russia</b>	2.11	-0.40	4.14

### Financial Spread (bps)

	Value	Change
<b>LIBOR-OIS</b>	21.04	--
<b>EURIBOR-OIS</b>	2.90	--
<b>TED</b>	35.59	--

### Commodities Futures

Energy	Futures	% chg	Soft Commodities	Futures	% chg
WTI (per barrel)	52.65	-1.00%	Coffee (per lb)	1.411	1.58%
Brent (per barrel)	55.36	-0.95%	Cotton (per lb)	0.7703	1.86%
Heating Oil (per gallon)	1.6329	-1.01%	Sugar (per lb)	0.1647	-0.78%
Gasoline (per gallon)	1.7196	-0.88%	Orange Juice (per lb)	1.5890	-1.15%
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)	3.1630	-1.98%	Cocoa (per mt)	1,911	1.70%
<b>Base Metals</b>	<b>Futures</b>	<b>% chg</b>	<b>Grains</b>	<b>Futures</b>	<b>% chg</b>
Copper (per mt)	5,723.2	0.99%	Wheat (per bushel)	4.2100	-2.04%
Nickel (per mt)	9,695.3	--	Soybean (per bushel)	9.533	-0.24%
Aluminium (per mt)	1,895.0	--	Corn (per bushel)	3.6650	-1.21%
<b>Precious Metals</b>	<b>Futures</b>	<b>% chg</b>	<b>Asian Commodities</b>	<b>Futures</b>	<b>% chg</b>
Gold (per oz)	1,289.4	0.27%	Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	2,636.0	-4.15%
Silver (per oz)	18.514	0.02%	Rubber (JPY/KG)	266.0	2.70%

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters  
(Note that rates are for reference only)

### Key Economic Indicators

Date	Time	Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
04/17/2017 08:30	SI	Non-oil Domestic Exports SA MoM	Mar	-6.40%	-1.10%	1.40%	1.10%
04/17/2017 08:30	SI	Electronic Exports YoY	Mar	12.70%	5.20%	17.20%	--
<b>04/17/2017 08:30</b>	<b>SI</b>	<b>Non-oil Domestic Exports YoY</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>7.30%</b>	<b>16.50%</b>	<b>21.50%</b>	<b>21.10%</b>
04/17/2017 10:00	CH	Retail Sales YoY	Mar	9.70%	10.90%	10.90%	--
04/17/2017 10:00	CH	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Mar	9.60%	10.00%	9.50%	--
04/17/2017 10:00	CH	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Mar	8.80%	9.20%	8.90%	--
<b>04/17/2017 10:00</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>Industrial Production YoY</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>6.30%</b>	<b>7.60%</b>	<b>6.00%</b>	<b>--</b>
04/17/2017 10:00	CH	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Mar	6.30%	6.80%	6.30%	--
<b>04/17/2017 10:00</b>	<b>CH</b>	<b>GDP YoY</b>	<b>1Q</b>	<b>6.80%</b>	<b>6.90%</b>	<b>6.80%</b>	<b>--</b>
04/17/2017 10:00	CH	GDP SA QoQ	1Q	1.50%	1.30%	1.70%	--
04/17/2017 10:00	CH	GDP YTD YoY	1Q	6.80%	6.90%	6.70%	--
04/17/2017 12:00	JN	Tokyo Condominium Sales YoY	Mar	--	26.60%	3.30%	--
04/17/2017 12:06	ID	Exports YoY	Mar	12.20%	23.55%	11.16%	11.51%
04/17/2017 12:21	ID	Imports YoY	Mar	9.90%	18.19%	10.61%	11.58%
<b>04/17/2017 12:21</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Trade Balance</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>\$1298m</b>	<b>\$1234m</b>	<b>\$1319m</b>	<b>\$1260m</b>
<b>04/17/2017 14:30</b>	<b>IN</b>	<b>Wholesale Prices YoY</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>6.00%</b>	<b>5.70%</b>	<b>6.55%</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>04/17/2017 15:30</b>	<b>TH</b>	<b>Foreign Reserves</b>	<b>Apr-07</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$181.7b</b>	<b>\$180.9b</b>	<b>--</b>
04/17/2017 15:30	TH	Forward Contracts	Apr-07	--	\$25.7b	\$26.6b	--
04/17/2017 17:05	ID	Local Auto Sales	Mar	--	101484	94791	94859
04/17/2017 17:05	ID	Motorcycle Sales	Mar	--	473896	453763	--
<b>04/17/2017 20:30</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>Empire Manufacturing</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>--</b>
04/17/2017 22:00	CA	Bloomberg Nanos Confidence	Apr-14	--	58.6	58.9	--
04/17/2017 22:00	US	NAHB Housing Market Index	Apr	70	68	71	--
<b>04/17/2017</b>	<b>PH</b>	<b>Overseas Remittances YoY</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>5.80%</b>	<b>3.40%</b>	<b>8.60%</b>	<b>--</b>
04/17/2017	PH	Overseas Workers Remittances	Feb	\$2231m	\$2169m	\$2169m	--
04/18/2017 04:00	US	Total Net TIC Flows	Feb	--	\$19.3b	\$110.4b	\$121.2b
<b>04/18/2017 04:00</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>Net Long-term TIC Flows</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$53.4b</b>	<b>\$6.3b</b>	<b>\$5.9b</b>
04/18/2017 09:30	CH	China March Property Prices					
04/18/2017 09:30	AU	RBA April Rate Meeting Minutes					
04/18/2017 11:00	NZ	Non Resident Bond Holdings	Mar	--	--	62.60%	--
04/18/2017 20:30	CA	Int'l Securities Transactions	Feb	--	--	6.20b	--
<b>04/18/2017 20:30</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>Housing Starts</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>1250k</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>1288k</b>	<b>--</b>
04/18/2017 20:30	US	Housing Starts MoM	Mar	-3.00%	--	3.00%	--
04/18/2017 20:30	US	Building Permits	Mar	1250k	--	1213k	1216k
04/18/2017 20:30	US	Building Permits MoM	Mar	2.80%	--	-6.20%	-6.00%
04/18/2017 21:00	CA	Existing Home Sales MoM	Mar	--	--	5.20%	--
<b>04/18/2017 21:15</b>	<b>US</b>	<b>Industrial Production MoM</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>0.40%</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>0.00%</b>	<b>0.10%</b>
04/18/2017 21:15	US	Capacity Utilization	Mar	76.10%	--	75.40%	75.90%
04/18/2017 21:15	US	Manufacturing (SIC) Production	Mar	0.00%	--	0.50%	--
04/18/2017 04/21	EC	ECB Survey of Prof Forecasters					

Source: Bloomberg

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