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### **Highlights**

Global: Is the equity market rally unstoppable? A better than expected print for the May ADP report which came in at -2.76m versus market forecast of -9m led to hopes that Friday's nonfarm payroll could similarly surprise on the upside as many states reopen. The S&P500 added another 1.36% and VIX fell to 25.66, even though the Trump administration is suspending passenger flights to the US by Chinese airlines from 16 June in retaliation. UST bonds bear-steepened again with the 10-year yield up to 0.75%. The 3-month LIBOR eased to 0.3266%. Brent however failed to hold above the \$40 handle after news suggesting that an OPEC+ meeting was unlikely to materialise this week. Meanwhile, the Bank of Canada kept its policy rate static at 0.25% as expected, indicating that the Covid-19 impact may have peaked and Tiff Macklem taking over the reins as governor. HK Financial Secretary Paul Chan also said that its USD peg is underpinned by about \$440b of FX reserves and HK can tap a currency swap line with the PBOC if necessary. Elsewhere, Australia reported its first recession in nearly 30 years with 1Q20 GDP growth contracting 0.3% qoq (+1.4% yoy).

Market watch: Asian markets may attempt to extend gains this morning, awaiting fresh cues from the ECB that is likely to add to its emergency bond purchase program whilst keeping its interest rates static. ECB chief Lagarde may shed more light at her press conference about how much policy ammunition is still in the pipeline. Today's economic data comprises Thailand's CPI, Malaysia's April trade data, Eurozone's retail sales, US' initial jobless claims, and Challenger job cuts.

**US**: The non-manufacturing ISM rose from 41.8 in April to 45.4 in May, while April factor orders slumped 13.0%.

Singapore: The manufacturing and electronics PMIs both rebounded to 46.8 and 46.2 respectively in May from April lows of 44.7 and 42.8. Improvements were seen in the new orders, new exports, output and employment gauges, albeit they remained in contraction territory (<50). With the lifting of the Circuit Breaker, June PMIs may improve further but a cautious phased re-opening may mean it would take more than a month to return to expansion territory. Note the supplier deliveries indices for both the domestic manufacturing and electronics PMIs actually slid further to 49.0 and 47.6 respectively in May, which may point to global supply chain disruptions not fully resolving yet. However, the Singapore whole economy PMI slid further from 28.1 in April to a fresh low of 27.1 in May as output and demand plummeted and businesses shut for Circuit Breaker. Business confidence had slumped to a record low with around 90% of companies registering a lower intake of new work as overseas demand sank. In particular, purchasing activity fell at a record pace and employment fell to its weakest since February, albeit it was a tad better than April.

The Singapore-China "fast lane" arrangement for essential travel will start on 8 June, and travellers who are approved must take a Covid-19 swab test within 48 hours before departure and another test upon arrival. They must remain isolated for one to two days while waiting for test results. The costs for the tests will be covered by the traveller.

Key Market Movements					
Equity	Value	% chg			
S&P 500	3122.9	1.4%			
DJIA	26270	2.0%			
Nikkei 225	22614	1.3%			
SH Comp	2923.4	0.1%			
STI	2700.4	3.4%			
Hang Seng	24326	1.4%			
KLCI	1538.5	2.0%			
Currencies	Value	% chg			
DXY	97.276	-0.4%			
USDJPY	108.9	0.2%			
EURUSD	1.1233	0.6%			
GBPUSD	1.2575	0.2%			
USDIDR	14095	-2.2%			
USDSGD	1.3979	-0.2%			
SGDMYR	3.0510	-0.1%			
Rates	Value	chg (bp)			
3M UST	0.15	0.76			
10Y UST	0.75	6.06			
1Y SGS	0.27	-1.00			
10Y SGS	0.92	7.51			
3M LIBOR	0.33	-0.66			
3M SIBOR	0.56	0.00			
3M SOR	0.19	1.93			
Commodities	Value	% chg			
Brent	39.79	0.6%			
WTI	37.29	1.3%			
Gold	1700	-1.6%			
Silver	17.65	-2.3%			
Palladium	1947	-1.4%			
Copper	5525	-0.1%			
BCOM	63.90	0.2%			

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Source: Bloomberg



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#### **Major Markets**

**US**: US markets gained with the S&P500 index closing 1.36% higher, its first four-day consecutive gains since early February. Optimism about the reopening of US economy and a barrage of government stimulus continues to push stocks including energy, financials, industrials and airlines higher. Rising US-China tensions might cap the rally eventually, but broad market sentiment still seems to be risk-on for now.

**EU:** Eurozone services and composite PMIs improved to 30.5 and 31.9 respectively, with Germany, France and Italy reporting similar trends. Meanwhile, German Chancellor Merkel has reconvened stimulus talks for up to EUR100b after failing to reach an agreement on Tuesday.

**UK:** BOE told banks to prepare for the possibility of a no-deal in post-Brexit talks with the EU. Meanwhile, PM Johnson said he will give up to 3m HK residents the path to citizenship if China proceeds with the security law for HK.

**China:** RMB's gain was capped by the escalation of further US-China tension as Trump Administration is suspending passenger flights to the US by Chinese airlines effective from 16 June despite the broad dollar weakness. The development of US-China relationship will continue to be on investors' radar.

**Hong Kong:** The PMI rebounded strongly to 43.9 in May from 36.9 in April, a tad below 46.8 in January before the outbreak of coronavirus. New orders and output dropped at the slowest pace since January while orders from Mainland China also decreased at the mildest rate in a year. This was mainly attributed to the relaxation of local containment measures and the resumption of China's economic activities. Besides, sub-index of employment rebounded as well thanks to the relief measures. Taken all together, it suggests that HK's economy may have bottomed out.

**Singapore:** The STI surged 3.4% to close up at 270101.39 yesterday, touching the 2700 handle for the first time since 11 March. With the UST curve continuing to sell off, led by the longer-dated tenors, SGS bonds may also remain under pressure, with the upcoming mini-auction of the 30-year SGS bond likely to weigh as well.

**Indonesia:** Finance Minister Sri Mulyani has revised up the budget deficit target yet again to 6.34% of GDP, not long after changing it from 5.07% to 6.27%. She added that the economy will expand less than the 2.3% currently forecast for 2020, although still hoping that it would still stay positive. Earlier, President Jokowi has reportedly instructed the officials to mitigate fiscal risk amid concerns about credit rating downgrade.

**Malaysia:** Malaysia is due to report its April trade data today. We expect to see further softness in the prints, with exports likely to contract by 13%yoy, compared to -4.7% growth in March. Imports are expected to dip by 15.6% yoy, vs. by 2.7% before. Apart from trade data, market will be on the lookout for renewed wave of political uncertainties, after former PM Najib weighed in on the possibility of snap elections.



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**Oil:** Oil prices rose yesterday, with Brent briefly trading above \$40/bbl but ultimately closing at \$39.79/bbl. Saudi Arabia and Russia have reportedly reached a deal to extend the current supply cuts of 9.7mbpd by one more month to July, but wants assurances that Iraq will comply with its allocated quota. Iraq produced 600kbpd more than its target in May, according to Bloomberg estimates.

### **Bond Market Updates**

**Market Commentary:** The SGD swap curve bear-steepened yesterday, with the shorter tenors trading 0-6bps higher while the belly and the longer tenors traded 7-13bps higher. The Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD IG Bond Index average OAS tightened 5bps to 216bps, and the Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD HY Bond Index average OAS tightened 36bps to 848bps. The HY-IG Index Spread tightened 31bps to 632bps. Flows in SGD corporates were heavy, with flows in CMZB 4.875%'27s, ARASP 5.65%-PERPs, OCBCSP 3.8%-PERPs, SOCGEN 6.125%-PERPs, UBS 4.85%-PERPs, LBBW 3.75%'27s, WINGTA 4.35%-PERPs, HRINTH 3.8%'25s, SOCGEN 4.3%'26s and UOBSP 4%-PERPs. 10Y UST Yields gained 6bps to 0.75%, as the U.S. private payrolls for May fell less than expected as businesses reopened.

**New Issues:** Singtel Group Treasury Pte Ltd (Guarantor: Singapore Telecommunications Ltd.) priced a USD750mn 10-year bond at T+123bps, tightening from IPT of T+170bps area. Kaisa Group Holdings Ltd priced a USD300mn 364day bond at 7.875%, tightening from IPT of 8.375% area. Yinchuan Tonglian Capital Investment Operation Co., Ltd priced a USD260mn 3-year bond at 4.45%, tightening from IPT of 4.75% area. The Export-Import Bank of China priced a USD200mn 5-year bond at 1.0%. Korea South-East Power Co Ltd has mandated banks for a possible USD bond offering.

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Foreign Exchan	ige					Equity and Co	mmodity	
	Day Close	% Change		Day Close	% Change	Index	Value	Net change
DXY	97.276	-0.41%	USD-SGD	1.3979	-0.18%	DJIA	26,269.89	527.24
USD-JPY	108.900	0.20%	EUR-SGD	1.5703	0.40%	S&P	3,122.87	42.05
EUR-USD	1.1233	0.56%	JPY-SGD	1.2836	-0.35%	Nasdaq	9,682.91	74.54
AUD-USD	0.6921	0.35%	GBP-SGD	1.7577		Nikkei 225	22,613.76	288.15
GBP-USD	1.2575	0.19%	AUD-SGD	0.9676	0.21%	STI	2,700.39	88.76
USD-MYR	4.2620	-0.34%	NZD-SGD	0.8981	0.71%	KLCI	1,538.53	30.84
USD-CNY	7.1157	0.20%	CHF-SGD	1.4545	-0.01%	JCI	4,941.01	93.50
USD-IDR	14095	-2.22%	SGD-MYR	3.0510	-0.08%	Baltic Dry	546.00	
USD-VND	23264	0.03%	SGD-CNY	5.0980	0.55%	VIX	25.66	-1.18
Interbank Offe	r Rates (%)					Government E	Bond Yields (%)	
Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD Libor	Change	Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)
1M	-0.4780	-0.40%	O/N	0.0650	0.30%	2Y	0.31 (+0.01)	0.19 (+0.03)
2M	-0.3360	0.30%	1M	0.1788	0.06%	5Y	0.51 (+0.04)	0.37 (+0.05)
3M	-0.3300	0.06%	2M	0.2454	-0.96%	10Y	0.92 (+0.08)	0.75 (+0.06)
6M	-0.1820	-0.96%	3M	0.3305	-0.66%	15Y	1.09 (+0.06)	
9M	-0.1940	-0.66%	6M	0.4820	-1.43%	20Y	1.30 (+0.06)	
12M	-0.1070	-1.43%	12M	0.6255	-1.20%	30Y	1.31 (+0.06)	1.53 (+0.04)
Fed Rate Hike I	Probability					Financial Spre	ad (bps)	
Meeting	# of Hikes/Cuts	% Hike/Cut	Implied R	ate Change	Implied Rate		Value	Change
10/06/2020	-0.015	-1.5	-0.	004 0.058		EURIBOR-OIS	13.95	-0.11
29/07/2020	-0.015	0	-0.	004	0.058	TED	35.36	
16/09/2020	-0.066	-5.1	-0.	017	0.045			
05/11/2020	-0.123	-5.7	-0.	.031 0.031		Secured Overnight Fin. Rate		
16/12/2020	-0.089	3.4	-0.	022	0.039	SOFR	0.07	
27/01/2021	-0.135	-4.6	-0.	034	0.027			
Commodities Fu	itures							
Energy		Futures	% chg	Soft Commo	odities	Futures	% chg	
WTI (per barrel)		37.29	1.3%	Corn (per bu	ishel)	3.2400	-0.1%	
	1)	39.79	0.6%	Soybean (pe	er bushel)	8.575	0.8%	
Brent (per barre		1.0646	-2.5%	Wheat (per	bushel)	5.1200	0.8%	
Brent (per barre Heating Oil (per	gallon)	1.0040		Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)		2,474.0	0.60/	
	•	1.1193	0.1%	Crude Palm		2,474.0	0.6%	
Heating Oil (per	llon)		0.1% 2.5%	Crude Palm Rubber (JPY		130.1	-2.5%	
Heating Oil (per Gasoline (per ga	llon)	1.1193			/KG)	-		
Heating Oil (per Gasoline (per ga Natural Gas (per	llon)	1.1193 1.8210	2.5%	Rubber (JPY	/KG) etals	130.1	-2.5%	

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

(Note that rates are for reference only)

### Economic Calendar

Date Time		Event		Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
06/04/2020 07:00	SK	BoP Current Account Balance	Apr		-\$3124.3m	\$6231.7m	\$5960.5m
06/04/2020 09:00	NZ	ANZ Commodity Price	May			-1.10%	
06/04/2020 09:30	AU	Retail Sales MoM	Apr	-17.90%		8.50%	
06/04/2020 09:30	AU	Trade Balance	Apr	A\$7500m		A\$10602m	
06/04/2020 11:00	TH	CPI YoY	May	-3.21%		-2.99%	
06/04/2020 11:00	TH	CPI Core YoY	May	0.31%		0.41%	
06/04/2020 16:30	UK	Markit/CIPS UK Construction PMI	May	29.4		8.2	
06/04/2020 19:45	EC	ECB Main Refinancing Rate	Jun-04	0.00%		0.00%	
06/04/2020 19:45	EC	ECB Deposit Facility Rate	Jun-04	-0.50%		-0.50%	
06/04/2020 19:45	EC	ECB Marginal Lending Facility	Jun-04	0.25%		0.25%	
06/04/2020 20:30	US	Trade Balance	Apr	-\$49.2b		-\$44.4b	
06/04/2020 20:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	May-30	1843k		2123k	
06/04/2020 20:30	US	Continuing Claims	May-23	20000k		21052k	
06/04/2020 20:30	CA	Int'l Merchandise Trade	Apr	-3.00b		-1.41b	
06/04/2020 21:45	US	Bloomberg Consumer Comfort	May-31			35.5	
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