

Highlights

Global	<p>Asian markets may see a muted session today post-Easter holiday, with investors awaiting fresh market catalysts in the form of corporate earnings and economic prints amid the shadow cast by yesterday's Sri Lanka terrorist attacks. Last Thursday, S&P500 had closed slightly firmer, while the 10-year UST bond yield fell 3bps to 2.56%. The economic data calendar for today is relatively light and comprises only of Taiwan's March export orders and US' existing home sales. For the week ahead, market focus will be on the earnings season in full swing (with Amazon, Facebook, Twitter and Microsoft, as well as the European banks announcing), BOC (likely static at 1.75% on 24 April), BOJ (likely also on hold on 25 April, albeit market speculation of an easing bias is emerging) and BI (probably static at 6% but with a potential dovish bias) policy decisions, Japanese PM Abe's meeting with the EU leaders on Thursday followed by US president Trump, US' 1Q19 GDP growth estimates on Friday, and Spain's elections on 28 April. The US Treasury department is also releasing its semi-annual foreign exchange report. But may not deviate from the 6 countries on its watchlist, namely China, Japan, South Korea, India, Germany and Switzerland.</p>
US	<p>Fed's Kaplan opined that "I don't think inflation is running away from us" even though "I'm getting a little bit more confident about economic growth this year". He also said that "for the time being I don't see any reason to have any change in our policy setting".</p>
CH	<p>In China's April politburo meeting, the top policy making bodies reckoned that the economy is better than expected in 1Q. It dropped the phrases on six stability (stable job, stable finance, stable external demand, stable foreign investment, stable investment and stable expectation) in the statement. Meanwhile, the wording on structural de-leverage resurfaced in the statement. And the politburo also reemphasized the housing market is not for speculation. However, the meeting also said the pressures on slowing economy is not only due to cyclical reasons but also due to structural and systemically reasons. The key takeaway from the meetings is that there is limited room for further marginal monetary easing. As such, the chance of RRR cut in the near term is slim. However, we don't see a U-turn on monetary policy any time soon.</p>
SG	<p>Finance Minister Heng said that Singapore is prepared for economic cycles, but will use counter-cyclical monetary and fiscal policy to manage if there is a need. He also indicated that a Cabinet reshuffle may happen soon.</p>

Major Markets

- **US:** The market was closed on Friday on account of Good Friday.
- **Singapore:** The STI may range trade today between 3320-3370 today, after closing nearly flat (+0.03%) on Thursday. With SGS bonds may also tread water today. MAS will re-open \$2.4bn of the 10-year SGS bond, of which it will tender for \$200m, to be auctioned on 26 April and issued on 2 May.

Bond Market Updates

- **Market Commentary:** The SGD swap curve flattened last Thursday, with the shorter tenors trading 1bps lower while the belly and longer tenors traded 2-3bps lower (exception being the 12-year swap rates at 4bps lower). The Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD IG Bond Index average OAS and the Bloomberg Barclays Asia USD HY Bond Index average OAS traded little change at 130bps and 467bps respectively. 10Y UST yields fell 3bps to 2.56%, on the back of global economic slowdown concerns arising from weak manufacturing data, specifically from the French, German and Japanese markets. These concerns arose despite broadly stronger-than-expected US data, which had supported the rise in yields in the past trading sessions.
- **New Issues:** There were no new issuances over 18 April 2019.

Key Financial Indicators

Foreign Exchange

	Day Close	% Change		Day Close	% Change
DX	97.378	-0.10%	USD-SGD	1.3552	-0.05%
USD-JPY	111.920	-0.04%	EUR-SGD	1.5236	0.06%
EUR-USD	1.1245	0.13%	JPY-SGD	1.2109	-0.02%
AUD-USD	0.7152	0.01%	GBP-SGD	1.7607	-0.05%
GBP-USD	1.2993	0.02%	AUD-SGD	0.9695	-0.01%
USD-MYR	4.1330	-0.22%	NZD-SGD	0.9057	-0.06%
USD-CNY	6.7042	-0.07%	CHF-SGD	1.3355	0.01%
USD-IDR	14045	--	SGD-MYR	3.0492	-0.40%
USD-VND	23210	0.03%	SGD-CNY	4.9463	0.00%

Interbank Offer Rates (%)

Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD Libor	Change
1M	-0.3680	--	O/N	2.3911	--
2M	-0.3360	--	1M	2.4809	--
3M	-0.3110	--	2M	2.5411	--
6M	-0.2320	--	3M	2.5811	--
9M	-0.1940	--	6M	2.6290	--
12M	-0.1120	--	12M	2.7464	--

Fed Rate Hike Probability

Meeting	Prob Hike	Prob Cut	1.75-2%	2-2.25%	2.25-2.5%
05/01/2019	0.50%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	99.50%
06/19/2019	0.50%	8.10%	0.00%	8.10%	91.40%
07/31/2019	0.50%	11.60%	0.30%	11.30%	87.90%
09/18/2019	0.40%	29.10%	2.50%	26.60%	70.50%
10/30/2019	0.30%	33.40%	4.00%	29.20%	66.20%
12/11/2019	0.30%	46.60%	9.00%	36.60%	53.10%

Equity and Commodity

Index	Value	Net change
DJIA	26,559.54	--
S&P	2,905.03	--
Nasdaq	7,998.06	--
Nikkei 225	22,200.56	110.44
STI	3,347.58	--
KLCI	1,622.07	2.34
JCI	6,507.22	--
Baltic Dry	790.00	--
VIX	12.09	--

Government Bond Yields (%)

Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)
2Y	1.88 (--)	2.38 (--)
5Y	1.98 (--)	2.37 (--)
10Y	2.15 (--)	2.56 (--)
15Y	2.34 (--)	--
20Y	2.39 (--)	--
30Y	2.60 (--)	2.96 (--)

Financial Spread (bps)

	Value	Change
EURIBOR-OIS	5.37	--
TED	35.36	--

Secured Overnight Fin. Rate

SOFR	2.50
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Commodities Futures

Energy	Futures	% chg	Soft Commodities	Futures	% chg
WTI (per barrel)	64.00	--	Corn (per bushel)	3.5850	--
Brent (per barrel)	71.97	0.0%	Soybean (per bushel)	8.805	--
Heating Oil (per gallon)	2.0709	--	Wheat (per bushel)	4.4425	--
Gasoline (per gallon)	2.0722	--	Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	2,108.0	0.0%
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)	2.4900	--	Rubber (JPY/KG)	184.0	0.6%
Base Metals	Futures	% chg	Precious Metals	Futures	% chg
Copper (per mt)	6,476	--	Gold (per oz)	1,271.9	--
Nickel (per mt)	12,672	--	Silver (per oz)	14.955	--

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

(Note that rates are for reference only)

Economic Calendar

Date Time	Event	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised	Relevance
04/19/2019 07:30	JN Natl CPI YoY	Mar 0.50%	0.50%	0.20%	--	83.1461
04/19/2019 07:30	JN Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food YoY	Mar 0.70%	0.80%	0.70%	--	69.6629
04/19/2019 15:30	TH Foreign Reserves	Apr-12 --	\$210.9b	\$211.6b	--	80.7692
04/19/2019 20:30	US Housing Starts	Mar 1225k	1139k	1162k	1142k	90.5512
04/19/2019 20:30	US Building Permits	Mar 1300k	1269k	1296k	1291k	63.3858
04/22/2019 11:30	TH Customs Exports YoY	Mar -3.95%	--	5.91%	--	76.9231
04/22/2019 11:30	TH Customs Imports YoY	Mar -4.25%	--	-10.03%	--	61.5385
04/22/2019 11:30	TH Customs Trade Balance	Mar \$1277m	--	\$4034m	--	53.8462
04/22/2019 15:00	MA Foreign Reserves	Apr-15 --	--	\$103.0b	--	61.5385
04/22/2019 15:00	JN Convenience Store Sales YoY	Mar --	--	2.00%	--	33.7079
04/22/2019 20:30	US Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Mar 2.55	--	-0.29	--	62.9921
04/22/2019 22:00	US Existing Home Sales	Mar 5.30m	--	5.51m	--	88.189

Source: Bloomberg

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