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Daily Treasury Outlook

Highlights

Global: Sentiment remained fragile after Iran signalled on Tuesday that it had yet to decide whether to attend upcoming peace talks, following reports that U.S. forces boarded a large Iranian oil tanker just one day before the ceasefire deadline. Risk appetite deteriorated, with the USD rebounding and equities closing lower. Oil markets reflected the elevated uncertainty. U.S. crude futures rose in early Wednesday trading despite Washington's announcement of an indefinite ceasefire extension. The move appeared largely unilateral, with no immediate confirmation from either Iran or U.S. ally Israel. Iranian state media reiterated that Tehran had not requested any extension and warned of potential forceful action to break the U.S. blockade. Adding to tensions, an advisor to Iran's parliamentary speaker described the extension as "a ploy to buy time for a surprise strike." The persistent trust deficit continues to anchor geopolitical risk at elevated levels, with the Strait of Hormuz effectively remaining shut. U.S. intelligence estimates suggest Iran retains meaningful residual capacity, including ~40% of its pre-war drone inventory, ~60% of missile launcher capacity (with ~100 launchers reportedly redeployed from underground facilities during the ceasefire), and ~70% of its missile stockpile—underscoring that escalation risks remain far from negligible.

On the macro front, U.S. data provided a positive offset. Retail sales rose 1.7% MoM in March, marking the strongest increase since March 2025, following an upwardly revised 0.7% MoM gain in February. The strength was partly driven by higher gasoline spending. More importantly, core retail sales increased 0.7% MoM, well above expectations, while prior two months were revised higher. Taken together, this points to resilient underlying consumer demand and suggests potential upside risk to 1Q GDP ahead of next week's release.

In contrast, sentiment in Europe continued to weaken. Germany's ZEW investor confidence index fell further to -17.2, significantly below expectations and the weakest level since 2022. According to ZEW President Achim Wambach, concerns over long-term energy supply shortages are weighing on investment sentiment and dampening the effectiveness of fiscal support. Meanwhile, reports indicate the German government may halve its 2026 growth forecast to 0.5% while revising inflation projections higher, reinforcing stagflation concerns in the region.

On the policy front, Federal Reserve Chair nominee Kevin Warsh emphasised his commitment to monetary policy independence during his confirmation hearing, noting he had made no prior commitments on rate cuts. He highlighted the need to improve inflation measurement tools and refine Fed communication, advocating for more open internal debate and less forward guidance to avoid over-conditioning market expectations.

Key Market Movements

Equity	Value	% chg
S&P 500	7064.0	-0.6%
DJIA	49149	-0.6%
Nikkei 225	59349	0.9%
SH Comp	4085.1	0.1%
STI	5015.0	0.2%
Hang Seng	26487	0.5%
KLCI	1715.3	0.8%
	Value	**% chg**
DXY	98.394	0.3%
USDJPY	159.37	0.4%
EURUSD	1.1744	-0.4%
GBPUSD	1.3508	-0.2%
USDIDR	17144	-0.2%
USDSGD	1.2743	0.3%
SGDMYR	3.1060	-0.1%
	Value	**chg (bp)**
2Y UST	3.78	5.86
10Y UST	4.29	4.06
2Y SGS	1.52	1.30
10Y SGS	2.07	2.46
3M SORA	1.04	0.01
3M SOFR	3.67	-0.01
	Value	**% chg**
Brent	98.48	3.1%
WTI	89.67	2.6%
Gold	4720	-2.1%
Silver	76.73	-3.8%
Palladium	1550	-1.2%
Copper	13231	-0.3%
BCOM	133.82	0.6%

Source: Bloomberg

Market Watch: Looking ahead, markets will remain highly sensitive to any signs of renewed negotiations in the Middle East. In the near term, attention will also turn to UK CPI and Tesla earnings as additional catalysts.

Major Markets

CH: China lowered domestic retail gasoline and diesel prices for the first time since the onset of the Iran war. Effective 22 April, retail gasoline and diesel prices were cut by RMB555 per tonne and RMB530 per tonne, respectively. On a nationwide average basis, this implies per-litre reductions of RMB0.44 for RON 92 gasoline, RMB0.46 for RON 95 gasoline, and RMB0.45 for diesel.

ID: MSCI extended its market status review on Indonesia to June 2026 to assess regulatory reforms and said it will remove stocks with high shareholding concentration from its indexes. It is also reviewing the scope, consistency and effectiveness of new data sources related to investability and free float, while continuing previously announced measures including a freeze on index additions. The update follows MSCI's earlier warning of a potential downgrade due to investability concerns and limited free float, with the extension keeping Indonesia in a holding pattern for passive inflows. Separately, Investment and Downstreaming Minister Rosan Roeslani said 1Q26 investments rose 7.22% YoY to IDR498.8trn, including IDR249.9trn in FDI, led by investors from Singapore, Hong Kong, China, the US and Japan, with base metals and services among key sectors.

MY: Economy Minister Akmal Nasrullah Mohd Nasir said the government will refocus tourism efforts on more stable markets including ASEAN, Australia, India, and East Asia, to sustain visitor arrivals and revenue following disruptions to air travel from West Asia, with the strategy endorsed by the National Economic Action Council. He noted that 288 flights from West Asia were cancelled within a month, affecting 88,438 seats, although the segment accounted for less than 1% of total arrivals, while China arrivals reached 4.7mn in 2025, up 25.1% YoY, supported by 871 weekly flights as of February 2026. He added that the Visit Malaysia 2026 campaign has been extended to 2027, targeting 47mn visitors and MYR329.0bn in tourism revenue.

TH: According to Deputy Prime Minister Pakorn Nilprapunt, the government is planning to issue an emergency decree to borrow THB500bn to address mounting economic pressures. He cited tight cash balances and growing external and environment risks as justification. Although actual borrowing may fall short of the full amount, public debt rules necessitate raising the statutory ceiling to accommodate the entire sum specified in the law. The Finance Ministry set to finalise the new threshold given that public debt already stands at approximately 66% of GDP, close to the current 70% ceiling. Elsewhere, PM Anutin Charnvirakul has outlined guidelines for the FY27 budget preparations, including cuts to non-essential spending and caps on budget increases to contain rising fiscal risks. The Cabinet has already approved a THB3.79trn budget plan for FY27 in November 2025, which projects a modest 0.2% increase in overall spending and an 8.4% reduction in the deficit relative to FY26. According to the Budget Bureau, the FY27 budget bill is scheduled for submission to the Cabinet on 23 June, before being sent to parliament in early July.

VN: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Le Thi Thu Hang met Irish Ambassador Deirdre Ní Fhallúin to discuss strengthening bilateral cooperation and preparations for the 30th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2026. She highlighted progress including the March 2026 Vietnam–Ireland political consultation and the opening of Vietnam's Embassy in Dublin, while urging Ireland to ratify the EU–Vietnam Investment Protection Agreement to support economic cooperation. Both sides agreed to increase high-level exchanges and expand collaboration in education, tourism, and cultural activities, alongside coordination ahead of Ireland's European Council presidency in 2H26.

Credit Market Updates

Market Commentary:

The SGD SORA OIS curve traded higher yesterday with shorter tenors trading 3-4bps higher while belly tenors traded 4bps higher and 10Y tenors traded 5bps higher. US Investment Grade spreads tightened by 1bps to 78bps and US High Yield spreads tightened by 1bps to 272bps respectively. Bloomberg Global Contingent Capital Index tightened by 5bps to 227bps. Bloomberg Asia USD Investment Grade spreads tightened by 1bps to 59bps and Asia USD High Yield spreads tightened by 9bps to 395bps respectively. (Bloomberg, OCBC)

New Issues:

The total issuance volumes for APAC and DM IG market yesterday were USD3.95bn and USD2.6bn respectively.

There was one notable issuers in the DM IG market yesterday where issuers priced deals of at least USD1.0bn.

- State Street Corp priced USD1.5bn of debt in two tranches.

There were three notable issuers in the APAC USD market yesterday where issuers priced deals of at least USD500mn.

- Commonwealth Bank of Australia (guarantor: Perpetual Corporate Trust Limited in its capacity as trustee) priced a USD1.75bn 3Y covered bond at SOFRMS+43bps.
- Tokyo Metropolitan Government priced a USD1bn 5Y fixed bond at SOFR MS+60bps.
- Goodman Group (guarantor: Multiple Guarantors) priced USD1.2bn of debt in two tranches.

There was one notable issuance in the Singdollar market yesterday.

- Keppel Infrastructure Trust priced a SGD200mn 7Y fixed bond at 2.8%.

Mandates:

There were no notable mandates yesterday.

Equity Market Updates

US: US stock markets declined on Tuesday, with the S&P 500 falling 0.6% to 7,064.01, the Nasdaq dropping 0.6% to 24,259.96, and the Dow also down 0.6%. This marked the biggest single-day drop since 27 March 2026, and extended losses for a second straight day. Early gains were wiped out as markets plunged to session lows following Vice President JD Vance's cancellation of a planned trip to Pakistan for US-Iran peace negotiations, putting talks on hold just before Wednesday's ceasefire deadline. Apple was the largest drag on the S&P 500, declining 2.5%, while Tractor Supply tumbled 11.7% after missing first-quarter comparable sales expectations. Oil prices surged, with Brent crude rising above $100 per barrel after settlement, and the CBOE Volatility Index increased by 0.63 points to 19.50. Treasury yields rose across the board, with the 10-year yield up 3.2 basis points to 4.286% and the 30-year yield climbing 1.2 basis points to 4.893%, as investors focused on Kevin Warsh's Federal Reserve chair confirmation hearing and developments in the Middle East. However, US equity futures gained 0.4% in after-hours trading after President Trump announced an indefinite extension of the ceasefire with Iran until negotiations conclude, although the US will continue its blockade of Iranian ports. In significant corporate news, Deutsche Telekom is reportedly considering a full merger with T-Mobile US, which would create the largest public M&A deal to date.

Foreign Exchange	Day Close	% Change		Day Close
DXY	98.394	0.30%	USD-SGD	1.2743
USD-JPY	159.37	0.35%	EUR-SGD	1.4965
EUR-USD	1.174	-0.37%	JPY-SGD	0.7993
AUD-USD	0.715	-0.36%	GBP-SGD	1.7208
GBP-USD	1.351	-0.20%	AUD-SGD	0.9112
USD-MYR	3.951	-0.09%	NZD-SGD	0.7508
USD-CNY	6.827	0.13%	CHF-SGD	1.6318
USD-IDR	17144	-0.15%	SGD-MYR	3.1060
USD-VND	26329	-0.01%	SGD-CNY	5.3558

Equity and Commodity

Index	Value	Net change
DJIA	49,149.38	-293.18
S&P	7,064.01	-45.13
Nasdaq	24,259.96	-144.43
Nikkei 225	59,349.17	524.28
STI	5,014.96	10.89
KLCI	1,715.33	13.03
JCI	7,559.38	-34.73
Baltic Dry	2,640.00	7.00
VIX	19.50	0.63

SOFR

Tenor	EURIBOR	Change	Tenor	USD SOFR
1M	1.9950	-0.05%	1M	3.6520
3M	2.1940	-0.45%	2M	3.6598
6M	2.4160	0.04%	3M	3.6685
12M	2.7020	0.63%	6M	3.6790
			1Y	3.6816

Government Bond Yields (%)

Tenor	SGS (chg)	UST (chg)
2Y	1.52 (+0.01)	3.77(--)
5Y	1.69 (+0.02)	3.91 (+0.05)
10Y	2.07 (+0.02)	4.29 (+0.04)
15Y	2.11 (+0.03)	--
20Y	2.11 (+0.03)	--
30Y	2.21 (+0.02)	4.9 (+0.02)

Fed Rate Hike Probability

Meeting	# of Hikes/Cuts	% of Hikes/Cuts	Implied Rate Change	Expected Effective Fed Funds Rate
03/18/2026	#N/A N/A	#N/A N/A	#N/A N/A	#N/A N/A
04/29/2026	0.005	0.500	0.001	3.642
06/17/2026	-0.026	-3.100	-0.007	3.635
07/29/2026	-0.065	-3.900	-0.016	3.625
09/16/2026	-0.171	-10.600	-0.043	3.598

Financial Spread (bps)

	Value	Change
TED	35.36	--

Secured Overnight Fin. Rate

SOFR	3.63

Commodities Futures

Energy	Futures	% chg	Soft Commodities	Futures	% chg
WTI (per barrel)	92.13	2.8%	Corn (per bushel)	4.538	0.4%
Brent (per barrel)	98.48	3.1%	Soybean (per bushel)	11.745	0.8%
Heating Oil (per gallon)	372.88	5.3%	Wheat (per bushel)	6.050	1.3%
Gasoline (per gallon)	320.98	3.0%	Crude Palm Oil (MYR/MT)	44.910	0.8%
Natural Gas (per MMBtu)	2.70	0.3%	Rubber (JPY/KG)	3.798	0.4%
Base Metals	**Futures**	**% chg**	**Precious Metals**	**Futures**	**% chg**
Copper (per mt)	13231	-0.3%	Gold (per oz)	4720	-2.1%
Nickel (per mt)	18225	-0.1%	Silver (per oz)	76.73	-3.8%

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

Economic Calendar

Date Time	Country Code	Event	Period	Survey	Actual	Prior	Revised
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	CPI MoM	Mar	0.60%	--	0.40%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	CPI YoY	Mar	3.30%	--	3.00%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	CPI Core YoY	Mar	3.20%	--	3.20%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	CPI Services YoY	Mar	4.30%	--	4.30%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	CPIH YoY	Mar	3.40%	--	3.20%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	Retail Price Index	Mar	410.6	--	408.2	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	RPI MoM	Mar	0.70%	--	0.40%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	RPI YoY	Mar	3.90%	--	3.60%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	RPI Ex Mort Int.Payments (YoY)	Mar	--	--	3.50%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	PPI Output NSA MoM	Mar	1.00%	--	-0.50%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	PPI Output NSA YoY	Mar	2.40%	--	1.70%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	PPI Input NSA MoM	Mar	3.00%	--	0.80%	--
4/22/2026 14:00	UK	PPI Input NSA YoY	Mar	3.40%	--	0.50%	--
4/22/2026 15:00	MA	Foreign Reserves	15-Apr	--	--	$126.6b	--
4/22/2026 15:20	ID	BI-Rate	22-Apr	4.75%	--	4.75%	--
4/22/2026 16:30	UK	House Price Index YoY	Feb	--	--	1.30%	--

Source: Bloomberg

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