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Financial Markets Daily

Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- Stock markets biased positive excluding Asia, government bond yields up, and USD down. Markets take a pause after main US stock indices reached new record highs yesterday, as February's CPI report in the US did not modify expectations that the Federal Reserve will cut rates this year
- In the political front, Biden and Trump reached the needed delegates to become presidential candidates. Despite the above, neither will be officially nominated until their party's National Convention this summer
- The House of Representatives today will consider legislation that would require the Chinese company that owns TikTok to sell it within 180 days or risk the app being banned from stores and web services in the US. Even though it can be approved, it would still have to be supported by the Senate
- In the Eurozone, industrial production for January was published posting a 3.2% m/m decline, with a downward revision to the previous month. The figure makes clear that there are risks to growth in the region, highlighting weakness in Germany
- In the US, the agenda does not have relevant economic data for the markets

The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
Eurozone and UK					
3:00	UK Industrial production* - Jan	% m/m		0.0	0.6
6:00	EZ Industrial production* - Jan	% m/m		-1.5	2.6

Source: Bloomberg and Banorte. (P) preliminary data; (R) revised data; (F) final data; * Seasonally adjusted, ** Seasonally adjusted annualized rate.

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A glimpse to the main financial assets

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
S&P 500 Futures	5,239.00	0.0%
Euro Stoxx 50	5,000.27	0.3%
Nikkei 225	38,695.97	-0.3%
Shanghai Composite	3,043.84	-0.4%
Currencies		
USD/MXN	16.78	-0.1%
EUR/USD	1.09	0.1%
DXY	102.88	-0.1%
Commodities		
WTI	79.08	2.0%
Brent	83.38	1.8%
Gold	2,163.52	0.2%
Copper	401.60	2.1%
Sovereign bonds		
10-year Treasury	4.18	3pb

Source: Bloomberg

Equities

- Positive bias in equity markets, although US futures show little changes, after the S&P500 reached a new all-time high supported by gains in the technology sector
- Europe trades with almost widespread gains. The Eurostoxx is trading at its
 highest level in 24 years and approaching record levels. Shares of companies
 in the utilities and energy sectors lead gains, while those in communications
 are the only ones to fall. On the other hand, in Asia, most indices closed in
 negative territory
- In corporate news, Dollar Tree's share price falls ~5.2% on pre-market after reporting lower-than-expected results and announcing plans to close more than 600 stores in 1H24. In Mexico, the attention will be on Alsea's investor day today

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- Slight pressures on sovereign bonds with European rates adjusting ~1bps and up to +5bps in the UK. USTs extend yesterday's pressures, with average losses of +2bps. Yesterday, Mbonos experienced a sell-off of 3bps except for the belly, which appreciated by 2bps
- The USD is modestly weaker, albeit within narrow ranges, and only advancing against the JPY (-0.2%) in the G10. Mixed balance in EM currencies with HUF leading gains (+0.6%). In LatAm, bias is also positive with CLP as the strongest (+0.6%). The MXN appreciates by 0.1% to 16.78
- Positive energy sector commodities led by oil, with the market awaiting DOE inventories after API estimated yesterday the first decline in 7 weeks.
 In metals, bias is also upwards, with Nickel (+1%) outperforming

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
Dow Jones	39,005.49	0.6%
S&P 500	5,175.27	1.1%
Nasdaq	16,265.64	1.5%
IPC	54,898.95	-0.3%
Ibovespa	127,667.84	1.2%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,983.20	1.1%
FTSE 100	7,747.81	1.0%
CAC 40	8,087.48	0.8%
DAX	17,965.11	1.2%
Nikkei 225	38,797.51	-0.1%
Hang Seng	17,093.50	3.1%
Shanghai Composite	3,055.94	-0.4%
Sovereign bonds		
2-year Treasuries	4.59	5pb
10-year Treasuries	4.15	5pb
28-day Cetes	11.18	-4pb
28-day TIIE	11.47	0pb
2-year Mbono	10.00	1pb
10-year Mbono	9.22	0pb
Currencies		
USD/MXN	16.80	0.0%
EUR/USD	1.09	0.0%
GBP/USD	1.28	-0.2%
DXY	102.96	0.1%
Commodities		
WTI	77.56	-0.5%
Brent	81.92	-0.4%
Mexican mix	72.42	-0.4%
Gold	2,158.34	-1.1%
Copper	393.20	0.1%

Source: Bloomberg

Corporate Debt

- Fitch Ratings downgraded Grupo Elektra's long-term and short-term national ratings to 'A(mex)' and 'F1(mex)' from 'A+(mex)' and 'F1+(mex)', respectively. Also, the agency lowered its international ratings (IDR) to 'BB-' from 'BB'. The downgrade reflects Fitch's concerns about Grupo Salinas' corporate governance practices
- HR Ratings affirmed Total Play's rating at 'HR A' and changed its Negative Outlook to Negative Watch based on the swap agreement with a group of holders of its Senior Notes. The agency expects that the lack of agreement with the remaining bondholders could limit the Company's ability to refinance and pressure its current rating metrics

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