

Financial Markets Daily

Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- **Stock markets negative, but S&P Futures and government bond yields up, and USD mixed amid worries about high interest rates for longer in the US so the focus will be on speeches by Federal Reserve members, including Powell**
- **On the monetary policy front, busy Fedspeakers agenda including Powell, Jefferson, Williams, Barkin, and Collins. Also, Bailey from the Bank of England speaks as the Spring meetings of the IMF and the World Bank take place**
- **In terms of economic figures, in the US, housing starts and building permits for March were published, with the former posting a more severe drop than estimated, standing at -14.7% m/m (previous: +12.7%), while the latter also contracted more than expected at -4.3% (previous: +2.3%). Later, the industrial and manufacturing production report for March will be released, where a higher advance is expected compared to what was observed the previous month**
- **In Canada, March inflation was +0.6% m/m above the previous 0.3%, while the annual variation was in line with estimates at 2.9%. The central bank will take into account the report for future decisions**
- **Additionally, IMF will publish its World Economic Outlook (WEO)**

The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
Eurozone and UK					
2:00	UK Unemployment rate* - Feb	%	--	4.0	3.9
5:00	GER ZEW Survey (Expectations) - Apr	index	--	35.0	31.7
5:00	EZ Trade balance* - Feb	EURbn	--	--	28.1
United States					
8:30	Housing starts** - Mar	thousands	--	1,483	1,521
8:30	Building permits** - Mar	thousands	--	1,510	1,524
9:00	Fed's Jefferson Speaks at Monetary Policy Forum				
9:15	Industrial production* - Mar	% m/m	0.4	0.4	0.1
9:15	Manufacturing production* - Mar	% m/m	0.4	0.1	0.8
Mexico					
11:00	International reserves - Apr 12	US\$bn	--	--	217.3
13:30	Government weekly auction: 1-, 3-, 6-, and 12-month Cetes, 20-year Mbono (Nov'42), 3-year Udibono (Dec'26) and 2-, and 5-year Bondes F				

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	5,109.00	0.1%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,931.74	-1.1%
Nikkei 225	38,471.20	-1.9%
Shanghai Composite	3,007.07	-1.6%
Currencies		
USD/MXN	16.92	1.2%
EUR/USD	1.06	0.0%
DX	106.21	0.0%
Commodities		
WTI	85.02	-0.5%
Brent	89.69	-0.5%
Gold	2,373.58	-0.4%
Copper	428.80	-2.1%
Sovereign bonds		
10-year Treasury	4.67	6pb

Source: Bloomberg

Equities

- Negative sentiment in the markets, reflecting caution among investors about risks in the Middle East and adjustments in the monetary outlook following the latest economic data
- In the US, Dow futures anticipate a positive opening with an increase of 0.5% above its theoretical value. Meanwhile, Europe trades mainly lower, with the Eurostoxx dropping 0.9%, dragged down by the industrial and financial sectors. Asia closed with declines, with the Hang Seng down 2.1% and the Nikkei down 1.9%
- Of the 10 companies in the S&P500 that will publish results today, 7 have already released them, with Morgan Stanley exceeding expectations and UnitedHealth with higher than expected earnings; while Bank of America was above estimates, the net income fell. In Mexico, the earnings season officially kick off today, with America Movil and Banorte's numbers expected at the market close

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- Negative balance in sovereign bonds. 10-year rates in Europe increase 3bps on average, while the Treasuries curve loses of up to 3bps at the long-end. Yesterday, Mbonos averaged a sell-off of 14bps and the 10-year reference closed at 9.44% (+16bps)
- Dollar trades between gains and losses amid a mixed performance in developed currencies, with EUR (+0.2%) and SEK (-0.3%) at the extremes. In EM, the bias is negative with IDR (-2.1%) leading losses. Meanwhile, the MXN trades at 16.92 per dollar (-1.2%), scoring three negative days in a row
- Crude-oil futures turn lower as traders wait for clues on how Israel will respond to an unprecedented attack by Iran. Widespread losses in metals with copper and gold falling 2.1% and 0.4%, respectively

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
Dow Jones	37,735.11	-0.7%
S&P 500	5,061.82	-1.2%
Nasdaq	15,885.02	-1.8%
IPC	55,984.00	-1.0%
Ibovespa	125,333.89	-0.5%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,984.48	0.6%
FTSE 100	7,965.53	-0.4%
CAC 40	8,045.11	0.4%
DAX	18,026.58	0.5%
Nikkei 225	39,232.80	-0.7%
Hang Seng	16,600.46	-0.7%
Shanghai Composite	3,057.38	1.3%
Sovereign bonds		
2-year Treasuries	4.92	2pb
10-year Treasuries	4.60	8pb
28-day Cetes	11.07	-4pb
28-day TIIE	11.24	-1pb
2-year Mbono	10.65	14pb
10-year Mbono	9.98	14pb
Currencies		
USD/MXN	16.72	0.4%
EUR/USD	1.06	-0.2%
GBP/USD	1.24	0.0%
DX	106.21	0.2%
Commodities		
WTI	85.41	-0.3%
Brent	90.10	-0.4%
Mexican mix	78.89	-0.4%
Gold	2,383.34	1.7%
Copper	437.90	2.8%

Source: Bloomberg

Corporate Debt

- Fitch Ratings affirmed Grupo Comercial Chedraui's long-term rating at 'AAA(mex)' and its short-term rating at 'F1+(mex)'. The outlook is Stable. The affirmation was based on the issuer's solid business profile, driven by its operating efficiency and geographic diversification in Mexico and the US
- S&P Global Ratings affirmed the ratings of Monterrey Metropolitan Area Highway's issuance. The senior tranche (PAMMCB 14U) was affirmed at 'mxAAA' and the subordinated series (PAMMSCB 14U) at 'mxAA+'. The agency considers that the strategic location and competitive advantages continue to be a strength of the project

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