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Financial Markets Daily

Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- Stock markets negative, government bond yields mixed, and the USD down, with all eyes on President Donald Trump's speech to a joint session of Congress amid concerns that Europe could be the next region to face US tariffs
- China has announced that, as a countermeasure to US tariffs, it will impose another round of tariffs between 10% and 15% on a range of products from said country. This includes agricultural products and banning exports to some defense companies
- Canada's retaliation plans include tariffs to an equivalent of US\$107 billion in goods —which will come into effect progressively. Regarding Mexico, we will be focused on President Claudia Sheinbaum's speech this morning to see what measures will be implemented by her government
- On the economic agenda, China will publish February's Caixin services PMI, which according to consensus will post a slight decrease, although still above the 50pts threshold. On the monetary policy front, we will be paying attention to a speech from Williams (New York)
- In the US, Congress Republicans will increase scrutiny of the Fed, with a new task force on the matter starting its first working meeting today
- On the war in Ukraine, Trump ordered a pause on all military aid to that country until he determines there is a goodwill commitment to peace, this according to a defense official. In contrast, the EU proposed a €150 billion loan to boost Ukrainian defense spending

The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
Eurozone					
5:00	Unemployment rate* - Jan	%		6.3	6.3
Mexico					
10:00	International reserves - Feb 28	US\$bn			233.9
12:30	Government weekly auction: 1-, 3-, 6-, and 12-month Cetes, 30-year Mbono (Jul'53),				
	3-year Udibono (Dec'26) and 2-, 5- and 10-year Bondes F				
United States					
14:30	Fed's Williams Speaks at Bloomberg Invest Forum				
China					
20:45	Services PMI (Caixin)* - Feb	index		50.8	51.0
20:45	Composite PMI (Caixin)* - Feb	index			51.1

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

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	Last	Daily chg.			
Equity indices					
S&P 500 Futures	5,829.25	-0.5%			
Euro Stoxx 50	5,416.69	-2.2%			
Nikkei 225	37,331.18	-1.2%			
Shanghai Composite	3,324.21	0.2%			
Currencies					
USD/MXN	20.72	0.1%			
EUR/USD	1.05	0.6%			
DXY	105.90	-0.8%			
Commodities					
WTI	67.21	-1.7%			
Brent	70.21	-2.0%			
Gold	2,923.25	1.1%			
Copper	452.95	-1.0%			
Sovereign bonds					
10-year Treasury	4.14	-1pb			

Source: Bloomberg

Equities

- Nearly across-the-board declines in the main indexes. In that sense, cautious sentiment prevails as investors are adjusting growth prospects following the recent imposition of tariffs by the US
- In the US, futures anticipate a slightly negative opening, with the Nasdaq down 0.3% below its theoretical value. Europe, meanwhile, trades with losses and the Eurostoxx is declining 2.2%, with the biggest falls in the energy and technology sector. However, some defense stocks such as Thales rose 8.0% after reporting better-than-expected figures. Asia closed with a negative bias
- In corporate news, out of 5 S&P500 companies that release their results today, 3 have already reported. Target is anticipating little or no sales growth in 2025, as well as pressure on earnings due to uncertain environment

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- The Treasuries' curve steepens due to gains at the short-end of 4bps and losses at the long-end of 2bps. This shows greater bets for rate cuts by Fed, with the front-end fully prices three 25bps cuts in June, September, and December from a total of -57bps the previous week. In Europe, the 10-year rates rise around 2bps
- Dollar retreats against most of the G10 currencies with CHF (+0.9%) and JPY (+0.9%) as the strongest. In EM, the bias is positive; however, MXN is the only en negative domain, trading with a 0.1% depreciation at 20.72 per dollar after reaching of up to 20.93 earlier
- Energy commodities extend their slump on concerns over a brusing global trade war and OPEC+ plans to revive halted production starting in April. In metals, gold advances 1.0%

Corporate Debt

- Fitch Ratings affirmed Toyota Financial Services México long- and shortterm national ratings at 'AAA(mex)' with Stable outlook and 'F1+' respectively. The ratings are based on the support capability of its parent company Toyota Motor Corporation
- Fitch ratings affirmed GM Financial México long- and short-term national ratings at 'AAA(mex)' and 'F1+' respectively. The ratings are based on unconditional and irrevocable guarantee provided by General Motors Financial Company
- Fitch Ratings affirmed Ford Credit de México long- and short-term national ratings at 'AA+(mex)' and 'F1+' respectively. The ratings are based on the support capacity of its parent company Ford Motor Company, considering that FC Mexico is a fundamental subsidiary for the group

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.		
Equity indices				
Dow Jones	43,191.24	-1.5%		
S&P 500	5,849.72	-1.8%		
Nasdaq	18,350.19	-2.6%		
IPC	52,081.59	-0.5%		
Ibovespa	122,799.09	0.0%		
Euro Stoxx 50	5,540.69	1.4%		
FTSE 100	8,871.31	0.7%		
CAC 40	8,199.71	1.1%		
DAX	23,147.02	2.6%		
Nikkei 225	37,785.47	1.7%		
Hang Seng	23,006.27	0.3%		
Shanghai Composite	3,316.93	-0.1%		
Sovereign bonds				
2-year Treasuries	3.95	-4pb		
10-year Treasuries	4.16	-5pb		
28-day Cetes	9.45	0pb		
28-day TIIE	9.79	4pb		
2-year Mbono	8.86	-3pb		
10-year Mbono	9.47	-5pb		
Currencies				
USD/MXN	20.69	0.7%		
EUR/USD	1.05	1.1%		
GBP/USD	1.27	1.0%		
DXY	106.75	-0.8%		
Commodities				
WTI	68.37	-2.0%		
Brent	71.62	-2.1%		
Mexican mix	65.04	-0.9%		
Gold	2,892.73	1.2%		
Copper	460.70	1.3%		

Source: Bloomberg

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