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Daily Report – Global markets

STOCK EXCHANGE

	Close	Daily chg. (%)	Weekly chg. (%)
DJIA	16 409	↓ -0,10	↑ 1,47
S&P500	1 865	↑ 0,14	↑ 1,73
Nasdaq100	3 535	↑ 0,04	↑ 2,54
Russell2000	1 138	↑ 0,54	↑ 2,38
Stoxx600	332	↑ 0,49	↓ -0,29
DAX	9 410	↑ 0,99	↓ -0,47
FTSE 100	6 625	↑ 0,62	↓ -0,25
CAC40	4 432	↑ 0,59	↑ 0,42
ATX	2 476	↑ 0,41	↓ -1,73
IBEX35	10 292	↑ 0,24	↓ -0,42
Nikkei 225	14 516	↑ 0,68	↑ 4,36
Hang Seng	22 760	→ 0,00	↑ 0,39
SSEC	2 095	↓ -0,20	↓ -1,68
SENSEX	22 629	→ 0,00	↓ 0,00
RTS	1 173	↑ 1,59	↓ -3,37
Bovespa	52 112	↑ 1,78	↑ 0,47

FX MARKET

	Close	Daily chg. (%)	Weekly chg. (%)
EUR/USD	1,3814	→ 0,00	↓ -0,50
EUR/CHF	1,2200	→ 0,00	↑ 0,30
USD/GBP	1,6791	↓ -0,03	↑ 0,35
USD/JPY	102,39	↑ 0,01	↑ 0,79
AUD/USD	0,9332	↑ 0,08	↓ -0,64
USD/CAD	1,0999	↓ -0,02	↑ 0,18

RISK INDICATORS

	Close	Daily chg (bp)	Weekly chg (bp)
VIX	13,4	↓ -0,8	↓ -2,5
CDS 5Y PIIS	13	↓ -2,3	↑ 1,5
CDS 5Y Italy	93	↓ -1,5	↑ 2,7
CDS 5Y Belg.	98	↓ -0,6	↑ 0,0
iTraxx 5Y EU	25,0	↓ 0,0	↑ 0,7
US TED Spread	71,4	→ 0,0	↑ 0,3

Source: Reuters, OTP Research

Summary

- The sentiment in Europe's and America's markets was benign on Thursday.
- The four-party talks in Geneva did not achieve breakthrough in resolving the Russia-Ukraine conflict but have eased the tension.
- There will be no trading in the USA or in most stock markets of Europe.

The equity indices of Europe and the USA closed largely in the green on Thursday. On advanced economies markets, the sentiment is fundamentally determined by the optimism relating to corporate earnings; and the easing of the Russia-Ukraine conflict may also encourage investors to make riskier bets. That said, the S&P and Nasdaq booked only small gains yesterday, and the Dow lost some of its value, chiefly because of the index heavyweight IBM's 3.3% plunge. The computer maker's Q1 revenue fell by more than had been thought. In Thursday's trading, Google shed 3.7%; and the largest health insurance company in the USA, United Healthcare slid 3.1%, after posting nearly 8% fall in its profit. The strongest name in the S&P was SanDisk, which rallied more than 9% as its earnings report revealed rising profit margin. Reporting better-than-expected profit figures helped GE and Morgan Stanley gain 1.7% and 2.9% respectively yesterday. Seven of the S&P's ten sector indices climbed higher, led by the energy and manufacturing sectors.

The four-party talks in Geneva, involving Russia, Ukraine, the USA, and the EU, have reassured investors in Europe, even though the meeting does not seem to have made breakthrough. On the other hand, the USA continues to threaten Russia with sanctions, unless it desists from supporting Russian separatists' activity in Ukraine.

The Stoxx600 index closed 0.5% higher yesterday, with 12 of Western Europe's 15 stock markets achieving gains, benefiting partly from the favourable US employment statistics. Europe's car manufacturers also rallied as the fresh statistics on new car registrations indicated growth. Renault saw the strongest increase in sales (29% expansion in March), which boosted its share price by 1.9%. Bolstering its sales by 5.4% in March lifted Daimler's share price by 3% yesterday. Coming up with smaller-than-expected revenue data slashed the share prices of Diageo and Remy Cointreau by 3.7% and 3.3% respectively. SAP also eased (-1.2%) following a report on declining software licence sales and smaller-than-expected profit data.

Stock markets in the USA and most of Europe will be closed for Good Friday today.

All of Asia's key indices but Shanghai closed in the positive territory.

GOV'T BOND MARKET

	Yield (%)	Daily chg (bp)	Weekly chg (bp)
US 2Y	0,00	↓ -38	↓ -36
US 10Y	0,00	↓ -263	↓ -264
JP 2Y	0,09	↑ 0	↑ 1
JP 10Y	0,61	↓ 0	↓ 0
GER 2Y	0,14	↑ 1	↓ -3
GER 10Y	1,49	↓ 0	↓ -7

CENTRAL BANKS' RATES

	Rate (%)	6M Consensus	1Y Consensus
Fed Funds	0,25	→ 0,25	→ 0,25
ECB Rate	0,25	→ 0,25	→ 0,25
BOE Rate	0,50	→ 0,50	→ 0,50
BOJ Rate	0,10	→ 0,10	→ 0,10
SNB Target	0,00	→ 0,00	→ 0,00

MONEY MARKET

	Rate (%)	Daily chg (bp)	Weekly chg (bp)
US 3M Libor	0,23	↓ 0	↓ 0
US 2Y Swap	0,53	↑ 1	↑ 7
US 5Y Swap	1,82	↑ 2	↑ 18
EUR 3M Euribor	0,33	↑ 0	↑ 0
EUR 2Y Swap	0,46	↓ -1	↓ -1
EUR 5Y Swap	0,95	↑ 6	↑ 3
GB 3M Libor	0,53	↑ 0	↑ 0
GB 2Y Swap	1,07	→ 0	↑ 1
GB 5Y Swap	2,00	↓ -1	↑ 1
JP 3M Libor	0,14	→ 0	→ 0
JP 2Y Swap	0,18	↓ -1	↑ 1
JP 5Y Swap	0,31	↓ -1	↑ 1
CHF 3M Libor	0,02	→ 0	→ 0
CHF 2Y Swap	0,05	↓ -2	↓ -2
CHF 5Y Swap	0,40	↑ 2	↑ 1

COMMODITIES

	Close	Daily chg. (%)	Weekly chg. (%)
Oil Brent	109,5	↓ -0,06	↑ 1,93
Gold	1 294	↓ -0,03	↓ -1,83

Source: Reuters, OTP Research

The weekly US employment data have beaten expectations; it is nearing the 300,000 mark. The Philadelphia Fed manufacturing index indicated further improvement.

Advanced markets have not scheduled influential macroeconomic data releases for today.

	COUNTRY	DATE	INDICATOR	FACT	CONSENSUS	PREVIOUS
Thursday	JP	Mar	Consumer confidence	37,5	-	38,3
	DE	Mar	Producer prices (YoY, %)	-0,9	-0,7	-0,9
	PL	Mar	Industrial output (YoY, %)	5,4	6,4	5,3
	US	weekly	Intitial jobless claims ('000)	304	315	300
	US	weekly	Continued jobless claims ('000)	2 739	2 795	2 776
	US	Mar	Philadelphia Fed business index (%)	16,6	10,0	9,0
Friday			No data	-	-	-

Source: Reuters, OTP Research

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