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# Global Daily Report

### Summary

- America's stock indices closed in the red, Europe achieved small gains yesterday.
- Asia's markets also fell this morning.
- The CHF and the GBP weakened against the EUR.
- Britain's retail sales data disappointed.

The major stock indices of the USA closed in the red on Thursday, ending a three-day winning streak. The Dow ended 0.3% lower, and the S&P500 shed 0.6%. At the end of Thursday's session, the sentiment somewhat brightened up on reports that President Trump was not in the target of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation. This helped ease investors' worries about the political uncertainty, but it was not sufficient to help stock markets end in positive territory. All but one of the S&P500's eleven sectors sank yesterday, with consumer staples taking the hardest hit. The tobacco company Philip Morris shrank 16% in the aftermath of weaker-than-expected revenue data. Semiconductor manufacturers did not fare well: AMD dipped 2.9% and NVidia fell 3.5%.

Europe's indices nudged higher yesterday, supported by cheering corporate earnings figures. The CAC40 and the FTSE100 added 0.2% each, while the DAX dropped 0.2%, and the Stoxx600 closed at its opening price. Sectorwise, oil companies, the manufacturing and financial sectors could make gains. The losers in the day included tech names and consumer staples manufactures in Europe too. Royal Vopak's quarterly report projects a substantial improvement in operating profit by 2019, triggering a 6.9% jump in the Dutch tank storage company's stock price. Mediclinic International soared 9.2% following its announcement that its annual report may come with better-than-expected results.

The Swiss franc's weakening sent the EUR/CHF to a three-year high of 1.2 at one point on Thursday. The franc has not been that weak since the Swiss National Bank removed the 1.2 cap on the pair. Amid the rising inflation expectations, US government bond yields grew significantly. The yields on US 10Y securities were up by 4.7 basis points, and those on Germany's 10Y Bund surged 6.8 bps yesterday.

In the commodity world, the price of gold dropped 0.4% from its one-week high. Crude oil was traded at its highest since 2014, after Wednesday's data revealed an unexpected drop in America's crude oil inventories. Another factor that may affect crude prices is the result of OPEC countries' ministerial supervisory board meeting, which is due out today.

The retail sales figures published in the UK yesterday were disappointing. Retail sales in Britain dropped by 1.2% month/month in March, short of the previous month's 0.8% growth by a large margin, and undershooting analysts' forecast of 0.5% decline. The unusually adverse weather in March may have been one reason for the retail sector's unexpected ailing, but in the long run, the stagnant real incomes do not benefit the sector either. Following the data release, the GBP lost 0.6%, possibly signaling that investors may have become uncertain about the extent and the timing of the Bank of England's monetary tightening.

The eurozone's consumer confidence index is due out today. Elsewhere, the IMF and the World Bank are to meet.

	Stocks				Bonds				Commodity & FX			
	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)	Product name	Yield	Daily change*	YTD	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)
Global	S&P500	2693,1	-0,6	0,7	VIX	16,0	2,3	45	WTI	68,33	-0,2	13,1
	DOW	24664,9	-0,3	-0,2	US 2Y	2,44	0,9	55	Brent	73,78	0,4	10,3
	Nasdaq100	6774,9	-0,9	5,9	US 10Y	2,91	4,7	50	Gold	1345,2	-0,3	3,3
	DAX	12567,4	-0,2	-2,7	GER 2Y	-0,54	3,0	9	Silver	17,21	0,3	1,5
	CAC40	5391,6	0,2	1,5	GER 10Y	0,60	6,8	18	EUR/USD	1,23	-0,2	2,9
	FTSE 100	7328,9	0,2	-4,7	PT10Y	1,68	3,6	-25	EUR/GBP	0,88	0,6	-1,4
	FTSE MIB	23792,0	0,1	8,9	IT 10Y	1,78	5,8	-22	EUR/NOK	9,6	0,2	-2,3
	Stoxx600	382,0	0,0	-1,9	SP 10	1,28	6,7	-29	USD/CAD	1,27	0,3	0,7
	- Banks	164,3	0,6	-0,4	iTRAXX	54,5	1,9	21	AUD/USD	0,77	-0,7	-0,9
	Nikkei 225	22186,9	0,0	-2,5	JPY 2Y	-0,13	0,9	1	USD/JPY	107,36	0,1	-4,7
	SSEC	3070,7	-1,5	-7,2	JPY 10Y	0,05	1,4	0	GBP/USD	1,4090	-0,8	4,3
Regional	RTS	1153,6	-0,1	-0,1	RUS10	7,28	-1,4	-4	USD/RUB	60,911	0,1	5,6
	WIG20	2324,7	0,4	-5,5	POL 10	3,05	1,1	-8	EUR/PLN	4,1658	0,1	-0,2
	PX50	1128,1	-0,1	4,6	CZ10	1,73	0,1	14	EUR/RON	4,6558	0,1	-0,5
Hungary	BUX	38663,1	-0,3	-1,8	3M BUBOR	0,03	0,0	0	EUR/HUF	310,08	0,0	-0,1
	OTP	11400,0	-0,3	6,3	3M D T-Bill	0,04	-0,1	0	USD/HUF	251,11	0,2	-3,0
	MOL	3050,0	-0,5	1,5	3Y	0,77	0,8	22	CHF/HUF	258,49	-0,1	-2,4
	MTelekom	455,0	0,4	-0,7	5Y	1,37	1,0	20	PLN/HUF	74,380	-0,1	0,1
	Richter	5320,0	0,0	-21,5	10Y	2,53	2,7	49	GBP/HUF	353,65	-0,6	1,2

\* In the case of bond yields, the change is in basis points instead of percentage (VIX and ITRAXX not included).

Sources: Reuters, OTP Research

Data	Cd.	Event/Data	Period	Fact	Cons.	Prev.
2018 4. 16.	14 : 30	US Retail sales (mom, %)	March	0,6	0,3	-0,1
	14 : 30	US New York Fed Manufacturing index (points)	Apr.	15,8	20,1	22,5
	16 : 00	US Business inventories (mom, %)	Febr.	0,6	0,5	0,6
17.	4 : 00	CN Infrastructural spending (yoy, %)	March	7,5	7,6	7,9
	4 : 00	CN Industrial production (yoy, %)	March	6,0	6,2	7,2
	4 : 00	CN Retail sales (yoy, %)	March	10,1	9,9	9,7
	4 : 00	CN GDP (yoy, %)	Q1	6,8	6,8	6,8
	4 : 00	CN GDP (qoq, SA, %)	Q1	1,4	1,5	1,6
	11 : 00	DE ZEW Economic Sentiment (points)	Apr.	-8,2	-1,0	5,1
	14 : 30	US Housing starts (annualized monthly, '000s)	March	1319	1262	1236
	14 : 30	US Building permits (annualized monthly, '000s)	March	1354	1323	1321
	15 : 15	US Industrial production (mom, %)	March	0,5	0,4	0,9
18.	10 : 30	UK Inflation (yoy, %)	March	2,5	2,7	2,7
	10 : 30	UK Core inflation (yoy, %)	March	2,3	2,5	2,4
	11 : 00	EZ CPI (final, yoy, %)	March	1,3	1,4	1,4*
	20 : 00	US Beige Book	-	-	-	-
19.	10 : 30	UK Retail sales (mom, %)	March	-1,2	-0,5	0,8
	16 : 00	US Leading index (mom, %)	March	0,3	0,3	0,6
20.	1 : 30	JP CPI (yoy, %)	March	1,1	-	1,5
	1 : 30	JP core-CPI (yoy, %)	March	0,9	0,9	1,0
	9 : 00	HU Gross wages (yoy, %)	Febr.	-	-	13,8
	16 : 00	EZ Consumer confidence index (flash, points)	Apr.	-	-0,1	0,1
		US IMF - World Bank semi-annual meeting	-	-	-	-

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