

Summary

- Despite a drop in most of its subindices, the S&P500 main index inched up, thanks to the energy and technology sectors
- Most stock markets in Europe were closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday
- Asian markets were seen making slight gains this morning
- The EUR strengthened 0.2% vs the US dollar and 0.3% against the GBP
- Oil prices rose by over 2% on Monday after the USA said it would not reissue sanctions waivers on oil imports from Iran

Nearly all equity markets in Europe were closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. America's stock markets reopened on Monday, to make subtle moves on quiet trading day. The S&P500 edged 0.1% higher, while the Nasdaq100 shed 0.2%. US markets were largely driven by the energy and the technology sectors, but most of the S&P500's sub-indices dipped into negative territory. The coming days may be decisive for US stock markets, as a number of tech giants (Amazon, Facebook, Twitter, Microsoft) will publish their quarterly reports later this week.

In Asia, Japan's Nikkei and China's SSEC were seeing heading higher this morning.

The euro's appreciation sent the EUR/USD 0.2% higher and lifted the EUR/GBP by 0.3%.

On the commodity market WTI grew by 2.5%, and Brent surged 2.9%, owing to an announcement. When imposing sanctions, the USA had granted waiver for some countries (including South Korea, Japan, and China) until 2 May, allowing them import Iranian oil in this interim period. Some might have speculated that the USA would renew these sanctions waivers, but yesterday's announcement made it clear that this would not happen. Starting from 2 May, Iran's output will drop out of the supply for some time. In the light of this, the future of the output freeze agreement between OPEC and non-OPEC producers is an important question. With Iran's output dropping out, the production freeze may be loosened, which may lessen a later rise in oil prices.

During the weekend the Swiss National Bank said that it was prepared to lower its already negative interest rates, and it has the necessary means in case further easing was needed. The SNB's deposit rates (-0.75%) are the lowest in the world, as its currency is a safe haven in case of market turbulence. The Swiss franc's firming reduces inflation, which may prompt the central bank to ease monetary conditions. Later this week the Bank of Japan's meeting is expected to leave monetary conditions in place, but analysts say the probability of a forthcoming easing has increased. Back in December, 14% of analysts in a Bloomberg poll held this view; this rate has grown to almost 50% by April. In comparison, 90% of analysts expected a slight tightening a year ago.

Today the USA will publish real property market data and the eurozone's consumer confidence index is due out. Later in the week, the first estimate on the USA's economic output is worth checking on Friday.

	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	2908,0	0,1	16,0	VIX	12,4	2,7	-51	WTI	65,6	2,5	44,4
	DOW	26511,1	-0,2	13,6	US 2Y	2,39	0,5	-11	Brent	74,04	2,9	37,6
	Nasdaq100	7713,5	0,3	21,9	US 10Y	2,59	3,2	-10	Gold	1274,7	0,0	-0,6
	DAX	12222,4	0,0	15,8	GER 2Y	-0,59	0,0	0	Silver	14,98	-0,1	-3,2
	CAC40	5580,4	0,0	18,0	GER 10Y	0,02	0,0	-22	EUR/USD	1,1255	0,2	-1,9
	FTSE 100	7459,9	0,0	10,9	PT10Y	1,17	0,0	-55	EUR/GBP	0,8669	0,3	-3,5
	FTSE MIB	21956,6	0,0	19,8	IT 10Y	2,59	0,0	-18	EUR/NOK	9,5651	0,1	-3,4
	Stoxx600	390,5	0,0	15,6	SP 10	1,06	0,0	-36	USD/CAD	1,3342	-0,2	-2,2
	- Banks	127,4	0,0	12,7	iTRAXX	57,4	0,0	-34,8	AUD/USD	0,7133	-0,2	1,2
	Nikkei 225	22254,2	0,2	11,2	JPY 2Y	-0,15	-0,1	-1	USD/JPY	111,93	0,0	2,2
	SSEC	3218,5	0,1	29,1	JPY 10Y	-0,03	0,0	-3	GBP/USD	1,2982	-0,1	1,8
Regional	RTS	1275,6	1,1	19,6	RUS10	8,3	0,1	-5	USD/RUB	63,767	-0,2	-8,5
	WIG20	2365,36	0,0	3,9	POL 10	2,9	-0,2	1	EUR/PLN	4,28	0,2	-0,1
	PX50	1101,7	0,0	11,7	CZ10	1,8	0,0	-5	EUR/RON	4,755	-0,1	2,2
Hungary	BUX	42810	0,0	9,4	3M DKJ	0,09	0,0	2	EUR/HUF	320,15	0,1	-0,2
	OTP	13000	0,0	15,1	1Y	0,27	0,0	-18	USD/HUF	284,38	-0,1	1,7
	MOL	3310	0,0	7,5	3Y	1,39	0,0	13	CHF/HUF	280,53	0,0	-1,7
	MTelekom	463	0,0	5,2	5Y	2,16	0,0	-37	PLN/HUF	74,73	0,1	0,2
	Richter	5700	0,0	5,0	10Y	3,24	0,0	20	GBP/HUF	369,43	-0,1	3,7

* 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.
2019 4. 21. 0 : 0	UA	Presidential election n Ukraine	-		-	-
22. 16 : 00	US	Existing home sales (mom, %)	Mar	5210,0	5300,0	5510,0
23. 16 : 00	US	New home sales (annualized monthly, '000s)	Mar		650,0	667,0
16 : 00	EZ	Consumer confidence (point)	Apr			-7,2
24. 10 : 00	DE	IFO Economic sentiment index (points)	Apr		99,9	99,6
16 : 00	CA	GDP (qoq, %, SA)	Apr		1,8	1,8
25. 5 : 00	JP	Interest rate decision (%)	Apr		-0,1	-0,1
13 : 00	TR	Interest rate decision (%)	Apr		24,0	24,0
14 : 30	US	Continuing jobless claims ('000s)	weekly			
14 : 30	US	Initial jobless claims ('000s)	weekly			
14 : 30	US	Durable goods orders (mom, %)	Mar		0,4	-1,6
26. 14 : 30	US	GDP (preliminary, annualized, qoq, %)	Q1		1,8	2,2

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