

## News highlights

- Trade war headlines were the key driver of the weakness for equities around the world last week.
- On Friday, US pulled the trigger with tariffs on \$200bn of Chinese exports increasing from 10% to 25% while Beijing threatened unspecified retaliation.
- Despite no resolution and the imposition of tariffs, the Chinese equity market surged late in trading Friday, closing up the most since the end of March, +3.6%, as authorities were said to support the market.
- The EU Commission cut its growth projections for the euro area (to 1.2% in 2019 from 1.3%), on the back of a gloomier outlook for Germany (0.5% in 2019 from 1.1%). The EC added that Italy's budget deficit is on pace to reach 3.5% in 2020, above the 3.0% ceiling set by the European Union's fiscal rules.
- Two sizeable corporate bond offerings hit the market last week. On Tuesday Bristol-Myers Squibb sold \$19 billion to finance its \$74 billion takeover of Celgene Corp. On Wednesday, IBM sold \$20 billion to finance the acquisition of Red Hat Inc.
- Focus on coming days should be on trade talks with pundits monitoring potential news on China retaliation while the Walmart report on Thursday will mark the unofficial end of the earnings season.
- According to press reports, the deadline of May 18th for the US to impose taxes on import cars could be delayed by 180 days.

## EQUITIES (local currency, price change)

	Last Price	5 days	YTD		5 Years
			Local	EUR	
<b>US</b>					
S&P 500	2 881	-2.2%	14.9%	17.1%	53.4%
Nasdaq	7 917	-3.0%	19.3%	21.6%	94.4%
Dow Jones	25 942	-2.1%	11.2%	13.3%	56.4%
<b>Europe</b>					
Stoxx 50	3 361	-4.0%	12.0%	12.0%	5.6%
DAX	12 060	-2.8%	14.2%	14.2%	25.9%
CAC	5 327	-4.0%	12.6%	12.6%	19.0%
FTSE	7 203	-2.4%	7.1%	11.5%	5.7%
AEX	551	-3.1%	12.9%	12.9%	37.1%
BEL 20	3 504	-5.7%	8.0%	8.0%	11.5%
SMI	9 473	-2.8%	12.4%	11.4%	11.3%
<b>EM &amp; Asia</b>					
Nikkei 225	21 345	-4.1%	6.6%	9.3%	50.3%
Hang Seng	28 550	-5.1%	10.5%	12.3%	30.6%
India	37 463	-3.9%	3.9%	5.4%	62.9%
Russia	2 515	-2.6%	6.1%	15.3%	83.4%
Brazil	94 258	-1.8%	7.2%	6.8%	77.5%

## FIXED INCOME (local currency, total return)

	Yield	5 days	YTD	5 Years
Government	2.38	0.5%	2.2%	10.5%
Investment Grade	3.54	0.2%	5.4%	18.1%
High Yield	6.33	-0.5%	8.2%	25.6%
<b>Europe</b>				
Government	0.51	0.0%	2.5%	16.2%
Investment Grade	0.77	-0.2%	3.8%	14.2%
High Yield	3.92	-0.7%	5.7%	21.3%
<b>EM</b>				
Global HC USD	4.89	0.0%	5.8%	24.6%

## EUR VERSUS MAJOR CURRENCIES

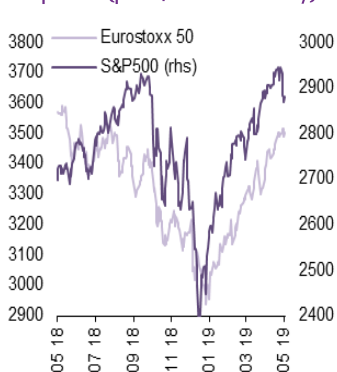
	Last	5 days	YTD	5 Years
USD	1.12	0.3%	-2.0%	-13.1%
JPY	123.52	-0.7%	-1.8%	22.7%
CHF	1.14	-0.2%	1.0%	-6.0%
GBP	0.86	1.6%	-3.9%	8.4%

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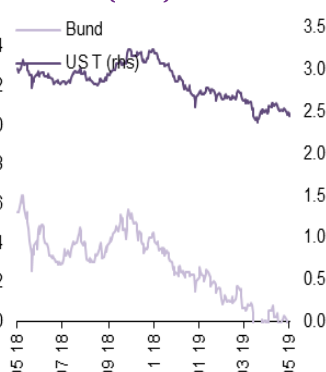
	Last	5 days	YTD		5 Years
			USD	EUR	
WTI	61.66	-0.5%	35.8%	38.4%	-32.9%
Gold	1 286.05	0.5%	0.3%	2.2%	-27.1%
Base Metals	181.64	-1.4%	2.2%	2.2%	-17.8%

## Charts of the week

Equities (price, local currency)



Bonds (Yield)



EUR vs. USD



Oil price (USD)



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