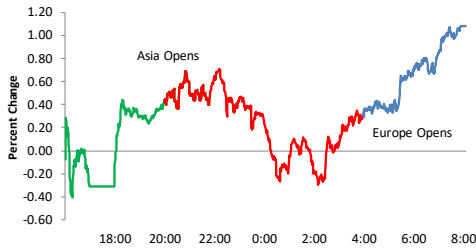




Today's Events

Overnight Trading



Other Markets

Japan	↓	-1.1 %
China	↓	-0.1
Germany	↑	0.7
UK	↑	1.4
Oil	104.21 ↓	-\$2.7
Gold	4643.1 ↑	\$82.0
\$/Euro	0.854 ↓	0.00
\$/Yen	159.49 ↓	-3.9
Bitcoin	76,126 ↑	471
10-Yr	4.40 ↓	-0.03
2-Yr	3.89 ↓	-0.05

Noteworthy Macro Events

- US Futures Higher After Strong Earnings GOOGL and Others.
- Japan Issues Final Warnings Regarding Yen Intervention.

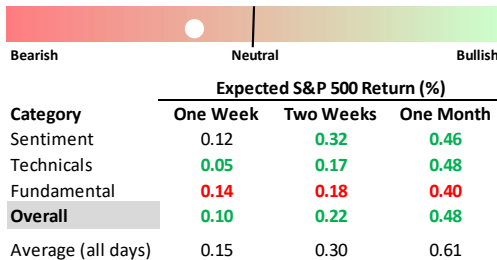
Pre-Market Trading

- Trading Up (\$):
LLY (63.64), PWR (51.16), CAT (48.95), SNDK (39.29), CVNA (36.41), LITE (31.68)
- Trading Down (\$):
META (-62.78), WTW (-27.96), CHKP (-12.923), PH (-10.5), W (-6.27), COST (-5.87)

Stock Specific News of Note

Ticker	News
AMZN	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; raised Q2 sales guidance.
CAH	Reported better than expected EPS on weaker revenues; raised guidance.
CARR	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; reaffirmed guidance.
CAT	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues.
CHRW	Reported better than expected EPS on inline revenues.
CMG	Reported inline EPS on inline sales; sees comp sales remaining unchanged.
F	Reported better than expected EPS on weaker revenues; raised EBIT guidance.
FMC	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; lowered guidance.
GOOGL	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; cloud revenues increased 64%; raised CapEx.
HSY	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; guided inline.
KLAC	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; guided inline; \$7 bln buyback.
LLY	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; raised guidance.
META	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; increased capex guidance; reiterated sales.
MRK	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; guided inline.
MSFT	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; Azure increased 40%; guided inline.
ORLY	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; guided inline.
PWR	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; raised guidance.
QCOM	Reported better than expected EPS on inline revenues; lowered guidance; \$20 bln buyback.
STLA	Reported better than expected EPS on inline revenues; reaffirmed guidance.
TAP	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues; reaffirmed guidance.
VLO	Reported better than expected EPS on stronger revenues.

Market Timing Model



Indicators/Events

Time	Event	Estimate	Date	Est	Act.	Diff.	S&P	Best	Worst
8:30	Personal Income	0.3	4/9	0.3	-0.1	-0.4	0.62	C Disc	Ener
8:30	Personal Spending	9.0	4/9	0.6	0.5	-0.1	0.62	C Disc	Ener
8:30	PCE m/m	0.7	4/9	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.62	C Disc	Ener
8:30	Core PCE m/m	0.3	4/9	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.62	C Disc	Ener
8:30	Initial Claims	213	4/23	210	214	4	-0.41	Util	Tech
8:30	Continuing Claims	1815	4/23	1816	1821	5	-0.41	Util	Tech
8:30	GDP	2.2	4/9	3.8	3.7	-0.1	0.62	C Disc	Ener
8:30	ECI	0.8	2/10	0.8	0.7	-0.1	-0.33	Util	C Svcs
9:45	Chicago PMI	55.2	3/31	55.0	52.8	-2.2	2.91	C Svcs	Ener

Notable Analyst Actions

Upgrades			
Ticker	Firm	From	To
ABBV	B of A	Neutral	Buy
BLKB	Baird	Neutral	Outperf
NTR	B of A	Neutral	Buy
SITE	Deutsche	Hold	Buy
TER	JP Morgan	Neutral	Overwgt
XMTR	Cantor	Neutral	Overwgt
Downgrades			
Ticker	Firm	From	To
APPN	M Stanley	Overwgt	Mkt Wgt
GEHC	Goldman	Buy	Neutral
META	JP Morgan	Overwgt	Neutral
RS	B of A	Neutral	Underperf
STLD	B of A	Buy	Neutral
WING	Goldman	Buy	Neutral
Initiations/Reiterations			
Ticker	Firm	Action	Rating
CMG	Jefferies	Reiterated	Hold
F	Citi	Reiterated	Neutral
META	Stifel	Reiterated	Buy
MSFT	BMO Capital	Reiterated	Outperf
PLTR	Oppenheim	Initiated	Outperf
QCOM	Citi	Reiterated	Neutral

Tomorrow and Beyond

Key Major Economic Indicators Tomorrow

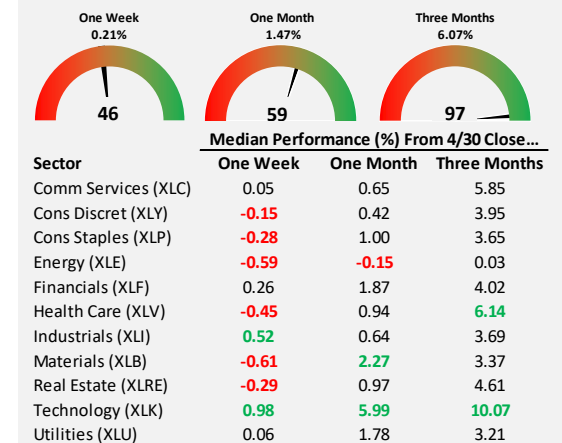
Time	Event	Estimate	Date	Act.vs. Est.	S&P
10:00	ISM Manufacturing	53.2	4/1	0.4	0.72

Key Earnings Reports

Ticker	Date	TOD	Beat Rate	Raised	Price Reaction
			EPS	Sales	(Last 8 Reports)
AMG	5/1	AM	90%	37%	3%
AN	5/1	AM	68%	51%	2%
AON	5/1	AM	82%	45%	0%
ARES	5/1	AM	36%	68%	0%
CHD	5/1	AM	88%	78%	6%
CL	5/1	AM	59%	56%	2%
CVX	5/1	AM	60%	54%	0%
EL	5/1	AM	81%	78%	8%
LEA	5/1	AM	83%	82%	14%
LYB	5/1	AM	58%	53%	0%
TEX	5/1	AM	66%	58%	16%
XOM	5/1	AM	61%	59%	0%

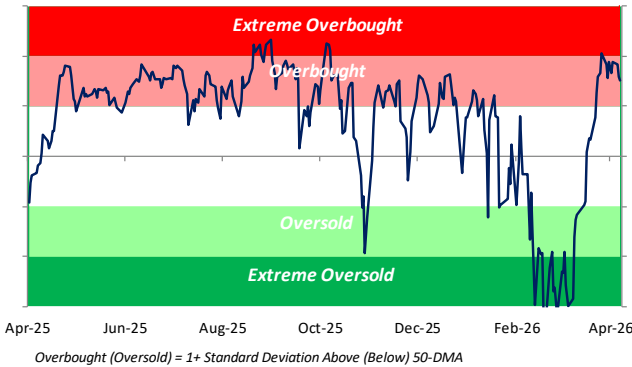
Price Reaction: most recent report is on the left.

Market and Sector Seasonality – Last 10 Years

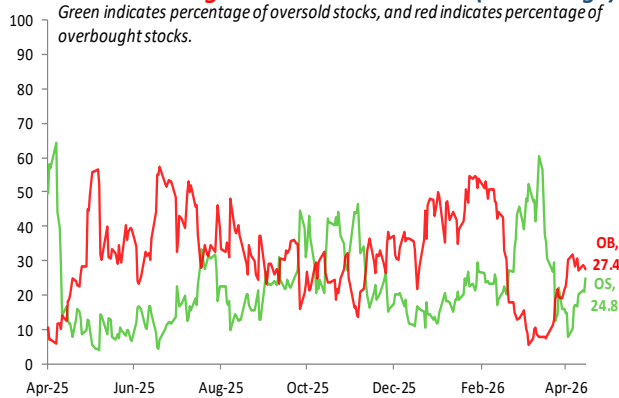




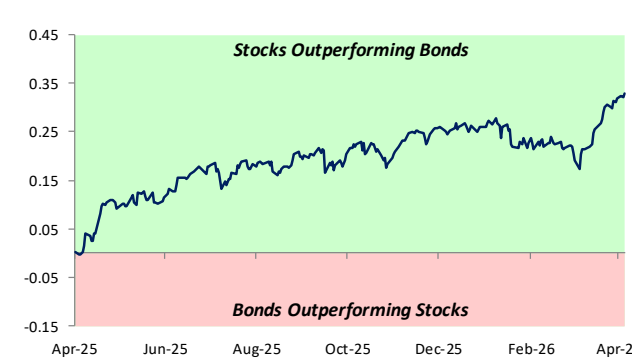
S&P 500 50-Day Moving Average Spread



S&P 500 Overbought and Oversold Stocks (Percentage)



Relative Strength of Stocks versus Bonds



S&P 500 Internals

Indicator	Change	Current	One Week Ago
50-Day Moving Avg Spread	↓	4.8 %	5.3 %
10-Day A/D Line	↓	-153	292
# of Overbought Stocks	↓	137	152
# of Oversold Stocks	↑	124	82
P/E Ratio			
Trailing	↓	27.89	27.94
Forward	↓	21.74	21.81
Dividend Yield	↑	1.12 %	1.12 %
Credit Spreads (bps)			
High Yield	↑	285	284
Corporate Bonds	↑	81	79

Trading Ranges: Sectors

Index/Sector	Current	1 Wk Ago	OS	N	OB
S&P 500	OB	OB	█		█
Comm. Svcs	OB	OB	█		█
Cons Discret.	OB	OB	█		█
Cons Staples	N	N	█		█
Energy	N	N	█		█
Financials	N	OB	█		█
Health Care	OS	N	█		█
Industrials	N	N	█		█
Materials	N	N	█		█
Real Estate	N	N	█		█
Technology	OB	OB	█		█
Utilities	N	OS	█		█

Trading Ranges: Bonds/Commodities

Commodity	Current	1 Wk Ago	OS	N	OB
\$/Euro	N	N	█		█
\$/Yen	OB	N	█		█
2-Year	OS	N	█		█
10-Year	OS	N	█		█
Gold	OS	N	█		█
Silver	OS	N	█		█
Copper	N	OB	█		█
Crude Oil	OB	N	█		█
Heating Oil	N	N	█		█
Gasoline	OB	OB	█		█
Natural Gas	OS	OS	█		█

Yesterday's Movers

Ticker	% Chg.	Occ.	Average Return (%)			
			Next Day		Next Week	
			Chg.	Percent Up	Chg.	Percent Up
MXL	29.8	11	-0.6	36.4	13.5	27.3
COCO	29.7	5	-0.7	40.0	0.6	60.0
EXTR	28.2	4	-4.2	0.0	-2.0	50.0
NXPI	25.5	1	-10.9	0.0	-9.3	0.0
TER	-19.4	5	0.5	60.0	-0.6	40.0
OI	-15.5	4	3.1	100.0	1.3	50.0
ASH	-13.8	0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
HOOD	-13.2	8	-2.0	50.0	9.3	75.0

S&P 500 Overbought Stocks Most Likely to Fall

Ticker	Price	Standard Deviations Above 50-Day Avg	Avg % Return (One Week)	Percent of Time Positive
PYPL	50.94	1.79	-0.43	55.1
NXPI	289.25	3.85	-0.13	0.0
EXPD	148.86	1.03	-0.08	54.5
MGM	39.24	1.56	-0.05	49.4

S&P 500 Oversold Stocks Most Likely to Rise

Ticker	Price	Standard Deviations Below 50-Day Avg	Avg % Return (One Week)	Percent of Time Positive
LLY	851.53	-1.84	0.75	46.4
BBY	58.71	-2.32	0.61	51.7
DE	560.06	-1.21	0.38	53.9
GE	283.56	-1.09	0.32	53.0
IR	77.49	-1.51	0.29	53.2
FCX	56.93	-1.05	0.20	51.0
KMI	31.82	-1.30	0.17	52.1
COR	311.51	-1.10	0.16	45.2
DGX	189.32	-1.83	0.14	43.1
MRSB	170.84	-1.03	0.13	52.1

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S&P 500



Nasdaq



S&P 400 Mid Cap



Russell 2000 Small Cap



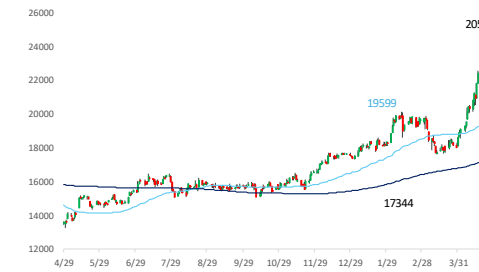
Russell 1000 Growth



Russell 1000 Value



Dow Transports



Philadelphia Semiconductor Index



10-Year Treasury Yield (%)



2-Year Treasury Yield (%)



US Dollar Index



Bitcoin



WTI Crude Oil



Copper



Gold



VIX





Snapshot. Crude has pulled back off overnight highs as earnings news flow remains aggressive including several strong US reports after hyperscalers announced results last night and two European central banks gave less hawkish than feared decisions this morning. [Global Economic Scorecard](#).

Iran. *Axios* reported yesterday that CENTCOM is briefing the President on new strikes against Iran, which helped front-month Brent crude (June) rally throughout the session to close higher for an eighth consecutive session and a session close over \$122/barrel. Prices continued to run in Asia overnight, topping \$126, representing a new high for the front-month Brent contract since the US and Israel launched the Iran war.

Iran (con't). Refinery outages in the Midwest drove a new high for May gasoline futures yesterday. Both products and crude are off session highs and red on the day after selling during Europe’s morning. As usual, we emphasize spot markets: those closed at \$123.37 yesterday. As shown below, the premium for spot markets over futures has closed dramatically as the market pushes out the expected length of the conflict. That’s helped drag futures closer to spot as futures fall *and* as they rise.

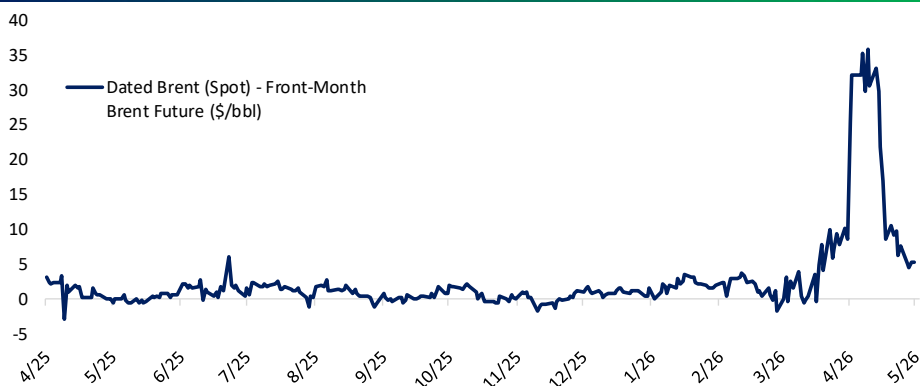
BCDB. After the close last night, Brazil’s central bank cut rates 25 bps to 14.50% as expected, marking the second cut of the easing cycle that started in March after 9 months of Selic at the 15.00% peak. While the decision was unanimous, reacceleration of headline and underlying CPI and “*signs of resilience*” in labor markets mean that “*future steps will have new information on the Middle East war*” and “*adjustments to the pace of calibration can be made*”. That suggests to us that COPOM will pause rates for some time and wait for more information, a common response from global central banks.

Yen. USDJPY is collapsing this morning after Japan’s Vice Minister for Finance (the official responsible for managing the yen) Atsushi Mimura made comments in Tokyo saying “*this is my final warning before action*” to intervene and support the value of the yen. Similar verbal interventions around the 160 level have triggered yen rallies in recent months, but this one was particularly extreme.

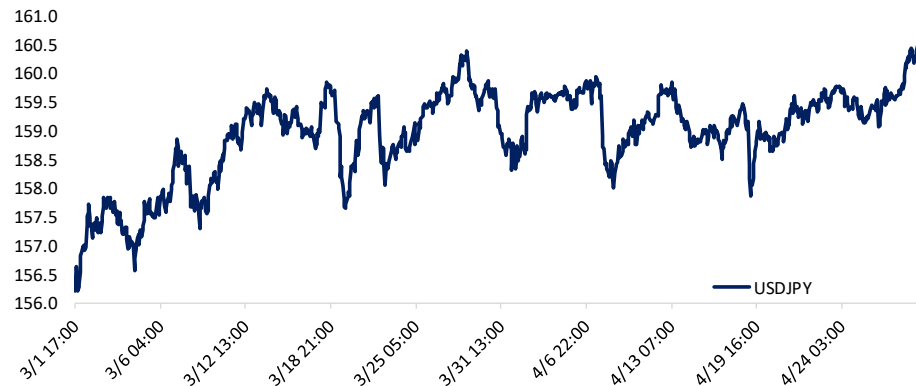
Front-Month Brent Futures: Past Year (\$/bbl)



Backwardation Has Plunged As Conflict Length Extends



Yen Surges On Jawboning From Japan MOF (Hourly)

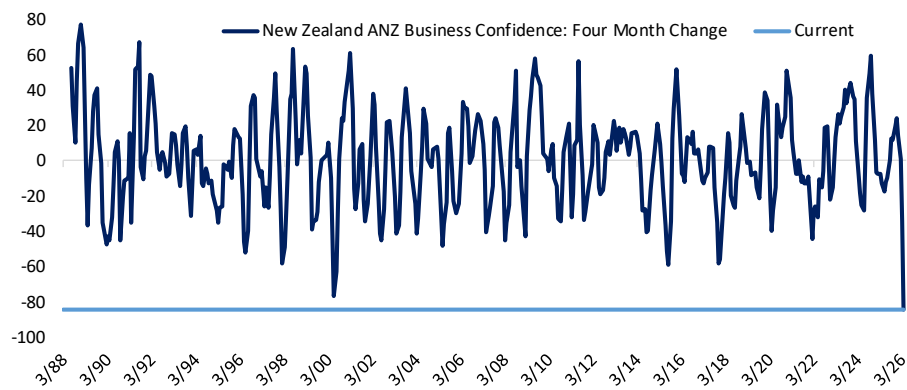




Yen (con't). Mimura noted “increasingly speculative” moves in the FX market and is “in close contact with the US around the clock”, suggesting coordinated intervention could take place. The yen selloff overnight also came with bear-steepening of the JGB curve as 40y yields rose 10.7 bps to 3.995% while Japanese equities fell 1%.

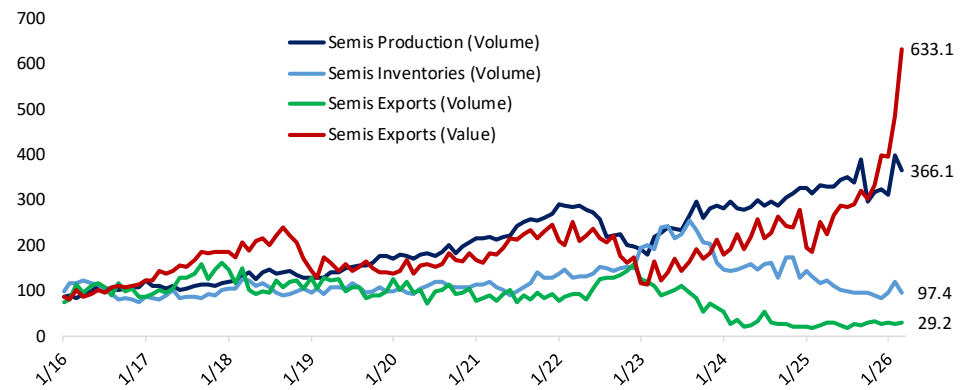
Kiwi Confidence. Overnight in Asia, ANZ released their monthly survey of businesses in New Zealand. Since the start of the Iran war that index has dropped by the second-most on record (topped only by the mid-2000s collapse), while the drop over the last four months is a record. This is a good example of how lagged effects on global growth from the closure of Hormuz are building with latency.

Record Collapse In Kiwi Confidence

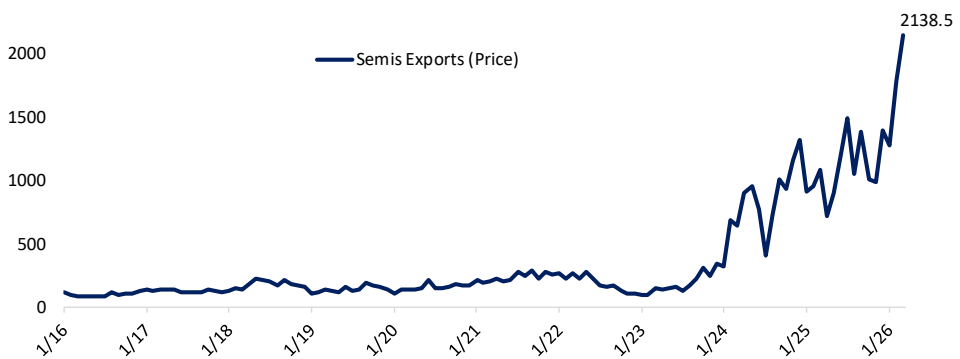


South Korea Industrial Production. March industrial output rose 0.3% MoM, less than expected. One reason for that is that while *nominal* sales of semiconductors have exploded, *real* production and exports hasn't moved as much. That's because of *massive* imputed inflation in export prices that are used to deflate nominal values into real volumes. That huge windfall of price is one with narrow economic benefits, not dissimilar from the oil price windfall in producers not impacted by the closure of Hormuz. On the other hand, the boom in AI spend like that reported by hyperscalers last night (discussed in *The Closer*, [link](#)) is boosting the South Korean economy: the cyclical component of their leading index based on IP and other data hit its highest levels since 2009 in March.

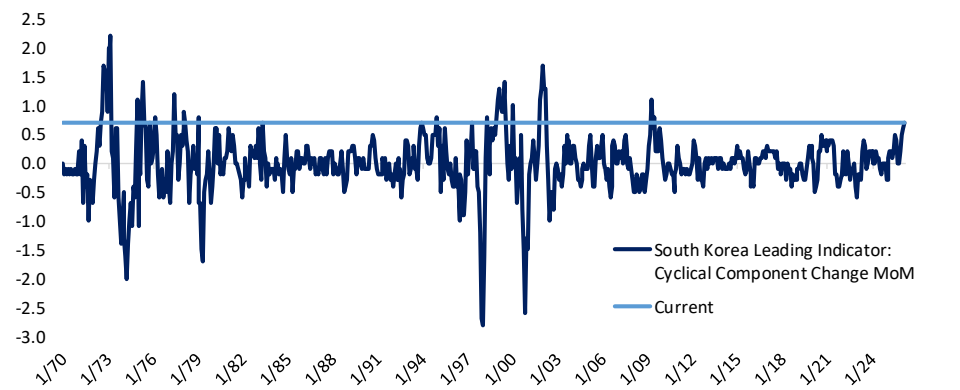
South Korea Semiconductors Production, Inventories, & Exports (2016 = 100)



Semis Exports (Price)



Cyclical Leading Indicators Accelerating At Fastest Pace Since 2009



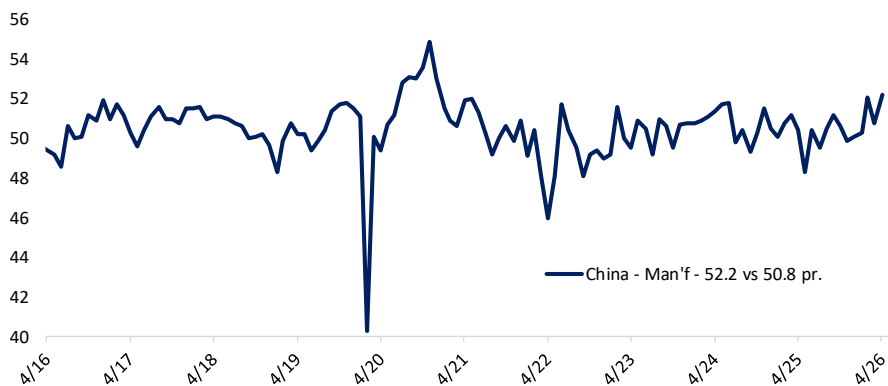


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China PMI. It wasn't all bad news in Asia data as Chinese manufacturing PMI from S&P Global accelerated to its highest level since December 2020. Output was the strongest in two years with orders at the second-highest level in five years, driven mostly by domestic demand as new export orders rose but underperformed. Input and output price indices both hit their highest level since 2022.

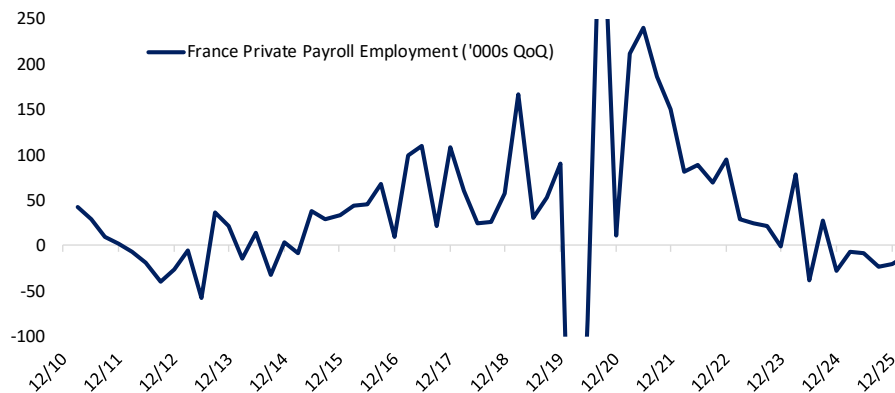
S&P Global Manufacturing PMI Accelerates In China



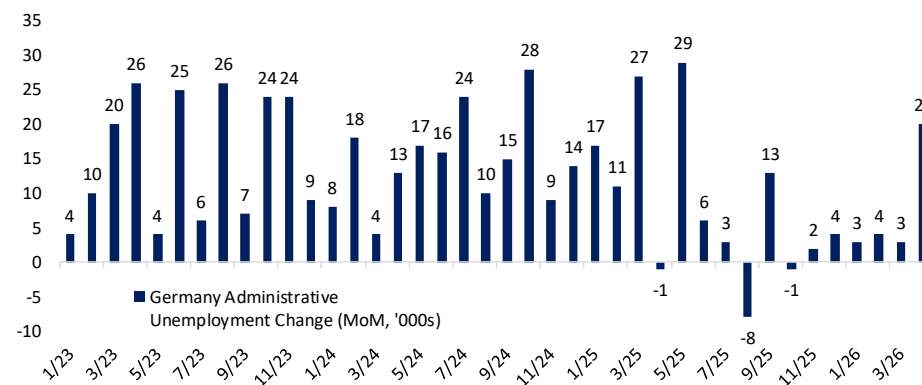
APAC Markets. The spike in oil prices drove Indonesia to a 2.0% loss which paced regional weakness on a night where there was little good news to be found; Singapore's Straits Times up 1.1% was the only material index advance. Taiwan and Korea both fell in the wake of US hyperscaler earnings which have seen a positive reaction for **Amazon (AMZN)** and **Google (GOOGL)** but declines for **Microsoft (MSFT)** and **Meta (META)** both after-hours and in pre-market US trading. Local FX broadly gained versus USD even aside from the yen move. Along with the bear-steepening in JGB yields, ACGB yields pushed higher by 5-7 bps across the curve with bias towards flattening.

Europe Data. French private sector payrolls fell modestly MoM for their sixth straight drop (taking them 0.5% below their peak) in Q1 preliminary data. German unemployment claims spiked with a net 20k increase in April, the highest in 11 months. That was coupled with weakness in German spending data as well, with real and nominal retail sales decelerating sharply over the course of the first quarter of 2026.

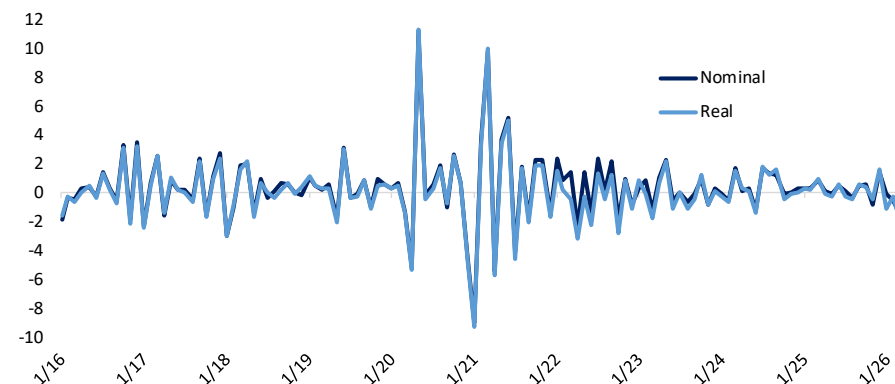
French Private Sector Jobs Fall For Sixth Straight Quarter, -0.5% From Peak



German Unemployment Spikes In April



German Consumer Spending Decelerates, And Not Just Because of Prices (MoM %)



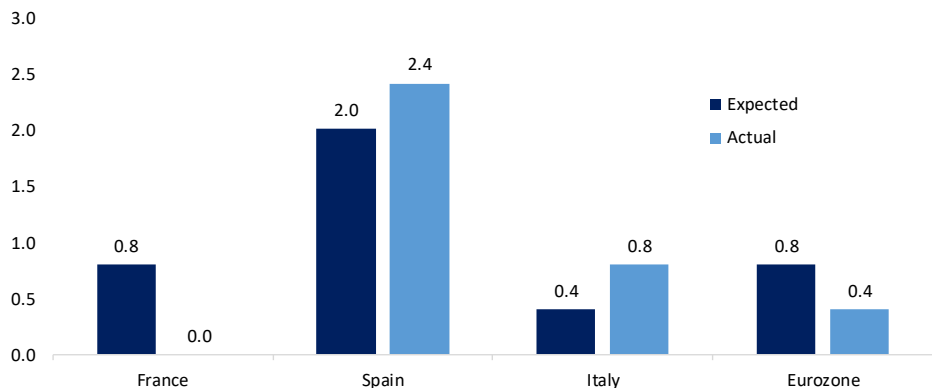


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Europe Data (con't). We also got preliminary Q1 GDP readings for a range of countries this morning. As shown below, while Spain and Italy beat and the Spanish leadership of European growth continues, Eurozone growth overall was weaker than expected. Preliminary HICP data for April was also released, with HICP rising to 3.0% as expected and core slightly slower, +2.2% YoY (in-line) versus +2.3% in March. That suggests that second-round effects from energy price inflation are so far limited.

European Growth Misses In Q1, Spain Continues To Outperform (QoQ SAAR)



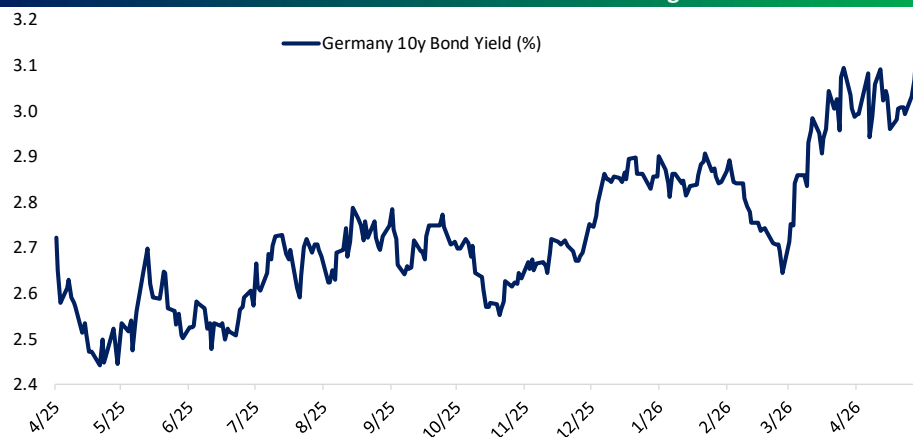
BoE. Those second-round effects loomed large for the BoE, though. While the MPC voted 8-1 to hold rates at 3.75% in their decision this morning, members are considering hikes with the lone dissent (from Chief Economist Huw Pill) favoring a hike. That was the first time an MPC member has voted for a hike this cycle. While they didn't move this time and rates are in a "reasonable place", the MPC "stands ready" to hike if needed, noting a "material" risk of those second-round effects on inflation that aren't yet visible in the data. The Fed, ECB, and BoC have all noted the lack of evidence *so far* for those second-round effects in the data though we wouldn't expect them to be immediately visible. The BoE also abandoned its single forecast in favor of a scenario-based forecast. Scenario A assumes energy prices follow the futures curve with no second-round effects. Scenario B is more adverse, with energy prices staying more elevated after six months and modest second-round effects. Scenario C assumes a much sharper rise and persistent and strong second-round effects.

BoE (con't). Scenarios A and B imply a modest 2-3 hikes under model-based forecasts published by the BoE, while Scenario C is much more adverse. Markets are taking the forecast as dovish relative to what was priced, with December meeting rate pricing falling 6 bps; OIS still price 2.7 hikes by then with 68% pricing of a June hike versus 85% yesterday. While GBPUSD is trading higher, EURGBP is little-changed, while front-end Gilt yields are outperforming a rally across the European and US markets that is tracking oil prices' decline off Asia trading hours highs.

ECB. The ECB also held rates as expected but noted "upside risks to inflation have intensified" while growth risks have also risen. Despite a surge in inflation expectations for consumers reported earlier this week, "longer-term inflation expectations remain well anchored". That spins the decision more dovish than expected, helping to push down yields across the Eurozone including a 9 bps drop in Germany's 2y yield. Prior to the meeting a rate hike by June was fully priced, now slightly less than fully priced, Markets still see 2.9 hikes this year.

Europe Markets. The bond rally off 52-week highs is helping push European stocks higher, with breadth 3:1 positive and the STOXX 600 up three-quarters of one percent. Six groups are up over 1% with Media the only group down over 1%.

Eurozone Yields Pull Back From 52w Highs





Asia Earnings. Last night in Japan, semiconductors capital equipment company **Tokyo Electron** (ADR **TOELY**) beat revenues by 4% and operating income by 14% in fiscal Q4 results. Management is waiting for next quarter to offer full year guidance but “*stronger CPU demand*” suggest first half operating income will be 6% higher than expected by analysts. *US ADRs are flat pre-market.*

Memory giant **Samsung Electronics** (no US listing) reported a 7% revenue beat and with adjusted operating margins almost 7%-pt higher than expected and an 11% adjusted EBIT beat; adjusted net beat by 24%. Management expects demand to remain strong in Q2 driven by server demand and agentic AI growth, driving sustained memory shortage. They also guided a “*substantial increase*” in capex this year as they try and raise output with a special emphasis on HBM4 memory volume production over the second half of the year. *Shares fell 2% in Seoul.*

Finally, we note Korean battery manufacturer **LG Energy Solution** (no US listing), which beat revenue by 10% but reported an operating loss almost 50% wider than expected. Management guided 15-20% sales growth this year (17% estimated) as they focus on energy storage. That includes expanding US energy storage production as they shift towards grid-scale batteries amidst weak EV sales (though they also expect the Iran war to drive a rebound in demand there).

Europe Earnings. Spanish lender **BBVA** (ADR **BBVA**) reported a 6% revenue beat on net interest income 4% higher than expected and a 33% trading revenue beat. Return on tangible common equity hit 21.7%, a new post-GFC record and well ahead of 19.7% estimated. While provisions were 9% higher than expected, the NPL ratio fell; cost of risk was driven by Argentina retail banking exposure. *Shares are +1% in Madrid.*

French lender **Societe Generale** (ADR **SCGLY**) missed revenues on investment banking weakness, but pretax net beat by 4% while guiding full year costs down 3%. Loan loss provisions and the NPL ratio were stronger than expected but loan growth missed. FIC sales and trading revenues fell 18% YoY and missed badly. *Shares are -4% in Paris.*

Europe Earnings (con’t). Another large French bank, **BNP Paribas** (ADR **BNPQY**), reported a 2% revenue beat and pre-tax net 7% higher than expected. Return on tangible equity was 12%, above the 11% estimate, and management forecasted further improvement in that metric to 12%+ this year. Provisions were higher than expected but were driven by “*macro uncertainty*”. *Shares are -4% in Paris.*

Commodities trading giant **Glencore** (ADR **GLNCY**) announced Q1 production numbers that were weaker than expected, including misses for copper, cobalt, zinc, lead, nickel, gold, and silver. Despite that weakness, guidance for output was unchanged across a range of products and full year EBIT will be “*comfortably above the top end*” of prior guidance given robust trading profits in the first quarter thanks to the Iran war. *Shares are +2% in London.*

Auto OEM **Stellantis** (ADR **STLA**) reported a 1% revenue miss and adjusted net profits roughly as large as the loss expected. That said, the beat was driven by a one-time gain from tariff refunds. The key North America segment saw revenues rise 11% YoY but that was driven by price cuts and a margin hit that could weigh on results going forward. That said, management reiterated guidance for the year and expect improvement in their key market to continue. *Shares are -6% in Milan.*

CPG name **Unilever** (ADR **UL**) reported organic revenue growth +3.8% YoY versus +3.7% estimated. As we have repeatedly seen from other CPG names this season, that beat was driven by weaker price realization (+0.9% YoY versus +1.8% expected) but stronger volumes (+2.9% YoY versus +1.8% expected) as consumers cheered less inflation. Management sees “*at least 2%*” organic volume growth this year. In terms of segments, the beat was relatively narrow with Home Care the only segment to beat organic revenue growth estimates. *Shares are +2% in London.*

US Earnings. Industrial equipment conglomerate **Caterpillar** (**CAT**) offered a comprehensive beat with adjusted EPS 20% higher than expected, revenues beating by 7%, and an order backlog 3% higher than expected. The beat was *not* driven by the Power & Energy segment.



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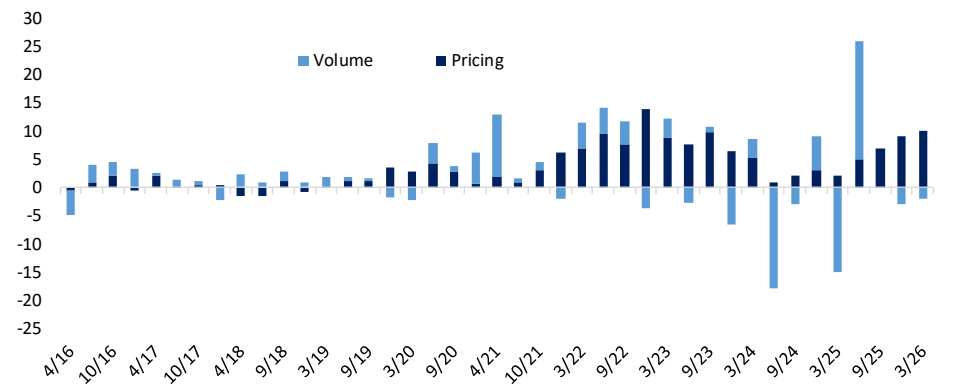
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US Earnings (con't). That business has benefitted from huge demand for on-site power for data centers. It saw 22% YoY organic growth, but that was weaker than the 23% estimated. Construction equipment was the true star with revenues +38% YoY organic (+22% estimated). Resource segment growth was weaker at +4% (+11% estimated). Management guided a \$300mm savings on tariff costs versus the prior forecast in January and noted "resilient end markets". *Shares are +5% pre-market.*

GLP-1 fueled pharma name **Eli Lilly (LLY)** reported a 25% adjusted EPS beat on revenues 11% higher than expected driven by a remarkable 20% beat for Mounjaro (tirzepatide for diabetes management). Full year revenue guidance was raised 2% at the midpoint as management is confident on the oral GLP-1 pipeline. *Shares are +8% pre-market.*

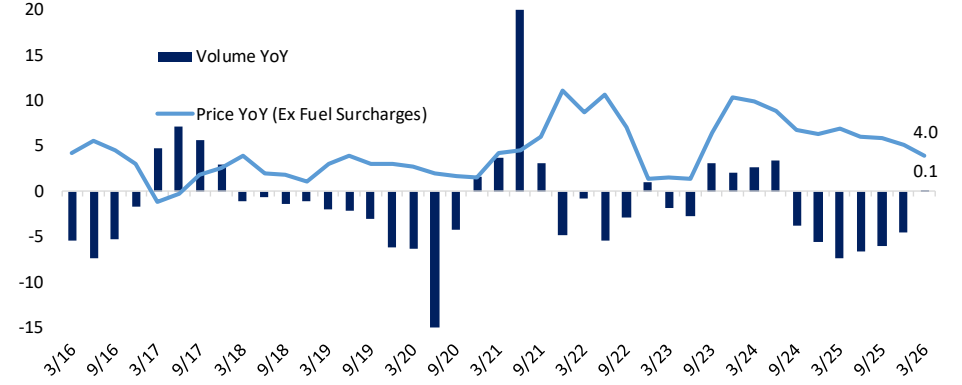
Confectionary giant **Hershey (HSY)** beat EPS by 15% on revenues 3% higher than expected. The core North America confectionary segment saw 8.0% organic growth (6.4% expected) while International sales rose 9.3% organic versus 1.1% estimated. North America Salty Snacks missed, +5.6% YoY organic versus +7.3% estimated. As shown below, growth is being driven by pricing with volumes still down YoY in Q1. Both North American Confectionary and International segment prices rose 12% YoY, while North American salty snacks volumes were up 5% on flat prices (price versus volume showing up again!). Management reiterated guidance for 30%-35% adjusted EPS growth *Shares are flat pre-market.*

Hershey (HSY): YoY Growth Drivers (%)



US Earnings (con't). Trucking firm **XPO (XPO)** reported a 14% adjusted EPS beat on revenues 3% higher than expected. Volumes were up slightly YoY, the first such advance in over a year, as prices continued to slide despite evidence of a tightening trucking market. *Shares are flat pre-market.*

XPO Inc (XPO): Volume Declines Over As Prices Slide



Cooling equipment manufacturer **Carrier (CARR)** reported a 6% revenue beat and adjusted EPS 12% higher than expected as the North American segment reported a 3% YoY organic sales decline versus -10% expected. Management noted commercial HVAC orders were +35% YoY in Q1 with data center orders up "over 500%" versus the prior year in the quarter. Overall organic sales growth was -1% YoY versus -6% estimated. *Shares are +4% pre-market.*

Mastercard (MA) reported a 5% adjusted EPS beat and 2% revenue beat as network spending volumes were 8% higher than expected. Management pushed guidance for revenue growth to the high end of the prior range as consumer spending remained strong, in-line with reports from other payments names like **Visa (V)** and **American Express (AXP)**. *Shares are +1% pre-market.*

Finally, we note hospital chain **Tenet (THC)** reported a 17% adjusted EPS beat on revenues slightly weaker than expected while reiterating full year guide. Hospitals are one potential loser from the drop in medical loss ratios reported by health insurers this quarter. *Shares are -1% pre-market.*