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# Danske Daily

## Market Movers

- A very light international agenda today. We will keep an eye on Fed's Mester (voter, hawkish) and Fed's Williams (non-voter, neutral) who are both scheduled to speak today.
- In the UK focus will be on the PMI release and whether or not the Brexit uncertainty
  has affected the outlook. Note though, that the weaker GBP should work in the other
  direction.
- In Scandinavia attention turns to Danish FX reserve data and Swedish industrial production and order data, see Scandi Markets.

# Selected Market News

This morning the Chinese Caixin PMI fell to 49.4 slightly below the consensus forecast at 49.8 and down from 49.7 in March. Readings below 50 signal deteriorating conditions. The non-official measure comes after the official PMI on Sunday painted a somewhat better picture for the Chinese economy. Nevertheless, it underlines that despite the ongoing stimuli from the Chinese authorities the Chinese economy is still struggling.

In the US session focus was on the ISM indicator that dropped to 50.8 in April from 51.8 in March. The lower headline number came on the back of the relatively steep decline in new orders to 55.8 from 58.3 in the previous month. Our US economists believe that ISM manufacturing will continue to stay subdued, only slightly above 50 in the coming months, but will recover in 3-6M ahead. Some of the weakness in the US manufacturing sector is the result of the sharp decline in oil investments on which manufacturing has become increasingly dependent. The fall in oil investments is a 'one off' that is now at a 16-year low and with oil now close to USD50 investments should stabilise. The weaker USD and stabilisation in China are also set to support US manufacturing.

The bond market took its lead from the IS 'prices paid' that increased sharply from 51.5 in March to 59.0 in April among other things reflecting the higher commodity prices. Remember, the measure was just 38.5 in February. 10Y Treasure yields rose some 5bp and the curve 2Y10Y steepened 3bp. Next important focal point for the US bond market is the labour market report on Friday.

In the FX market focus continues to be on USD/JPY that traded as low as 106.05 this morning. The JPY-support comes after BoJ did not ease monetary policy further last week but it also reflects general USD-weakness in the aftermath of the ISM indicator, as seen from EUR/USD at 1.1540 - the highest level since August 2015.

Market overview									
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S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (ching from cld Nikkei Hang Seng	S&P500 fut (chng from close) Nikkei								
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp					
US 2y gov US 10y gov iTraxx Europe (IG) iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	0.80 1.86 73 312	0.79 1.87 74 313	<b>+</b>	-0.8 1.2 0.3 1.4					
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.151 106.560 1.10 0.784 9.186 9.24	1.153 105.970 1.10 0.786 9.189 9.26	^ <b>\</b>	+/-, % 0.21 -0.55 0.17 0.23 0.03 0.18					
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD	46.6 1294.2	46.2 1293.3	<b>4</b>	USD -0.90 -0.06					

#### Note:

- \* The iTraxx Europe Index shows the spread development for the most liquid investment grade CDS contracts in the euro credit market.
- \*\*The iTraxx Europe Crossover show the spread development of the most liquid non-investment grade CDS contracts in the euro credit market.
- \*\*\*The Markit CDX North America Investment Grade Index shows the spread development for the most liquid investment grade CDS contracts in the US credit

Source: Bloomberg

#### Selected readings from Danske Bank

- IMM Positioning Update
- US: Signs of more tailwind despite fall in ISM manufacturing in April

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# Scandi Markets

Danmarks Nationalbank (DN) will publish currency reserves data for April today. March was the first month in a year that the central bank did not intervene in the currency market to support the DKK. In April EUR/DKK traded 'well' below the central parity rate, which could indicate purchase of foreign currency (selling DKK) to weaken the DKK. However, when we compare the estimated and the actual net position for banks, there was a slight discrepancy here at the end of April of around DKK3bn, which points to only modest or no FX purchases (sale of DKK) at all by DN in the market.

In **Sweden** focus will be on industrial data, both production and new orders. Yesterday we saw a general improvement in the euro zone PMIs and the Swedish PMI rose to 54.0 in April from 53.0 in March. Hence, today's numbers might surprise on the upside.

# Fixed Income Markets

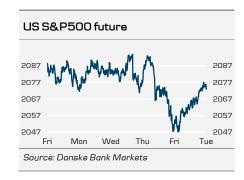
We had a very calm start to the week but with the UK back in the game today activity should pick up. Top performer yesterday was Portugal on the back of the DBRS verdict Friday. In term of data there is little to trade on today and no scheduled EUR govie primary market activity. Instead take a look at the surprisingly interesting QE details released yesterday. The step up in QE to 80bn per month was further boosted by presummer frontloading bringing total QE purchases to 85.2bn in April. The increase was entirely done through higher PSPP purchases, which in April amounted to 92% (versus 84% previously). Monthly purchases in both the CBPP3 and ABSPP actually decreased in April. PSPP purchases were lifted 48% in April compared to the Q1 average. For all the larger countries the April figure was actually more than 50% higher than the Q1 average. However, that was not the case for Portugal and Ireland where April purchases were only lifted by 16% and 35%, respectively. For Portugal that means that purchases amounted to only 2.0% (of PSPP ex supras) versus a capital key share of 2.6%, see note for details, see *QE Details: Step up and front loading - all going to the PSPP in April*, 3 May 2016.

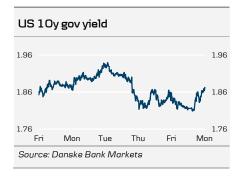
# **FX Markets**

This morning, the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) cut the policy rate 25bp to 1.75%. In the statement, the RBA goes through the various factors rationalising the rate cut. The comments on a too strong AUD complicating the economic adjustments were unchanged. It appears that the very low inflation print late last week has been the trigger for the cut. The economic prospects suggest that the RBA could cut again at a later stage in 2016 – especially given the lagged AUD headwinds looming where a cut in Q4 is possible. AUD/USD has fallen sharply on the announcement but given that the cut was only 50% priced we see further downside near term.

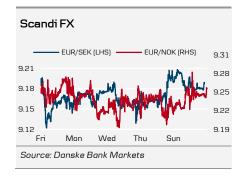
EUR/USD broke through the top end of the 1.05-1.15 range, which has been holding since August 2015 where a clean break of the 1.15-1.16 area would open the door for further gains. ECB's nominal effective euro is around 1ppt below the peak reached during the market turmoil in mid-February suggesting that the EUR/USD could strengthen a bit further near term. Fundamentally, EUR/USD is supported by valuations and current account differentials but we think that relative rates will cap EUR/USD strength. Note that the euro zone April core CPI was revised lower to 0.7% y/y, which should worry the ECB and it may lower its inflation forecasts at the next meeting in June. ECB's Coeure is due to speak today.

In recent weeks, EUR/GBP has come off sharply as the Brexit risk premium has been reduced. However, we note that recent polls have been more mixed, which should cap











GBP strength. We estimate that the Brexit risk premium is now only 3.5% in EUR/GBP falling from 5.8% in early April. Note that we have the mayoral and regional elections on Thursday. With that out of the way, the campaign for the EU referendum may gain further traction.

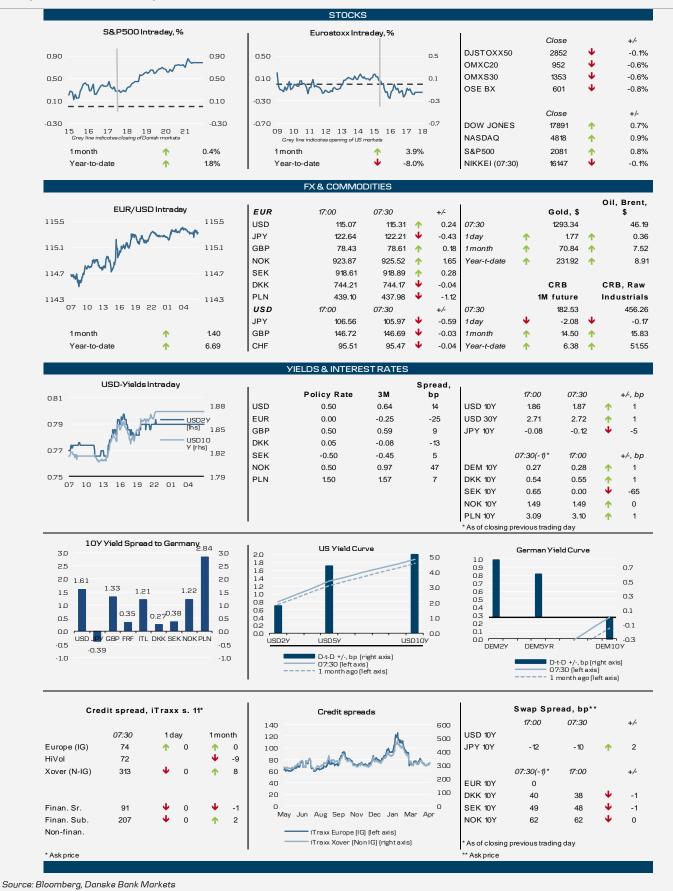
# Key figures and events

Tuesday,	May 3,	2016		Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous	
-	USD	Total vechicle sales	m	Apr		17.3	16.46	
3:45	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	Index	Apr		49.8	49.7	
6:30	AUD	Reserve Bank of Australia rate decision	%		2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	
9:30	SEK	Industrial production s.a.	m/m y/y	Mar			0.1% 3.8%	
9:30	SEK	Service production	m/m y/y	Mar			-0.5% -0.2%	
9:30	SEK	Industrial orders	m/m y/y	Mar			-3.1% 2.0%	
10:30	GBP	PMI manufacturing	Index	Apr	51.0	51.2	51.0	
11:00	EUR	PPI	m/m y/y	Mar		-4.6% -0.1%	-4.2% -0.7%	
16:00	DKK	Currency reserves	DKK bn	Apr			412.4	
16:30	USD	Fed's Mester (voter, hawkish) speaks						
17:30	EUR	EU-Japan summit						
20:00	USD	Fed's Williams (non-voter, neutral) speaks						

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## Today's market data: 03 May 2016





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