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Market Movers

- In the euro area the ZEW, IFO and PMI business surveys for March will attract attention after all three figures declined in January and February, with the financial uncertainty having a negative spill-over effect on economic sentiment. We expect the improved financial risk sentiment to result in a stabilisation but not a strong rebound in the three figures. The biggest increase should be seen in the financial ZEW expectations, whereas the economic survey indicators (PMI manufacturing and IFO expectations) are still faced with headwinds from weakness in global manufacturing, the stronger effective EUR and Brexit risks. On the other hand, the low oil price supports private consumption and hence the domestic-driven PMI services.
- In the US will see the release of the Markit PMI. After better regional indicators the
 US PMI is expected to rebound from 51.3 in February to 51.9 in March. The
 Richmond Fed Manufacturing index is also expected to rebound. We keep an eye on
 Fed's Evans when he speaks tonight after the somewhat hawkish comments from
 Lockhart and Williams yesterday. He is known to be dovish and he is a non-voting
 member of the FOMC.

Selected Market News

In the US Treasury market comments from Fed's Williams and Lockhart pushed up yields. Both said that the FOMC may raise rates as soon as its 26-27 April meeting. That is way earlier than priced in the market and also much earlier than the Fed's 'dots' predict and suddenly a June hike seems like a fair comprise for the FOMC.

The Fed funds futures market indicates a 10% chance that the Fed will raise rates by April and an around 40% probability of an increase by June. We look for a September hike. See in that respect our *Yield Forecast Update* that we published yesterday. We doubt that the comments from Williams and Lockhart are shared by the FOMC majority including Yellen.

The somewhat hawkish Fed comments come as inflation expectations over the past month have moved higher in the US. 10Y break-even rates have gone up by more than 45bp since mid February and at 1.66% are at the highest level since August 2016 – but still low in a historical context. Note also that Fed's Lacker said that he is 'reasonably confident that, barring subsequent shocks, inflation will move back to the FOMC's 2 percent objective over the medium term'. He added 'Inflation has been held down recently by two factors, the falling price of oil and the rising value of the dollar. But neither factor is likely to depress inflation indefinitely. After the price of oil bottoms out, I would expect to see headline inflation move significantly higher'.

There was little action in the US stock market yesterday and the hawkish Fed comments did not spoil the sentiment. M&A activity also supported sentiment. The positive sentiment has been carried over to Asia, where especially Nikkei is performing supported by a weaker JPY.

Market overview									
		07:30	1 day +/-,%						
S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (ching from close) Nikkei Hang Seng		2051.6 2039.0 17025.1 20676.0	† • • •	0.10 -0.18 1.80 -0.04					
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp					
US 2y gov US 10y gov	0.86 1.90	0.87 1.92	↑	1.2 1.8					
iTraxx Europe (IG) iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	71 294	71 296	↑	0.3 1.5					
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.125 111.640 1.09 0.782 9.252 9.46	1.126 112.130 1.09 0.782 9.258 9.46	^	+/-, % 0.05 0.44 0.09 0.06 0.06 -0.01					
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD	41.4 1246.3	41.7 1246.8	↑	USD 0.80 0.04					

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 market.

Source: Bloomberg

Selected readings from Danske Bank

- Yield Forecast Update
- Swedish wage negotiations

Research Finland: Slow growth to continue

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Scandi Markets

No key data releases today.

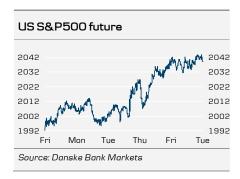
Fixed Income Markets

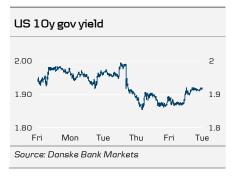
Yesterday comments from Fed's Williams and Lockhart pushed up US Treasury yields. Both said that the FOMC may raise rates as soon as its 26-27 April meeting. The hawkish Fed comments come as inflation expectations has once again started to move higher, especially in the US. 10Y Break-even rates have gone up by more than 45bp since mid February and at 1.66% are at the highest level since August 2016, see *graph*. One reason is the higher oil price but it might also reflect that the market is actually starting to believe that the Fed will do 'whatever it takes' to bring up inflation and inflation expectations. A better Markit PMI and/or Richmond Fed today could add to the upside for US yields.

Today, the Netherlands will sell EUR4-6bn of the new Jul-26 10Y benchmark with a 0.5% coupon. Yesterday the DSTA said that the preliminary initial spread guidance vis-àvis the reference bond (DBR 0.5% Feb-26) was set at +22 to +25 basis points. The DSTA reserves the right to adjust the spread guidance before opening the book if market circumstances change. We expect to see good demand at this indicative spread given that the NETHER JUL-25 trades with a spread of approx. 9bp against the same Bund.

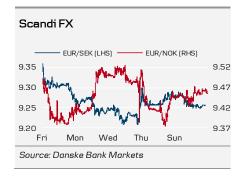
FX Markets

GBP was the main loser in the G10 sphere yesterday after the CBI published a report on the negative consequences of a possible Brexit and as the split within the Conservative party regarding the issue flared up once again. Today's euro figures could be instrumental in deciding whether the positive EUR sentiment will be sustained: we look for decent figures across the PMI, IFO and ZEW surveys which should help keep EUR/USD afloat. That said, USD crosses in general look somewhat oversold suggesting there might be room for some USD strength near term if the upbeat data flow continues – not least after positioning data revealed another drop in USD longs ahead of the Fed meeting last week. In the Scandi sphere. SEK attention is on the outcome of the Swedish wage negotiations with the 31 March deadline approaching fast; we look for a disappointing outcome from a Riksbank point of view, which could put more pressure on the central bank at a time when the board has signalled an increasing willingness to tolerate SEK strength. We continue to see EUR/SEK trapped in the 9.10-9.50 interval for now.











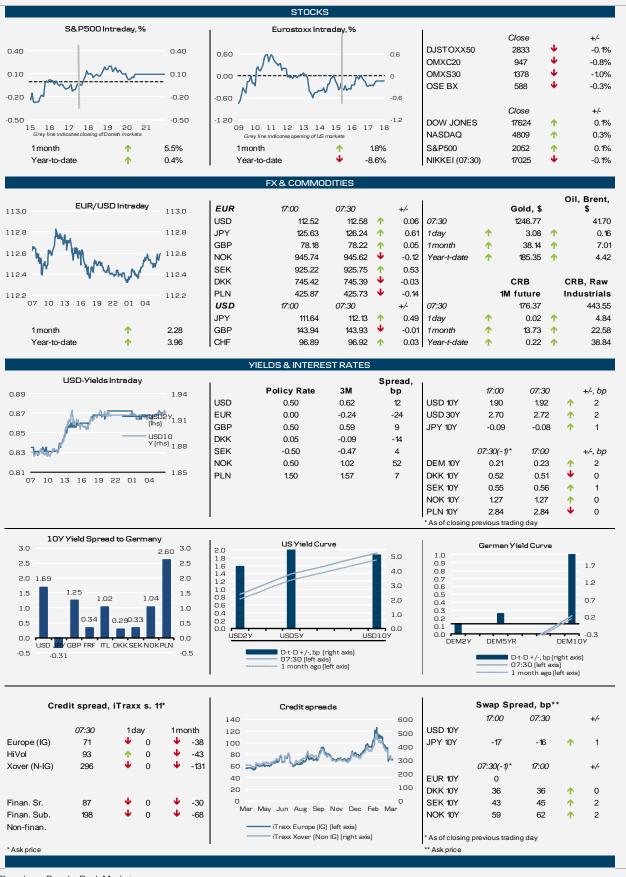
Key figures and events

Tuesday,	March	22, 2016		Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
5:30	JPY	All industry activity index	m/m	Jan		1.9%	-0.9%
8:00	CHF	Trade balance	CHF bn	Feb			3.51
9:00	DKK	Retailsales	m/m y/y	Feb			0.5% 0.3%
9:00	FRF	PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Mar	50.4	50.2	50.2
9:00	FRF	PMI services, preliminary	Index	Mar	49.5	49.5	49.2
9:30	DEM	PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Mar	50.8	50.8	50.5
9:30	DEM	PMI services, preliminary	Index	Mar	55.5	55.0	55.3
10:00	EUR	PMI manufacturing, preliminary	Index	Mar	51.6	51.4	51.2
10:00	EUR	PMI composite, preliminary	Index	Mar		53.0	53.0
10:00	EUR	PMI services, preliminary	Index	Mar	53.6	53.3	53.3
10:00	DEM	IFO - business climate	Index	Mar	106.0	106.0	105.7
10:00	DEM	IFO - current assessment	Index	Mar	112.9	112.5	112.9
10:00	DEM	IFO-expectations	Index	Mar	99.5	99.5	98.8
10:30	GBP	PPI - input	m/m y/y	Feb		0.4% -7.5%	-0.7% -7.6%
10:30	GBP	PPI - output	m/m y/y	Feb		0.0% -1.2%	-0.1% -1.0%
10:30	GBP	CPI	m/m y/y	Feb	0.4% 0.4%		-0.8% 0.3%
10:30	GBP	CPI core	y/y	Feb		1.2%	1.2%
11:00	DEM	ZEW current situation	Index	Mar	54.0	53.0	52.3
11:00	DEM	ZEW expectations	Index	Mar	6.0	6.2	1.0
14:00	HUF	Central Bank of Hungary rate decision	%		1.35%	1.35%	1.35%
14:00	USD	FHFA house price index	m/m	Jan		0.5%	0.4%
14:45	USD	Markit manufacturing PMI, preliminary	Index	Mar		51.5	51.3
18:30	USD	Fed's Evans (non-voter, dovish) speaks					

Source: Bloomberg, Danske Bank Markets



Today's market data: 22 March 2016



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