Investment Research - General Market Conditions

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# **Danske Daily**

## Market Movers

- We estimate non-farm payrolls increased 220,000 in March, slightly above the current consensus of 210,000. Job growth is mainly driven by private service payrolls, which we estimate increased 180,000 in March down from a high of 245,000 in February. Signals for the labour market have been mixed lately. Jobless claims data continue to look solid, with initial claims back at cycle lows. On the other hand, the ISM non-manufacturing index declined (though marginally) for the fourth consecutive month to 53.4 in February and the employment sub-index declined to 49.7, raising downside risks to employment growth in the service sector. We estimate the unemployment rate was unchanged at 4.9 % in March.
- In the US, one should also keep an eye on the ISM manufacturing index in March. As
  the regional indices were strong on a broad scale in March, we see this as a sign that
  the manufacturing sector has rebounded and estimate ISM manufacturing increased to
  50.9 in March from 49.5 in February.
- In Scandi markets, the focus today will be on the release of the manufacturing PMIs
  in Norway and Sweden as well as the release of the credit indicator in Norway. Also,
  the Swedish market will digest the wage deal agreed late yesterday.

## Selected Market News

In Asia, activity in the Chinese manufacturing sector looks to be improving. Both the official NBS manufacturing PMI and the private Caixin manufacturing PMI rose in March to 50.2 and 49.7 respectively – the highest levels recorded since November 2014 and February 2015. In addition, the official non-manufacturing PMI rose to 53.8. It suggests that the Chinese economy is benefitting from recent monetary easing from, e.g. ECB and BoJ, as well as internal stimulus from PBoC. In Japan, on the other hand, businesses are turning less confident. The Tankan index of confidence among Japan's largest manufacturers dropped to 6 in March from 12 in December – the lowest level since mid-2013. This will put pressure on BoJ to ease monetary policy further, which likely includes cutting the key policy rate further into negative territory.

Yesterday, 600,000 Swedish employees agreed to a deal that will see their wages increase 2.2-2.3% over the next year. The deal is in line with the expiring agreements but substantially below the initial wage claims from the industry at 2.8%. In addition, note that the deal only runs for one year and only involves around 600,000 employees, substantially below the three-year planned agreements and the 1.3m that were supposed to be involved. More details are likely to be released in coming days. The preliminary news supports our view that the Riksbank has been too optimistic in its expectations for wage increases where it had hoped for 3.5% annual increases. The news supports our view that Swedish inflation will continue to undershoot the Riksbank's CPIF forecasts implying that the central bank is likely to maintain a dovish stance by extending QE at the April meeting.

Market overview												
		07:30	1 da	ay +/-,%								
S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (chng from cl Nikkei Hang Seng	ose)	2059.7 2047.1 16175.3 20501.6	<b>+ + +</b>	-0.20 -0.21 -3.48 -1.32								
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp								
US 2y gov US 10y gov iTraxx Europe (IG) iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	0.75 1.81 73 304	0.74 1.79 73 305	<b>+ + +</b>	-0.9 -1.6 0.5 0.5								
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.139 112.460 1.09 0.792 9.236 9.42	1.138 112.170 1.09 0.794 9.242 9.42	<b>↓ ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓</b>	+/-, % -0.08 -0.26 0.10 0.15 0.07 -0.06								
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD	39.7 1233.9	39.8 1231.2	<b>↑</b>	USD 0.33 -0.22								

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

China: A turn in construction to be a game changer

No quick fix for US potential GDP growth

US Labour Market Monitor

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# Fixed Income Markets

The global fixed income market will be focusing on the ISM and the US labour market report today. Despite signs that both reports will be relatively healthy with ISM expected to crawl back above 50 and non-farm to stay around 200k treasuries continue to rally this week supported by the dovish Fed stance.

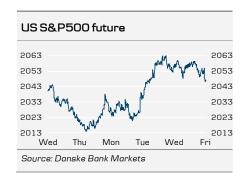
In the EGB market focus is on the ECB QE programme, where the monthly purchases are set to rise from EUR60bn to EUR80bn in April. The corporate bond purchases are not planned to start before 'towards the end of Q2'. Hence, the monthly purchase under the PSPP programme will rise from around EUR50bn to EUR70bn in April – a 40% rise. In Germany alone we estimate that the government bond purchases will go from EUR22bn in Q1 to around EUR28bn in Q2, slowing down to around EUR25bn in Q3 and Q4 as corporate QE starts. In addition, the net cash flow for April is very positive with redemptions and coupons of some EUR144bn and an estimated issuance of 55-60bn. Hence, the positive net cash flow could be around EUR85-90bn. In Germany alone the net cash flow is positive by an estimated EUR25bn in April. All in all, some strong supportive flows for EGBs in April adding fuel to the current positive fixed income sentiment. In respect of rating events focus turns to Spain that is up for review by S&P (BBB+ and stable outlook). Yesterday, Spain's budget minister said that the budget deficit would be 5.2% in 2015. The news came after acting Prime Minister Rajoy said last month that the deficit would be 'just' 4.5%. The budget news coupled with the focus on Catalonia and the unclear political situation means that a change to negative outlook by S&P this afternoon is very likely. There is no bond issuance in the EGB market today.

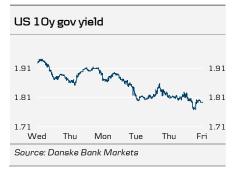
# **FX Markets**

Going into a day packed with important US data releases the USD remains under pressure. Yesterday EUR/USD broke through the 1.14 barrier for the first time since October last year. The move is very notable amid solid US data and shows that even a strong non-farm and/or ISM manufacturing release today is unlikely to trigger a sustained USD rally as previously seen. In our view the move higher in EUR/USD illustrates that the cross is increasingly giving into fading policy divergence in terms of ECB versus Fed; partly a result of the Fed now to a much larger extent internalising external developments into its reaction function. Having said this, we still stress that time is not yet ripe for a move towards the 1.18 level at which we project the cross in 12M: (i) our short-term models suggest USD crosses are in general oversold, (ii) USD positioning is now close to neutral (i.e. some scope for longs to be added again), (iii) clearly room for more hikes to be priced on Fed. Also, EUR/USD seems to have gone somewhat ahead of the drop in EU inflation expectations, which could fuel ECB easing expectations yet again. In sum we maintain our view that EUR/USD will remain range bound in the short term, albeit in a little higher range than anticipated some weeks ago.

In Sweden, yesterday's wage negotiations deal underlines that the Riksbank has been too optimistic on its expectations for wage increases where it had hoped for 3.5% annual increases. The news supports our view that Swedish inflation will continue to undershoot the Riksbank's CPIF forecasts implying that the central bank is likely to maintain a dovish stance by extending QE at the April meeting. EUR/SEK remains in a 9.10-9.50 range and the short end of the SEK curve is too steep, in our view.

EUR/DKK continued to inch lower yesterday and approached the 7.4500 mark. DKK has gained support from 30bp of accumulated tightening of the policy rate spread to ECB since December and low liquidity in the money market. Notably, the carry on shorter-dated FX forwards has turned positive. We forecast EUR/DKK at 7.4490 on 3-12M.









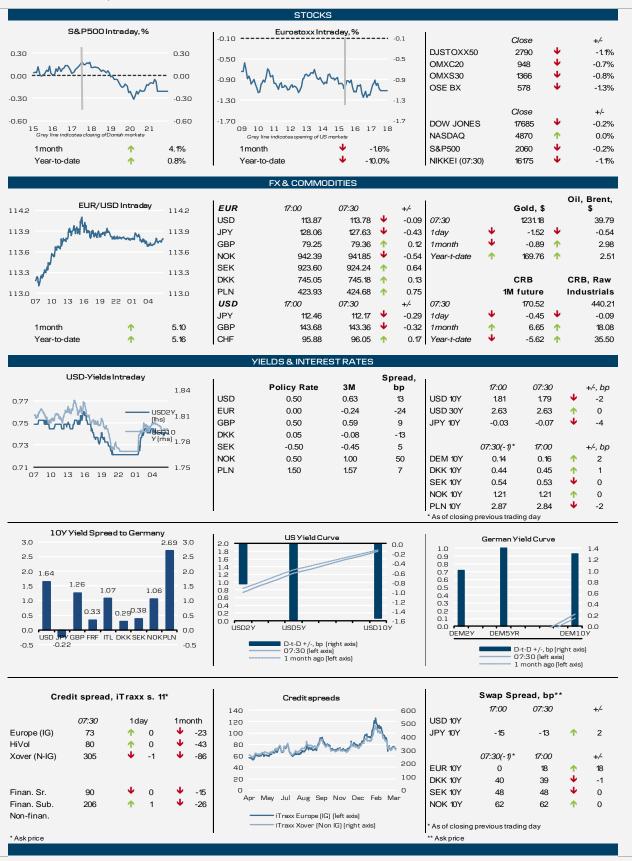


# Key figures and events

riday, A	pril 1, 2	2016		Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
-	EUR	Fitch may publish Germany's debt rating					
-	EUR	S&P may publish Spain's debt rating					
-	USD	Total vechicle sales	m	Mar			17.43
1:50	JPY	Tankan large manufacturers index (outlook)	Index	1st quarter			12.0 7.0
1:50	JPY	Tankan large non-manufacturers index (outlook)	Index	1st quarter			25.0 18.0
3:00	CNY	PMI manufacturing	Index	Mar	49.2		49.0
3:00	CNY	PMI non-manufacturing	Index	Mar			52.7
3:45	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	Index	Mar	48.2		48.0
8:30	SEK	PMI manufacturing	Index	Mar			51.7
9:00	NOK	PMI manufacturing	Index	Mar			48.4
9:15	CHF	Retail sales	y/y	Feb			0.2%
9:15	ESP	PMI manufacturing	Index	Mar	54.0		54.1
9:30	CHF	PMI manufacturing	Index	Mar			51.6
9:45	ITL	PMI manufacturing	Index	Mar	52.5		52.2
10:00	NOK	Credit indicator (C2)	y/y	Feb			5.3%
10:30	GBP	PMI manufacturing	Index	Mar			50.8
11:00	EUR	Unemployment	%	Feb	10.3%		10.3%
14:30	USD	Non farm payrolls	1000	Mar			242
14:30	USD	Average hourly earnings, non-farm	m/m y/y	Mar			-0.1% 2.2%
14:30	USD	Unemployment	%	Mar			4.9%
14:30	USD	Manufacturing payrolls	1000	Mar			-16
14:30	USD	Private payrolls	1000	Mar			230
14:30	USD	Average weekly hours	Hours	Mar			34.4
16:00	USD	University of Michigan Confidence, final	Index	Mar			
16:00	USD	Construction spending	m/m	Feb			1.5%
16:00	USD	ISM manufacturing	Index	Mar			49.5
16:00	USD	ISM prices paid	Index	Mar			38.5



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