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Daily Market Highlights

10 Mar: Sharp reversal in oil after hitting \$119/barrel

Oil prices eased below \$100 after Trump hints that the conflict will end soon

Stunning reversal saw risk appetite returning; US stocks reclaimed losses

Dollar weakened; UST yields lower; market expects 1.5 Fed cuts this year

- After investors sold off stocks across Europe (Stoxx 600: -0.6% d/d) and Asia (Nikkei 225: -5.2% d/d, CSI 300: -1.0% d/d, Hang Seng: -1.4% d/d), US stocks made a comeback on Monday after President Trump said that the war against Iran could be nearing the end. The 3 major US stock benchmark indices closed the day up between 0.5-1.4% d/d, with tech stocks leading gains within the broader market, while financial and energy stocks lagged, the latter tracking crude oil prices.
- Crude oil hit their intraday highs of more than \$119/barrel for the first time since 2022, but retreated following Trump's comment and closed the day just 4.3-6.8% d/d higher at \$94.77/barrel for the WTI and \$98.96/barrel for Brent. Gold also slid 1.1% d/d to close the day at \$5,104/oz on easing haven bid.
- In the bond space, Treasury yields fell 2-5bps across the curve with oil reversing earlier spikes and the benchmark 2Y yield closed the day at 3.54% (-3bps) and the 10Y at 4.10% (-4bps). At the point of writing, there is no change in traders' expectations of an approximately 1.5 cuts in Fed funds rate in 2026.
- In the forex space, the Dollar traded weaker against most of its G10 peers after Trump's hint. AUD (0.7% d/d to 0.7076) and NZD (0.6% d/d) outperformed, while CHF, CAD and NOK lagged in tune to -0.1 to -0.2% d/d. GBP and JPY appreciated in tune to 0.1-0.2% d/d to close the day at 1.3437 and 157.67.
- AUD will be supported by the rebound in consumer confidence print this morning (Westpac: 1.2% m/m in March vs -2.6% m/m), while JPY could likely trade sideways following a mixed slew of economic prints this morning. While household spending disappointed for January (-1.0% m/m vs -2.6% m/m), the final 4Q GDP was revised higher to 1.3% annualized rate q/q from 0.2% q/q previously and 3Q's -2.6% q/q.
- Meanwhile, regional currencies closed mixed against the Dollar. CNH and SGD appreciated by 0.2% d/d each to 6.8875

Key Market Metrics

	Level	d/d (%)
Equities		
Dow Jones	47,740.80	0.50
S&P 500	6,795.99	0.83
NASDAQ	22,695.95	1.38
Stoxx Eur 600	594.92	-0.63
FTSE 100	10,249.52	-0.34
Nikkei 225	52,728.72	-5.20
CSI 300	4,615.46	-0.97
Hang Seng	25,408.46	-1.35
Straits Times	4,756.61	0.00
KLCI 30	1,674.17	-2.55
FX		
Dollar Index	98.73	-0.26
EUR/USD	1.1636	0.15
GBP/USD	1.3437	0.18
USD/JPY	157.67	-0.07
AUD/USD	0.7076	0.65
USD/CNH	6.8875	-0.22
USD/MYR	3.9630	0.39
USD/SGD	1.2746	-0.24
USD/KHR	4,012.00	0.05
USD/THB	32.09	0.48
Commodities		
WTI (\$/bbl)	94.77	4.26
Brent (\$/bbl)	98.96	6.76
Gold (\$/oz)	5,103.70	-1.07
Copper (\$/MT)	12,954.00	0.72
Aluminum(\$/MT)	3,385.50	-1.76
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,194.00	1.61

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research
* Closing as of 6 Mar for CPO

and 1.2746 respectively, while MYR weakened 0.4% d/d to 3.9630.

Inflation expectations ticked down at short-term for the New York region

- It was a rather quiet day for economic data otherwise. The New York Fed inflation expectations was mixed, ticking down 0.1ppts to 3.0% at the 1Y ahead horizon and stable at 3.0% for the 3 to 5-year horizons. Accompanying data also showed that households' perception over the current financial situations and labour market expectations worsened, not boding well for consumer spending going forward.

Eurozone's Sentix confidence worsened following the Middle East conflict

- Following the outbreak of the Iran war, the Sentix fell 7.3 points to -3.1 in March (Feb: 4.2) as investors sentiment turned negative on the current situation front and eased for the future.

Japan's leading and Eco-Watchers indices suggest continuous moderate growth ahead

- Albeit below expectations, indices from Japan suggest that the economy is picking up and is expected to strengthen further despite concerns over inflationary pressures even before the oil price shock. While the leading index improved to 112.4 in January from 110.3 previously, the Eco-Watchers outlook index fell 0.1ppts to 50.0 on weaker sentiment from non-manufacturers. More importantly, the household diffusion indices improved.

China's CPI hit a 37-month high due to CNY

- Inflation beat consensus forecast and accelerated to 1.3% y/y in February (prior: 0.2% y/y), its highest since January 2023. Partly Lunar New Year driven, the usual holiday categories like food (1.4% y/y and -0.7% y/y) saw notable increases, while other categories also showed signs of picking up momentum. Produces prices (PPI) also beat forecast and saw the decline narrowing for the fourth month to -0.9% y/y (prior: -1.4% y/y), its least in 19 months, and are set to climb further towards the positive territory given ongoing oil price surge in March. As it is, Beijing is targeting CPI target at 2.0% this year, and at this juncture, we opine that this price target remains a challenge for now.

House View and Forecasts

FX	This Week	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26
DXY	98-101	96.71	95.13	94.70	95.49
EUR/USD	1.14-1.18	1.20	1.22	1.22	1.21
GBP/USD	1.32-136	1.36	1.37	1.37	1.35
USD/CHF	0.76-0.80	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.78
USD/JPY	155-160	153	149	147	147
AUD/USD	0.68-0.72	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.69
NZD/USD	0.58-0.62	0.58	0.59	0.59	0.58
USD/CNY	6.85-6.94	6.90	6.83	6.85	6.90
USD/MYR	3.91-3.99	4.00	3.97	3.97	4.00
USD/SGD	1.26-1.30	1.26	1.23	1.23	1.24
USD/THB	31.50-32.10	32.2	32,1	32.0	30.8

FX	Last close	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26
EUR/MYR	4.5780	4.78	4.82	4.85	4.84
GBP/MYR	5.2864	5.44	5.45	5.45	5.41
AUD/MYR	2.7802	2.72	2.75	2.78	2.76
CNY/MYR	0.5729	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58
SGD/MYR	3.0951	3.17	3.21	3.23	3.22

Rates, %	Current	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26	4Q26
Fed	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.25-3.50	3.25-3.50	3.00-3.25
ECB	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
BOE	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
SNB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOJ	0.75	0.75	0.75	1.00	1.00
RBA	3.85	3.85	4.10	4.10	4.10
RBNZ	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
BNM	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75

Source: HLBB Global Markets Research

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Date	Events	Prior
10-Mar	AU NAB Business Confidence (Feb)	3
	MA Industrial Production YoY (Jan)	4.80%
	MA Manufacturing Sales Value YoY (Jan)	6.40%
	US NFIB Small Business Optimism (Feb)	99.3
	US Existing Home Sales MoM (Feb)	-8.40%
	CH Exports YTD YoY (Feb)	5.50%
10-17		
Mar	CH FDI YTD YoY CNY (Feb)	-5.70%
11-Mar	JN PPI YoY (Feb)	2.30%
	US MBA Mortgage Applications	11.0%
	US Core CPI YoY (Feb)	2.50%
	US Real Avg Weekly Earnings YoY (Feb)	1.90%

Source: Bloomberg

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