

Global Markets Research

Weekly Market Highlights

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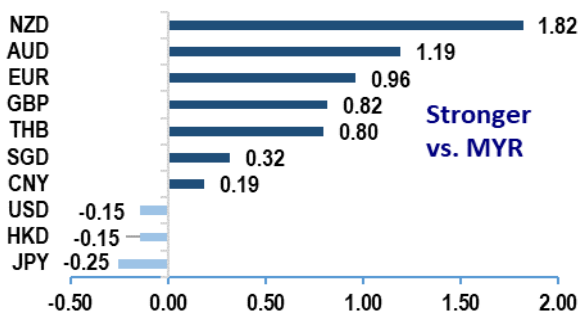
	Last Price	WOW%	YTD %
Dow Jones Ind.	39,069.11	0.76	3.66
S&P 500	5,087.03	1.14	6.65
FTSE 100	7,684.49	1.14	-0.63
Hang Seng	16,742.95	5.01	-1.79
KLCI	1,545.49	1.12	6.24
STI	3,222.94	1.46	-0.53
Dollar Index	103.96	-0.33	2.59
WTI oil (\$/bbl)	78.61	0.74	11.25
Brent oil (\$/bbl)	83.67	0.98	8.61
Gold (\$/oz)	2,019.70	0.88	-2.51
CPO (RM/ tonne)	3,996.00	0.40	7.63
Copper (\$\$/MT)	8,584.50	3.25	0.30
Aluminum(\$/MT)	2,198.00	-1.19	27.03

Source: Bloomberg
*16-21 Jan for CPO

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Forex

MYR vs. Major Currencies (% w/w)

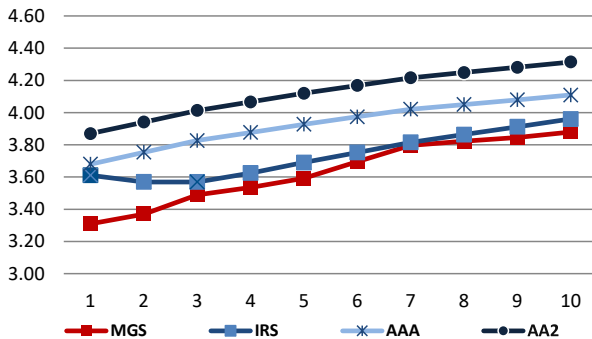


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Fixed Income

Indicative Yields @ 22 Feb 2024



Source: Bloomberg/ BPAM

- UST:** USTs traded lower for a third consecutive week, pushing yields higher 6-12bps w/w (prior: 6-12bps higher), after US January producer prices came in stronger than expected, igniting fears that inflation could re-accelerate. The bullish tone in the equity markets, with a few major indices making new highs, added to the upward pressure on UST yields. **The benchmark 2Y UST yield rose by 12bps w/w to 4.69% while the 10s saw its yield climb by 9bps to 4.32%.** The odds of Fed cuts during the year continued to tumble with trading in Fed Fund futures indicating that chances of a March rate cut are now negligible and the chances of a rate cut by May reduced further to 28% (prior: 44%). **The market could potentially see some consolidation here and trade sideways** after the significant upmove in yields over the last 3 weeks, with the focus on core PCE number for January.
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Macroeconomic Updates

- US equity markets and oil prices made a U-turn:** US equity markets hit the brakes again last Friday after yet another hot inflation report stoked fears that Federal Reserve rate cuts may not arrive until later this year. US CPI, both headline and core, came in hotter than expected, dragging down interest-sensitive technology and real estate stocks with it. Wall Street continued with its downtrend after President's Day on nervousness over Nvidia quarterly earnings report and valuation as well as FOMC meeting minutes before a spectacular Nvidia earnings not only powered stocks in US, but also globally on Thursday. Consequently, all the three major US stock indices closed up between 0.8-1.1% w/w. Similarly, oil prices were also on a downtrend later part of the week as simmering geopolitical tensions and tight supplies vied with broader risk-off mood. The bulls won at the end, with oil prices closing up 0.7-1.0% w/w.
- PBoC cut the 5Y lending rates; RBA considered rate hike:** The People's Bank of China (PBoC) kept its 1Y medium-term lending facility (MLF) and 1Y loan prime rates unchanged at 2.50% and 3.45% during the week and also made its smallest cash injection (1bn yuan) since August into the banking system. However, the central bank surprised with a deeper than expected cut in its 5Y loan prime rates to 3.95% from 4.20% previously. This is the first cut in 8 months and the largest since the rate was introduced in 2019, showing efforts by the policy makers to fight against the deep housing rout. Minutes to the latest RBA's meeting, meanwhile, showed that policy makers considered raising the cash rate target by a further 25bps, and are not ruling out further increase in the cash rate and even if they increased the cash rate target during that meeting, this would not prevent the Board from easing if the economy were to weaken more sharply than expected. The case to maintain was due to easing risk of inflation and also because of weaker than previously expected labour market and consumer spending.

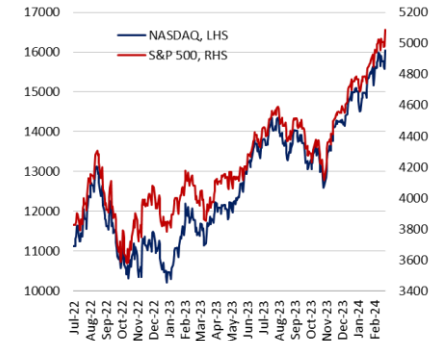
- Fed is in no rush to cut rates:** During the week, Fed also released the minutes to its latest FOMC meeting with key highlight being Fed officials do not think that it will be appropriate to cut the Fed funds rate until they have greater confidence that inflation is moving sustainably towards 2%. They remained highly attentive to inflation risks and noted that progress toward price stability could stall. FOMC members also judged that the policy rate was likely at its peak for this tightening cycle, but most noted the risks of moving too quickly to ease the stance of policy. On the economy, FOMC members noted that consumer spending had been stronger than expected, several Fed districts reported increased optimism over investment prospects and that the labor market remained tight, although its had come into better balance. The risks around Fed's forecast for GDP is skewed to the downside.

Dataverse was mixed but broadly echoes FOMC's minutes for a longer-than higher stance and pointing to a resilient US economy. PPI, both headline and core, came hotter than expected, rising by 0.3% m/m and +0.6% m/m in January, traced largely to a 0.6% m/m rise in prices for services. On the economy, the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment index solidified the large gains from the past two months at 79.6 in February, as consumers expressed confidence that the slowdown in inflation and strength in labor markets would continue. In tandem with this, both initial and continuing claims fell to its 1-month low by 21k and 27k respectively. The Conference Board's Leading Index, on the other hand, worsened to -0.4% in January but the contraction in LEI narrowed to -3.0% over the 6-month period and thus, does not signal recession ahead. Housing market data was mixed. Existing home sales expanded by 3.1% m/m in January despite median home price at it's all-time high of \$379.1k, a +5.1% y/y increase, but both the building permits and housing starts unexpectedly fell 1.5% m/m and 14.8% m/m in February. The latter to its lowest level in 5 months. This suggests that a recovery in the housing market will be gradual as rates remain elevated while builders continue to enjoy limited inventory in the existing market.

- S&P PMI showed desynchronised growth across the majors and sectors:** Flash S&P PMIs were mixed but mostly expansionary. The US Composite PMI eased to 51.4 (Jan: 52.0) as a softer-than expected downtick in services activity (51.3 vs 52.5) weighed on overall growth. Manufacturing (51.5 vs 50.7), meanwhile, unexpectedly saw a renewed increase in production. Eurozone's composite PMI, meanwhile, fell at the slowest rate in 8 months to 48.9 in February (Jan: 47.9), as a uptick in the service sector (50.0 vs 48.4) offset a further steep downturn in manufacturing (46.1 vs 46.6). UK PMI unexpectedly accelerated in February, with the composite PMI pointing to the largest rise in business activity for 9 months at 53.3 (Jan: 52.9). February data showed that the service economy was unchanged at 54.3, while manufacturing PMI remained contractionary, although the rate of decline eased to 47.1 (Jan: 47.0). Finally, the flash Jibun Bank Composite PMI retreated to 50.3 (Jan: 51.5). February saw softer upturn in services (52.5 vs 53.1) while manufacturing (47.2 vs 48.0) recorded its steepest contraction for the year.

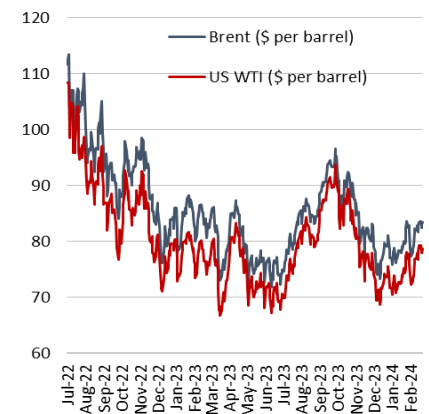
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Nvidia's earnings and FOMC minutes the key market drivers this week



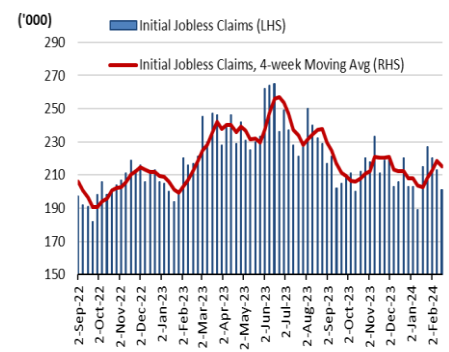
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Weekly gain in oil prices amid tug of war between geopolitical tensions and tight inventory vs broadly risk off mood



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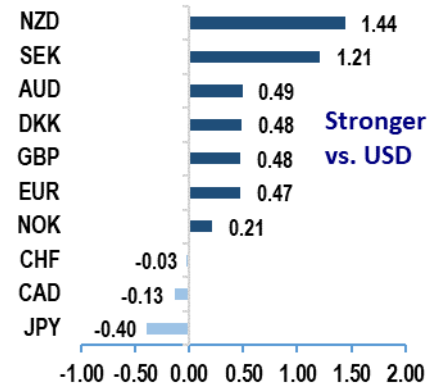


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Foreign Exchange

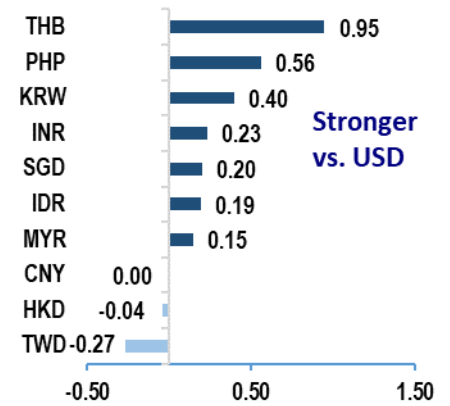
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- EUR:** EUR traded higher this week, firming up by 0.5% against the USD to 1.0823 (prior: -0.1%) after the preliminary Eurozone PMI came in higher than expected, driven by the services sector, suggesting that the growth prospects for the common currency area have brightened. We are **Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish** on the EUR/USD for the week ahead, and see a likely trading range of 1.07 - 1.10. The coming week sees the release of ECB inflation expectations for January, as well as the Eurozone February economic confidence numbers, which should shed further light on how the economy is progressing so far this year. There will also be some scheduled ECB-speak to tune in to during the week.
- GBP:** GBP was stronger for the week, trading higher by 0.5% (prior: -0.1%) against the greenback to settle at 1.2660 as of Thursday's close, after UK retail sales in January came in higher than expected, recording the largest monthly rise since April 2021 following December's plunge, suggesting that the UK economy began the year on a good note. We are **Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish** on the Cable here, with a probable trading range of 1.2525 -1.2825 seen for the coming week. A quiet week lies ahead with no Tier 1 data due, with only January mortgage approvals and Nationwide house prices for February scheduled for release.
- JPY:** JPY was lower for a third week on the trot, retreating by 0.4% (prior: -0.4%) against the USD to 150.53 from 149.93 the week before, even after Japanese exports in January came in north of expectations, keeping the door open to an ending of the Bank of Japan's negative rate policy. We are **Slightly Bearish** on USD/ JPY for the week ahead, and see a likely trading range of 148 - 152. Domestically, the coming week sees the release of January's CPI numbers, which are expected to head lower on high base effects. Japanese industrial production, retail sales and housing starts for January are also due.
- AUD:** AUD traded higher for a second straight week, advancing by 0.5% (prior: +0.5%) against the USD to 0.6557, after the release of the RBA minutes for their January policy meeting showed that policymakers considered a rate hike at its meeting, but decided the case to stand pat on rates was the "stronger one". Futures markets continue to price in a cut by the RBA by September. We are **Neutral-to-Slightly Bullish** on AUD/ USD next week, and see a probable trading range of 0.6450 - 0.6700 for the pair. This week ahead sees the release of CPI number and retail sales for January, as well as private capital expenditure for 4Q.
- SGD:** SGD traded higher for a second straight week against the greenback, appreciating by 0.2% to 1.3430 (prior: +0.1%) from 1.3457 the week before, after Singapore's January non-oil domestic exports came in higher than expected, growing by 16.8% from a year earlier, representing the largest rise in two years. Against other G10 pairs and major regional currencies, the SGD was mixed for the week, gaining ground versus the JPY (+0.6%) and TWD (+0.5%) but retreating versus the NZD (-1.2%) and THB (-0.8%). We are **Neutral-to-Slightly Bearish** on the USD/ SGD for the week ahead, and see a likely trading range of 1.3300 - 1.3550 for the pair. The coming week sees the release of Singapore industrial production as well as the CPI numbers for January, which are expected to show a slightly quicker pace of price appreciation than the month before.

USD vs. G10 Currencies (% w/w)



Source: Bloomberg

USD vs Asian Currencies (% w/w)



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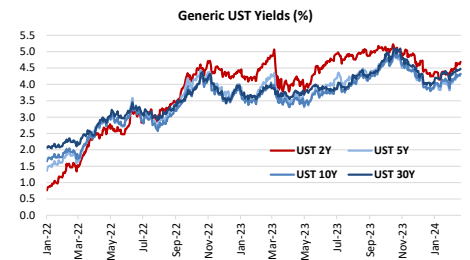
Forecasts

	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q4-24
DXY	101.84	101.33	100.82	100.32
EUR/USD	1.10	1.11	1.11	1.10
GBP/USD	1.28	1.29	1.29	1.27
AUD/USD	0.68	0.68	0.69	0.70
USD/JPY	142	140	137	134
USD/MYR	4.69	4.66	4.62	4.56
USD/SGD	1.33	1.32	1.31	1.30
USD/CNY	7.10	7.06	6.99	6.92
	Q1-24	Q2-24	Q3-24	Q3-24
EUR/MYR	5.16	5.16	5.11	4.99
GBP/MYR	6.00	6.00	5.94	5.80
AUD/MYR	3.18	3.19	3.19	3.18
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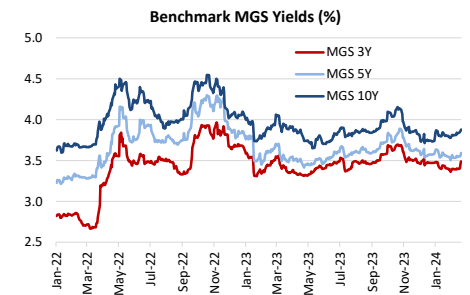
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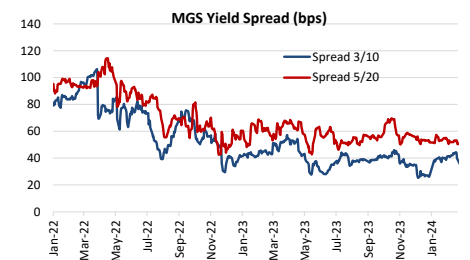
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- MYR Corporate bonds/ Sukuk:** It was a slightly busier week for corporate bonds/ sukuk, as trading activity rose to an average daily volume of RM0.69bn (prior week: RM0.65bn). The market was better bid for the week, with trading interests for the week led by the GG and AAA-rated segments of the market. In the GG space, LPPSA saw trading interest during the week in its 7/28 and 8/52 issues, with a total of RM200m for each bond traded during the week. DANA 4/52 also saw RM200m changing hands over the week, with it last being traded at the 4.27% level. Over in the AAA segment of the market, MAHB 12/26 led interest and RM110m exchanged hands during the week between 3.66-3.68%, while CAGA 8/28 saw a single ticket of RM100m being traded at the 3.84% level. Meanwhile over in the AA-rated landscape, trading was led by GENTING 6/27 (RM80m) and 7/28 (RM60m), last changing hands at 4.55% and 4.64% respectively. Elsewhere over in banks/financials, PBB 4/32 led trading, with RM110m changing hands for the week and it last being traded at 3.82%. MBB 1/34 also saw some action, closing at 3.90% with a total of RM61m being traded for the week.
- Singapore Government Securities:** SGS traded lower for the week, taking cue from the continued fall in US Treasuries after the stronger than expected US producer prices for January. Strong export numbers for Singapore for January also added to the offerish tone in the markets, as government bonds registered a third consecutive week of declines. For the week, overall benchmark yields were 3-6bps higher w/w (prior: 5-11 bps higher) as of Thursday's close, with the longer dated maturities leading the move, leading to a slight bear-steepening to the SGS curve. **The SGS 2Y yield rose by 3bps w/w to 3.33% while the 10Y yield advanced by 6bps for the week to close at 3.09%.** The Bloomberg's Total Return Index unhedged SGD consequently declined for a third week on the trot, registering a 0.2% decline w/w (prior -0.6%). Domestically, January CPI numbers later this afternoon are likely to get some focus, where the consensus expects a slight uptick in both headline and core inflation, with industrial production for January also scheduled for release during the week.



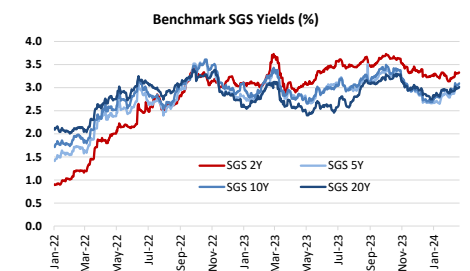
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Rating Actions

Issuer	PDS Description	Rating/Outlook	Action
Pelaburan Hartanah Berhad	Corporate Credit Ratings	AAA/Stable/P1	Assigned
Kedah Cement Sdn Bhd	RM500m Sukuk Wakalah Programme (2017/2024)	AA3/Stable/P1	Withdrawn
Malayan Cement Berhad	RM5bn Sukuk Murabahah Programme (2022/2052)	AA3/Positive/P1	Outlook Revision
YTL Corporation Berhad	RM2bn Medium-Term Notes (MTN) Programme (2013/2038)	AA1	Affirmed
	RM5bn Commercial Papers Programme and MTN Programme (2019/2044)	AA1/Stable/P1	Affirmed
YTL Power International Berhad	RM5bn Medium-Term Notes Programme (2011/2036) and RM2.5bn Sukuk Murabahah Facility (2017/2027)	AA1/Stable	Affirmed
	RM7.5bn Islamic Commercial Papers Programme (2023/2030) and Perpetual Islamic Medium-Term Notes Programme	AA1/Stable/P1	Affirmed

Source: MARC/RAM

Economic Calendar

Date	Time	Country	Event	Period	Prior	
26-Feb	15:40	JN	PPI Services YoY	Jan	2.40%	
	2:00	SI	Industrial Production SA MoM	Jan	-1.70%	
	14:00	UK	CBI Total Dist. Reported Sales	Feb	-33	
	22:00	US	New Home Sales MoM	Jan	8.00%	
	23:00	US	Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Feb	-27.4	
27-Feb	15:00	JN	Natl CPI YoY	Jan	2.60%	
	9:00	HK	Exports YoY	Jan	11.00%	
	19:00	US	Durable Goods Orders	Jan P	0.00%	
	19:00	US	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Jan P	0.20%	
	20:00	US	House Price Purchase Index QoQ	4Q	2.10%	
	20:00	US	FHFA House Price Index MoM	Dec	0.30%	
	20:00	US	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City MoM SA	Dec	0.15%	
	22:00	US	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Feb	-15	
	22:00	US	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Feb	114.8	
	22:00	US	Richmond Fed Business Conditions	Feb	-3	
	23:00	US	Dallas Fed Services Activity	Feb	-9.3	
	27 Feb-4 Mar		UK	Nationwide House PX MoM	Feb	0.70%
	28-Feb	17:00	AU	CPI YoY	Jan	3.40%
12:00		EC	Economic Confidence	Feb	96.2	
16:00		US	MBA Mortgage Applications	Feb 23	-10.60%	
19:00		US	GDP Annualized QoQ	4Q S	3.30%	
19:00		US	Advance Goods Trade Balance	Jan	-\$88.5b	
0:00		HK	GDP SA QoQ	4Q F	0.50%	
29-Feb	15:40	JN	Retail Sales MoM	Jan	-2.90%	
	15:40	JN	Industrial Production MoM	Jan P	1.40%	
	16:02	UK	Lloyds Business Barometer	Feb	44	
	17:00	AU	Retail Sales MoM	Jan	-2.70%	
	17:00	AU	Private Capital Expenditure	4Q	0.60%	
	17:00	AU	Private Sector Credit MoM	Jan	0.40%	
	2:00	JN	Housing Starts YoY	Jan	-4.00%	
	11:00	UK	Net Consumer Credit	Jan	1.2b	
	11:00	UK	Mortgage Approvals	Jan	50.5k	
	18:02	AU	CoreLogic House Px MoM	Feb	0.40%	
	19:00	US	Personal Income	Jan	0.30%	
	19:00	US	Personal Spending	Jan	0.70%	
	19:00	US	PCE Core Deflator YoY	Jan	2.90%	
	19:00	US	Initial Jobless Claims	Feb 24	201k	
	21:30	US	MNI Chicago PMI	Feb	46	
	22:00	US	Pending Home Sales MoM	Jan	8.30%	
	1-Mar	0:00	US	Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Feb	-9
12:00		AU	Judo Bank Australia PMI Mfg	Feb F	47.7	
15:00		JN	Jobless Rate	Jan	2.40%	
17:00		JN	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	Feb F	47.2	
17:00		MA	S&P Global Malaysia PMI Mfg	Feb	49	

17:00	VN	S&P Global Vietnam PMI Mfg	Feb	50.3
19:00	CH	Manufacturing PMI	Feb	49.2
19:00	CH	Non-manufacturing PMI	Feb	50.7
19:30	CH	Caixin China PMI Mfg	Feb	50.8
2:00	JN	Consumer Confidence Index	Feb	38
9:00	HK	Retail Sales Volume YoY	Jan	4.80%
10:00	EC	HCOB Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Feb F	46.1
11:00	UK	S&P Global UK Manufacturing PMI	Feb F	47.1
12:00	EC	CPI Core YoY	Feb P	2.80%
12:00	EC	Unemployment Rate	Jan	6.40%
21:30	US	S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	Feb F	51.5
22:00	US	Construction Spending MoM	Jan	0.90%
22:00	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Feb F	79.6
22:00	US	ISM Manufacturing	Feb	49.1

Source: Bloomberg

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