

Bond yields fall, as trade tension focus moves to Mexico

Snapshot



Gold
Sovereign Bonds



World Equities
Corporate Bonds
Oil
Copper

Week Ahead

6
June

Eurozone unemployment and inflation data for May is released.

6
June

The ECB meets for their latest interest rate decision.

7
June

US Jobs Report for May goes to print.

A surprise announcement from the US administration about forthcoming tariffs on Mexican goods triggered a sharp rally in global bond markets, with the 10yr Treasury yield gapping down to 2.12% on Friday in the biggest daily move since the Fed's March meeting, while the 10yr Bund yield fell to a new low of -0.21%. Investors are reassessing the global growth and policy outlook amid escalating trade tensions, as the US market suffered its worst week this year, falling over 2.5%. The trigger for last week's selloff was President Trump's announcement that tariffs of up to 25% on all Mexican goods would be imposed if Mexico does not take decisive steps to fight illegal migration to the US. However, Eurozone lending growth to households picked up to 3.4% YoY in April from 3.3% YoY in March, and US households remain in an upbeat mood with the Conference Board Consumer Confidence Index rising in May.

	1 Week Return 24.05.19 to 31.05.19		Year to Date Return 31.12.18 to 31.05.19	
	Local Currency	Euro	Local Currency	Euro
World	-2.3%	-1.8%	8.6%	11.4%
U.S.	-2.6%	-2.3%	10.1%	13.0%
Europe	-1.8%	-1.8%	9.5%	9.5%
Ireland	-0.3%	-0.3%	13.2%	13.2%
U.K.	-1.6%	-1.9%	6.0%	7.7%
Japan	-1.9%	-0.6%	1.8%	5.9%
Hong Kong	-2.3%	-1.8%	7.4%	10.1%
Corporate Bonds	0.2%	0.2%	3.5%	3.5%
Sovereign Bonds	0.7%	0.7%	5.5%	5.5%

Equities

- The MSCI World was down more than 2% in local terms with the euro return also down 1.8%.
- All major equity markets were down this week, with the US market suffering its worst week of the year.

Fixed Income & FX

- The U.S. 10-year yield ticked lower again during the week, moving to 2.12% from 2.32%. The German equivalent almost moved to a record low of -0.21%.
- The Euro US Dollar exchange rate remained unchanged on the previous week at 1.12, whilst Euro/GBP was at 0.88.

Commodities

- Oil finished the week lower at just below \$53 per barrel.
- Gold finished the week up at \$1,305 per troy ounce. Copper finished the week down at \$5,806 per tonne.

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