

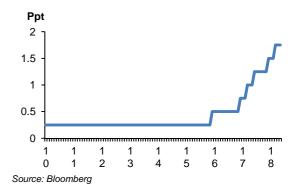
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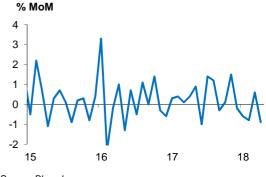
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US Fed Funds Rate



Eurozone Industrial Production



Source: Bloomberg

Fed Hikes Rates, Points to Two More Increases in 2018. Fed hiked its benchmark short-term interest rate by 0.25 ppt and indicated that two more increases are likely this year. The move pushes the funds rate target to 1.75 percent to 2 percent. In an unusually terse statement that ran just 320 words, the FOMC changed multiple phrases from its previous missives, pointing to a more optimistic view on economic growth and higher inflation expectations. Though the statement contained less than half the words of some of the committee's typical communiqués, there was a lot to unpack in the language. The committee said economic growth has been "rising at a solid rate" an upgrade from "moderate" in May. The unemployment rate has "declined," as opposed to "stayed low," and household spending "has picked up" an upgrade from "moderated." With that in mind, the committee said two more rate hikes were appropriate, bringing the 2018 total to four increases. Its first hike this year was in March. (*Source: CNBC*)

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Major Countries' Economic Growth

Annualised	2016	2017	4Q16	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	4Q17	1Q18
US	1.6	2.5	1.8	1.2	3.1	3.2	2.9	2.2
Eurozone	1.7	2.4	2.6	2.5	2.9	2.8	2.7	1.6
UK	2.0	1.6	2.3	0.9	1.1	1.9	1.6	0.4
Japan	1.0	1.6	1.4	1.5	2.9	2.5	1.6	-0.6
China (%, YoY)	6.7	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.8	6.8	6.8
Russia (%, YoY)	-0.2	1.8	0.3	0.5	2.5	2.2	0.9	1.3
Brazil (%, YoY)	-3.6	2.1	-2.5	0.0	0.4	1.4	2.1	1.2

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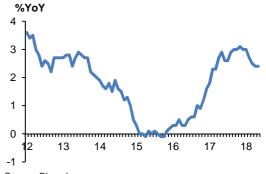


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Eurozone Industrial Production Continues to Falter. Industrial production in Figure 1: UK Consumer Price Index the Eurozone fell more sharply than expected in April, resuming its 2018 decline after a March bounce and underlining doubts about the strength of the economy. The industrial production of 19 countries that use the euro was 0.9% lower in April than in March, although 1.7% higher than a year earlier. That marked the fourth month in five in which industrial production has fallen. Each of the Eurozone's five largest members saw a drop in output, with the Netherlands experiencing the sharpest decline at 4.4% YoY. While a slump in energy generation was largely responsible for the overall contraction, most manufacturing also retreated, the exception being the production of tools and equipment. (Source: WSJ)

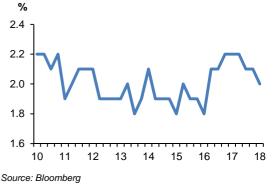
UK Inflation Defies Expectations By Remaining At 2.4%. UK inflation unexpectedly stayed at a one-year low last month, despite average petrol prices rising to the highest level for almost four years. The consumer prices index (CPI) remained at 2.4% YoY in May for the second month running, confounding economists' expectations for the rate to increase to 2.6% YoY amid rising global oil prices. Statisticians said the falling cost of computer games, sweets and chocolate helped to offset the rising price of petrol, as British motorists came under growing financial pressure. The average price of petrol rose by 4.6 pence a litre between April and May to 125.3 pence last month - the highest level since October 2014. (Source: The Guardian)

Singapore's Unemployment Rate Declines in Q1. Singapore announced that the country's labor market improved slightly in the first guarter of 2018, supported by sustained expansion in economic activity. It said in the Labour Market Report that the seasonally-adjusted unemployment rate declined at overall from 2.1% in December 2017 to 2% in March 2018, from 3% to 2.8% for residents, and remained unchanged at 3% for citizens. Meanwhile, the seasonally adjusted resident long-term unemployment rate declined from 0.8% to 0.7%. The report said it would be difficult to achieve further improvements in Singapore's labor market, as the resident unemployment rate declined to the lowest level since March 2016. (Source: Xinhuanet)



Source: Bloomberg

Figure 2: Singapore Unemployment Rate





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Figure 3: Central Bank Meetings Calendar 2018

13-14 Jun	US Federal Reserve Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) Meeting	14-15 Jun	Dank of Janan Manatar : Dalian		Reserve Bank of India Monetary Policy Review
25-26 Jul 19-20 Sep 31 Oct-1 Nov		30-31 Jul 18-19 Sep	Bank of Japan Monetary Policy Meeting	11 Jul	Bank Negara Malaysia Monetary Policy Committee Meeting
16 Jun	European Central Bank Governing Council Monetary Policy Meeting	21 Jun	Bank of England Monetary Policy Committee Meeting	27-28 Jun	Bank Indonesia Board of Governors Meeting
5 Jun	Reserve Bank of Australia	09 Aug	Reserve Bank of New Zealand	20 Jun 09 Aug 19 Sep	Bank of Thailand Monetary Policy Committee Meeting
5 5011	Monetary Policy Meeting	08 Nov	Monetary Policy Meeting	21 Jun 09 Aug 27 Sep	Central Bank of Philippines Monetary Board Meeting

Figure 4:	US Econ	omic Calendar	Figure 5: Eurozone Economic Calendar			
14-Jun	20:30	Retail Sales	15-Jun	17:00	Exports/ Trade Balance	
15-Jun	21:15	Industrial Production	15-Jun	17:00	Inflation/CPI	
19-Jun	20:30	Housing Starts	19-Jun	17:00	Construction Output	
19-Jun	20:30	Building Permits	21-Jun	22:00	Consumer Confidence	
20-Jun	22:00	Existing Home Sales	22-Jun	16:00	PMI Manufacturing	
21-Jun	20:30	Unemployment	22-Jun	16:00	PMI Services	
21-Jun	20:30	Philadelphia Business Outlook Survey	27-Jun	16:00	Money Supply	
21-Jun	22:00	Leading Index	28-Jun	17:00	Economic Confidence	
25-Jun	22:00	New Home Sales	28-Jun	17:00	Consumer Confidence	
25-Jun	22:30	Dallas Fed Manufacturing Activity	29-Jun	17:00	Inflation/CPI	

Figure 6: Asia Economic Calendar

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