

Key events in developed markets next week

In the US, employment and PMI figures will be watched closely next week following the recent surprise negative GDP reading. The UK's monetary policy outlook seems much more certain with a rate hike expected on Thursday



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US: Monetary policy outlook up in the air after negative GDP reading

After the surprise negative GDP print for the first quarter, all eyes will be on the Federal Reserve to see if this results in a more cautious prognosis for the outlook for monetary policy. We doubt it given that it was largely a temporary trade and inventory-led dip in activity and it certainly doesn't alter the outlook for a 50bp rate rise on 4 May given inflation is running at 40-year highs and the unemployment rate is below 4%. Nonetheless, it may help to dampen talk of potential 75bp rate rises in June and/or July with the Fed looking less likely to openly discuss those possibilities. We expect the Fed to follow up with 50bp rate hikes in June and July before switching to 25bp as quantitative tightening gets up to speed. We see the Fed funds rate peaking at 3% in early 2023, although the risks are skewed towards the policy rate being raised more swiftly.

We will also be looking for the Fed to formally announce quantitative tightening. The minutes of the March FOMC meeting showed "all participants" felt the need to announce the

“commencement of balance sheet runoff at a coming meeting”. Given the doubling of the size of the balance sheet since the last round of quantitative tightening in 2017-19, this would be done at a “faster pace” than then. “Participants generally agreed that monthly caps of about \$60 billion for Treasury securities and about \$35 billion for agency MBS would likely be appropriate” versus the peak total \$50bn run-off seen last time around. This would be a “phased in” roll-off cap of maturing assets that could last three or more months depending on market conditions. In months when there aren't enough Treasuries or MBS maturing, Treasury bills could be redeemed to make up for any shortfall. We expect it to start at \$50bn being allowed to run off each month before getting up to \$95bn by September.

There are also several important data releases next week, including the April jobs report. Companies are still seeking to hire and it is a lack of available/suitable workers that is holding back employment growth. Consequently, wages are set to continue being bid higher with unemployment remaining at 3.6%. We will also be closely watching the ISM manufacturing and service sector reports. Decent outcomes here would reinforce the view that the economy will expand again in 2Q, thereby keeping the Federal Reserve in policy tightening mode.

Bank of England set for another rate hike coupled with sizable forecast revisions

The Bank of England has hiked three times so far and a fourth increase next Thursday looks like a near-certainty. But despite talk of a more aggressive 50bp move, we suspect that's unlikely. Governor Andrew Bailey recently said the Bank is walking a ‘narrow path’ between growth and inflation, and implied that the Bank was comfortable with taking a more phased approach to tightening. New forecasts due next week are likely to show that this growth-inflation trade-off has only magnified over the past few weeks. Of course, the BoE is at a slight advantage to some other central banks in that it already has a few hikes under its belt.

It'll also be interesting to see if any committee members join Jon Cunliffe, who last month was the sole voter for no change in rates. More likely though we'll get another 8-1 vote in favour of the hike.

In short, we expect the rate hike on Thursday to be followed by another in June, but after that, we suspect policymakers will be inclined to pause – or at the very least slow down – the pace of rate rises. That suggests markets, which expect roughly another six hikes this year, are likely to be overestimating the amount of tightening required.

Developed Markets Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 2 May					
US	1500 Apr	ISM Manufacturing PMI	58.0	57.7	57.1
	1500 Apr	ISM Manufacturing Prices Paid	85.0		87.1
Germany	0700 Mar	Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-2.0/5.0		0.3/7.0
	0855 Apr	Markit/BME Manufacturing PMI	54.1		54.1
Italy	0845 Apr	Markit/IHS Manufacturing PMI	-		55.8
	0900 Mar	Unemployment Rate	-		8.5
Eurozone	0900 Apr	Markit Mfg Final PMI	55.3		55.3
Tuesday 3 May					
US	1500 Mar	Factory Orders (MoM%)	1.4	1.2	-0.5
Germany	0855 Apr	Unemployment Rate SA	5		5.0
UK	0930 Apr	Markit/CIPS Manufacturing PMI Final	55.3		55.3
Eurozone	1000 Mar	Unemployment Rate	6.7		6.8
Wednesday 4 May					
US	1315 Apr	ADP National Employment	400	360	455
	1330 Mar	International Trade \$	-99.0	-86.7	-89.2
	1445 Apr	Markit Composite Final PMI	-		55.1
	1445 Apr	Markit Services PMI Final	-		54.7
	1500 Apr	ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI	59.0	58.9	58.3
	1900 Fed	Funds Target Rate	1.00	1.00	0.5
	1900 Fed	Interest On Excess Reserves	-	-	0.4
Germany	0700 Mar	Exports	-2		6.4
	0700 Mar	Imports	-2		4.5
	0700 Mar	Trade Balance	-		11.5
	0855 Apr	Markit Services PMI	57.9		57.9
	0855 Apr	Markit Composite Final PMI	54.5		54.5
France	0850 Apr	Markit Composite PMI	-		57.5
Italy	0845 Apr	Composite PMI	-		52.1
Spain	0815 Apr	Services PMI	-		53.4
Canada	1330 Mar	Trade Balance C\$	-		2.66
Eurozone	0900 Apr	Markit Services Final PMI	57.7		57.7
	0900 Apr	Markit Composite Final PMI	55.8		55.8
	1000 Mar	Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	0.5/1.9		0.3/5.0
Thursday 5 May					
US	1330	Initial Jobless Claims	175		180
	1330	Cont Jobless Claims	1400		1408
Germany	0700 Mar	Industrial Orders (MoM%)	-3		-2.2
France	0745 Mar	Industrial Output (MoM%)			-0.9
UK	0930 Apr	Markit/CIPS Services PMI Final	58.3		58.3
	0930 Apr	Composite PMI Final	57.6		57.6
	1200 May	BOE Bank Rate	1.00	1.00	0.75
Norway	0900	Key Policy Rate	0.75		0.75
Switzerland	0730 Apr	CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		0.6/2.4
Friday 6 May					
US	1330 Apr	Non-Farm Payrolls	400	390	431
	1330 Apr	Private Payrolls	410	400	426
	1330 Apr	Unemployment Rate	3.6	3.6	3.6
	2000 Mar	Consumer Credit	23.0	20.0	41.8
Germany	0700 Mar	Industrial Output (MoM%/YoY%)	-1.5		0.2/3.01
France	0745 Apr	Reserve Assets Total	-		235521
Canada	1330 Apr	Unemployment Rate	-		5.3
Switzerland	0645 Apr	Unemployment Rate Adjusted	-		2.2

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