

Economic Calendar				
23-Apr	24-Apr	25-Apr	26-Apr	27-Apr
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Market Focus	Redbook	Bank Reserve Settlement	Weekly Bill Settlement	GDP
23rd Annual Sohn Investment Conference	S&P Corelogic Case-Shiller HPI	MBA Mortgage Applications	52-Week Bill Settlement	Employment Cost Index
Chicago Fed National Activity Index	FHFA House Price Index	EIA Petroleum Status Report	Durable Goods Orders	Chicago PMI
PMI Composite Flash	New Home Sales	2-Yr FRN Note Auction	International Trade in Goods	Consumer Sentiment
Existing Home Sales	Consumer Confidence	5-Yr Note Auction	Jobless Claims	Baker-Hughes Rig Count
4-Week Bill Announcement	Richmond Fed Manufacturing Index		Retail Inventories [Advance]	Farm Prices
3-Month Bill Auction	State Street Investor Confidence Index		Wholesale Inventories [Advance]	
6-Month Bill Auction	4-Week Bill Auction		Bloomberg Consumer Comfort Index	
	52-Week Bill Auction		EIA Natural Gas Report	
	2-Yr Note Auction		Kansas City Fed Manufacturing Index	
			3-Month Bill Announcement	
			Fed Balance Sheet	
			Money Supply	

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[Japan manufacturing picks up in April but export orders fall: flash PMI](#)

The flash Markit/Nikkei Japan Manufacturing PMI rose to a seasonally adjusted 53.3 in April from a final 53.1 in the previous month, signaling a faster pace of expansion, however, the new export orders dropped.

[Trump says 'long way' to go on North Korea crisis](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump said the North Korean nuclear crisis was far from conclusion, striking a cautious note a day after the North's pledge to end its nuclear tests raised hopes before planned summits with South Korea and the United States.

[Trump Will Tell Kim Jong Un That Dismantling Nuclear Arsenal Must Precede Economic Benefits](#)

U.S. President Donald Trump will urge North Korea to act quickly to dismantle its nuclear arsenal before he is willing to grant Pyongyang sanctions relief.

[G7 foreign ministers' summit to hold tough line on Russia: sources](#)

Foreign ministers from the Group of Seven plan to take a hard stance against Russia and its recent involvement in Syria and Ukraine, but intend to keep the door open for cooperation.

[Treasury chief may visit China as trade tensions simmer](#)

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Saturday he may travel to China. Mnuchin said he was continuing to have discussions with his Chinese counterparts to try to resolve the differences over trade.

[Trump aide urges Congress to pare back bipartisan spending deal](#)

White House legislative director Marc Short said Congress needs to reconsider the new \$1.3 trillion omnibus spending bill. Short urged Republican leader Mitch McConnell to pare back this bipartisan spending deal.

[Michael Bloomberg pledges \\$4.5m to cover US Paris climate commitment](#)

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said he will write a \$4.5 million cheque to cover the lapsed U.S. financial commitment to the Paris climate accord.

[China opposes all forms of protectionism, commerce minister says](#)

Chinese Commerce Minister Zhong Shan said China opposes all forms of protectionism and will firmly safeguard the world's multilateral trading system.

[Japan needs 'strong accommodative' monetary policy 'for some time,' says BOJ's Kuroda](#)

Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said Japan's monetary policy should remain accommodative until Japan hits 2% inflation. Kuroda said he expects to reach that goal in fiscal 2019, warning that "risks are skewed to the downside."

[Support for Abe administration slips further to 30%: Mainichi survey](#)

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is continuing to get punished in approval polls across Japan following the Moritomo scandal. Abe's approval rating sunk to 30% in the Mainichi poll and 39% in the Yomiuri poll.

[Britain will leave the customs union after Brexit, Number 10 insists](#)

The U.K. government has restated its commitment to leaving the EU's custom union, with Theresa May and other ministers set to skip a Labour bid in the House of Commons to stop the UK leaving later this week.

[Interest rates to rise twice this year, says EY Item Club](#)

The EY Item Club expected the Bank of England to raise interest rates twice this year and twice in 2019, despite a sluggish economy. The forecaster predicted GDP growth of 1.6% this year and 1.7% in 2019.

[French Lawmakers Pass Immigration Bill, But Some Members of Macron's Party Abstain](#)

The French National Assembly approved a controversial law that tightens asylum rules. The bill shortens asylum application deadlines, doubles the time for which illegal migrants can be detained, and introduces a one-year prison sentence for entering France illegally.

[Macron to Push Trump on Iran Deal, Says There's No 'Plan B'](#)

French President Emmanuel Macron urged U.S. President Donald Trump, to stick with the 2015 nuclear agreement between Iran and six world powers, arguing there's no "Plan B."

[Merkel stresses importance of free trade ahead of visit to U.S.](#)

German Chancellor Angela Merkel stressed the importance of free trade and welcomed an agreement between the European Union and Mexico on a new trade pact.

[Iran's foreign minister warns that nation will restart 'nuclear activities' if U.S. withdraws from accord](#)

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said Sunday the nation has "a range of options," if the United States scuttles the landmark 2015 nuclear agreement, including resuming its nuclear program.

[India's Modi to visit China this week as rapprochement gathers pace](#)

Chinese President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold an informal meeting on Friday and Saturday in Wuhan, Hubei province. The summit will concern the once-in-a-century shifts going on in the world.

[Truth and transparency are key to rebuilding trust, IMF's Lagarde says](#)

IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde said transparency between governments and institutions is essential for the IMF to achieve its mission of global financial stability. Lagarde welcomed calls from the U.S. that it should push for more transparency in global trade and lending.

[South Korea says has halted propaganda broadcasts at border with North](#)

South Korea halted the anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts on the border ahead of the first inter-Korean summit in a decade this Friday.

[Australian regulator flags scrutiny of Uber Eats](#)

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission said it will scrutinise contracts between Uber Technologies Inc and restaurants that use its food delivery app Uber Eats.

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