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# THE WEEK AHEAD

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## After the Cheering Stops

by Avery Shenfeld

While we could be wrong about the decimal places, one thing is clear—the week ahead’s report on first-quarter Canadian GDP will be nothing short of a barnburner. These days, a quarterly pace anywhere near our 4.5% projection is a rarity among developed economies, and would have the last six months advancing at a 3½% rate. So after some well-deserved cheering, what else should we be looking at in the fine print of the report?

For the most part, we’ll be focusing on some of the telltales for what lies ahead in Q2. Everyone will anticipate at least some moderation, but the degree of any pullback in growth will be one factor in whether the Bank of Canada can or should wait until 2018 before hiking rates.

Typically, the first inclination is to look at the separate monthly measure of GDP for March, as an indicator of the so-called “handoff” effect for Q2. If we ended with output well above the monthly average for Q1, that tends to elevate growth for the subsequent quarter. On that score, we’re looking for a decent 0.3% advance for real GDP in March, in line with the early consensus.

Consumers were a big driver in Q1, and the data will give us a sense of how much of that can be sustained. The more that spending came from a reduced savings rate, as opposed to after-tax income gains, the more likely we are to see a tamer pace for shopping ahead. One trend we noted in the prior release was that, as of Q4, the year-

on-year gains in household incomes looked better than the paltry wage data from the labour force survey appeared to suggest.

In the US, economists also look at the extent to which inventory building added to growth, with a higher contribution being a negative for production needs in the quarter ahead. Here, however, we advise caution in doing the same with Canadian data. Swings in Canadian inventories can often be tied to imported goods. If retailers have stocked up on imported cars or clothing, that will mean lighter imports the following quarter, not reduced Canadian GDP. So we look for any colour Statistics Canada provides on whether an inventory build was in manufacturing (which would entail more of a drag for the next quarter) or retailing.

Business investment spending has some importance on its own, and not just as one of the components of overall demand. For one, its strength or weakness is a reading on business confidence. Second, with capacity use fairly high in a number of sectors, we’ll need to see signs of expansions in order to leave room for further production gains. Finally, it’s one of the areas, along with exports, that the Bank of Canada wants to see improving before it puts a dent into homebuilding by raising rates.

As has been the case for financial sector earnings, the stock market also wants to see Canada being less reliant on “I build you a condo, you build me a condo” as a source of growth. For the longevity of this cycle, not all units of GDP are equivalent.



## Week Ahead's Market Call

by Avery Shenfeld

**In the US**, a packed week for data will be highlighted by Friday's payrolls data, with anything close to consensus being more than enough to cement a Fed rate hike in June. We're looking for decent gains for household incomes and consumption in April, but there's some downside risk vs. the consensus on the factory ISM. The Fed's preferred inflation measure, core PCE prices, might manage to hold on to the prior month's 1.6% year-on-year rate, with the last Fed minutes implying a willingness to hike despite that gap vs. the 2% target.

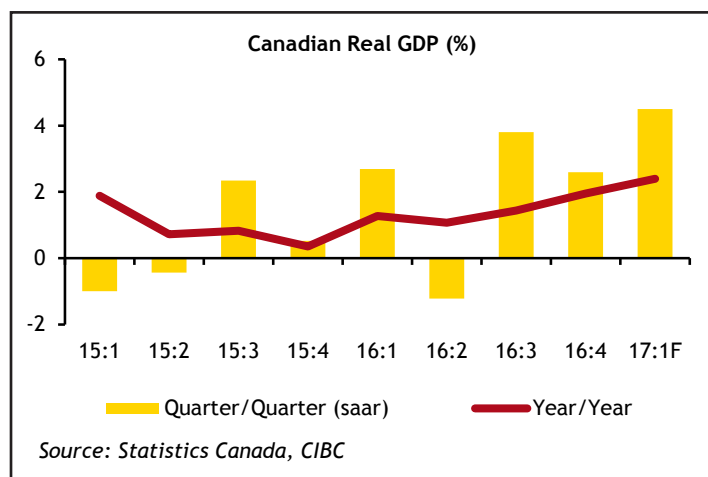
**In Canada**, a booming Q1 GDP report is a foregone conclusion, although we are above the early consensus line for that report. The current account deficit likely widened materially again in Q1, and April data might also see a marginal increase in the goods trade deficit. Still, the C\$ should benefit more from the health of Q1 GDP than it might shed on any trade miss.

**Week Ahead's Key Canadian Number:****Real GDP—Q1**

(Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.)

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	CIBC	Mkt	Prior
GDP (March), m/m	0.3%	0.3%	0.0%
GDP Q4	4.5%	3.7%	2.6%



It was a fantastic start to the year for Canadian GDP. At 4.5%, we'll have chewed through roughly half of the output gap in a single quarter, and will set the stage for a tightening cycle that should start at the beginning of next year—if not sooner.

Much of the strength will be tied to the consumer. Real retail sales expanded at a blistering 8% annualized pace in Q1. The labour market has continued to show some momentum, while the Canadian payrolls data suggests that, controlling for changes in the mix of jobs, wages are growing at a roughly 2% clip. We'll be watching what the aggregate compensation numbers do in next week's release, as well as the savings rate (see cover), to gauge consumers' staying power.

That strength in retail is also going to power a healthy bounce in March GDP, which is set to clock in at a 0.3% gain. Some cooler weather through the month should have also lifted utilities output, although disruptions at a key oil sands facility will act as a headwind to what could have been an even stronger advance.

**Forecast Implications**—Signs of a strong start to the year for building and consumer spending set the stage for a decent growth pace in Q2. A 2% gain in the second quarter will be in striking distance of the Bank of Canada's forecast, and combined with the beat in Q1, should give the central bank confidence that the output gap will close in the coming months.

**Other Canadian Releases:****Current Account Balance—Q1**

(Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.)

The goods trade balance deteriorated by \$2 bn from what was reported for the prior quarter, setting the stage for the Q1 current account deficit to come in at \$12.4 bn. That will be wider than the previously reported -\$10.4 bn for Q4, and revisions are likely to push that figure deeper into the red. We aren't forecasting much change in the other line items. A deeply negative current account balance is a reason why we see the Canadian dollar continuing to trade materially beneath its fair value for the foreseeable future.

**Merchandise Trade—April**

(Friday, 8:30 a.m.)

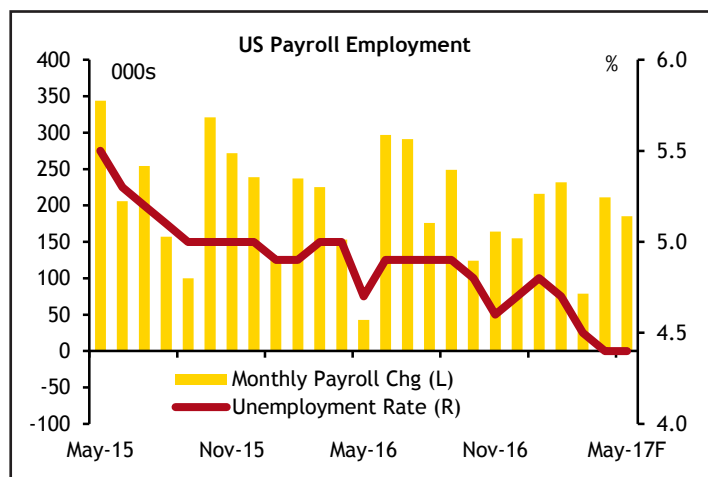
Firmer oil prices, but softer export volumes are likely to have offsetting impacts on April's Canadian trade balance. But we're likely to see other exports slip after last month's outsized gains, since US import data showed growth in areas outside of Canada's strengths. Look for Canada's trade deficit to move wider to \$0.5 bn in April, with some slippage in exports a sign that Q2 will see a slowdown from the first quarter's pace.

**Week Ahead's Key US Number:****Employment Situation—May**

(Friday, 8:30 a.m.)

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	CIBC	Mkt	Prior
Employment (chg.)	185K	180K	211K
Unemployment rate	4.4%	4.4%	4.4%
Avg. Hourly Earnings	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%



Payroll growth has been robust thus far in 2017, and early indications suggest that May saw even further progress. Both initial and continuing jobless claims have been trending noticeably lower during the month, down from levels that were already historically lean. Furthermore, if labour force participation remains at its April level, the unemployment rate will stay at a low 4.4%.

Average hourly earnings are set to grow by a healthy 0.3% for the second month a row. But, even though that will see the annual rate of wage growth accelerate a tick, it's still short of the Fed's desired 3-4% range.

**Forecast Implications**—Solid headline payroll growth will be enough to keep us favouring a rate hike in June. But ongoing weakness in the annual rate of wage growth still has us looking for a very gradual pace to this rate hike cycle.

**Market Impact**—We're in line with consensus and it would take a big miss to alter the market's perception that the US is closing in on full employment.

**Other U.S. Releases:****Personal Income & Outlays—April**

(Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.)

Not only did wages accelerate last month, but hours worked also gained ground. Add it up, and personal income looks set to increase by a healthy 0.5% when April's data is released. But while incomes have been rising steadily over the past few months, consumption hasn't exactly followed suit. That should change next week, with household spending likely to show up 0.4% higher than the previous month. The only sore spots will come on the inflation front, where headline and core PCE inflation will print at only 1.7% and 1.6%, respectively. That's unlikely to hold the Fed's fire in June, but it will be a consideration that could limit the pace of future rate hikes.

**ISM Manufacturing Survey—May**

(Thursday, 10:00 a.m.)

There had been a divergence between surveys like the ISM and hard data on the manufacturing sector. But, it looks like they've decided to meet in the middle. Regional surveys suggest that the ISM Manufacturing Index will move slightly lower in the upcoming reading. However, at 54.2, the index is still firmly in expansionary territory, and is reflective of some of the recent underlying strength in production figures for the sector.

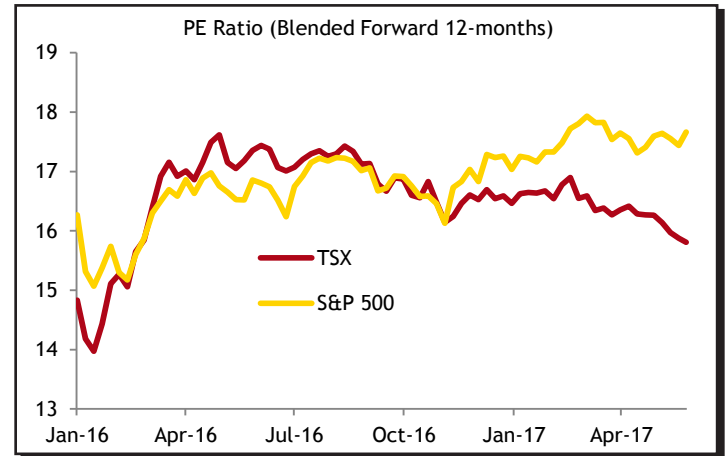
## Equity Insights

Nick Exarhos

### Valuations Leave Room For TSX Outperformance in H2

Canada's been under the microscope lately, with housing concerns denting appetite for domestic risk assets. Pessimism on Canada has been reflected in pricing, with the TSX trading a few turns lower on a forward PE than it did at the same time last year. That stands in stark contrast with valuations on the S&P, which have continued to edge higher—and higher still. We're taking the view that this may be the time to start branding our own "Buy Canada" tag line. As worries on the housing market fade, and the realities of a red hot start to growth become more evident, a cheaper TSX should leave room for domestic stocks to outperform their US counterparts in the second half.

### S&P Looks Richer—and Richer—vs Toronto Composite

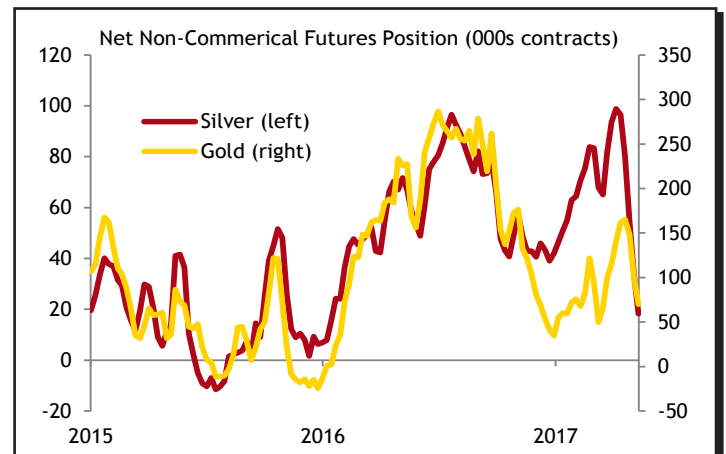


Source: Bloomberg, CIBC

### Spec Positioning Back to Normal for Silver

We favour silver to gold, and speculators are now no longer overly stretched with the less-precious precious metal. A run-up in short positions recently have narrowed what looked like one-sided bets, and have left a lower bar for the metal to outperform its more valuable cousin going forward. In general, there's likely to be a tougher backdrop for bullion prices ahead, with higher short-term interest rates poised to act as a headwind, even if the US dollar has already likely seen its best days. Silver should be insulated from the worst of these impacts by its more diverse set of industrial uses, which should benefit from what's likely to be still-healthy—although a bit cooler—global growth in the second half of the year. Look for a lower gold-to-silver ratio.

### Net Speculative Silver Catch Down with Gold

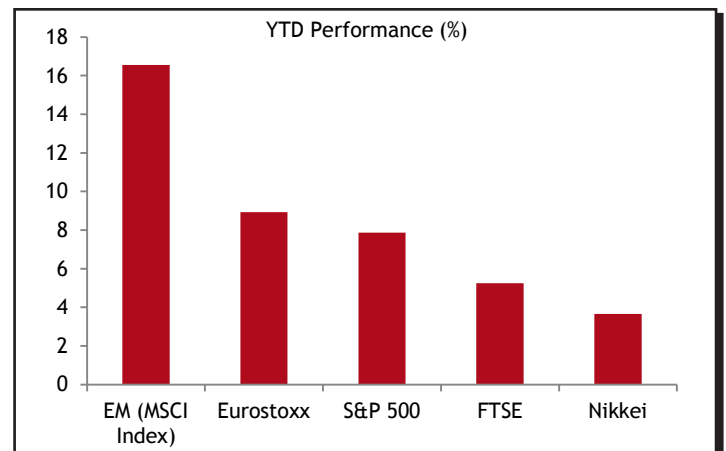


Source: CFTC, CIBC

### EM Equities: Ripping in 2017

US protectionism? Not worried about it, at least that's what emerging market equities are telling us. Indeed, with an upturn in growth taking root at the end of last year, and output gaining momentum in the early parts of 2017, developing market stocks have taken flight, easily beating performances from mature economies. But can it last? Although exposure to EMs makes sense strategically on a longer-term basis, the second half of this year may leave less on the table for investors, with China likely to slow and resource-exporting EMs not enjoying as much of a lift from commodity prices.

### Emerging Market Equities Lap Developed Markets So Far This Year



Source: Bloomberg, CIBC

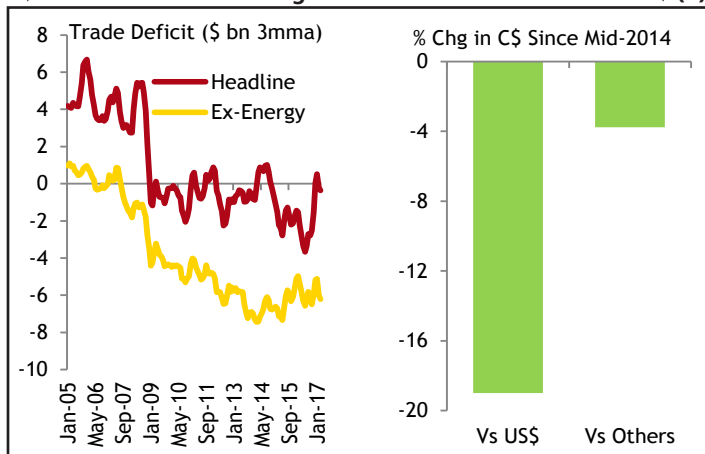
## Currency Currents

Andrew Grantham and Royce Mendes

### CAD: Competitive Challenges Remain

The C\$ strengthened this week after the BoC statement was perceived to take a step, albeit a very small one, toward rate hikes. However, by also referring to competitiveness challenges, it's clear that Governor Poloz will be keeping careful watch on the currency and trade data to determine exactly when to pull the trigger. So far, we've still seeing little improvement in the trade deficit excluding energy. And while falling against a basket of currencies excluding the greenback since the start of the year, the C\$ remains only marginally weaker against those currencies than it was before the oil shock hit in mid-2014.

### Ex-Energy Trade Deficit Still Large (L), C\$ Hasn't Moved Much Against Currencies Other Than US\$ (R)

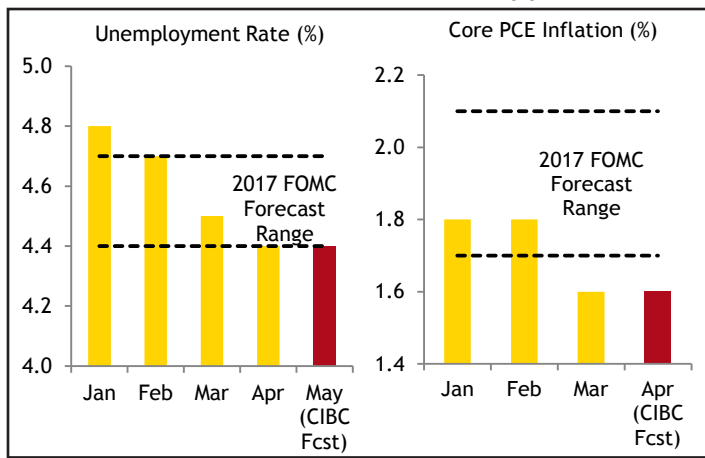


Source: Statistics Canada, Bloomberg, BoC, CIBC

### US Unemployment Pushing Ahead, While Inflation Pulls Back

The FOMC will get fresh readings on both of its two mandates next week, but the readings aren't likely to demonstrate the forecasting prowess of committee members. The unemployment rate is set to remain at 4.4%, the bottom of the range predicted by FOMC participants in March. However, despite that, inflation will continue to fall short of even the Fed's tamest forecast for 2017. While that dynamic won't derail a June rate hike, it is a sign that Fed gradualism is here to stay. Even though we see a follow-up hike in September, that's not likely to generate much enthusiasm for the US dollar if the same meeting telegraphs a pause in Q4.

### Even as Unemployment Undershoots (L), Inflation Remains Softer Than Fed Forecasts (R)

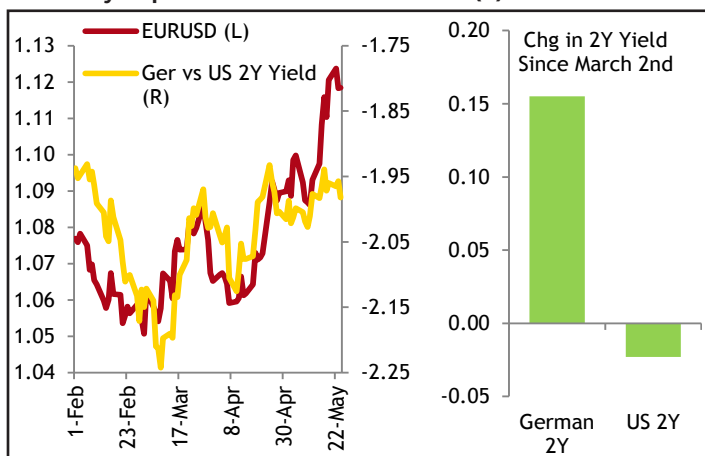


Source: Bloomberg, CIBC

### Euro Appreciation Not Born in the USA

Political uncertainty in the US has been blamed for the depreciation in the greenback, and by extension the rise in EURUSD. However, while that may be true of the most recent pop higher, the euro was appreciating well before political uncertainties escalated. Indeed, since bottoming near 1.05 in early March, interest rate spreads became less of a drag for the euro. That wasn't from US rates moving lower, but rather those of European countries such as Germany moving higher. A favourable outcome to the French election and improving economic outlook in Europe drove that. So while we could see a euro pullback in the near term if US uncertainty fades, we're still positive on the euro in the longer term, expecting EURUSD to reach 1.16 in 12 months.

### Yield Spreads Explains Majority of EUR Appreciation (L), Driven by Improved Eurozone Sentiment (R)



Source: Bloomberg, CIBC

# CANADIAN RELEASE AND EVENT DATES May/June 2017



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
22  VICTORIA DAY (HOLIDAY) (Markets Closed)	23  WHOLESALE TRADE 8:30 AM	24  Bank of Canada Interest Rate Announcement	25  PAYROLL EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS & HOURS 8:30 AM  QUARTERLY FINANCIAL STATISTICS 8:30 AM	26
29	30  BALANCE OF INT'L PAYMENTS 8:30 AM CURR. ACCT. BAL. \$BN(QR) \$BN(AR) 16:Q3 -19.7 -79.0 16:Q4 -10.7 -42.9 17:Q1  INDUSTRIAL PRICES 8:30 AM M (NSA) Y FEB 0.3 3.6 MAR 0.8 5.1 APR	31  GDP BY INDUSTRY 8:30 AM (2002\$) GDP IND.PROD. M M JAN 0.6 1.4 FEB 0.0 -0.4 MAR  NATIONAL ACCTS 8:30 AM REAL PRICE GDP DEF LATOR %ch AR %ch AR 16:Q3 3.8 2.5 16:Q4 2.6 4.3 17:q1	1	2  MERCHANDISE TRADE 8:30 AM \$MN 12 MO. BALANCE FEB -1,081 -23,296 MAR -135 -20,409 APR  LABOUR PRODUCTIVITY 8:30 AM
5  INTERNATIONAL RESERVES 8:15 AM \$BN \$BN CHANGE LEVEL MAR 0.463 82.6 APR 2.156 84.7 MAY	6	7  BUILDING PERMITS (\$) 8:30 AM M M (RES) (NON-RES) FEB -1.8 -4.7 MAR -8.4 -0.5 APR	8  HOUSING STARTS 8:15 AM 000's (AR) TOTAL SINGLES MAR 252 74 APR 213 65 MAY  NEW HOUSING PRICE INDEX 8:30 AM  Bank of Canada Gov. Poloz & Sr. Dep. Gov. Wilkins speak on the Financial Systems Review @ 11:15 AM ET	9  LABOUR FORCE SURVEY 8:30 AM AVG EMPLOY UNEMP HRLY (HSHOLD) RATE EARN M Y % Y MAR 0.1 1.5 6.7 0.9 APR 0.0 1.5 6.5 0.5 MAY  CAPACITY UTILIZATION 8:30 AM LEVEL (%) TOTAL MANUF. 16:Q3 81.6 81.8 16:Q4 82.2 81.7 17:Q1
12  Bank of Canada Sr. Dep. Governor Wilkins speaks in Winnipeg @ 12:50 PM ET	13  CANADA'S INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT POSITION 8:30 AM	14	15  SURVEY OF MANUFACTURING 8:30 AM SHIPMENTS M Y FEB -0.6 6.2 MAR 1.0 8.2 APR	16  INT'L TRANSACTIONS IN SECURITIES C\$BN, NET 8:30 AM BONDS MONEY STOCKS TOT MARKET FEB 7.4 -4.1 35.9 39.2 MAR 8.9 2.9 3.3 15.1 APR
19	20  WHOLESALE TRADE 8:30 AM	21	22  RETAIL TRADE 8:30 AM (Current\$) M Y FEB -0.4 5.1 MAR 0.7 6.9 APR	23  CPI 8:30 AM M Y MAR -0.2 1.6 APR 0.4 1.6 MAY

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	<p><b>NEW HOME SALES</b> 10:00 AM</p> <p>2-Yr NOTE AUCTION BOT (9:00) REDBOOK (8:55)</p>	<p><b>EXISTING HOME SALES</b> 10:00 AM</p> <p><b>FOMC Minutes</b></p> <p>5-Yr NOTE AUCTION</p>	<p><b>ADV. TRADE IN INTERNATIONAL GOODS</b> 8:30 AM</p> <p>7-Yr NOTE AUCTION INITIAL JOBLESS CLAIMS (8:30)</p>	<p><b>GDP</b> 26 8:30 AM (AR) REAL IMPLICIT GDP DEFLECTOR 16:Q4(F) 2.1 2.1 17:Q1(P) 1.2 2.2</p> <p><b>DURABLE GOODS ORDERS</b> 8:30 AM M Y FEB 1.4 5.4 MAR 2.3 6.5 APR -0.7 0.9</p> <p><b>CORPORATE PROFITS</b> 8:30 AM <b>MICHIGAN SENTIMENT (F)</b> 10:00 AM</p>
29	30	31	1	2
<p>MEMORIAL DAY (HOLIDAY) (Markets Closed)</p>	<p><b>PERS. INC &amp; OUT.</b> 8:30 AM SAVING INCOME CONS RATE M M AR FEB 0.3 0.0 5.7 MAR 0.2 0.0 5.9 APR</p> <p><b>S&amp;P/CASE-SHILLER HOUSE PRICE INDEX</b> 9:00 AM</p> <p><b>CONSUMER CONFIDENCE</b> 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>CHICAGO PMI</b> 9:45 AM</p> <p><b>Beige Book</b></p> <p>2, 5-, 7-Yr NOTE SETTLEMENT BOT (9:00) REDBOOK (8:55)</p>	<p><b>ADP SURVEY</b> 8:15 AM</p> <p><b>NON-FARM PRODUCTIVITY</b> 8:30 AM Q/Q (AR) Y/Y 16:Q4 (R) 1.8 1.1 17:Q1 (A) -0.6 1.1 17:Q1 (R)</p> <p><b>ISM MFG SURVEY</b> 10:00 AM COMP. PRICES INDEX INDEX MAR 57.2 70.5 APR 54.8 68.5 MAY</p> <p><b>LIGHT VEHICLES SALES MIL (AR) Y</b> MAR 16.514 -0.4 APR 16.811 -3.1 MAY</p> <p>INITIAL JOBLESS CLAIMS (8:30)</p>	<p><b>EMPLOY. SITUATION</b> 8:30 AM NON- CIV AVG FARM UNEMP HRLY PAYROLL RATE EARN (000s) M % Y MAR 79 4.5 2.3 APR 211 4.4 2.3 MAY</p> <p><b>GOODS &amp; SERV. BALANCE (BOP) \$B</b> 8:30 AM GDS SERV TOT FEB -65.2 21.4 -43.8 MAR -65.5 21.8 -43.7 APR</p>
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<p><b>FACTORY ORDERS</b> 10:00 AM M(SA) Y(NSA) FEB 0.8 7.6 MAR 0.5 6.3 APR</p> <p><b>ISM NON-MFG SURVEY</b> 10:00 AM</p>	<p>30-Yr BOND AUCTION BOT (9:00) REDBOOK (8:55)</p>	<p><b>CONSUMER CREDIT</b> 3:00PM</p>	<p>3, 10-Yr NOTE ANNOUNCEMENT 30-Yr BOND ANNOUNCEMENT INITIAL JOBLESS CLAIMS (8:30)</p>	<p><b>WHOLESALE TRADE</b> 10:00AM</p>
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	<p><b>CURRENT ACCT BALANCE</b> 8:30 AM</p> <p>30-Yr BOND AUCTION BOT (9:00) REDBOOK (8:55)</p>	<p><b>EXISTING HOME SALES</b> 10:00 AM</p>	<p><b>LEADING INDICATOR</b> 10:00 AM</p> <p>2,5,7-Yr NOTE ANNOUNCEMENT INITIAL JOBLESS CLAIMS (8:30)</p>	<p><b>NEW HOME SALES</b> 10:00 AM</p>

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