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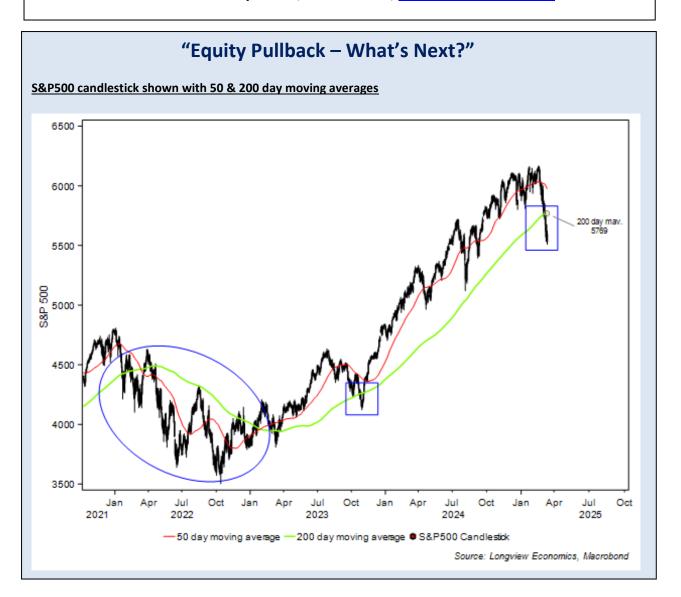
'The Week Ahead' section is a summary of key events & data points to watch in the coming week.

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Recession Concerns – Brewing

"Consumer Angst Is Striking All Income Levels... ... Signs of weakness are showing up in spending on everything from basics to luxuries..."

Source: WSJ article, available HERE

"Airlines see lower customer demand, cut back financial expectations — here are the companies hurting the most"

Source: New York Post article, 12th March 2025, available HERE

At the start of this year, almost no one in markets thought that a US recession was likely. Opinion, and market prices, though, have been moving rapidly – particularly this week.

Trump's comments at the weekend were clearly unhelpful (he refused to rule out a recession). More importantly, though, recession concerns were fuelled this week by more tariff announcements, negative comments from various retailers and airlines (see above), and more soft economic data (e.g. Tuesday's NFIB report).

FIG 1: S&P500 candlestick shown with 50 & 200 day moving averages



Most importantly, in that respect, **price drives opinion** (when it should be the other way around). On Monday the S&P500 broke below its 200 day moving average (and is now down 10.6% peak to trough), see FIG 1.

All of which begs a number of questions: Has the primary trend in equities changed? And, if it's merely a SELL-off, how long will it last? What's really driving this pullback? Is it the start of a bear market, perhaps like 2022? Or is late summer/early autumn 2023 a better template for today? And — which parts of the market will emerge as the 'winners' later this year?

Below we address two of those questions: (i) "what's driving this pullback?"; and (ii) "how long will it last?".

Yesterday we hosted a **webinar** titled: "Pullback Underway — What's Next? A.k.a An Update on 1-4 Month Tactical Views", which focussed on many of those questions. A recording of the webinar is available for clients. If you would like the link and password for the recording, please email research@longvieweconomics.com.

What's Driving This Pullback?

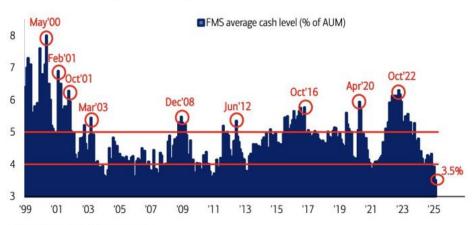
A combination of **three key factors** have set the stage for the current pullback in US equities. They were also the primary reasons that we moved defensive in our tactical equity portfolio (in early February, see our Tactical Equity Asset Allocation No. 253, 3rd February 2025: 'Tactically Cautious (for now) a.k.a. Macro Risks Rising; Models Largely on SELL') and in our strategic portfolio (initially on 23rd December in our Quarterly Global Asset Allocation 'Risks Rising – (Start) Reducing Risk Exposure in Strategic Portfolio a.k.a. Stay OW (for now) BUT at Reduced Position Size', and more fully in early February in our (Strategic) Global Asset Allocation Alert: 'Reduce Risk in Strategic Portfolio a.k.a. US Pullback Risks Rising').

In particular:

1. The US equity bull run had grown tired. As FIG 1 shows, the uptrend in the S&P500 had endured for 2 ¼ years, with no meaningful correction/pullback. In that time, investors' portfolio positioning became increasingly crowded into 'LONG risk' positions. That was highlighted, for example, by the BAML survey published in February – showing that cash levels had fallen to a 15 year low.

Chart 1: FMS cash levels at 15-year lows

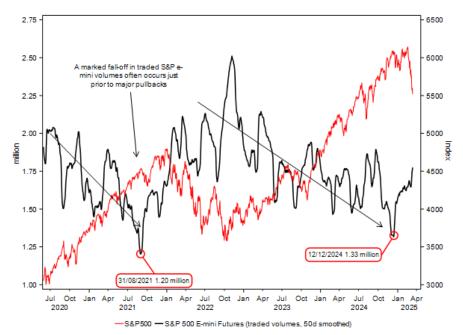
BofA Global FMS average cash level (%)



Source: BofA Global Fund Manager Survey

As such, buyers became exhausted, and participation trended down/fell to low levels. That fall in participation was illustrated, for example, by <u>falling volumes</u>, which is typical ahead of major stock market corrections (FIG 2).

FIG 2: S&P500 e-mini contract volumes (1st & 2nd contracts) vs. S&P500



Source: Longview Economics, Macrobond

2. Our SELL-off indicator generated a warning signal in early February. That model is shown in FIG 14 in the appendix below and is designed to warn of waves of risk aversion in global markets. It triggers a signal after phases of persistent risk seeking behaviour (i.e. which last for 20+ trading days). In other words, at the start of this year, near term euphoria/exuberance had emerged/risen to high levels. That typically precedes pullbacks in equity markets (see Tactical Equity Asset Allocation No. 254, 5th March 2025: 'Pullback Underway -> & Likely Enduring a.k.a. 'Relief Rally' Expected near term (But Temporary)' for detailed analysis).

3. The Trump agenda is exposing the soft underbelly of US growth.

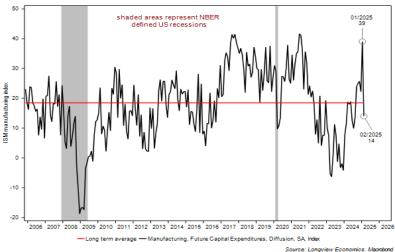
In particular, **under Biden**, US economic growth had been largely driven by significant fiscal loosening (principally via four key support packages*). That support has been a mix of direct government spending coupled with loans and grants. Illustrating the impact of that support, most of the growth in US jobs in the past 12 months has been government spending (that is - job creation has been mostly happening in the government, or in government linked sectors like healthcare, see FIG 15 in the appendix).

*Those packages include (i) the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA); (ii) the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA); (iii) the CHIPS and Science Act; and (iv) the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Under Trump, those fiscal taps have been turned off. That is, Trump was quick to sign executive orders, freeze government hiring, and cancel various government support measures (e.g. loans and grants under the IRA and so on). Given a backdrop of reasonably tight money (see recent Longview on Friday: 'Equity Pullbacks; US Mid-Cycle Slowdown Risks; Pricing Trump's Economic Agenda; PLUS the Outlook for Gold'), therefore, signs of weakness in the US economy have accelerated. Housing activity has fallen to record lows on certain measures (e.g. see pending home sales); the jobs market has deteriorated further (e.g. see FIG 16 in the appendix); while the initial optimism on the Trump election win has all but gone/reversed (e.g. see last months' rapid fall in capex plans, FIG 3).

As such, and while there's little evidence for a US recession, the soft patch thesis is materialising, as we laid out in December (for detail see 18th December '24 Quarterly Asset Allocation "US Mid Cycle Slowdown Expected (2025)").

FIG 3: Philly Fed capex plans shown with long term average (& US recession bands)

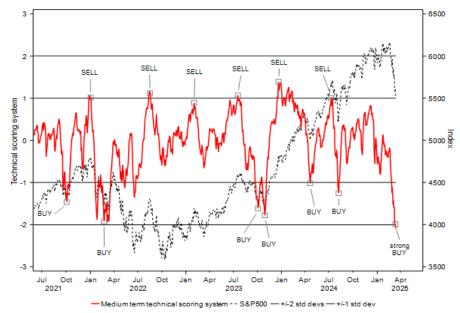


How Long Will It Last?

Most pullbacks follow a three wave pattern. That is, there's an initial pullback (wave 1), that's followed by a relief rally/short squeeze (wave 2), and then there's a final leg lower, with equity indices often breaking below the lows from wave 1 (i.e. wave 3). In bear markets, when the down trend is dominant/persistent, SELL-offs often consist of five waves instead of three.

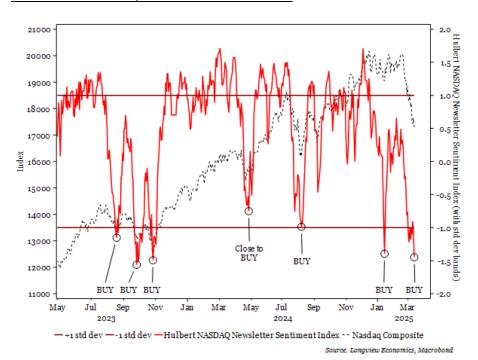
At this juncture, and on some measures, 'wave 1' is advanced, and markets appear poised to enter a wave 2 relief rally (in which it's likely that 50-60% of the losses from wave 1 will be retraced). Our medium term technical scoring system (a technical price based indicator), for example, is back on strong BUY...

FIG 4: Medium term technical scoring system vs. S&P500



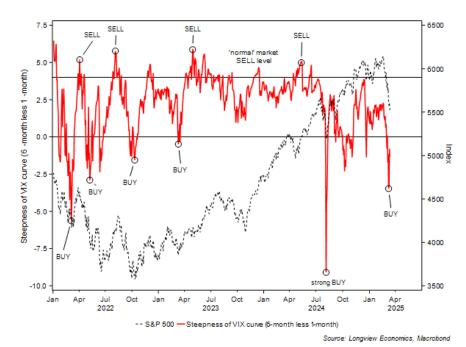
....Sentiment readings are bearish (a contrarian BUY signal)...

FIG 5: Hulbert NASDAQ Newsletter Sentiment Index



....while the VIX volatility curve has become deeply inverted (also typically a BUY signal - FIG 6).

FIG 6: Steepness of VIX curve (6 month less 1 month VIX futures) vs. S&P500



On those (selected) measures, 'wave 1' is probably advanced. **Overall, though, there's likely to be more downside in this pullback**, either in this current wave of selling – or in 'wave 3'.

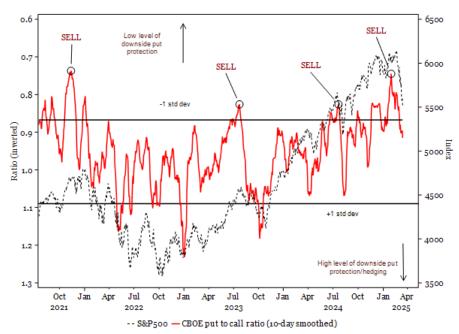
There are two key reasons for that.

First, a 'full washout' of risk is the normal behaviour that should be expected after a long/persistent (now tired) bull run. As noted above, this year's pullback started after an enduring (2.5 year) uptrend, in which bullish sentiment had become extreme; valuations had become excessive/expensive (across US large cap sectors, not just growth stocks); and cash levels had reached a 15 year low. There was also high levels of euphoria about the AI theme (and leveraged products built around that theme, e.g. leveraged LONG Nvidia ETFs etc.). A significantly large, enduring pullback (lasting several weeks, if not months), is therefore probably necessary for that excess/bullish positioning to properly unwind.

Second, this pullback is likely to persist until there are <u>across the board</u> signs of 'washout selling' (i.e. capitulation). As shown in FIGs 4 – 6, there are some signs that this pullback is over-extended. As of yet, though, that's not clear and broad based.

There is still, for example, a lack of downside put protection in portfolios – e.g. with the medium term (10 day smoothed) put to call ratio still close to SELL (FIG 7)...

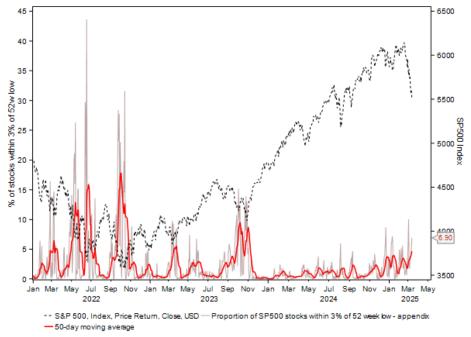
FIG 7: CBOE put to call ratio (10 day smoothed) vs. S&P500



Source: Longview Economics, Macrobond

...and little evidence of indiscriminate/broad based SELLing of US stocks (FIG 8)....

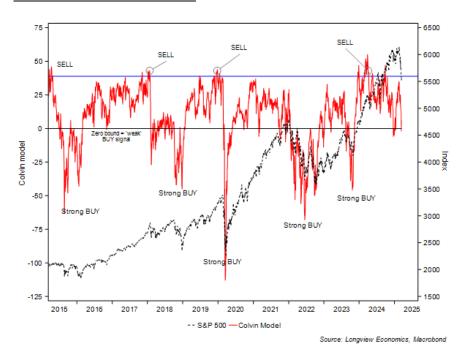
FIG 8: Percentage of US stocks within 3% of their 52-week lows vs. S&P500



Source: Longview Economics, Macrobond

...the Colvin model** is likely to generate a strong BUY signal at some stage in this pullback (from a 'weak BUY' signal currently, FIG 9)...

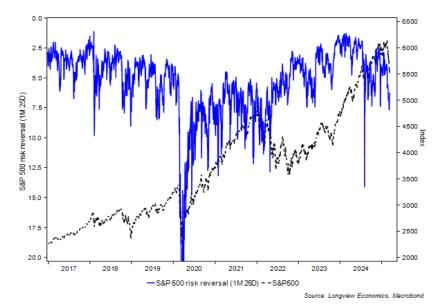
FIG 9: Colvin Model** vs. S&P500



 $\hbox{**This indicator measures the overextended nature of multiple key asset prices across the globe.}$

...While the risk reversal*** for the S&P500 is not especially extreme (and therefore not signalling high levels of fear/panic in the options market).

FIG 10: S&P500 skewness*** (risk reversal, 3 months, 0.25 delta) vs. S&P500



***Which compares the 'strike vol' of calls and puts with the same delta.

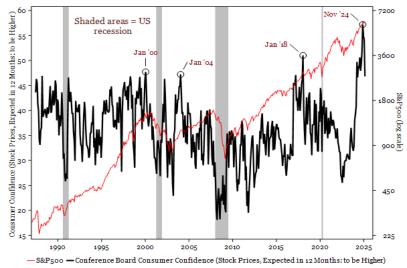
The 2018 Parallel

This pullback probably, therefore, has further to run; will likely consist of three waves (it may have five); and is being driven by a combination of both (i) positioning and technical factors (on the back of a tired bull run), as well as (ii) key macro challenges.

Those macro challenges include, most importantly, the transition **away from fiscal support** (with Trump turning off the fiscal taps) and **towards monetary support**. Markets are a key part of the mechanism for generating the switch to monetary easing (a process which usually requires weakness in risk assets and notably lower yields/rates).

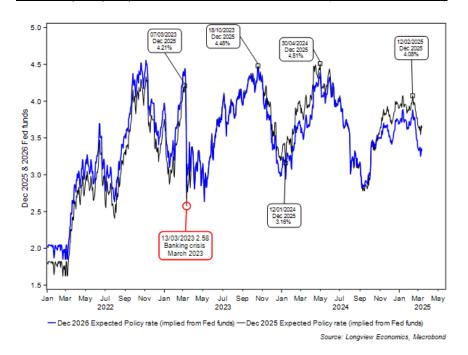
That was the playbook, for example, in 2018. That is, the economy was rolling over into a soft patch, and equities/yields both moved lower together to put pressure on the Fed to loosen policy. Of interest, like 2025, 2018 started with extreme retail optimism about the outlook for the equity market (FIG 10a).

FIG 10a: Consumer Confidence (Stock Prices expected higher in 12m) vs. S&P500



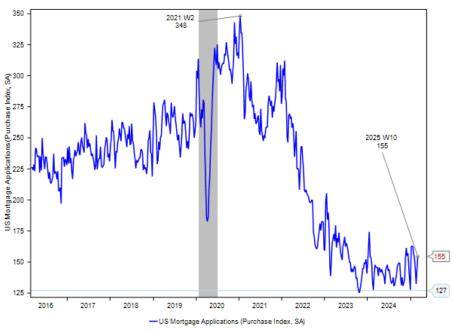
Some of that pressure on the Fed has begun to build in recent weeks, with the rates market starting to price in Fed cuts for this year and next. Currently, as FIG 11 shows, that pricing is back within the middle of the range of the past 2-3 years. It's similar in the Treasury market (with both US 10 and 30 year yields broadly mid-range relative to the 2022-24 range).

FIG 11: Implied policy rates for December 2025 and 2026 (Fed funds futures, %)



Of interest, though, in those recent years, bouts of weakness in yields/rates haven't been sufficient (or persistent enough) to reflate cyclically sensitive parts of the US economy. In the housing sector, for example, money has remained 'too tight' (e.g. see depressed mortgage apps, amongst other housing indicators)...

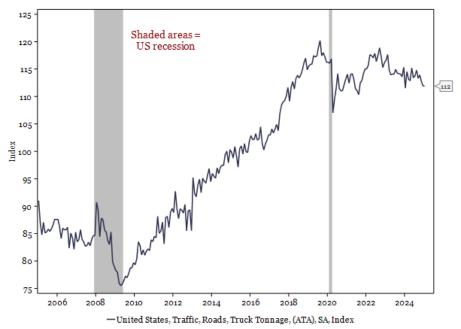
FIG 12: US weekly mortgage apps (purchase only)



Source: Longview Economics, Macroband

...While other key types of cyclical activity have remained depressed/under pressure.

FIG 13: US road truck tonnage shown with US recession bands



Source: Longview Economics, Macrobona

It's likely therefore that yields/rates need to move convincingly lower, such that they set the stage for (generate) a re-acceleration in those, and other, key parts of the US economy. Before this year, that was less pressing given the fiscal largesse under Biden. Under Trump, though, more significant Fed loosening cycle is required.

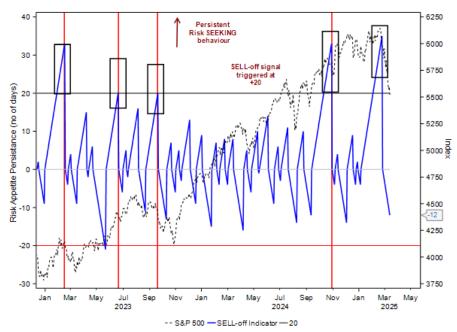
Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,

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Appendix Charts

FIG 14: Longview SELL-off indicator vs. S&P500



Source: Longview Economics, Macrobond

FIG 15: Government & Government-linked Healthcare jobs as % of total

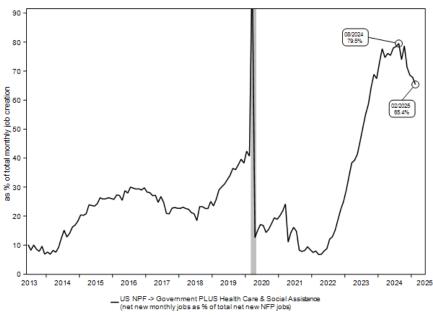
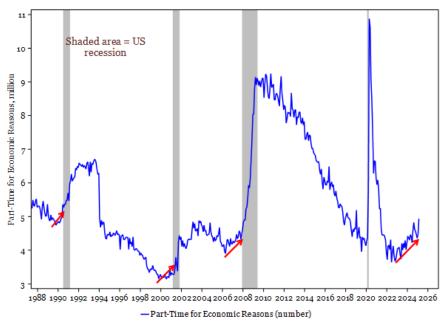


FIG 16: Part-time employed for economic reasons (number), i.e. can't find a full-time job

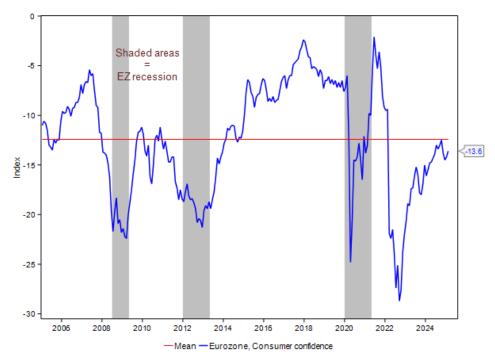


The week ahead, Europe

	Key data released this week - Europe
	Bank of England policy decision & minutes (Thurs, 12pm) followed by press conference (12:30pm); SNB policy decision (Thurs, 8:30am) followed by press conference (9am); Riksbank policy decision (Thurs, 8:30am); ECB publishes Economic Bulletin (Thurs, 9am); speeches by the ECB's Rehn at MNI event (Tues, 9am), Villeroy in Paris (Wed, 10:45am), Guindos in Madrid (Wed, 12pm), Elderson in London (Wed, 1pm), Lagarde in EU Parliament hearing (Thurs, 8am), Lane in Cork (Thurs, 12pm), Villeroy in Paris (Thurs, 1pm) & Escriva at IESE banking event in Barcelona (Fri, 8:15am).
•	UK Rightmove house prices (Mar, 12:01am); Spanish labour costs (Q4, 8am); Italian headline CPI (February final estimate, 9am).
Tuesday:	German & Eurozone ZEW survey - expectations & current situation (Mar, 10am); Eurozone trade balance (Jan, 10am).
Wednesday:	Eurozone labour costs (Q4, 10am); EZ headline & core CPI (February final estimate, 10am).
•	UK employment, jobless claims & average weekly earnings (Feb/Jan, 7am); German PPI (Feb, 7am); Eurozone construction output (Jan, 10am); CBI industrial trends survey (Mar, 11am).
	UK Gfk consumer confidence (Mar, 12:01am); UK public sector finances (Feb, 7am); French INSEE business & manufacturing confidence (Mar, 7:45am); ECB current account (Jan, 9am); Italian current account balance (Jan, 9:30am); Eurozone consumer confidence (March first estimate, 3pm).
Key earnings:	N/A

Source: Longview Economics

Eurozone consumer confidence (index)

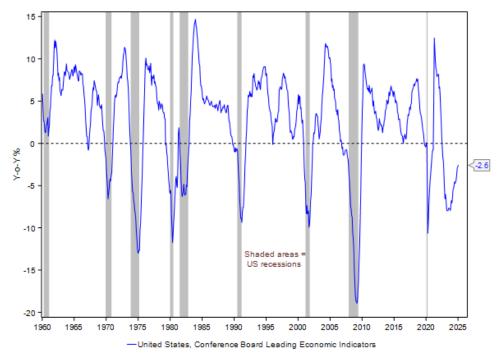


The week ahead, North America

	Key data released this week - North America
Events:	Fed policy decision (Wed, 6pm) followed by press conference (6:30pm); speech by the
	Fed's Williams in the Bahamas (Fri, 1:05pm).
Monday:	Canadian housing starts (Feb, 12:15pm); US retail sales (Feb, 12:30pm); US Empire
	manufacturing (March, 12:30pm); Canadian existing home sales (Feb, 1pm); US NAHB
	housing market index (March, 2pm); US business inventories (Jan, 2pm).
Tuesday:	US housing starts & building permits (Feb, 12:30pm); US New York Fed service sector
	business activity (March, 12:30pm); Canadian core CPI (Feb, 12:30pm); US imports and
	exports price index (Feb, 12:30pm); US industrial & manufacturing production &
	capacity utilisation (Feb, 1:15pm).
Wednesday:	US total TIC flows (Jan, 8pm).
Thursday:	US Philadelphia Fed business outlook (March, 12:30pm); US current account balance
	(Q4, 12:30pm); US weekly jobless claims (1:30pm); US existing home sales (Feb, 2pm);
	US Conference Board leading index (Feb, 2pm).
Friday:	Canadian retail sales (Jan, 12:30pm).
Key earnings:	Accenture, Nike, Micron, Cintas, FedEx (Thurs).

Source: Longview Economics

US Conference Board leading index (Y-o-Y %)

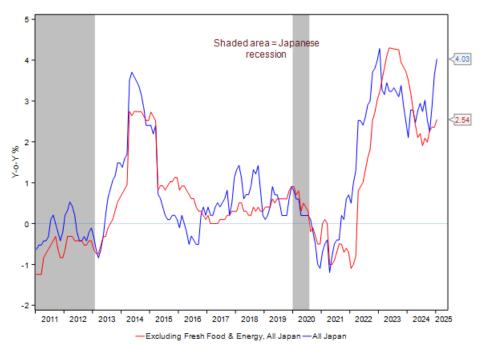


The week ahead, Asia

	Key data released this week - Asia
Events:	BOJ policy decision (Wed, time tentative); PBOC policy decision (Thurs, 1am); speech by the RBA's Hunter (Mon, 11:20pm); market holiday in Japan on account of Vernal Equinox (Thurs).
Monday:	Chinese new & used home prices (Feb, 1:30am); Chinese activity data (industrial production, retail sales, fixed asset, property investment & unemployment rate - Feb, 2am).
Tuesday:	Japanese Tertiary industry index (Jan, 4:30am); Australian Westpac leading index (Feb, 11:30pm); Japanese imports/exports, & trade balance (Feb 11:50pm); Japanese machinery orders (Jan, 11:50pm).
Wednesday:	Japanese industrial production & capacity utilisation (January final estimate, 4:30am); Japanese machine tool orders (February first estimate, 6am).
Thursday:	Australian employment data (Feb, 12:30am); Japanese headline & core CPI (Feb, 11:30pm).
Friday:	N/A
Key earnings:	Ping An Insurance Group (Thurs); China Shenhua Energy, China Petrol, Bank of Communications (Fri).

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Japanese headline & core CPI (Y-o-Y %)



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Huddly	1 169 083	0.55%
Par eto Bank	14 732 432	21.09%
Sel vaag Bolig	4 671 772	4.98%
Spar ebank 1 Nor d-Nor ge	5 011 402	4.99%
Spar ebank 1 SMN	2 771 589	2.13%
Spar ebank 1 SR-Bank	2 405 875	0.94%
Spar eBank 1 Østf old Aker shus	1 237 140	9.99%
Spar eBank 1 Østlandet	5 714 790	5.38%
Spar ebanken Mør e	566 833	1.15%
Spar ebanken Sør	333 249	2.13%
Spar ebanken Vest	7 590 191	7.07%
NEXT Biometrics	700 000	0.76%
SpareBank 1 Sørøst-Norge	2 608 539	4.13%

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Company	Analyst holdings*	Total holdings
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Aker ASA	500	2 288
Aker BP	0	10 978
Aker Horizons	0	170 767
AMSC ASA	0	4880
ArcticZymes Technologies	0	684
Atlantic Sapphir e	0	7 500
AURELIUSEquity Opportunities	0	500
Austevoll Seaf ood	0	3 5 4 8
Awil co LNG	0	30 000
Belships	0	40 000
BioInvent	0	15 000
Bonheur	0	30 665
Borregaard ASA	0	515
Bouvet	0	980
BW Energy	0	81 374
BW Of f shor e	0	4 900
Cloudberry Clean Energy	0	100 000
Crayon	0	2 380
Desert Control	0	6 685
DNB	0	34 067
DNO	0	30 391
Edda Wind	0	5 000
Elkem	0	54 376
El mer a Group A SA	0	21 405
Embracer Group	0	8 600
Equinor	0	1 616
Europris	0	18 103
Flex LNG	0	1 135
Frontline	0	15 100

Company	Analyst holdings*	Total holdings
Gaming Innovation Group	0	15 000
Gjensidige Forsikring	519	1160
Grieg Seaf ood	0	15 074
Haf nia Ltd.	0	96 000
Huddly	0	1 169 083
Hydr ogenPr o	0	34 922
International Petroleum Corp	0	5 5 1 1
Kahoot	0	36 577
Kambi Group plc	0	430
Kitron	0	2 314
Komplett Bank Kongsberg Gruppen	0	153 800 500
KWS	75	75
Lea bank	75	16 355
Ler øy Seaf ood Group	0	38 951
Media and Games Invest	0	10 000
Meltwater	0	24 000
Mowi	0	2 288
Multitude	0	2 443
NEXT Biometrics	0	700 000
Nor Am Drilling	0	6 883
NORBIT ASA	0	3 706
Nor dic Semi conductor	0	13 053
Norsk Hydr o	0	83 711 79 949
Norske Skog	0	79 949 195 000
Northern Drilling Ltd. Odfjell Drilling	0	3881
Orkla	0	12416
Panor o Energy	0	12 733
Par eto Bank	0	762 086
PetroTal	0	74 000
Pexip Holding	0	511 795
Protector Forsikring	0	7 300
PyrumInnovations	0	100
Quantaf uel	0	17 665
REC Silicon	0	35 990
SalMar	0	3 500
Sandnes Sparebank	0	2 500
Sandvik Scatec	0	1 000 30 129
Seadrill Ltd	0	7 950
SignUp Software	0	1 264
Spar ebank 1 Nor d-Nor ge	0	5725
Spar ebank 1 SMN	0	10 171
Spar ebank 1 SR-Bank	0	8 045
SpareBank 1 Østlandet	0	1 100
Spar ebanken Mør e	0	1 080
Spar ebanken Sør	0	15 940
Spar ebanken V est	0	3 294
Stolt-Nielsen	0	2 233
Stor ebr and	100	1 360
Storytel	0	5 390 28 890
Subsea 7	0	
Telenor TGS	0	3 004
TORM	0	2 500
Transocean	0	13 000
Valaris	0	2 000
Vestas Wind Systems	0	1 235
Vow	0	3 281
Vår Energi	0	91 273
Wilh. Wilhelmsen Holding	0	229
Yara	0	16 014
Zaptec	0	7 400

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American Shipping Company
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B2Hodling AS
Bekk og Strøm AS, SV Vattenkr af t AB
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Dolphin Drilling
Ensur ge Micropower
Esmaeit zadeh Holding
First Camp Group
Flex LNG
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Green Transition Holding
Haf slund Eco
HMH Holding
Honglithin Inpact Hospitality Inves House of Control HydrogenPro Ice Group Idavang A/S International Petroleum Corporation Island Green Power Ltd Island Green Power Ltd
KMC Properties
Kraft Bank
Kruse Smith
Kruse Smith
Kvitebjern Energi AS
Magnora
Memmo Family
Mime Petroleum
Multitude SE
Navios Maritime Holdings
Nor Am Drilling Nor Am Drilling Nor se Atlantic Norske Skog Norwegian Block Exchange Odfiell Oceanwind OkeaAS Otello Cor por ation Pandion Ener gy Pandion Energy
Par eto Bank
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Qred Holding

Salmon Evolution

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Shamar an Petroleum

Standard Supply AS

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Slate European Holdings

Swedencare Tierklinik Hof heim GbR

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24%
2%

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