

# Weekly Newsletter



## MARKET OVERVIEW

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Manufacturing confidence declined in April for the fourth consecutive month printing at 56 against 56.1 expected.

### UNITED KINGDOM

Consumer confidence measured by the GfK survey declined in April from -7 to -9 despite receding inflation.

### UNITED STATES

Manufacturing confidence increased further in April to 56.5 from 55.6 the month before.

### ASIA & EMERGING COUNTRIES

After regaining its 2015 level in February (1.5% YoY), Japan inflation pulled back at 1.1% YoY in March reflecting a soft patch and not a trend reversal. Japan Manufacturing confidence rose to 53.3 in April, from 53.1 in March while the unemployment rate remained stable at 2.5% in March.

### THEME OF THE WEEK

USD - reversal or counter-trend rally?

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## USD - reversal or counter-trend rally?

In recent days, the US dollar has regained ground against most major currencies. The Dollar Index (DXY) – which measures its fluctuations against other mature economies – has risen by 2.4% since April 16. What has sparked this bout of strength? And what could happen next?

As highlighted in our Quarterly House Views (see Bumps in the Road), recent weeks have seen numerous negative economic surprises in the euro zone while the US has begun to benefit from the sharp cuts in corporate taxation. This pick-up in US growth and the increase in inflation have favored the dollar. Indeed if the tax-cuts begin to overheat the economy, the Federal Reserve might feel compelled to accelerate the pace of rate hikes, pushing nominal and real rates higher.

In contrast, at this week's meeting of the European Central Bank, president Mario Draghi talked of a "loss of momentum that is pretty broad based across countries and all sectors" – in the aftermath of his comments, the euro weakened to its lowest level in 3 months against the dollar.

In addition, long-dated Treasury yields have risen sharply in recent days, breaching 3% for the first time in over 4 years and up 60 basis points since January 1. This has calmed worries that the flattening yield curve might be a harbinger of US recession, while simultaneously increasing the attraction of dollar-denominated fixed-income securities. Finally, the flash estimate for the March US trade deficit has narrowed sharply, from -\$75.9bn to -\$68.0, raising hopes that protectionism might radically improve the country's external balances.

However, we outlined in our Q2 House Views that the short-term improvement in the trade deficit has been driven by the inexorable rise of shale oil production, which has cut into imports of crude. In the longer run, the US tax cuts will stimulate demand in the economy, sucking in imports again and deepening the trade imbalance. The US current account – i.e., the balance of trade plus net foreign income and transfers – registered a deficit equivalent to 2.4% of GDP last year, while the euro zone and Japan both saw surpluses of over 3%. Large current account deficits are often associated with currency weakness.

In addition, the fall in tax revenues is likely to weigh heavily on US public finances. According to International Monetary Fund data, Washington's gross financing needs (maturing debt plus the budget deficit) are set to reach almost 25% of GDP this year, the highest level among major western developed economies (see chart).

Furthermore, we fully expect the ECB to provide more clarity on its plans for monetary policy normalization by the end of this summer. As investors begin to factor in higher policy rates in 2019, core euro sovereign bond yields should rise towards the level of consumer price inflation, eating into the yield advantage which dollar assets currently enjoy.

Bottom line. Although the recent dollar rally may have further to run in the short term, it remains overvalued and we expect euro strength to reassert itself by the autumn. On a 12-month view, our projection for EUR/USD remains 1.30.

Source: Societe Generale Private Banking, Strategy, 27/04/2018

# Market News

## EUROZONE

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Aggregate euro area public debt as percentage of GDP fell in 2017. After reaching its highest level in 2014 at 91.9%, it came down to 86.7% in 2017.



### This week's key events

02 May Unemployment rate  
02 May GDP YoY

Period	Prev.	Cons.
Mar	8.5%	--
Q1	2.7%	--

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House prices rose 2.6% YoY in April after having reached +3.2% YoY in January signalling a cooling down of the property market.



### This week's key events

01 May Manufacturing PMI

Period	Prev.	Cons.
Apr	55.1	--

## UNITED STATES

Manufacturing confidence increased further in April to 56.5 from 55.6 the month before.

Consumer confidence edged up to 128.7 in April from 127 in March its highest level since 2000.

New applications to unemployment benefits declined to a 48-year low last week with 209k initial claims. Unemployment rate is flat at 4.1% since October 2017 and could ease to 4% in April according to forecasts.



### This week's key events

01 May ISM Manufacturing

Period	Prev.	Cons.
Apr	59.3	58.5

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No key events this week

# Market Performance

## MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Interest rates	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	Government bonds*	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	
EONIA (EUR)	-37 bp	0 bp →	0 bp	-2 bp	0 bp	United States (3-7yr)	-0.2% ↓	-0.8%	-1.8%	-1.8%	
3mth Euribor (EUR)	-33 bp	0 bp →	0 bp	0 bp	0 bp	United Kingdom (3-7yr)	0.0% →	-0.3%	-1.3%	-1.9%	
3mth Libor (USD)	236 bp	0 bp →	59 bp	66 bp	119 bp	Germany (3-7yr)	0.0% →	0.4%	-0.4%	-0.9%	
3mth Libor (GBP)	76 bp	-3 bp ↓	23 bp	24 bp	43 bp	Japan (3-7yr)	-0.1% →	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.3%	
10-year US Treasury bond	299 bp	8 bp ↑	33 bp	58 bp	68 bp						
10-year German bond	59 bp	-1 bp →	3 bp	17 bp	24 bp	Equities**	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth
10-year French bond	82 bp	0 bp →	3 bp	16 bp	-1 bp	MSCI AC World	510	-1.3% ↓	-6.7%	0.2%	14.5%
10-year UK bond	153 bp	-2 bp ↓	7 bp	31 bp	51 bp	Eurostoxx 50	3 506	0.8% ↑	-3.0%	1.0%	1.5%
						DAX	12 500	-0.5% ↓	-6.3%	-3.2%	0.2%
Credit		1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	CAC 40	5 454	1.4% ↑	-0.8%	3.3%	6.6%
BAML EURO Corp. IG		0.0% →	-0.4%	-0.4%	1.4%	S&P 500	2 667	-1.0% ↓	-6.7%	0.3%	13.9%
BAML EURO Corp HY		-0.13% ↓	-0.6%	0.1%	4.1%	FTSE 100	7 421	1.4% ↑	-1.8%	-2.0%	6.1%
BAML GBP Corp IG		0.01% →	-1.6%	-2.0%	0.6%	SMI	8 835	0.3% ↑	-4.5%	-3.1%	3.5%
BAML US IG		-0.58% ↓	-2.6%	-3.4%	0.7%	Topix	1 772	1.3% ↑	-4.8%	-1.6%	17.7%
BAML US HY		-0.53% ↓	-1.3%	-0.3%	3.3%	IBOV Brazil	86 383	0.7% ↑	1.0%	13.1%	33.2%
JPM Global EM Sov. Plus		-1.26% ↓	-3.4%	-2.7%	3.1%	MICEX Russia ***	2 286	2.5% ↑	-0.4%	8.4%	12.8%
						MSCI EM	1 144	-3.3% ↓	-9.7%	-0.6%	19.5%
Exchange rates	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	SENSEX 30 India	34 714	0.8% ↑	-3.5%	2.9%	16.7%
EUR/USD	1.21	-2.0% ↓	-2.6%	0.8%	11.0%	Hang Seng (H-K)	30 008	-2.3% ↓	-9.1%	0.7%	26.8%
EUR/CHF	1.2	-0.2% ↓	3.2%	2.3%	10.5%	Shanghai Composite	3 075	-1.4% ↓	-13.6%	-7.0%	-2.1%
GBP/USD	1.39	-1.2% ↓	-1.8%	3.1%	8.3%	Commodities	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth
USD/JPY	109.31	1.8% ↑	0.5%	-3.0%	-1.6%	Brent	\$75	-0.2% ↓	6.0%	12.0%	42.7%
USD/BRL	3.48	2.6% ↑	10.3%	4.9%	9.6%	Gold	\$1 318	-2.1% ↓	-2.6%	1.1%	4.2%
USD/CNY	6.34	0.9% ↑	0.3%	-2.6%	-8.1%	Silver	\$16	-4.2% ↓	-5.2%	-3.1%	-5.5%
USD/RUB	62.82	3.1% ↑	11.7%	8.9%	10.0%						

Performance should not be seen as a guarantee of future returns. Source: Datastream, 26 April 2018, .

\*Government bonds = 3-7 year returns. \*\*Equities; total return in local currency. \*\*\*Price return for MICEX equity index.

1wk = 1-week change, 3mth = 3-month change, 12mth = 12-month change, YTD = year-to-date change, YoY = year-on-year change, BAML = Bank of America Merrill Lynch, JPM = JP Morgan, IG = Investment Grade, EM = emerging markets.

## CURRENCIES & COMMODITIES

	Thursday close
EUR/USD	1.21
GBP/USD	1.39
EUR/CHF	1.20
USD/JPY	109
Brent	\$74.6
Gold	\$1,318

Source: Datastream. On 26 April 2018, . Projections of future performance rely on internal calculations and the opinions of Societe Generale Private Banking can change anytime. Performance should not be seen as a guarantee of future returns.

\*\* Starting from the publication day of the Letter.

## Splitska banka structured products (pricing as of 27.04.2018.)

ISIN	NAME	UNDERLYING	CURRENCY	BONUS	MATURITY	PRICE	
1	XS1119148853	5Y EUR DEPOSIT LINKED NOTE	Košarica valuta	EUR	9% p.a.	10/12/2019	92,55%
2	XS1202851223	5Y USD PHOENIX DOUBLE PLUS	Košarica rudarskih i naftnih kompanija	USD	4%/8% p.a.	14/05/2020	114,88%
3	XS1212271008	5Y EUR TWINWIN 65 SX5E100 CAP	Eurostoxx 50	EUR	sudjelujući	12/06/2020	104,18%
4	XS1265964210	5Y EUR DEPOSIT LINKED NOTE	WO Total, Repsol, Statoil	EUR	5,70% p.a.	16/10/2020	99,52%
5	XS1314889129	USD CAPPED & FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	USD LIBOR 3M	USD	1,70% p.a.	17/03/2021	96,27%
6	XS1334783617	AUD CAPPED & FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	AUD-BBR-BBSW	AUD	2,10% p.a.	29/04/2019	98,96%
7	XS1367217558	USD FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	USD LIBOR 3M	USD	1,50% p.a.	01/07/2021	97,36%
8	XS1416369285	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS WO	ENGIE, E.ON, Enel	EUR	3,0% p.s.	08/08/2019	101,83%
9	XS1417403265	3 Y USD CAPPED & FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	USD LIBOR 3M	USD	1,0% p.a.	12/10/2019	98,81%
10	XS1574509565	3Y EUR PH+ SECURITY WORST OF 70% CA FP MEO GY BN FP 1.50% PQ 22042020	WO Carrefour, Metro, Danone	EUR	1,50% p.q.	22/04/2020	85,37%
11	XS1574472384	3Y EURQ PH + WO 50% HUI SX5E 1.10% PQ 21042020	WO Eurostoxx 50, HUI	EUR	1,10% p.q.	21/04/2020	98,96%
12	XS1706791214	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 60% WO EDF BNP CO 1,91%	WO EDF BNP CO	EUR	1,91% p.q.	04/12/2020	95,27%
13	XS1759355412	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 60% WO ISP UCG 1,95% p q	WO ISP UCG	EUR	1,95% p.q.	01/03/2021	100,65%
14	XS1778765930	4Y EUR PH+ WO SPX,SX5E, CAC 1,0% P.Q.	WO SPX,SX5E, CAC	EUR	1,0% p.q.	28/03/2022	98,50%
15	XS1778577186	18M EUR PHOENIX PLUS 80% VK	WO Vallorec, Arcelormittal	EUR	1,75% p.m.	07/10/2019	104,44%
16	XS1778576535	5Y EUR PH+ WO 55% SX7E	Eurostoxx Banks	EUR	0,33% p.m.	05/04/2023	98,92%

ONCOMING OBSERVATIONS IN NEXT 15 DAYS		
ISIN	TICKER	DATE
XS1555608782	5Y USDQ PHOENIX PLUS STEP DOWN 50% CO FP 2,20% P.Q.	02.05.2018
XS1513289469	2Y USD PH+ WO GG NEM ABX 2,40% P.Q.	03.05.2018
XS1555620720	3Y USDQ PH+ STEP DOWN SEC WO 75% SLB XOM RDSA 2.36% P.Q.	09.05.2018
XS1212347006	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS WO 50% 60% BNP CA 1,70% p.q.	14.05.2018
XS1405915569	3Y AUD FLOORED CAPPED FLOAT 100%KG	16.05.2018

**Important:** There is limited availability of structured products on secondary market so availability should be checked before every transaction.

## Structured products bought on secondary market (pricing as of 27.04.2018.)

	ISIN	NAME	UNDERLYING	CURRENCY	BONUS	MATURITY	PRICE
1	XS1245190555	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 75% SX5E 2,84% P.S. 03092018	EURO STOXX 50	EUR	2.84% p.s.	03/09/2018	101,87%
2	XS1456533634	5Y USD PHOENIX PLUS SECURITY 50% HUI 1.68% P.Q. 19102021	HUI	USD	1,68% p.q.	19/10/2021	100,50%
3	XS1471994811	3Y USDQ PHOENIX PLUS 70% DAI GY 2.40% P.Q. NC2Q 06012020	Daimler	USD	2,40% p.q.	06/01/2020	98,74%
4	XS1472027330	2Y USDQ PH+ WO 70% BMW GY DAI GY VOW3 GY 3.24% P.Q. NC2Q 140119	BMW, DAIMLER, VOLKSWAGEN	USD	3,24% p.q.	14/01/2019	102,72%
5	XS1457486402	5Y USDQ PHOENIX PLUS 60% WO RDS FP 2,25% P.Q.	WO Total Royal Dutch Shell	USD	2,25% p.q.	12/01/2022	98,34%
6	XS1562505542	3Y USD PHOENIX PLUS 70% WO RDS FP 2,26% P.Q.	WO BAYER PFIZER	USD	2,26% p.q.	20/03/2020	95,79%
7	XS1533380355	5Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 50% CO FP 1,81% P.Q. NC2Q 12052022	Casino Guichard	EUR	1,81% p.q.	12/05/2022	86,91%
8	XS1574623341	3Y CHF PHOENIX PLUS 60% 70% LH	Lafarge Holcim	CHF	3,0% p.s.	22/04/2020	98,53%
9	XS1555608782	5Y USDQ PHOENIX PLUS STEP DOWN 50% CO FP 2,20% P.Q.	Casino Guichard	USD	2,20% p.q.	16/05/2022	84,79%
10	XS1555620720	3Y USDQ PH+ STEP DOWN SEC WO 75% SLB XOM RDSA 2.36% P.Q.	WO Schlumberger, Exxon, Royal Dutch Shell	USD	2,36% p.q.	26/05/2020	99,62%
11	XS1511962331	3Y USD PHOENIX PLUS 80% HUI 7.60% P.S.	HUI	USD	7,60% p.s.	03/03/2020	89,82%
12	XS1622385232	5Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 70% BNP FP 2.18% P.Q. NC2Q 06062022	BNP	EUR	2,18% p.q.	06/06/2022	98,86%
13	XS1596972668	3Y USDQ PH+ STEP DOWN WO 70% 9201 JT CHL UN BP LN 2.60% P.Q. 16062020	JT, CHL, BP	USD	2,60% p.q.	16/06/2020	95,30%
14	XS1570747094	5Y EURQ PH+ SD SC 75% NOVN SAN PFE ROG 2.12% PQ NC2Q 270622	WO Novartis, Sanofi, Pfizer, Roche	EUR	2,12% p.q.	27/06/2022	82,20%
15	XS1583545865	5Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 60% CO FP 2% P.Q.	Casino Guichard	EUR	2,0% p.q.	08/08/2022	84,80%
16	XS1622812326	2Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS WO 80% CS FP BNP FP INGA NA 7.62% P.S. 21082019	WO AXA, BNP, ING	EUR	7,62% p.s.	21/08/2019	91,71%
17	XS1212347006	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 50% 60% WO BNP CA 1.7%PQ 28052018 NC6M	WO Carrefour, BNP	EUR	1,70% p.q.	28/05/2018	98,20%
18	XS1586136464	1Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 70% VK FP 7.80% P.S. 10052018	Vallourec	EUR	7,80% p.s.	10/05/2018	107,80%
19	XS1242978770	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS WORST OF 60% FR FP ML FP VOW3 GY 2% P.Q. 12062018	WO Volkswagen, Valeo, Michelin	EUR	2,0% p.q.	12/06/2018	100,90%
20	XS1620557394	5Y EURQ PH+ SECURITY WO 75% SX5E CAC SMI 1.02% P.Q. NC4Q 29092022	WO SX5E,CAC, SMI	EUR	1,02% p.q.	29/09/2022	97,94%
21	XS1513289469	2Y USDQ PH+ STEP DOWN WO 60% GG NEM ABX 2.40% P.Q. 17052019	WO Goldcorp, Newmont mining, Barrick gold	USD	2,40% p.q.	17/05/2019	99,41%
22	XS1669740976	3Y USDQ PH+ SD WO 70% 2914 JT DAI GY VOW3 GY 2.95% P.Q. 30102020	WO Volkswagen, Daimler, JT	USD	2,95% p.q.	31/10/2020	81,40%
23	XS1658366932	4Y EUR PH+ SD SEC WO 57% RWE EOAN ENGI 1,375% P.Q.	WO EOAN, ENGIE RWE	EUR	1,375% p.q.	07/12/2021	97,82%
24	XS1669454537	1Y EUR PH+ 75% STM FP 4,80% P.S.	ST Microelectronics	EUR	4,80% p.s.	20/11/2018	95,47%
25	XS1667712852	5Y EUR PH+ 60% ACA FP 1,75%	Credit Agricole	EUR	1,75% p.q.	22/12/2022	94,57%
26	XS1667711961	2Y EUR PH+ 70% RNO FP 2%	Renault	EUR	2,0% p.q.	08/01/2020	99,51%
27	XS1706665269	2Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS WO 80% CS FP RNO FP 16.35% P.A. 20122019	Renault, AXA	EUR	16,35% p.a.	20/12/2019	98,51%
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## GLOSSARY

**Accommodative Monetary Policy:** when a central bank attempts to expand the overall money supply to boost the economy when growth is slowing by lowering the interest rate or by purchasing Treasury bonds.

**Basis Points:** A unit that is equal to 1/ 100<sup>th</sup> of 1% and used to denote the change in a financial instrument.

**Bear:** an investor who believes, for any technical or fundamental reason, that a security or the broader market will decline significantly. A bear takes the appropriate steps to limit losses during the period that they believe that the security will decline.

**Ibovespa Index:** The Ibovespa Index is a gross total return index weighted by traded volume & is comprised of the most liquid stocks traded on the Sao Paulo Stock Exchange.

**BoC:** Central Bank of Canada

**BoE:** Central Bank of England

**BoJ:** Central Bank of Japan

**CPI (Consumer Price Index):** measures changes in the price level of a market basket of consumer goods and services purchased by households.

**Credit risk:** credit risk is the chance that a bond issuer will not make the coupon payments or principal repayment to its bondholders. In other words, it is the chance the issuer will default.

**Deflation:** a general decline in prices, often caused by a reduction in the supply of money or credit. Deflation can be caused also by a decrease in government, personal or investment spending.

**EPS (Earnings Per Share):** the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. Earnings per share serves as an indicator of a company's profitability.

**ECB (European Central Bank):** created in 1998, the European Central Bank determines the monetary policy to be adopted within the Eurozone. To do so, it has various means, in particular the key interest rates. The ECB is responsible for the single currency. Its main mission consists of maintaining price stability within the Euro zone.

**EM/ EC (Emerging markets/ countries):** markets/ countries in the process of rapid growth and industrialization.

**Equity Risk Premium:** The excess return that an individual stock or the overall stock market provides over a risk-free rate.

**Eurostoxx50:** A market capitalization-weighted stock index of 50 large, blue-chip European companies operating within eurozone nations.

**Fed (Federal Reserve):** central bank of the United States and controls the money supply.

**FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee):** The branch of the Federal Reserve Board that determines the direction of monetary policy.

**Guaranteed capital:** on maturity, a capital-guaranteed structured product repays a minimum 100% of the capital invested on expiry. However, the investor bears the risk associated with the issuer of a structured product. If the issuer defaults, there is a risk of loss of capital.

**Hang Seng index (Hong-Kong Index):** A market capitalization-weighted index of 40 of the largest companies that trade on the Hong Kong Exchange. The index aims to capture the leadership of the Hong Kong exchange, and covers approximately 65% of its total market capitalization.

**Investment-grade bonds:** a rating that indicates that a municipal or corporate bond has a relatively low risk of default.

**ISM Manufacturing Index:** monitors employment, production inventories, new orders and supplier deliveries.

**Issuer:** in the case of a structured product, an issuer is an entity that issues and distributes investment products. An issuer may be a bank or a company created specifically for this purpose. In the case of a bond, an issuer is an entity (government, company, government agency etc.) that issues bonds and borrows the amounts required for its financing.

**Long/ Short Strategy:** An investing strategy of taking long positions in stocks that are expected to appreciate and short positions in stocks that are expected to decline.

**Maturity date:** in finance, maturity or maturity date refers to the final payment date of a loan or other financial instrument, at which point the principal (and all remaining interest) is due to be paid. The term fixed maturity is applicable to any form of financial instrument under which the loan is due to be repaid on a fixed date.

**MSCI World Index:** index designed to provide a broad measure of equity-market performance throughout the world. The Index is maintained by Morgan Stanley Capital International, and is comprised of stocks from both developed and emerging markets.

**Overweight:** An analyst's opinion regarding the future performance of a security. Overweight will usually signify that the security is expected to outperform either its industry, sector or, even, the market altogether.

**P/B Value (Price/ Book value):** a ratio used to compare a stock's market value to its book value. It is calculated by dividing the current closing price of the stock by the latest quarter's book value per share.

**P/E ratio (Price/Earning ratio):** the ratio [Share price/earnings per share] reflects the trading price of a share in relation to the expected earnings. As such, the higher this ratio, the more expensive the stock, and vice versa. Note: the P/E ratio also depends on profit growth; companies with high profit growth tend to have a higher P/E.

**PMI composite :** composite of five of the survey indices. These are New orders, Output, Employment, Suppliers' delivery times (inverted) and Stocks of purchases

**PMI (Purchasing Managers Index):** Economic indicator of the manufacturing sector.

**Protected capital:** a product with protected capital does not guarantee the repayment of all the capital invested on maturity. The main risk associated with this type of product is a risk of capital loss, linked to fluctuations in the capital markets. There is a risk part or all of the capital may not be returned, depending on the type of protection.

**QE (Quantative Easing):** An unconventional monetary policy in which a central bank purchases government securities or other securities from the market in order to lower interest rates and increase the money supply.

**Quarterly Earnings Report:** A quarterly filing made by public companies to report their performance. Included in earnings reports are items such as net income, earnings per share, earnings from continuing operations and net sales. These reports follow the end of each quarter. Most companies file in January, April, July and October.

**S&P500 (SPX Index):** An index of 500 stocks chosen for market size, liquidity and industry grouping, among other factors. The S&P 500 is designed to be a leading indicator of U.S. equities and is meant to reflect the risk/return characteristics of the large cap universe.

**Structured product:** structured products are investment solutions comprised of a number of financial instruments. They combine one or more financial assets such as equities, currencies, interest rates etc. with a more sophisticated options component.

**Topix stock index:** an index that measures stock prices on the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE).

**Underweight:** An analyst's opinion regarding the future performance of a security. Underweight will usually mean that the security is expected to underperform either its industry, sector, or even the market altogether.

**US Dollar Index (DXY):** A measure of the value of the U.S. dollar relative to majority of its most significant trading partners.

**Valuation:** the process of determining the current worth of an asset or company.

**Valuation metric:** assessment method to determine the valuation of an asset such as the P/E for equities.

**Volatility:** volatility is a measure for variation of price of a financial instrument over time.

## EXPLANATION OF RISK LEVELS

For example, risk level R1 corresponds to a defensive risk profile. These indicators are based on the 1-year 95% Value at Risk (VaR). VaR is a measurement of the maximum amount a portfolio could lose under normal market conditions over a given period with a given probability. If the 1-year 95% VaR amounts to x%, this means that there is a 95% probability that the portfolio will not lose more than x% of its value in one year.

Risk classification	0 Lowest Risk	1 Low Risk	2 Medium Risk	3 High Risk	4 - Highest Risk
Loss	There is a 95% probability that the product will not depreciate in value in one year.	There is a 95% probability that the product will not lose more than 5% of its value in one year.	There is a 95% probability that the product will not lose more than 15% of its value in one year.	There is a 95% probability that the product will not lose more than 30% of its value in one year.	There is a minimum of 5% probability that the product will lose more than 30% of its value in one year.

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