

Weekly Newsletter



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THEME OF THE WEEK

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FOMC – Dots Caught On

Ever since the sharp rise in January's average hourly earnings (AHE) which triggered the early February correction in equity markets, inflation risks and monetary tightening have attracted keen investor attention. Even after January's AHE were revised down and February's undershot expectations, the market consensus was 100% in favour of a 25 basis points (bp) increase in the Fed's key rates at this Wednesday's meeting. No surprise then that rates were duly hiked by 25bp.

Given the lack of uncertainty on what the Fed would do, market attention was focused on 1) whether Fed projections would signal a faster pace for rate hikes and 2) how the new Chair Jerome Powell would perform.

1. On the first point, the key focus has become the “dot plot”, i.e. the graphic representation of participants' assessments of where rates should be at the 2018 to 2020 year-ends. The median dot for end-2018 was unchanged at 2.125%, suggesting two further hikes this year, although it would take only one upgrade to shift the median projection to three. However, the median did move higher for both 2019 and 2020, signaling seven 25bp hikes in total, three next year and two in 2020 in addition to those planned this year. The Federal Open Market Committee's economic projections were also adjusted – growth was revised higher for this year and next, unemployment revised lower for the next three years and core PCE (the Fed's preferred inflation gauge) unchanged this year but revised up from 2.0% to 2.1% for both 2019 and 2020.
2. On the second, Mr Powell appears to have reassured those investors who feared that he would signal a radical change in the Fed's direction. The FOMC statement reads as well balanced – although rates did rise, the policy stance “remains accommodative”; while market expectations of inflation have increased, they “remain low”. In addition, he remarked during the Q&A that he would not place too much faith in the 2020 projections, implying that the market should also take them with a pinch of salt.

So, the overall impression from yesterday's much-awaited meeting is mixed. A more constructive economic scenario contrasts with only modest inflationary pressure. Upward moves in the dots still leave the Fed's trajectory for this year exactly where Janet Yellen left it. As a result, the Fed gives little impression of being worried by rising prices, helping explain the ensuing dollar weakness.

Bottom line. We still expect two further hikes this year, bringing the total to three – a fourth could come if the Fed changes its view on tax-cut-fuelled overheating. Even if the pace of tightening were to quicken, rates would still remain well below the 4.2% suggested by the Taylor Rule over the next couple of years. Strengthening growth, modestly higher inflation and still accommodative monetary policy – not a bad combination for the US economy.

Market News

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For the third consecutive month, manufacturing confidence declined, falling from 58.6 to 56.6 in March against expectations for a small correction to 58.2. Similarly, services confidence fell from 56.2 to 55 in March. Both remain robust nonetheless.



This week's key events		Period	Prev.	Cons.
27 Mar	Consumer confidence	Mar	0.1	0.1
27 Mar	Business climate indicator	Mar	1.48	1.4

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Retail sales were slightly above expectations, remaining stable at +1.5% YoY in February.

After a small increase in January, UK unemployment returned to a 40-year low of 4.3% in February.



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29 Mar	GDP, final (% YoY)	Q4	1.4	1.4
29 Mar	Current account balance	Q4	-23bn	-24bn

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The University of Michigan consumer sentiment rose for the second month in a row to a 14-year high of 102.

Industrial production rose 1.1% in February. Similarly, manufacturing confidence edged up from 55.3 to 55.7 in March.

Initial jobless claims rose from 226k to 229k over the past week. However, the labour market is close to full employment with the jobless rate at a 17-year low of 4.1%.



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27 Mar	Consumer confidence	Mar	130,8	131
29 Mar	Initial jobless claims	Mar 24	229k	230k
29 Mar	U Michigan Sentiment (final)	Mar	102	102

ASIA & EMERGING COUNTRIES

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Meanwhile, consumer prices edged up to 1.5% YoY overall. Excluding volatile items, the index reached 1% YoY, its highest level since April 2015.



This week's key events		Period	Prev.	Cons.
30 Mar	Unemployment rate	Feb	2.4%	2.6%
30 Mar	Industrial output, % MoM	Feb	-6.8%	5%

Market Performance

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

Interest rates						Government bonds*						
	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth		1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth		
EONIA (EUR)	-37 bp	0 bp	→	-2 bp	-2 bp	-1 bp	United States (3-7yr)	0.0%	→	-1.0%	-1.3%	-0.5%
3mth Euribor (EUR)	-33 bp	0 bp	→	0 bp	0 bp	0 bp	United Kingdom (3-7yr)	-0.2%	↓	-1.0%	-1.2%	-1.6%
3mth Libor (USD)	229 bp	11 bp	↑	60 bp	59 bp	113 bp	Germany (3-7yr)	0.2%	↑	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.6%
3mth Libor (GBP)	65 bp	5 bp	↑	14 bp	13 bp	31 bp	Japan (3-7yr)	0.1%	→	0.1%	0.1%	-0.2%
10-year US Treasury bond	283 bp	1 bp	→	34 bp	42 bp	44 bp						
10-year German bond	53 bp	-4 bp	↓	11 bp	11 bp	12 bp						
10-year French bond	65 bp	-6 bp	↓	3 bp	-2 bp	-40 bp						
10-year UK bond	147 bp	1 bp	→	20 bp	25 bp	37 bp						

Equities**						
	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	
MSCI AC World	508	-2.6%	↓	0.0%	-0.4%	16.6%
Eurostoxx 50	3 348	-1.9%	↓	-5.5%	-4.1%	1.1%
DAX	12 100	-2.0%	↓	-7.4%	-6.3%	1.7%
CAC 40	5 167	-1.8%	↓	-3.5%	-2.6%	6.7%
S&P 500	2 644	-3.8%	↓	-1.0%	-0.7%	14.8%
FTSE 100	6 953	-2.5%	↓	-7.4%	-8.6%	-1.3%
SMI	8 638	-2.7%	↓	-6.8%	-6.7%	4.2%
Topix	1 727	-0.9%	↓	-5.4%	-4.9%	15.3%
IBOV Brazil	84 768	-0.2%	↓	12.7%	11.0%	33.5%
MICEX Russia ***	2 286	0.6%	↑	8.7%	8.3%	10.9%
MSCI EM	1 197	-1.6%	↓	5.4%	3.7%	27.0%
SENSEX 30 India	33 006	-1.9%	↓	-2.6%	-2.2%	14.6%
Hang Seng (H-K)	31 071	-1.5%	↓	5.4%	4.2%	32.5%
Shanghai Composite	3 263	-0.8%	↓	-1.0%	-1.3%	0.6%

Credit					
	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	
BAML EURO Corp. IG	-0.06%	→	-0.4%	-0.4%	2.1%
BAML EURO Corp HY	-0.25%	↓	-0.3%	-0.4%	4.7%
BAML GBP Corp IG	-0.03%	→	-1.1%	-1.6%	1.8%
BAML US IG	-0.24%	↓	-2.1%	-2.8%	2.2%
BAML US HY	-0.24%	↓	-0.7%	-0.9%	5.0%
JPM Global EM Sov. Plus	-0.29%	↓	-1.6%	-2.0%	5.6%

Exchange rates						
	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	
EUR/USD	1.23	0.0%	→	3.7%	2.4%	13.9%
EUR/CHF	1.17	-0.3%	↓	-0.5%	-0.2%	9.1%
GBP/USD	1.41	1.1%	↑	5.5%	4.4%	12.9%
USD/JPY	105.28	-1.0%	↓	-7.1%	-6.6%	-5.3%
USD/BRL	3.32	0.9%	↑	-0.6%	0.1%	7.4%
USD/CNY	6.34	0.2%	↑	-3.7%	-2.6%	-8.0%
USD/RUB	57.26	-0.3%	↓	-1.9%	-0.7%	-0.9%

Commodities						
	Last	1wk	3mth	YTD	12mth	
Brent	\$69	6.3%	↑	6.7%	3.9%	37.6%
Gold	\$1 327	0.8%	↑	4.2%	1.8%	6.3%
Silver	\$16	-0.1%	→	-0.1%	-3.6%	-6.7%

Performance should not be seen as a guarantee of future returns. Source: Datastream, 22 March 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	1.23
GBP/USD	1.41
USD/RUB	57.3
AUD/USD	0.77
EUR/CHF	1.17
USD/CNY	6.34
USD/CAD	1.29
USD/JPY	105
Brent	\$69.2
Gold	\$1327

Source: Datastream. On 22 March 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 23.03.2018.)

	ISIN	NAME	UNDERLYING	CURRENCY	BONUS	MATURITY	PRICE
1	XS1119148853	5Y EUR DEPOSIT LINKED NOTE	Košarica valuta	EUR	9% p.a.	10/12/2019	92,32%
2	XS1202851223	5Y USD PHOENIX DOUBLE PLUS	Košarica rudarskih i naftnih kompanija	USD	4%/8% p.a.	14/05/2020	112,54%
3	XS1212271008	5Y EUR TWINWIN 65 SX5E100 CAP	Eurostoxx 50	EUR	sudjelujući	12/06/2020	100,71%
4	XS1265964210	5Y EUR DEPOSIT LINKED NOTE	WO Total, Repsol, Statoil	EUR	5,70% p.a.	16/10/2020	95,19%
5	XS1314889129	USD CAPPED & FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	USD LIBOR 3M	USD	1,70% p.a.	17/03/2021	96,06%
6	XS1334783617	AUD CAPPED & FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	AUD-BBR-BBSW	AUD	2,10% p.a.	29/04/2019	98,94%
7	XS1367217558	USD FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	USD LIBOR 3M	USD	1,50% p.a.	01/07/2021	97,64%
8	XS1416369285	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS WO	ENGIE, E.ON, Enel	EUR	3,0% p.s.	08/08/2019	100,53%
9	XS1417403265	3 Y USD CAPPED & FLOORED FLOATER NOTE	USD LIBOR 3M	USD	1,0% p.a.	12/10/2019	98,71%
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	89,52%
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	97,63%
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	88,64%
13	XS1759355412	3Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 60% WO ISP UCG 1,95% p q	WO ISP UCG	EUR	1,95% p.q.		96,48%
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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 23.03.2018.)

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	99,42%
2	XS1456533634	5Y USD PHOENIX PLUS SECURITY 50% HUI 1.68% P.Q. 19102021	HUI	USD	1,68% p.q.	19/10/2021	100,44%
3	XS1471994811	3Y USDQ PHOENIX PLUS 70% DAI GY 2.40% P.Q. NC2Q 06012020	Daimler	USD	2,40% p.q.	06/01/2020	96,90%
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	101,16%
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	96,85%
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	89,35%
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	77,86%
8	XS1574623341	3Y CHF PHOENIX PLUS 60% 70% LH	Lafarge Holcim	CHF	3,0% p.s.	22/04/2020	97,60%
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	75,63%
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	95,09%
11	XS1511962331	3Y USD PHOENIX PLUS 80% HUI 7.60% P.S.	HUI	USD	7,60% p.s.	03/03/2020	85,99%
12	XS1622385232	5Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 70% BNP FP 2.18% P.Q. NC2Q 06062022	BNP	EUR	2,18% p.q.	06/06/2022	93,36%
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	88,81%
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	79,06%
15	XS1583545865	5Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 60% CO FP 2% P.Q.	Casino Guichard	EUR	2,0% p.q.	08/08/2022	74,18%
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	79,35%
17	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	79,35%
18	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	92,51%
19	XS1586136464	1Y EUR PHOENIX PLUS 70% VK FP 7.80% P.S. 10052018	Vallourec	EUR	7,80% p.s.	10/05/2018	86,48%
20	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	94,16%
21	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	95,14%
22	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	92,54%
23	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	78,56%
24	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	95,53%
25	XS1669454537	1Y EUR PH+ 75% STM FP 4,80% P.S.	ST Microelectronics	EUR	4,80% p.s.	20/11/2018	95,20%
26	XS1667712852	5Y EUR PH+ 60% ACA FP 1,75%	Credit Agricole	EUR	1,75% p.q.	22/12/2022	90,69%
27	XS1667711961	2Y EUR PH+ 70% RNO FP 2%	Renault	EUR	2,0% p.q.	08/01/2020	101,52%
28	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	88,92%
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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/ 100th 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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