

# The Week Ahead

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## Key Macro Events 22-26 April 2024

- **Eurozone** – We expect a further modest rise in the composite PMI, driven by a pickup in services, and a continued bottoming out in manufacturing. The rise in the manufacturing PMI is likely to continue to be held back by declining delivery times as the disturbances related to the Red Sea unwind further, with forward-looking indicators such as new orders expected to show a further improvement. The German IFO is also likely to recover further, reflecting the bottoming out in German industry.
- **US:** Q1 GDP is likely to have slowed further from the strong rates of growth in H2 23, but remain somewhat above-trend at around 2.5% annualised. This is expected to be driven by continued solid consumption, and trend-like growth in investment. PCE inflation is likely to come in less firm than the CPI data, partly because medical services inflation is seeing less upward pressure in the PCE index. Core PCE inflation in particular expected to decelerate slightly from February.
- **Asia** – Rates decisions are in focus in the coming week. On Monday 22 April, we expect China's 1-year loan prime rate to be maintained at 3.45%., after the PBoC left the 1-year rate on its medium-term lending facility unchanged at 2.50% last Monday. On Friday 26 April, we expect the Bank of Japan to keep its short-term rate target unchanged (range 0-0.1%), after hiking the policy rate for the first time in 17 years in March. Going forward, we expect the BoJ to keep a modest, gradual hiking path. However, ongoing yen weakness (partly driven by the pricing out of Fed rate cuts) means that there is an increasing probability that the BoJ may consider to come with the next rate hike earlier than the current consensus expectation of October 2024 (as indicated by market pricing). Also against that background, Governor Ueda may give more clues about the start of quantitative tightening.

	Date	Time	Country	Market indicator	Period	Latest outcome	Expectation consensus	ABN AMRO
Monday	22/04/2024	00:00:00	NL	Dutch House Price Index	Mar	1.0		
Monday	22/04/2024	03:15:00	CN	Loan prime rate - 1 year	Apr 22	3.45	3.45	<b>3.45</b>
Monday	22/04/2024	06:30:00	NL	Consumer confidence - index	Apr	-22.0		
Monday	22/04/2024	12:00:00	GB	CBI industrial orders - balance (%)	Apr	-18.0		
Monday	22/04/2024	16:00:00	EZ	Consumer confidence - index	Apr P	-14.9	-14.2	
Monday	22/04/2024	17:30:00	EZ	ECB's Villeroy speaks in Paris				
Tuesday	23/04/2024	10:00:00	EZ	PMI manufacturing - index	Apr P	46.1		<b>46.5</b>
Tuesday	23/04/2024	10:00:00	EZ	Composite PMI output	Apr P	50.3	50.6	<b>50.6</b>
Tuesday	23/04/2024	10:00:00	EZ	PMI services - index	Apr P	51.5		<b>51.7</b>
Tuesday	23/04/2024	10:30:00	GB	PMI manufacturing - index	Apr P	50.3		
Tuesday	23/04/2024	14:00:00	HU	Base rate - %	Apr 23	8.3	7.7	
Tuesday	23/04/2024	16:00:00	US	New homes sold - % mom	Mar	-0.3	2.1	
Wednesday	24/04/2024	09:35:00	EZ	ECB's Cipollone speaks in Frankfurt				
Wednesday	24/04/2024	10:00:00	DE	Ifo - business climate - index	Apr	87.8	88.9	<b>89.1</b>
Wednesday	24/04/2024	14:30:00	US	New durable goods orders - % mom	Mar P	1.3	2.5	
Wednesday	24/04/2024	16:00:00	EZ	ECB's Schnabel speaks in Frankfurt				

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	Date	Time	Country	Market indicator	Period	Latest outcome	Expectation consensus	ABN AMRO
Thursday	25/04/2024	08:45:00	FR	Business confidence manuf. - index	Apr	102.3		
Thursday	25/04/2024	09:00:00	EZ	ECB's Schnabel speaks in Frankfurt				
Thursday	25/04/2024	10:20:00	EZ	ECB's Vujcic speaks				
Thursday	25/04/2024	13:00:00	TR	Repo rate - %	Apr 25	50.0		
Thursday	25/04/2024	14:30:00	US	GDP - % qoq annualised	1Q A	3.4	2.2	<b>2.4</b>
Thursday	25/04/2024	16:00:00	US	Pending home sales - % mom	Mar	1.6		
Thursday	25/04/2024	19:30:00	EZ	ECB's Panetta speaks in Frankfurt				
Friday	26/04/2024		JP	BOJ Target rate (upper bound)	Apr-26	0.1	0.1	<b>0.1</b>
Friday	26/04/2024	01:01:00	GB	GfK Consumer confidence - index	Apr	-21.0		
Friday	26/04/2024	08:45:00	FR	Consumer confidence - index	Apr	91.0		
Friday	26/04/2024	10:00:00	EZ	M3 growth - % yoy	Mar	0.4	0.5	
Friday	26/04/2024	14:30:00	US	Consumer spending - % mom	Mar	0.8	0.5	
Friday	26/04/2024	14:30:00	US	PCE inflation - % mom	Mar	0.3	0.3	<b>0.3</b>
Friday	26/04/2024	14:30:00	US	PCE inflation - % yoy	Mar	2.5	2.6	<b>2.6</b>
Friday	26/04/2024	14:30:00	US	Core PCE inflation - % mom	Mar	0.3	0.3	<b>0.2</b>
Friday	26/04/2024	14:30:00	US	Core PCE inflation - % yoy	Mar	2.8	2.8	<b>2.7</b>
Friday	26/04/2024	16:00:00	US	Univ. of Michigan cons. confidence - index	Apr F	77.9	78.3	

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