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### US banking crisis could sway ECB from committing to future rate rises

A US banking crisis is unlikely to deter the European Central Bank (ECB) from increasing eurozone borrowing costs this week, but analysts expect rate-setters to be more reluctant to commit to another rise in the month of May. The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank on the back of the sharp rise in US interest rates has sent shockwaves through markets. ([www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com) 14/03/23)

### Fed creates new liquidity backstop amid contagion fears

The Federal Reserve created a new emergency liquidity backstop on March 12, as fears grew that the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB) could trigger problems at other US lenders. The Fed is offering loans of up to one year to banks and other depository institutions, accepting Treasuries, agency debt, mortgage-backed securities and other assets as collateral. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/03/23)

### Means of production prices rise in China

Most of the capital goods in China posted higher prices in early March compared with late Feb. official data shows. Of the 50 goods monitored by the government, which include seamless steel tubes, gasoline, coal, fertilizer, and some agricultural products mainly used for processing, 22 posted rising prices. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 14/03/23)

### Japan yield falls past previous BOJ ceiling as US hike bets ease

Japan's 10-year yield dropped through the central bank's previous yield cap, as a global bond rally eased the pressure on local officials to tighten policy. The benchmark yield fell 5.5 basis points to 0.24%, the lowest since before the Japanese central bank unexpectedly doubled its ceiling to 0.5% in Dec. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 14/03/23)

### Australia's weak sentiment bolsters case for RBA to pause rates

Australian business confidence slipped into negative territory and household sentiment remained deeply pessimistic, separate surveys show, bolstering the case for the Reserve Bank to pause its tightening cycle. Business confidence fell 10 points to minus 4 in Feb. a National Australia Bank Ltd. Has said. Chief Economist Alan Oster suggested the "outlook remains clouded." ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 14/03/23)

### India inflation moderates in February

India consumer price inflation moderated in Feb. but remained above the central bank's target band, data released by the statistics ministry showed on Monday. The consumer price index, or CPI, advanced 6.44% on a yearly basis in Feb, slower than the 6.52% increase seen in January. The rate was slightly bigger than economists' forecast of 6.35%. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 13/03/23)

### India's Feb wholesale inflation eases to lowest in over 2 years

India's annual wholesale price-based inflation (WPI) eased to the lowest in over two years, dragged down by a fall in overall input costs for manufacturers on the back of favourable commodity prices. WPI (INWPI=ECI) in February eased to 3.85% year-on-year, compared with 4.73% in the previous month. It was below the Reuters forecast of 4%. ([www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com) 14/03/23)

### Russia's foreign trade up by 8.1% in 2022

Russia's foreign trade rose by 8.1% year on year to \$850.5bn in 2022, the country's Federal Customs Service has said. Russia's exports jumped by 19.9% to \$591.5bn. while imports dropped by 11.7% to \$259.1bn, according to official data. As a result, Russia's trade surplus reached \$332.4bn, a surge of 66.6% from the previous year. ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 13/03/23)

#### EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.2153	(1.2108)	1.2155	(1.2110)
+USD/EUR	1.0731	(1.0686)	1.0732	(1.0687)
*GHS/USD	11.0081	(11.0086)	11.0191	(11.0196)
*GHS/GBP	13.3781	(13.3292)	13.3937	(13.3447)
*GHS/EUR	11.8140	(11.7645)	11.8246	(11.7751)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 14/03/23 (Rates for 13/03/23 in brackets)  
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### **Turkey's current account deficit hits highest level since records began**

Turkey has posted a record high current account deficit, underscoring the challenge facing President Tayyip Erdoğan as voters' discontent over his stewardship of the \$800bn economy grows ahead of a general election in May. The higher global energy costs worsened the deficit which jumped 43% year on year to \$9.85bn in Jan. ([www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com) 13/03/23)

### **HK GDP outlook lifted on China; Singapore sees high costs**

Hong Kong's economy is likely to expand faster than initially thought as China's reopening spurs activity, while rival financial hub Singapore is expected to continue contending with price pressures, according to Bloomberg survey, in which economists raised their forecasts for Hong Kong's gross domestic product (GDP) growth. ([www.bloomberg.com](http://www.bloomberg.com) 14/03/23)

### **Romania inflation rises in February**

Romania's consumer price inflation accelerated in February after easing for two straight months, the National Institute of Statistics said on Monday. Consumer prices registered a double-digit growth of 15.5%, faster than the 15.1% increase logged in Jan. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 13/03/23)

### **Greece inflation slowest since 2021**

Greece consumer prices rose at the weakest pace in more than a year in February, the Hellenic Statistical Authority said Monday. The consumer price index advanced 6.1% annually after rising 7.0% in January. Inflation has slowed for the fifth successive month. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 13/03/23)

### **Central bank of the year: NBU**

The National Bank of Ukraine's history has been tumultuous since 2013. The country's then-president appointed a new governor, Valeria Gontareva, following the Euromaidan uprising of that year. Gontareva reformed the NBU's governance, changed its monetary policy framework, averted a foreign exchange crisis and cleaned up much of the banking sector. ([www.centralbanking.com](http://www.centralbanking.com) 13/03/23)

### **Oil futures settle sharply lower as SVB collapse hurts sentiment**

Crude oil prices fell sharply on Monday amid rising worries over a U.S. banking debacle following the collapse of Silicon Valley Bank. The US Treasury, the Fed and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation said they would "fully protect" depositors, including those with assets above the federally guaranteed \$250,000 limit. ([www.rttnews.com](http://www.rttnews.com) 13/03/23)

### **WB calls for adoption of digital technologies to spur economic growth, job creation in Africa**

The ability of African countries to accelerate economic growth and unleash quality of jobs for the youth will be dependent on greater adoption of digital technologies, the World Bank has said in a report launched on Monday. Under the title of "Digital Africa: Technological Transformation for Jobs." ([www.xinhuanet.com](http://www.xinhuanet.com) 14/03/23)

### **SA: Public sector workers protest, demand wage increase**

South Africa's largest public sector workers union continued to protest outside various hospitals across the country on Monday, demanding a 10% wage increase, while the government has offered 4.7%. Protesters have vowed to intensify their action until their demands are met. ([www.africanews.com](http://www.africanews.com) 13/03/23)

### **AfDB launch \$2bn global benchmark bond**

The African Development Bank (AfDB) has launched and priced a US\$ 2bn 5-year Global Benchmark bond due 14 March 2028, its first in the year. The bond was issued on 7 March. The AfDB continues to carry out its funding strategy of issuing large liquid benchmark transactions. ([www.norvanreports.com](http://www.norvanreports.com) 13/03/23)

### **Ghana: BoG raises GHS 6.2bn in auction of bills**

The Bank of Ghana (BoG) has recently conducted an auction of its own bills, commonly known as Bank of Ghana bills, and has successfully raised GHS 6.2bn in fresh debt. The bills, which have a maturity period of 14 days, were auctioned on Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at an interest rate of 28%. ([www.norvanreports.com](http://www.norvanreports.com) 13/03/23)

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