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Global economy set to stay on a roll for the rest of the year

The global economy is likely to carry its solid momentum for the rest of the year and into 2025, defying earlier expectations of a slowdown, according to a Reuters poll of economists who said stronger growth than forecast was more likely than weakness.

(www.reuters.com 26/04/24)

Governance Benchmarks 2024 – model banks analysis

Governing a central bank well requires a lot of elements, and different institutions make different structural choices. But some challenges are common to all – staffing, oversight, independence from government, the choice of internal policies. The model banks analysis highlights how choices across these dimensions differ in advanced economies.

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ECB's Panetta calls for timely, small rate cuts

European Central Bank policymaker, Fabio Panetta called for timely and small interest rate cuts to stem the risk of prolonged economic stagnation in the euro area. The ECB has clearly signalled it will start lowering borrowing costs in June after inflation fell back to just above its 2% target, but investors have started to doubt its resolve to continue on that path.

(www.reuters.com 25/04/24)

Eurozone monetary aggregates data due

Monetary developments from the euro area and consumer confidence from France are due on Friday [26/04/24], headlining a light day for the European economic news. At 2.00 am ET, retail sales and household consumption from Norway and foreign trade data from Sweden are due.

(www.rttnews.com 26/04/24)

Lending and consumer data cements case for ECB rate cuts

Euro zone lending continued to stagnate in March and consumers trimmed their inflation expectations as record-high borrowing costs kept putting the brakes on the euro zone's economy, European Central Bank (ECB) reports showed on Friday [26/04/24].

(www.reuters.com 26/04/24)

Fed policy has more effect during U.S. recessions, ECB paper finds

The Federal Reserve's monetary policy is more effective when the U.S. is in a recession, a working paper published by the European Central Bank (ECB) argues. In U.S., monetary policy is more powerful in low economic regimes.

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U.S. regulator pauses plans to scrutinise big investors in banks

A U.S. banking regulator has paused plans to rein in the influence of large investors on individual lenders after it became clear at an open meeting that neither of two rival proposals had majority support. The board of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation was scheduled to vote on the proposals, one from Republican member Jonathan McKernan and the other from Rohit Chopra, a Democrat.

(www.ft.com 26/04/24)

Investors brace for 5% Treasury yields as U.S. inflation worries mount

As U.S. inflation worries grow, some investors are preparing for the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield to breach a 16-year high of 5% hit last October. Bond yields, which move inversely to prices, have climbed in recent weeks as signs of persistent inflation erode expectations for how deeply the Federal Reserve will be able to cut interest rates

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EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.2493	(1.2430)	1.2494	(1.2431)
+USD/EUR	1.0719	(1.0684)	1.0720	(1.0684)
*GHS/USD	13.1683	(13.1355)	13.1815	(13.1487)
*GHS/GBP	16.4512	(16.3275)	16.4690	(16.3451)
*GHS/EUR	14.1163	(14.0343)	14.1292	(14.0482)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 26/04/24 (Rates for 25/04/24 in brackets)

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Yellen says U.S. economy strong, all options open on China's overcapacity

U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told Reuters on Thursday [25/04/24], that U.S. economic growth was likely stronger than suggested by weaker-than-expected data on first-quarter output and said the Biden administration was keeping all options open to respond to threats from China's excess industrial capacity. (www.reuters.com 25/04/24)

Chinese policy-makers warm to PBoC bond trading

China's Finance Ministry said it backs plans for the People's Bank of China (PBoC) to increase its trading of government bonds through open market operations, to "enrich the monetary policy toolbox", the Finance Ministry called for better co-ordination between fiscal and monetary policy and improvements in the mechanisms for injecting base money and adjusting money supply. (www.centralbanking.com 25/04/24)

BOJ Governor Ueda's comments at news conference

The Bank of Japan kept interest rates around zero on Friday [26/04/24] and highlighted a growing conviction that inflation was on track to durably hit 2% in coming years, signalling its readiness to hike borrowing costs later this year. (www.reuters.com 26/04/24)

Yen tumbles after Bank of Japan holds near-zero interest rates

The yen fell to a new 34-year low on Friday [26/04/24] after the Bank of Japan held interest rates near zero, despite rising pressure on the central bank to tighten its policy to prop up the currency. The Japanese currency fell to ¥156.13. (www.ft.com 26/04/24)

Japan feels inflation heat from Fed's 'higher for longer' shift

Investors are increasing their bets that the Bank of Japan will need to keep raising borrowing costs as a weaker yen fuels inflation and puts pressure on the central bank to tighten its policy to prop up the currency. (www.ft.com 26/04/24)

European shares on track for weekly gains; Thyssenkrupp glows

European shares rose and looked set to end the week higher as investors cheered robust results from tech giants in the U.S., while Thyssenkrupp was on course for its best day in 23 months on a divestiture announcement. The pan-European STOXX 600 index (.STOXX), started the session with a 0.6% increase by 0845 GMT. (www.reuters.com 26/04/24)

Oil prices on track to snap two-week losing streak

Oil prices rose on track to end higher this week after two straight weeks of losses, after a top US official expressed optimism over economic growth and as supply concerns lingered due to conflicts in the Middle East. Brent crude futures gained 19 cents, or 0.2%, to \$89.20 a barrel at 0927 GMT, and US West Texas Intermediate crude futures rose by 25 cents. (www.reuters.com 26/04/24)

Malawi gets \$57.6m World Bank grant to address food crisis

The World Bank said on Friday [26/04/24] that it was providing \$57.6m in "quick release" grant financing to Malawi to help the country respond to a food crisis. "This support comes in the context of the severe food crisis the country is suffering due to El Niño conditions," the World Bank said. (www.reuters.com 26/04/24)

Nigeria seeks managers for planned \$10bn diaspora fund

Nigeria is seeking fund managers for a planned \$10bn diaspora fund that is aimed at attracting dollar inflows and foreign investment into the economy, a tender document showed. (www.reuters.com 26/04/24)

Nigeria implements regional fuel standards, regulator clarifies

Nigeria's oil regulator clarified that recent changes to fuel sulphur content standards for diesel are part of a regional harmonisation effort, not a relaxation of regulations for local refineries. (www.reuters.com 25/04/24)

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