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Eurozone industrial output falls unexpectedly in April

Eurozone industrial production dropped unexpectedly in April on falling intermediate goods output, official data showed Thursday [13/06]. Industrial output logged a monthly fall of 0.1%, marking the first drop in three months, Eurostat said. Production was forecast to grow 0.2% after rising 0.5% in March.

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U.S. weekly jobless claims unexpectedly climb to nearly 10-month high

The Labour Department released a report on Thursday [13/06] showing an unexpected increase by first-time claims for U.S. unemployment benefits in the week ended June 8. The report said initial jobless claims climbed to 242,000, an increase of 13,000 from the previous week's unrevised level of 229,000.

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Fed diverges from global peers in new era of higher for longer

The Federal Reserve's move to signal fewer interest-rate cuts this year deepens its divergence from peers who have already begun to ease. The message from the Fed was two-fold: Not only are officials now only anticipating one rate cut this year, compared to the three they projected as recently as March.

(www.bloomberg.com 14/06/24)

Chinese companies rush to tap U.S. convertible bond market

Big Chinese companies are turning to the convertible bond market as a way of raising cheap cash from U.S. hedge funds while circumventing investor concerns about political tensions between the two countries. Traditional U.S. equity fundraising routes such as initial public offerings and follow-on share sales have been almost completely shut to Chinese companies. (www.ft.com 14/06/24)

BoJ to begin scaling back bond buying

The Bank of Japan said it would begin scaling back its ¥6tn (\$38bn) monthly bond-buying programme, a critical milestone in unwinding its ultra-loose monetary policy and tapering its expanded balance sheet. The yen weakened to ¥157.89 against the dollar, the lowest level since multiple government interventions from late April to May. (www.ft.com 14/06/24)

Budget stand-off pushes German coalition to brink

German ministers are hurtling towards a showdown over how to plug a massive financing gap in next year's budget, in one of the toughest tests of coalition unity since Olaf Scholz became chancellor. The deadline for adopting a draft budget for next year in the Eurozone's largest economy is July 3.

(www.ft.com 14/06/24)

Italy jobless rate falls to 7.2% in Q1

Italy's unemployment rate declined further in the first quarter of 2024, data published by the statistical office Istat shows. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate dropped to 7.2% in the first quarter from 7.4% in the previous quarter. Further, this was the lowest rate since the final quarter of 2008. In the corresponding period last year, the unemployment rate was 7.9%.

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Spain inflation rises as estimated in May

Spain's inflation accelerated in May as initially estimated, driven by housing and transportation costs, final data from the statistical office INE revealed Thursday [13/06]. The consumer price index registered an annual increase of 3.6% after climbing 3.3% in April. The rate matched the estimate published on May 30. At the same time, underlying inflation rose only marginally to 3.0% from 2.9% a month ago.

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EXCHANGE RATES OF SELECTED CURRENCIES

CURRENCIES	BUYING		SELLING	
+USD/GBP	1.2752	(1.2841)	1.2753	(1.2842)
+USD/EUR	1.0748	(1.0841)	1.0749	(1.0841)
*GHS/USD	14.2659	(14.2659)	14.2801	(14.2801)
*GHS/GBP	18.1918	(18.3188)	18.2115	(18.3386)
*GHS/EUR	15.3336	(15.4654)	15.3489	(15.4808)

+SOURCE: BOG INTERNAL TRANSACTION RATES: 14/06/24 (Rates for 13/06/24 in brackets)

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Turkey studies new taxes worth \$7bn that target corporates

Turkish lawmakers have drafted new tax proposals aimed mostly at companies, seeking to repair a budget buffeted by last year's earthquakes, in what would be the biggest overhaul in a generation. The plans would imply additional revenue of 226bn liras (\$7bn), equal to about 0.7% of gross domestic product, according to a person with direct knowledge of the matter. (www.bloomberg.com 14/06/24)

IMF Approves \$800m for Argentina as Milei eyes new deal

The International Monetary Fund's executive board approved the latest review of Argentina's \$44bn program, unlocking another disbursement as President Javier Milei eyes a new program with fresh funding. IMF leadership approved a staff-level agreement that will send about \$800m to Argentina to help refinance its debts. (www.bloomberg.com 13/06/24)

Pakistan's forex reserves fall by \$6m

The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) said that its foreign exchange reserves had decreased by \$6m. During the week ending on June 7, the total foreign exchange reserves of the bank fell to around \$9.1bn, the SBP said in a statement. Net foreign reserves held by commercial banks came at \$5.3bn, it added. (www.xinhuanet.com 13/06/24)

Swedish core inflation unexpectedly speeds up as Taylor swift fans boost hotel prices

Sweden's core inflation rate unexpectedly increased for the first time in more than a year in May, in a setback for the Riksbank after it started reducing borrowing costs. A price measure that strips out energy costs and the effect of interest-rate changes rose 3% from a year earlier. (www.bloomberg.com 14/06/24)

Irish inflation remains stable at 2.6%

Ireland's consumer price inflation held steady in May after easing in the previous 4 months, data from the Central Statistics Office showed on Thursday [13/06]. The consumer price index climbed 2.6% year-on-year in May, unchanged from April's 33-month low. (www.rttnews.com 13/06/24)

Oil prices set for best week in over 2 months on solid demand outlook

Oil prices eased as markets evaluated the impact of U.S. interest rates staying higher for longer than anticipated, but crude benchmarks headed for their best week in more than two months after solid projections for crude and fuel demand. Brent crude futures were down 34 cents, or 0.4%, at \$82.41 a barrel by 0344 GMT. (www.reuters.com 14/06/24)

Kenya launches record budget to sustain economic growth

Kenya has presented its KES3.9tr (about \$30bn) budget for the financial year 2024/2025, focusing on sustaining economic growth. Njuguna Ndung'u, the cabinet secretary for the Ministry of National Treasury and Economic Planning, presented the budget statement before the National Assembly in Nairobi, the capital. (www.xinhuanet.com 14/06/24)

Uganda to curb commercial borrowing to limit debt build-up

Uganda hopes to limit rising debt by focusing on concessional borrowing and curbing commercial loans next fiscal year, its finance minister said, after a credit rating downgrade last month. The country's public debt has been mounting as the government splurges on big infrastructure projects. (www.reuters.com 13/06/24)

WB approves Nigeria's \$2.25bn loan request

The World Bank has approved a total of \$2.25 billion loan for Nigeria to help stabilise its economy following reforms and scale up support for the poor. In April, Finance Minister Wale Edun said Nigeria was seeking up to \$2.25bn in World Bank loans and expects the bank's board to approve the request in June. (www.reuters.com 13/06/24)

WB approves \$260m to support energy sector in Ghana

The World Bank Group has approved \$260m to support Ghana's efforts in improving electricity distribution and enhancing access to clean cooking energy, according to a release issued Thursday [13/06]. The funding comprises a 250-million-dollar loan and a 10-million-dollar grant. (www.xinhuanet.com 14/06/24)