

DM Headlines

- State Street Sees Half-Point Fed Rate Cut as Soon as June
Asset manager forecasts 150 basis points of easing this year
Outlook bucks market consensus that rates will remain high
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBH8W4DWRGG0>
- Barrage of Short Wagers Leaves Bonds Primed for Post-CPI Squeeze
Leveraged funds lift bearish bets for first time since January
Tuesday rally suggests negative positioning may be overdone
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOKTFDWRGG0>
- Fed's Bostic Sees One Cut, But Leaves Door Open to Changing View
Says future data could lead him to project fewer or more cuts
Atlanta Fed's Bostic says the economic risks are balanced
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOXV2T0AFB5>
- US Small-Business Optimism Falls to a More Than 11-Year Low
NFIB sentiment index declined nearly a point in March to 88.5
Sales expectations deteriorated, inflation still a top concern
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBO9WUT1UM0W>
- US REACT: Multiple Risks Weighing on Small-Business Mood
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOJ5IT0AFB4>
- Biden Says He May Have Authority to Close Border on His Own
Migration issue has become a major liability for Democrats
President says he hasn't given up on bipartisan Senate bill
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPHMHT0AFB4>
- Biden, Kishida to Strengthen Defense Alliance With Eye on China
New council to improve coordination among defense industries
Visit comes as tensions with Beijing grow in South China Sea
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBNE36T0AFB4>
- JPMorgan, BlackRock Among BLS Economist's CPI 'Super Users'
Records request shows correspondence about inflation details
Economist sent emails to select group about rent, used cars
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBMVMXT0G1KW>
- Treasury 3-Year Auction Tails After Rally Into Bidding Deadline
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOQ18T1UM0W>
- Gold Holds Record High Ahead of Pivotal US Inflation Figures
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBP303T1UM0W>
- World's Biggest Oil Traders Are Getting More Bullish by the Day
Vitol says global demand may grow almost as fast as last year
Hedge fund Citadel says market is getting "extremely tight"
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOLRXT0G1KW>
- Bank of Canada to Hold as It Debates When to Cut: Decision Guide
Inflation is slowing but the economy is stronger than expected
Macklem risks reigniting housing market with rate cuts
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBDASWDWX2PS>



- Euro-Zone Firms' Loan Demand Fell 'Substantially,' ECB Says (2)
1Q credit standards a little tighter, quarterly survey shows
Officials to keep rates at 4% this week before likely June cut
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBO2QYT0AFB4>
- El-Erian Sees 'Huge Impact' From Widening Fed, ECB Divergence
ECB easing outpacing Fed 'unimaginable' months ago: El-Erian
Traders bracing for US CPI and ECB meeting this week
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOBFLT1UM0W>
- Norway CPI Slows More Than Forecast, Backing September Cut (1)
March core inflation slowed to 4.5%, versus 4.7% forecast
Data suggests central bank may not need to delay planned cut
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPR8OT1UM0W>
- More Than Seven Million Britons Struggle to Pay Bills, UK Says
Financial difficulty remains elevated since the pandemic
Watchdog is expanding its protections for UK borrowers
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOJRVT1UM0W>
- Environment Chief Rebuffed Thames Water Owners' Plea for Help
Investors had written to Steve Barclay, seeking intervention
Exchange shows Sunak government's effort to stay out of crisis
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOHVQDWRGG0>
- Australian Debt-Deduction Rules Get Royal Assent to Become Law
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBON73T0AFB4>
- New Zealand Holds Rates, Sees Ongoing Need for Tight Policy (3)
RBNZ says cash rate at 5.5% should return inflation to target
Notes domestic economy 'continues to evolve as anticipated'
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPIC9T0G1KW>
- NZ REACT: RBNZ's Patience Will Be Tested as Migration Slows (1)
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPOZBT1UM0W>
- Gloomy New Zealand Firms Raise Risk of Hard Landing for Economy
Business confidence slumped in first quarter, survey shows
Companies see little hiring, squeezed profits, less investment
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBNA9CT0G1KW>
- New Zealand Job Ads Decline at Slower Pace, BNZ Says
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBP5FYT1UM0W>
- BOJ Is Said to Mull Raising Inflation View on Strong Pay Deals
Likely to consider FY2024 CPI above 2.4%, people familiar say
Fiscal 2026 projection likely seen around 2%, people say
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBO5U8T1UM0W>
- Yen Watchers Game Out Intervention Risks Post US CPI Report (2)
Standard Chartered says Japan unlikely to act before Wednesday
Intervention level could be higher than 152 if CPI reading hot
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBNGBIT0AFB4>
- Ueda Says BOJ Won't Alter Policy to Respond Directly to Weak Yen
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPDAAT1UM0W>

EM Headlines

- Traders Turn Most Skeptical of EM Bond Rally Since Taper Tantrum
Bearish positions surge even as bonds outperform US Treasuries
Traders place \$3.1 billion to short one out of five ETF shares
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOJTRT1UM0W>
- Fitch Cuts China Outlook to Negative on Steady Rise in Debt (2)
Rating firm keeps A+ rating, sees more borrowing amid slowdown
Markets unfazed while Beijing criticizes Fitch decision
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPOS0TOG1KW>
- US Seeks to Isolate China With Help of Allies, Rahm Emanuel Says
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPA4MT0AFB4>
- China's Xi to Meet Ex-Taiwan Leader in Beijing, Report Says
Talks between the two will be watched for symbolic gestures
Event comes as leaders of US, Japan, Philippines hold summit
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SB8OE2TOG1KW>
- PBOC Keeps Fixing Steady to Show Support With CNY Under Pressure
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPAE6T0AFB4>
- China's QE? No, PBOC May Be Worried About Bond Rout: China Today
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBON79T0AFB4>
- South China Sea Is the World's Next Flashpoint: Karishma Vaswani
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOY84DWLU68>
- TSMC's Sales Surge Most Since 2022 After Riding AI Chip Boom
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBNV2BT0G1KW>
- South Korea Votes for Parliament in Referendum on President (1)
Voting finishes at 6 p.m. for all of parliament's 300 seats
Yoon's party tries to wrest control from progressive bloc
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPI24T1UM0W>
- Apple's India iPhone Output Hits \$14 Billion in China Shift (1)
It now assembles about 1 in 7 of its iPhones from India
That ramp-up suggests an accelerating shift from China
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBPPUHT1UM0W>
- India May Devote More Sugar to Ethanol in Blow to Export Hopes
Nation may allow 800,000 tons more sugar for use in biofuel
Sugar output expected to be higher than forecast in 2023-24
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBNROJT1UM0W>
- Mexico Prices Undershoot Forecasts, Putting Rate Cut in Play (2)
Annual inflation hit 4.42% in March, core inflation at 4.55%
After quarter-point rate cut, bank is cautious on more easing
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOFAXTOG1KW>
- MEXICO REACT: Persistent Services, Rising Energy Flag CPI Risks
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOE0TTOG1KW>
- Mexico's Billionaires Piled Up Riches as AMLO Raged Against Them
Five wealthiest Mexicans added \$79 billion during AMLO's term
Strong peso helped grow net worth for wealthiest Mexicans
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SAFXWUDWLU68>



RUBRICS

- La Rioja Creditors Gear Up for Battle on Missed Bond Payment
Bondholders hired Quinn Emanuel as counsel for debt talks
Province paid most of interest due in March, skipped principal
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBMSAAT0AFB4>
- Argentina Is Running Out of Bug Spray Amid Record Dengue Surge
Health officials reported 233,000 cases, 161 deaths so far
Argentina opened imports for 30 days amid repellent shortage
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBMWTHT1UMOW>
- Lula Cabinet Rivalries Roil Petrobras and Brazilian Markets (1)
Brazil locked in battle over leadership of state oil giant
Economic disputes spark investor uncertainty about economy
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOHH7T1UMOW>
- Investors Brace for \$7 Billion Pension Withdrawal Bill in Peru
Congressional approval could spur stock and bond selloff
Lima's main equities index has dropped 7% since first vote
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOOZ4T0G1KW>
- Uribe Charged Over Alleged Plot to Bribe Colombian Gangsters (1)
Case began when ex-president accused foe of witness tampering
Uribe was president of the Andean nation from 2002 until 2010
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOQMFTOG1KW>

- Turkey, Israel Swap Trade Threats With Gaza Tension Rising (1)
Shipments of 54 items banned until cease-fire is agreed
Erdogan has faced criticism for maintaining ties with Israel
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOIVYT0AFB5>
- Tusk Says His Party to Take Power in 11 of 16 Polish Regions (1)
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOA58T0AFB4>
- Polish Cabinet Seeks New Benefits for Parents of Young Kids
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBO9GNT1UMOW>
- Hungary Budget Gap Swells to \$6.5 Billion, Cabinet Plans Savings
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBO2NAT0AFB4>
- Hungary Plans to Delay Some Investments for Budget Goal: Nagy
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBO1EZTOG1KW>
- Czechs Sold €300 Million of FX Reserves Returns in February
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBNYPQT0AFB4>
- Czech Inflation Near Goal Gives Room for Rate Cuts to Continue
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOTMLDWX2PS>
- South Africa Bonds Gain as Smaller Weekly Sale Draws Strong Bids
Bid-cover ratio best in six weeks amid lower bond supply
Yields on benchmark notes decline for the first day in three
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBNZVYT0AFB4>
- South Africa Court Rules Jacob Zuma Can Run for Parliament (1)
Decision to exclude ex-president from lawmaker list overturned
Zuma can contest vote despite being handed prison sentence
<https://blinks.bloomberg.com/news/stories/SBOHV2TOG1KW>