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Fundamental Analysis

Major events this week (April 24 - 28)

Day/Time (GMT)	Flag	Currency	Event	Period	Actual	Forecast	Previous
MONDAY							
08:00 am		EUR	German Ifo Business Climate	April	112.9	112.4	112.4
12:30 pm		CAD	Wholesale Sales m/m	February	-0.2%	-1.0%	3.0%
TUESDAY							
08:30 am		GBP	Public Sector Net Borrowing	March		2.6B	1.1B
02:00 pm		USD	CB Consumer Confidence	April		123.7	125.6
WEDNESDAY							
01:30 am		AUD	CPI q/q	March		0.6%	0.5%
01:30 pm		CAD	Core Retail Sales m/m	February			1.7%
02:30 pm		USD	Crude Oil Inventories	Last week			-1.0M
THURSDAY							
03:50 am		JPY	Monetary Policy Statement				
11:45 am		EUR	Minimum Bid Rate			0.00%	0.00%
12:30 pm		USD	Core Durable Goods Orders m/m	March		0.4%	0.5%
FRIDAY							
08:30 am		GBP	Prelim GDP q/q	Q1 2017		0.4%	0.6%
12:30 pm		CAD	GDP m/m	February			0.6%
12:30 pm		USD	Advance GDP q/q	Q1 2017		1.3%	2.1%

Key highlights of the week ended April 21

Euro zone

Eurostat reported that its Final Consumer Price Index came in at 1.5%, compared to the preceding month's gain of 2.0%. However, the March figure came in line with forecasts. Back in February, the headline inflation rate hit the European Central Bank's target, raising expectations of a major change in the Bank's monetary policy. Services and manufacturing activity in the Euro zone rose more than expected in April, suggesting that the region's economy started the Q2 of 2017 with solid growth.

United Kingdom

Friday's data on British retail sales surprised many experts who did not expect such a notable change in March. According to the ONS, sales in the retail sector dropped 1.8% on a seasonally-adjusted basis, while analysts anticipated only a 0.3% decrease.

United States

US consumer prices fell unexpectedly last month, marking the first decline in more than a year, official figures revealed on Friday. The Labour Department reported its CPI dropped 0.3% in March, following the preceding month's gain of 0.1%, while the so-called core CPI, which excludes volatile items, fell 0.1% in the reported month, following February's 0.2% increase. The New York Federal Reserve reported that its Empire State Manufacturing Index came in at 5.2 for April, following the preceding month's reading of 16.4. Meanwhile, market analysts anticipated a slight drop to 15.2 points during the reported month. The US Department of Commerce reported that housing starts fell 6.8% to a seasonally adjusted rate of 1.22M, as construction of single-family homes in the Midwest posted the largest decline since 2014. Meanwhile, market analysts anticipated a slighter drop to a 1.25M unit rate in March, following the preceding month's upwardly revised 1.30M unit rate. US manufacturing activity in the Mid-Atlantic region slowed markedly in April, official figures revealed on Thursday. The Philadelphia Federal Reserve reported its Manufacturing Index dropped to 22.0 in the reported month, following March's reading of 32.8 and falling behind analysts' expectations for a decrease to 25.6 points.

Canada

Statistics Canada reported on Friday that the annual inflation rate declined to 1.6%, down from April's 2.0%. Meanwhile, market analysts anticipated a gain of 1.8%. On a monthly basis, consumer prices rose 0.2% in March, unchanged from the preceding month, whereas analysts expected a climb of 0.4% during the reported period.

New Zealand

The GDT Price Index advanced 3.1%, with an average selling price of \$3,139 per tonne, after rising 1.6% at the prior auction. Statistics New Zealand reported on Thursday that inflation rose at an annualised 2.2% rate in the Q1 of 2017, the highest level in five years. Thus, the inflation rate hit the mid-point of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand's inflationary target range of 1-3% for the first time in more than a year.



“The German economy is growing strongly.”
- Clemens Fuest, CESIfo Group

EUR



	Impact
Ifo Business Climate Index beats experts' forecasts	High

The mood of German companies improved unexpectedly in April, as the Ifo German Business Climate Index surged to 112.9, while experts expected that it would remain unchanged. Thus, the released figure hit a new record high in about six years, updating the previous month's record. Positive sentiment was registered in all four major sectors. Namely, in the retailing sector the Index reached its highest level since September 2015. In the construction sector assessments of the current business situation also hit a new record high. Similarly, estimates of the situation in the wholesale sector reached its highest value since 1991. Finally, manufacturers, especially from the electrical goods sector, also expected their production to rise. Such optimistic outlook is most likely based on a strong performance of the German economy in the Q1. The latest data on jobless claims showed that unemployment rate was equal to 3.9% and, thus, remained stable since November 2016. Nevertheless, inflation growth remained subdued, with the March inflation rate falling to 1.6%, the lowest in four months. It should be noted that April's survey was conducted prior to the first round of the French presidential election. Therefore, the Index did not reflect German businesses' reaction to the first-round election outcome.



Trends*	Q1 17	Q2 17	Q3 17
MAX	1.19	1.18	1.22
75% percentile	1.07	1.08	1.10
Median	1.05	1.04	1.05
25% percentile	1.03	1.02	1.01
MIN	0.98	0.95	0.90

* the data is based on international banks' forecasts


	24.04 open price	24.04 close price	% change
EUR/USD	1.0921	1.0867	-0.50%
EUR/GBP	0.8506	0.8494	-0.14%
EUR/CHF	1.0812	1.0822	0.09%
EUR/JPY	120.77	119.29	-1.24%



“We're calling for some slippage. Wholesale trade could be a first taste of what's ahead.”
- CIBC World Markets

CAD




	Impact
Canadian wholesale sales drop less than expected in February	High

Canadian wholesale trade fell less than expected during the second month of the year amid lower sales of household goods and food. Statistics Canada reported on Monday that wholesale sales dropped 0.2% on a seasonally adjusted basis in February to C\$58.86B (\$43.58B), following the preceding month's downwardly revised gain of 3.0%. However, that came in above analysts' forecasts of a 1.0% decline. In volume terms, sales edged down 0.4%. On an annual basis, wholesale trade climbed 6.6%. Sales declines were registered in four out of seven sectors, making up 54% of wholesale trade. The personal and household goods sector contributed the most to the February drop, with sales decreasing 1.7%. Moreover, sales fell in five out of six of the sector's industries. Sales in the food, beverage and tobacco sector dropped 1.0%, with the biggest declines in the food industry. Nevertheless, the building material and supplies sector posted a 0.6% rise, partially offsetting declines in other sectors and marking the fifth straight monthly increase. In the meantime, wholesale inventories increased 0.2% and 2.2% month-over-month and year-over-year, respectively. The following rise signalled that production exceeded consumption in the reported month.
















FORECASTS		
Q1 17	Q2 17	Q3 17
		1.4
	1.38	
1.37	1.36	1.36
1.35		
1.32	1.32	
		1.31

 Trends*	Q1 17	Q2 17	Q3 17
MAX	1.42	1.45	1.45
75% percentile	1.37	1.38	1.40
Median	1.35	1.36	1.36
25% percentile	1.32	1.32	1.31
MIN	0.84	1.22	1.20

* the data is based on international banks' forecasts

	24.04 open price	24.04 close price	% change
AUD/CAD	1.0214	1.0220	0.06%
CAD/CHF	0.7384	0.7376	-0.11%
EUR/CAD	1.4700	1.4672	-0.19%
USD/CAD	1.3462	1.3501	0.29%

Major events previous week (April 17 - 21)

Day/Time (GMT)	Flag	Currency	Event	Period	Actual	Forecast	Previous
MONDAY							
06:15 am		JPY	BOJ Gov Kuroda Speaks				
12:30 pm		USD	Empire State Manufacturing Index	April	5.2	15.2	16.4
TUESDAY							
01:30 am		AUD	Monetary Policy Meeting Minutes				
12:30 pm		USD	Building Permits	March	1.26M	1.25M	1.22M
Tentative		NZD	GDT Price Index		3.1%		1.6%
WEDNESDAY							
09:00 am		EUR	Final CPI y/y	March	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
02:30 pm		USD	Crude Oil Inventories	Last week	-1.0M	-1.0M	-2.2M
THURSDAY							
10:45 am		NZD	CPI q/q	Q1 2017	1.0%	0.8%	0.4%
12:30 pm		USD	Philly Fed Manufacturing Index	March	22.0	25.6	32.8
04:30 pm		GBP	BOE Gov Carney Speaks				
FRIDAY							
08:00 am		EUR	Flash Services PMI	April	56.2	56.0	56.0
08:30 am		GBP	Retail Sales m/m	March	-1.8%	-0.3%	1.7%
12:30 pm		CAD	CPI m/m	March	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%

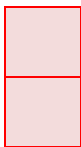
EXPLANATIONS

Chart

- **SMA (55)** – Simple Moving Average of 55 periods
- **SMA (200)** – Simple Moving Average of 200 periods

Forecasts

Third Quartile – separates 25% of the highest forecasts



Second Quartile – the median price based on the projections of the industry

First Quartile – separates 25% of the lowest forecasts



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