

Economic data

	Gross domestic product				Consumer prices			Unemployment rate		Current-account balance	Budget balance	Interest rates		Currency units	
	% change on year ago			2018†	% change on year ago		2018†	%	% of GDP, 2018†	% of GDP, 2018†	10-yr gov't bonds latest,%	change on year ago, bp	per \$ Jan 9th	% change on year ago	
	latest	quarter*													
United States	3.0	Q3	3.4	2.9	2.2	Nov	2.5	3.9	Dec	-2.6	-3.8	2.7	22.0	-	
China	6.5	Q3	6.6	6.6	1.9	Dec	2.1	3.8	Q3‡	0.5	-3.5	2.9	94.0	6.83	-4.5
Japan	nil	Q3	-2.5	1.1	0.9	Nov	0.9	2.5	Nov	3.8	-3.8	nil	-5.0	108	3.9
Britain	1.5	Q3	2.5	1.3	2.3	Nov	2.4	4.1	Sep††	-3.4	-1.3	1.3	-2.0	0.78	-5.1
Canada	2.1	Q3	2.0	2.3	1.7	Nov	2.3	5.6	Dec	-2.6	-2.1	2.0	-23.0	1.32	-5.3
Euro area	1.6	Q3	0.6	2.1	1.6	Dec	1.7	7.9	Nov	3.4	-0.7	0.2	-24.0	0.87	-3.5
Austria	2.2	Q3	-1.9	2.9	2.2	Nov	2.1	4.7	Nov	2.2	-0.3	0.5	-11.0	0.87	-3.5
Belgium	1.6	Q3	1.2	1.5	2.3	Dec	2.2	5.6	Nov	-0.3	-1.1	0.8	12.0	0.87	-3.5
France	1.4	Q3	1.3	1.7	1.6	Dec	2.1	8.9	Nov	-0.9	-2.6	0.7	-8.0	0.87	-3.5
Germany	1.2	Q3	-0.8	1.9	1.7	Dec	1.8	3.3	Nov†	7.9	1.4	0.2	-24.0	0.87	-3.5
Greece	2.4	Q3	4.3	2.1	1.0	Nov	0.8	18.6	Sep	-1.3	-0.1	4.3	62.0	0.87	-3.5
Italy	0.7	Q3	-0.5	1.1	1.1	Dec	1.4	10.5	Nov	2.4	-2.1	2.9	88.0	0.87	-3.5
Netherlands	2.4	Q3	0.6	2.8	2.0	Dec	1.7	4.4	Nov	10.1	1.7	0.4	-17.0	0.87	-3.5
Spain	2.5	Q3	2.2	2.7	1.2	Dec	1.8	14.7	Nov	1.1	-2.7	1.5	-1.0	0.87	-3.5
Czech Republic	2.5	Q3	2.3	2.8	2.0	Nov	2.3	1.9	Nov†	0.8	1.0	1.9	20.0	22.3	-3.9
Denmark	2.4	Q3	2.9	1.3	0.8	Nov	1.1	3.9	Nov	7.2	-0.7	0.2	-33.0	6.49	-3.9
Norway	1.1	Q3	2.3	1.7	3.5	Nov	2.7	4.0	Oct††	8.0	7.0	1.8	18.0	8.49	-4.4
Poland	5.7	Q3	7.0	5.1	1.1	Dec	1.7	5.9	Dec‡	-0.4	-0.9	2.9	-46.0	3.73	-5.9
Russia	1.5	Q3	na	1.6	4.2	Dec	2.9	4.8	Nov‡	5.1	1.6	8.6	102	66.9	-14.8
Sweden	1.7	Q3	-0.9	2.7	2.0	Nov	2.0	5.5	Nov‡	3.8	0.9	0.4	-32.0	8.89	-7.3
Switzerland	2.4	Q3	-0.9	2.7	0.7	Dec	1.0	2.4	Dec	9.9	0.9	-0.1	-3.0	0.98	nil
Turkey	1.6	Q3	na	3.8	20.3	Dec	15.3	11.4	Sep‡	-5.7	-1.9	16.7	503	5.50	-31.4
Australia	2.8	Q3	1.0	3.2	1.9	Q3	2.1	5.1	Nov	-2.6	-0.6	2.3	-31.0	1.40	-8.6
Hong Kong	2.9	Q3	0.3	3.4	2.6	Nov	2.4	2.8	Nov††	2.3	2.0	2.0	5.0	7.84	-0.3
India	7.1	Q3	3.3	7.4	2.3	Nov	4.6	7.4	Dec	-2.4	-3.6	7.5	10.0	70.5	-9.7
Indonesia	5.2	Q3	na	5.2	3.1	Dec	3.4	5.3	Q3‡	-2.6	-2.5	7.9	163	14,125	-4.9
Malaysia	4.4	Q3	na	4.7	0.2	Nov	0.8	3.3	Oct‡	2.3	-3.7	4.1	19.0	4.11	-2.4
Pakistan	5.4	2018**	na	5.4	6.2	Dec	5.2	5.8	2018	-5.7	-5.4	13.2	522	139	-20.4
Philippines	6.1	Q3	5.7	6.2	5.1	Dec	5.3	5.1	Q4‡	-2.4	-2.9	6.9	95.0	52.4	-3.9
Singapore	2.2	Q4	1.6	3.5	0.3	Nov	0.6	2.1	Q3	19.1	-0.5	2.3	19.0	1.35	-0.7
South Korea	2.0	Q3	2.3	2.8	1.3	Dec	1.6	3.4	Dec‡	4.5	0.7	2.0	-57.0	1,122	-4.9
Taiwan	2.3	Q3	1.5	2.6	nil	Dec	1.4	3.7	Nov	12.9	-0.7	0.9	-14.0	30.8	-4.2
Thailand	3.3	Q3	-0.1	4.1	0.4	Dec	1.2	1.0	Nov‡	6.8	-3.0	2.3	1.0	32.0	0.8
Argentina	-3.5	Q3	-2.7	-2.3	48.0	Nov	33.6	9.0	Q3‡	-4.3	-5.6	11.3	562	37.5	-49.2
Brazil	1.3	Q3	3.1	1.5	4.0	Nov	3.8	11.6	Nov‡	-1.0	-7.1	7.4	-129	3.68	-11.7
Chile	2.8	Q3	1.1	4.0	2.6	Dec	2.4	6.8	Nov††	-2.2	-2.0	4.2	-31.0	678	-10.3
Colombia	2.6	Q3	0.9	2.6	3.2	Dec	3.2	8.8	Nov‡	-3.2	-2.4	6.7	30.0	3,134	-7.1
Mexico	2.5	Q3	3.4	2.1	4.8	Dec	4.8	3.3	Nov	-1.8	-2.5	8.7	118	19.2	0.3
Peru	2.3	Q3	-8.3	3.7	2.2	Dec	1.3	5.7	Nov‡	-2.2	-2.4	5.6	64.0	3.33	-3.3
Egypt	5.4	Q2	na	5.3	15.7	Nov	16.7	10.0	Q3‡	-1.1	-9.5	na	nil	17.9	-1.2
Israel	2.9	Q3	2.1	3.4	1.2	Nov	0.8	4.1	Nov	1.7	-3.1	2.2	60.0	3.68	-6.5
Saudi Arabia	-0.9	2017	na	1.5	2.8	Nov	2.6	6.0	Q2	8.0	-2.8	na	nil	3.75	nil
South Africa	1.1	Q3	2.2	0.7	5.2	Nov	4.8	27.5	Q3‡	-3.5	-3.9	8.8	19.0	13.9	-11.2

Source: Haver Analytics. *% change on previous quarter, annual rate. †The Economist poll or Economist Intelligence Unit estimate; forecast. ‡Not seasonally adjusted. †New series. **Year ending June. ††Latest 3 months. †‡3-month moving average. †‡5-year yield. †‡‡Dollar-denominated bonds.

Markets

	% change on:				% change on:		
In local currency	Index Jan 9th	one week	Dec 29th 2017		index Jan 9th	one week	Dec 29th 2017
United States S&P 500	2,585.0	3.0	-3.3	Pakistan KSE	38,921.7	3.0	-3.8
United States NAScomp	6,957.1	4.4	0.8	Singapore STI	3,158.1	3.9	-7.2
China Shanghai Comp	2,544.3	3.2	-23.1	South Korea KOSPI	2,064.7	2.7	-16.3
China Shenzhen Comp	1,307.0	4.0	-31.2	Taiwan TWI	9,738.3	1.9	-8.5
Japan Nikkei 225	20,427.1	2.1	-10.3	Thailand SET	1,590.5	1.6	-9.3
Japan Topix	1,535.1	2.7	-15.5	Argentina MERV	33,769.4	8.6	12.3
Britain FTSE 100	6,906.6	2.6	-10.2	Brazil BVSP	93,613.0	2.9	22.5
Canada S&P TSX	14,804.7	3.2	-8.7	Mexico IPC	43,648.1	3.3	-11.6
Euro area EURO STOXX 50	3,070.2	2.6	-12.4	Egypt EGX 30	13,365.6	1.2	-11.0
France CAC 40	4,813.6	2.6	-9.4	Israel TA-125	1,367.1	2.5	0.2
Germany DAX*	10,893.3	3.0	-15.7	Saudi Arabia Tadawul	8,146.7	4.6	12.7
Italy FTSE/MIB	19,179.2	4.6	-12.2	South Africa JSE AS	53,222.9	3.8	-10.6
Netherlands AEX	496.2	2.0	-8.9	World, dev'd MSCI	1,951.0	3.7	-7.2
Spain IBEX 35	8,823.6	3.2	-12.1	Emerging markets MSCI	994.4	4.1	-14.2
Poland WIG	59,336.6	1.8	-6.9				
Russia RTS, \$ terms	1,135.5	6.5	-1.6				
Switzerland SMI	8,687.7	3.1	-7.4				
Turkey BIST	91,156.9	2.6	-21.0				
Australia All Ord.	5,838.4	3.8	-5.3				
Hong Kong Hang Seng	26,462.3	5.3	-11.6				
India BSE	36,212.9	0.9	6.3				
Indonesia IDX	6,272.2	1.5	-1.3				
Malaysia KLSE	1,667.8	nil	-7.2				

US corporate bonds, spread over Treasuries		
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Commodities

The Economist commodity-price index

2005=100	Jan 1st	Jan 8th*	month	% change on year
Dollar Index				
All items	136.0	137.4	nil	-8.2
Food	144.2	147.3	2.7	-1.2
Industrials				
All	127.5	127.2	-2.9	-15.3
Non-food agriculturals	119.2	120.1	-0.8	-13.4
Metals	131.1	130.2	-3.8	-16.1
Sterling Index				
All items	194.2	196.3	-1.6	-2.5
Euro Index				
All items	147.9	149.3	-1.0	-4.2
Gold				
\$ per oz	1,281.3	1,284.5	3.2	-2.0
West Texas Intermediate				
\$ per barrel	45.4	49.8	-3.6	-20.9

Sources: CME Group; Cotlook; Darmann & Curl; Datastream from Refinitiv; FT; ICCO; ICO; ISO; Live Rice Index; LME; NZ Wool Services; Thompson Lloyd & Ewart; Urner Barry; WSJ. *Provisional.

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