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AUSTRALIA

AiG Perf. of Mfg Feb prev 49.0 (9:30am) RP Data House Prices Feb prev 1.3% (10am) TD-MI Inflation Feb prev 0.1% (10:30am) HIA New Home Sales Jan prev -1.9% (11am) Business Indicators Q4 (11:30am) Company Profits exp 2.0% prev 0.5% Inventories exp -0.1% prev 0.7%

CHINA

HSBC Manufacturing PMI Feb final exp 50.1 prev 50.1 (12:45pm)

EURO ZONE

Mfg PMI Feb final prev 51.1 (8pm) UE Rate Jan exp 11.4% prev 11.4% (9pm) CPI Estimate Feb y/y exp -0.4% (9pm)

JAPAN

Capital Spend. Q4 y/y exp 4.3% prev 5.5% (10:50am)

UNITED KINGDOM

Mfg PMI Feb exp 53.4 prev 53.0 (8:30pm) UNITED STATES

Pers Income Jan exp 0.4% prev 0.3% (12:30am) Pers Spending Jan exp -0.1% prev -0.3% (12:30am) ISM Mfg Feb exp 53.2 prev 53.5 (2am)

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AUSTRALIA

Balance of Payments Q4 (11:30am) Current Acc't exp -\$10.0bn prev -\$12.5bn Net Exports contribution exp 0.8ppts

prev 0.8ppts Building Approvals Jan exp 2.0% prev -3.3% (11:30am)

Government Finance Statistics Q4 (11:30am)

RBA Cash Rate Decision exp 2.25% prev 2.25% (2:30pm)

EURO ZONE

PPI Jan y/y exp -3.1% prev -2.7% (9pm)

UNITED KINGDOM

Construction PMI Feb prev 59.1 (8:30pm)

UNITED STATES

IBD/TIPP Eco Optimism Mar prev 47.5 (2am)

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AUSTRALIA

AiG Perf. of Services Feb prev 49.9 (9:30am) GDP Q4 (11:30am)

q/q exp 0.7% prev 0.3% y/y exp 2.6% prev 2.7%

CHINA

HSBC Services PMI Feb prev 51.8 (12:45pm) HSBC Composite PMI Feb prev 51.0 (12:45pm)

EURO ZONE

Services PMI Feb final prev 53.9 (8pm) Composite PMI Feb final prev 53.5 (8pm) Retail Sales Jan prev 0.3% (9pm)

UNITED KINGDOM

Services PMI Feb exp 57.4 prev 57.2 (8:30pm)

Composite PMI Feb prev 56.7 (8:30pm)

UNITED STATES

ADP Employment Change Feb exp 218k prev 213k (12:15am)

ISM Non-Mfg Feb exp 56.5 prev 56.7 (2am) US Fed Reserve Beige Book (6am)

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AUSTRALIA

Retail Sales Jan exp 0.4% prev 0.2% (11:30am)

Trade Balance Jan exp -\$1400mn prev -\$436mn (11:30am)

RBA Dep. Governor Lowe Speaks (12:30pm)

EURO ZONE

ECB Monetary Policy Meeting (11:45pm) Refinancing Rate exp 0.05% prev 0.05% Deposit Rate exp -0.20% prev -0.20% German Factory Orders Jan exp -0.9% prev 4.2% (60m)

UNITED KINGDOM

Bank of England Bank Rate Decision exp 0.50% prev 0.50% (11pm)

UNITED STATES

Factory Orders Jan exp 0.0% prev -3.4% (2am)

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AUSTRALIA

AiG Performance of Construction Feb prev 45.9 (9:30am)

CHINA

Trade Balance Feb prev US\$60.0bn (8 Mar) Exports y/y prev -3.3% Imports y/y prev -19.9%

EURO ZONE

German Industrial Production Jan exp 0.5% prev 0.1% (6pm)

GDP Q4 exp 0.3% prev 0.3% (9pm)

UNITED STATES

Non-farm Payrolls Feb exp 240k prev 257k (12:30am)

Unemployment Rate Feb exp 5.6% prev 5.7% (12:30am)

Trade Jan exp -\$41.5bn prev -\$46.6bn (12:30am)

Consumer Credit Jan exp US\$15.0bn prev \$14.8bn (7am)

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AUSTRALIA

ANZ Job Ads Feb prev 1.3% (11:30am) **JAPAN**

Current Acc't Jan prev ¥187.2bn (10:50am) GDP Q4 final prev 0.6% (10:50am)

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AUSTRALIA

NAB Business Confidence Feb prev 3 (11:30am)

NAB Business Conditions Feb prev 2 (11:30am)

CHINA

CPI Feb y/y prev 0.8% (12:30pm) PPI Feb y/y prev -4.3% (12:30pm)

UNITED STATES

NFIB Small Business Optimism Feb prev 97.9 (1am)

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AUSTRALIA

WBC-MI Consumer Confidence Mar prev 100.7 (10:30am)

Housing Finance Jan (11:30am)

No. of Own. Occupier exp -4.0% prev 2.7%

Value of Total exp -2.0% prev 3.8%

RBA Assistant Governor Kent Speaks (9:05am)

CHINA

JAPAN

Industrial Production Feb (4:30pm)

Retail Sales Feb (4:30pm)

Machine Orders Jan prev 8.3% (10:50am)

UNITED KINGDOM

Indust. Production Jan prev -0.2% (8:30pm)

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AUSTRALIA

Consumer Inflation Expectations Mar prev 4.0% (11am)

Labour Force Feb (11:30am)

Employment Chg exp 12.0k prev -12.2k Unemployment Rate exp 6.4% prev 6.4% Participation Rate exp 64.8% prev 64.8%

EURO ZONE

Industrial Production Jan prev 0.0% (9pm)

NEW ZEALAND

RBNZ Official Cash Rate Decision exp 3.50% prev 3.50% (7am)

UNITED KINGDOM

Trade Balance Jan prev -£2.9bn (8:30pm)

UNITED STATES

Retail Sales Feb prev -0.8% (12:30am)

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AUSTRALIA

Lending Finance Jan (11:30am)

JAPAN

Industrial Production Jan final prev 4.0% (3:30pm)

NEW ZEALAND

Business NZ PMI Feb prev 50.9 (8:30am)

UNITED STATES

PPI Final Demand Feb y/y prev 0.0% (11:30pm)

UoM Consumer Confidence Mar (1am)

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AUSTRALIA

ABS New Motor Vehicle Sales Feb prev -1.5% (11:30am)

RBA Assistant Governor Debelle Speaks (9am)

UNITED STATES

Empire Mfg Mar prev 7.78 (11:30pm) Industrial Production Feb prev 0.2% (12:15am)

NAHB Housing Index Mar prev 55 (1am) Net Long-Term TIC Flows Jan prev US\$35.4bn (7am)

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AUSTRALIA

RBA Minutes of Board Meeting Mar (11:30am)

EURO ZONE

Employment Q4 prev 0.3% (9pm) Ger. ZEW Expectations Mar prev 53.0 (9pm) EU ZEW Expectations Mar prev 52.7 (9pm) CPI Feb final y/y prev -0.6% (9pm)

JAPAN

BoJ Monetary Policy Meeting

UNITED STATES

Housing Starts Feb prev -2.0% (11:30pm) Building Permits Feb prev -0.7% (11:30pm)

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AUSTRALIA

WBC Leading Index Feb prev 0.1% (10:30am)

CHINA

Property Prices Feb (12:30pm)

EURO ZONE

Trade Balance Jan prev €23.3bn (9pm)

IAPAN Trade Feb prev -¥1179.1bn (10:50am)

NEW ZEALAND

Current Acc't Q4 prev -NZ\$5.0bn (8:45am) UNITED KINGDOM

Jobless Claims Chg Feb prev -38.6k (8:30pm) ILO Unemploy. Rate Jan prev 5.7% (8:30pm) Bank of England Minutes (8:30pm)

UNITED STATES

FOMC Rate Decision Mar 17-18 exp 0.25% prev 0.25% (5am)

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AUSTRALIA

RBA Bulletin Q1 (11:30am)

NEW ZEALAND

GDP Q4 prev 1.0% (8:45am)

UNITED STATES

Current Account Q4 prev -US\$100.3bn

Philadelphia Fed Index Mar prev 5.2 (1am) Leading Index Feb prev 0.2% (1am)

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AUSTRALIA

RBA Governor Stevens Speaks (1:10pm)

MNI Business Indicator Mar (12:45pm)

EURO ZONE

Current Account Jan prev €17.8bn (8pm)

NEW ZEALAND

ANZ Job Ads Feb prev -1.1% (8am) ANZ Consumer Confidence Mar prev 124.0 (11am)

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EURO ZONE

Consumer Confidence Mar prev -6.7 (2am) **UNITED STATES**

Chicago Fed Index Feb prev 0.13 (12:30am) Existing Home Sales Feb prev -4.9% (2am)

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AUSTRALIA

CB Leading Index Jan prev 0.4% (10am) RBA Assistant Governor Edey in panel discussion (3:50pm)

CHINA

HSBC Flash Mfg PMI Mar (12:45pm) CB Leading Economic Index (1pm)

EURO ZONE

Manufacturing PMI Mar (8pm) Services PMI Mar (8pm)

UNITED KINGDOM

CPI Feb y/y prev 0.3% (8:30pm)

UNITED STATES

CPI Feb y/y prev -0.1% (11:30pm) FHFA House Prices Jan prev 0.8% (12am) Markit Manufacturing PMI Mar (1:45am) New Home Sales Feb prev -0.2% (2am) Richmond Fed Mfg Mar prev 0 (2am)

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AUSTRALIA

DEEWR Vacancies Feb prev 0.7% (11am) RBA Financial Stability Review (11:30am)

WBC-MNI Consumer Sentiment Mar prev 112.0 (12:45pm)

EURO ZONE

German IFO Business Climate Mar prev 106.8 (8pm)

NEW ZEALAND

Trade Feb prev NZ\$56mn (8:45am)

UNITED STATES

Durable Goods Orders Feb prev 2.8% (12:30am)

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EURO ZONE

M3 Money Supply Feb prev 4.1% (8pm) German GfK Consumer Confidence Apr prev 9.7 (6pm)

UNITED KINGDOM

Retail Sales Feb prev -0.3% (8:30pm)

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Industrial Profits Feb y/y prev -8.0% (12:30pm)

JAPAN

Jobless Rate Feb prev 3.6% (10:30am) National CPI Feb y/y prev 2.4% (10:30am) Retail Sales Feb y/y prev -2.0% (10:50am)

UNITED STATES

GDP Q4 final (11:30pm)

UoM Consumer Confidence Mar final (1am)





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EURO ZONE

Business Climate Mar prev 0.07 (8pm)
Consumer Confidence Mar final (8pm)
Economic Confidence Mar prev 102.1 (8pm)
German CPI Mar (11pm)

JAPAN

Industrial Production Feb (10:50am)

UNITED STATES

Personal Income & Spending Feb (11:30pm)
Pending Home Sales Feb (1am)
Dallas Fed Mfg Mar prev -11.2 (1:30am)

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AUSTRALIA

HIA New Home Sales Feb (11am) Private Sector Credit Feb exp 0.7% prev 0.6% (11:30am)

EURO ZONE

Unemployment Rate Feb (9pm) CPI Estimate Mar (9pm)

JAPAN

Housing Starts Feb (4pm)

NEW ZEALAND

Building Permits Feb prev -3.8% (8:45am) ANZ Bus. Confidence Mar prev 34.4 (11am)

UNITED KINGDOM

GfK Cons Confidence Mar prev 1 (10:05am) GDP Q4 final prev 0.5% (7:30pm)

UNITED STATES

S&P-Case-Shiller Home Prices Jan prev 0.87% (1am)

Chicago Business Barometer Mar (1:45am) CB Consumer Confidence Mar prev 96.4 (1am)

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AUSTRALIA

AiG Perf. of Manufacturing Mar (9:30am) CoreLogic RP Data House Prices Mar (10am) Building Approvals Feb (11:30am) Engineering Construction Q4 (11:30am)

CHINA

Manufacturing PMI Mar (12pm) Non-Manufacturing PMI Mar (12pm) HSBC Mfg PMI Mar final (1245pm)

EURO ZONE

Manufacturing PMI Mar final (7pm)

JAPAN

Tankan Large Mfg Q1 prev 12 (10:50am)

UNITED STATES

ADP Employment Change Mar (11:15pm) Markit Mfg PMI Mar final (12:45am) ISM Manufacturing PMI Mar (1am)

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AUSTRALIA

ABS Job Vacancies Feb Q prev 2.6% (11:30am)

Trade Balance Feb (11:30am)

UNITED STATES

Trade Balance Feb (11:30pm)
Factory Orders Feb (1am)

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AUSTRALIA

Good Friday Public Holiday

HSBC Services PMI Mar (12:45pm) HSBC Composite PMI Mar (12:45pm)

UNITED STATES

Non-farm Payrolls Mar (11:30pm) Unemployment Rate Mar (11:30pm)

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