

Weekly Report and Outlook on Global Markets

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MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

Euro-Area Consumer Confidence Unexpectedly Declines

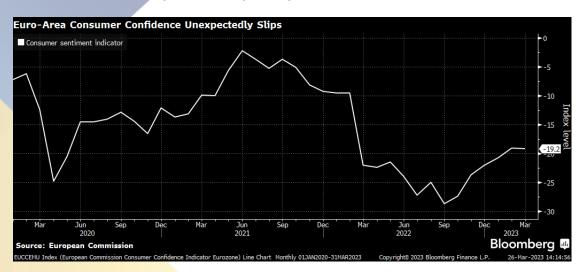


Figure 1: The chart shows the consumer sentiment indicator of the Euro area.

Euro-area consumer confidence fell in March, snapping five months of increases and defying economists' forecast for improvement. The European Commission's gauge declined to -19.2 and remains well below its long-term average, the EU executive said in a statement on Thursday. The index is based on surveys of households around the region, and at least 80% of responses were collected before recent banking turmoil in financial markets.

Hedge Funds Slash Bullish Oil Wagers to Seven-Year Low

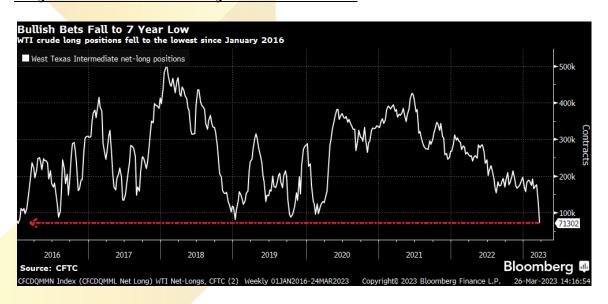


Figure 2: The chart shows the money manager's net long positions in WTI crude contract in CFTC

Money managers cut bullish positions in the benchmark US crude to the lowest since January 2016, according to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. The liquidation came as oil prices plummeted amid the banking turmoil that's shaken confidence in the broader economic outlook.

MAJOR MOVES THIS WEEK

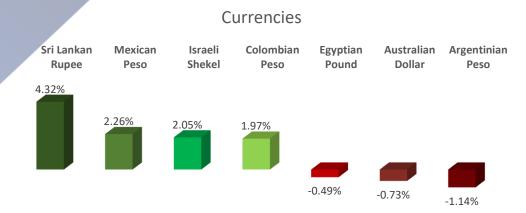


Figure 3: The graph represents Currency returns with respect to US Dollar as the base currency for this week.

This week we have seen gains in the global currencies market. Currencies of all major economies appreciated against the dollar this week continuing their recovery from the selloff in the global financial markets. Asian currencies have performed very strong while other Emerging market currencies gave mixed moves against the greenback during the week.

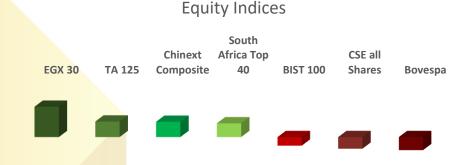


Figure 4: The chart represents the Equity Index returns over this week.

This week we have seen strength in the global equities markets. European equities continued their depreciation amid the banking turmoil; Euro Stoxx 600 and Euro Stoxx 50 depreciated sharply during the week. Asian Equities have shown strength. US indices were gainers this week, recovering from the sell-off led by the banking turmoil.

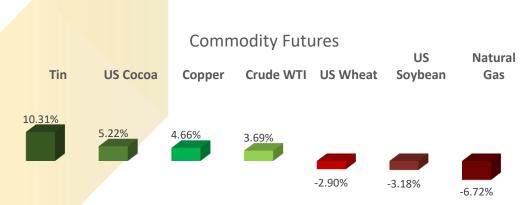
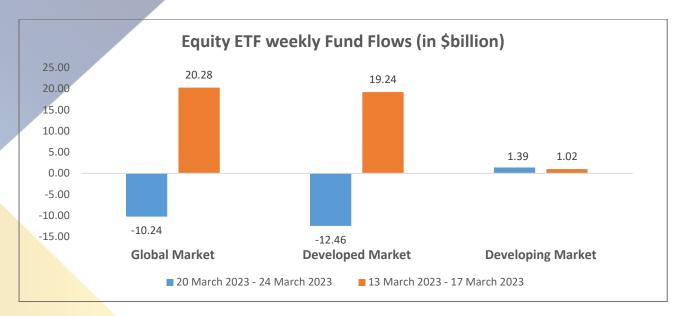
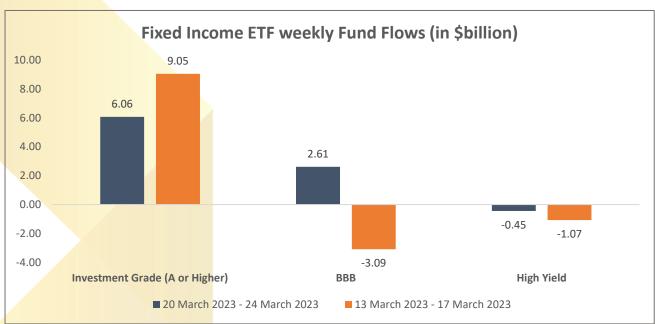


Figure 5: The chart represents the Commodity returns over the week.

Commodities market have shown strong performance during this week. We have seen strong appreciation in industrial metals. Crude appreciated while natural gas depreciated during the week. Gold depreciated during the week after appreciating sharply during last three weeks. We have seen mixed performance in the agricultural commodities.

GLOBAL ETF FUND FLOWS





Please note that the Global ETF fund flows under Equity ETF weekly flows category will not be equal to the sum of their respective subcategories which are mentioned on their right side since there are other sub-categories as well

PACE 360'S FUTURE OUTLOOK

Global equities have had a bullish week even as the banking crisis continued to unfold right until Friday. We believe global equities along with industrial commodities will continue to do well over the next 5-6 weeks as the markets have already discounted the worst outcome from the current financial crisis. We believe the long-term US Treasuries have topped out for now and will consolidate in the near term. Similarly, gold is also looking toppish for the near term. We are also turning near term positive on US regional banks which have had one of the worst months since the GFC. EM assets also seem to be turning the corner and may enjoy a rally over the next 1-2 months. We continue to be bearish on crypto assets.

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