

Asian stocks were weaker on Friday, after comments from President Trump that he was concerned about China's role in the origin and spread of the coronavirus and that the US-China trade deal was now of secondary importance to the pandemic. Many Asian markets were closed for the 1 May public holiday, however. Of the major markets open, the benchmark Nikkei index fell around 3%, with declines led by chip making firms. Australian shares fell 5%, their most in five weeks.

European shares were weaker on Friday, although many European markets were closed for the 1 May public holiday. London-listed stocks slipped as data showed the UK housing market was grinding to a halt. The FTSE 100 was down 2.1%, wiping out gains posted earlier in the week on hopes of global economies reopening from weeks of lockdowns, whilst British Airways operator IAG slumped 4.6% on details of its plans to cut staffing, including a quarter of its pilots, to weather the collapse in air travel caused by the coronavirus.

US markets declined on Friday on fears of a restart to the US-China trade war, dragging down the broad global index on a day that many financial markets were closed for the 1 May public holiday. A threat by President Trump to impose new tariffs on China in retaliation for its handling of the coronavirus outbreak soured investor sentiment, although President Trump offered no evidence after claiming on Thursday he had seen proof that the virus originated in a Chinese laboratory.

US Treasury yields inched higher on Friday after data showed the nation's manufacturing activity plunged to an 11-year low in April as the coronavirus outbreak hurt supply chains. The benchmark 10-year yield was last up 1.7 basis points at 0.6418%.

Oil were higher on Friday, with both WTI and Brent posting their first weekly gain in four weeks on record OPEC output cuts to tackle a supply glut due to the coronavirus. Prices fell in early trade on Monday, however.

| MSCI | Latest | Yday | Last Wk | MTD | YTD | Jan 20 | Feb 20 | Mar-20 | Since 17 Jan |
|-------------------|----------|------|---------|------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|
| World | 479 | -2.2 | 1.3 | -2.2 | -14.7 | -1.1 | -8.0 | -13.4 | -21.3 |
| United States | 2,702 | -2.8 | -0.1 | -2.8 | -11.6 | 0.2 | -8.2 | -12.7 | -19.6 |
| Europe | 1,412 | -0.4 | 4.2 | -0.4 | -20.0 | -2.5 | -9.3 | -14.4 | -24.2 |
| Japan | 2,914 | -2.3 | 1.1 | -2.3 | -14.2 | -1.4 | -9.1 | -7.0 | -16.6 |
| Emerging Markets | 917 | -0.9 | 4.3 | -0.9 | -17.3 | -4.7 | -5.3 | -15.4 | -23.6 |
| Asia Pac Ex Japan | 472 | -1.5 | 3.4 | -1.5 | -14.2 | -3.7 | -4.2 | -14.0 | -20.7 |
| Asia Ex Japan | 606 | -0.6 | 3.9 | -0.6 | -11.6 | -4.4 | -2.9 | -12.0 | -18.4 |
| Australia | 596 | -6.6 | 0.8 | -6.6 | -28.1 | 0.1 | -11.0 | -25.1 | -33.2 |
| Hong Kong | 10,411 | -0.1 | 2.5 | -0.1 | -11.4 | -4.5 | -1.4 | -12.2 | -17.3 |
| China H | 80.1 | -1.4 | 1.4 | -1.4 | -5.9 | -4.8 | 1.0 | -6.6 | -10.2 |
| China A | 1,733 | -1.0 | 2.3 | -1.0 | -3.9 | -1.8 | -0.4 | -7.1 | -9.2 |
| Korea | 396 | Hol | 4.4 | 0.0 | -16.1 | -5.3 | -7.4 | -11.5 | -22.4 |
| Taiwan | 403 | Hol | 7.1 | 0.0 | -7.6 | -4.7 | -1.9 | -13.4 | -19.0 |
| Thailand | 352 | Hol | 4.1 | 0.0 | -23.0 | -8.6 | -12.2 | -17.4 | -33.7 |
| Malaysia | 278 | Hol | 4.1 | 0.0 | -14.7 | -3.9 | -6.4 | -10.2 | -19.2 |
| Singapore | 427 | -0.5 | 6.5 | -0.5 | -22.6 | -3.5 | -7.1 | -19.9 | -28.2 |
| Indonesia | 579 | Hol | 11.3 | 0.0 | -32.0 | -2.7 | -11.9 | -29.3 | -39.4 |
| India | 471 | Hol | 9.5 | 0.0 | -20.0 | -0.8 | -7.3 | -25.1 | -31.1 |
| Philippines | 400 | Hol | 5.6 | 0.0 | -25.8 | -8.0 | -5.9 | -21.4 | -32.0 |
| Local Indices | Latest | Yday | Last Wk | MTD | YTD | Jan 20 | Feb 20 | Mar-20 | Since 17 Jan |
| DJIA | 23,723.7 | -2.6 | -0.2 | -2.6 | -16.3 | -0.9 | -9.8 | -13.6 | -22.7 |
| Nasdaq | 8,605.0 | -3.2 | -0.3 | -3.2 | -3.8 | 2.0 | -6.3 | -10.0 | -14.0 |
| S&P 500 | 2,830.7 | -2.8 | -0.2 | -2.8 | -11.8 | -0.0 | -8.2 | -12.4 | -19.6 |
| Euro Stoxx 600 | 337.4 | -0.8 | 2.6 | -0.8 | -18.0 | -1.2 | -8.3 | -14.4 | -22.5 |
| FTSE100 | 5,763.1 | -2.4 | 0.2 | -2.4 | -22.7 | -3.4 | -9.0 | -13.4 | -23.8 |
| DAX | 10,861.6 | Hol | 5.1 | 0.0 | -18.0 | -2.0 | -8.4 | -16.4 | -25.0 |
| CAC 40 | 4,572.2 | Hol | 4.1 | 0.0 | -23.1 | -2.7 | -8.6 | -17.0 | -26.2 |
| FTSE MIB | 17,690.5 | Hol | 4.9 | 0.0 | -24.4 | -0.8 | -5.4 | -22.4 | -27.2 |
| Ibex 35 | 6,922.3 | Hol | 4.7 | 0.0 | -26.8 | -1.6 | -6.9 | -22.1 | -28.6 |
| Hang Seng | 24,643.6 | Hol | 3.4 | 0.0 | -12.5 | -6.7 | -0.4 | -9.5 | -15.9 |
| Kospi | 258.2 | Hol | 3.1 | 0.0 | -11.9 | -3.1 | -5.8 | -11.4 | -19.2 |
| Bonds and Commods | Latest | Yday | Last Wk | MTD | YTD | Jan 20 | Feb 20 | Mar-20 | Since 17 Jan |
| Brent | 26.5 | 3.8 | 23.1 | 3.8 | -60.1 | -12.2 | -13.2 | -55.3 | -65.9 |
| WTI | 18.8 | 0.0 | 20.0 | 0.0 | -69.2 | -15.6 | -8.7 | -56.5 | -66.5 |
| US 10Y yield | 0.64 | -1 | 7 | -1 | -67 | -21 | -24 | -42 | -65 |
| US 3M yield | 0.11 | 2.8 | -11 | 3 | -93 | -0 | -17 | -90 | -92 |
| US 2Y yield | 0.20 | 7.4 | -6 | 7 | -87 | -15 | -34 | -74 | -85 |

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