

Key Data Updates

Global indices	Close	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
DJIA	26,412	1.87%	13.22%
S&P 500	2,907	2.58%	15.98%
Nasdaq	7,984	3.30%	20.33%
Nikkei	21,871	3.13%	9.27%
FTSE100	7,437	2.17%	10.54%
CAC40	5,503	2.84%	16.32%
DAX	12,000	4.11%	13.65%

China/HK indices	Close	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
SHCOMP	3,189	3.17%	27.86%
CSI300	3,989	3.00%	32.48%
ChiNext	2,048	1.19%	35.02%
HSI	29,910	2.95%	15.72%
HSCEI	11,660	2.46%	15.16%

Commodities	Close (US\$)	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
WTI Oil (bbl)	63.89	6.24%	40.70%
Brent Oil (bbl)	71.55	4.62%	32.99%
Gold Spot (oz)	1,290	-0.15%	0.62%
CMX Silver (oz)	14.96	-0.97%	-4.24%
CMX Copper (lb)	294.60	0.34%	11.72%
LME Zinc (mt)	3,031	1.04%	20.35%
LME Aluminum (mt)	1,844	-2.59%	-1.01%

Forex Currencies	Close	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
DXY	96.97	-0.32%	0.83%
EUR / USD	1.13	0.72%	-1.47%
USD / CNH	6.71	-0.21%	-2.35%
USD / JPY	112.02	1.05%	2.12%
GBP / USD	1.31	0.30%	2.51%
USD / CAD	1.33	-0.19%	-2.30%
AUD / USD	0.72	1.09%	1.76%
USD / CHF	1.00	0.72%	2.07%

Source: Bloomberg

Financial News Highlights

- The US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi, together with Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, disclosed that they are going to seek President Donald Trump's support to invest no more than US\$2 trillion in rebuilding the local infrastructure.
- According to the Brexit extension agreement, the European Union permitted Britain to pass her Brexit deal on 31 October at the latest, while Brexit will take effect a day after. In other words, the latest date for Britain to withdraw from the EU will be 1 November. The text also stipulated that Britain must hold European Parliament elections during 23-26 May, if the country fails to confirm her divorce deal by 22 May. Otherwise, the Brexit extension will end on 31 May, meaning Brexit must be delivered on 1 June.
- Latest data revealed that the US economy has been slowing down from the robust growth registered in the year 2018, said Richard Clarida, Federal Reserve's deputy chief, adding however that the current economic expansion would likely be the longest one in records. The Fed's existing policy is appropriate as interest rate stands at an optimal level, according to Clarida, who mentioned the Fed is patient about further rate adjustment.
- China General Chamber of Commerce (CGCC) and China National Commercial Information Center (CNCIC), in their joint report, predicted that China will foster a stronger market in 2019 which support steady growth of its economy, Xinhua News Agency reported. It was estimated that domestic consumption market will experience an around 8.5% growth in 2019, flattish from a year ago period.

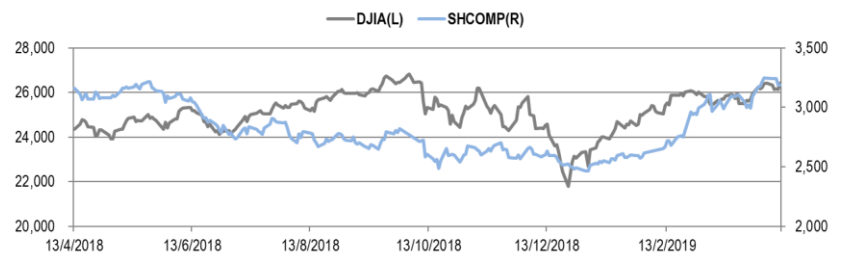
Charts of the Week


Fig. 1 One year performance of Dow Jones and Shanghai Composite

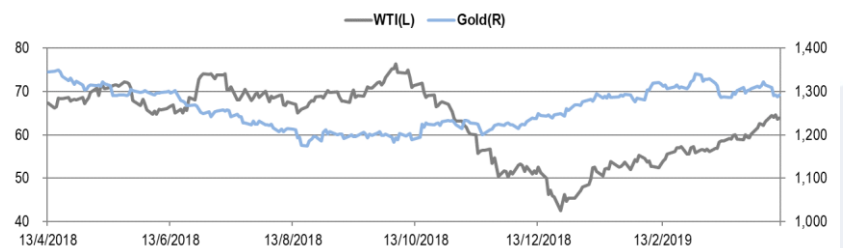


Fig. 2 One year performance of WTI oil and Gold spot

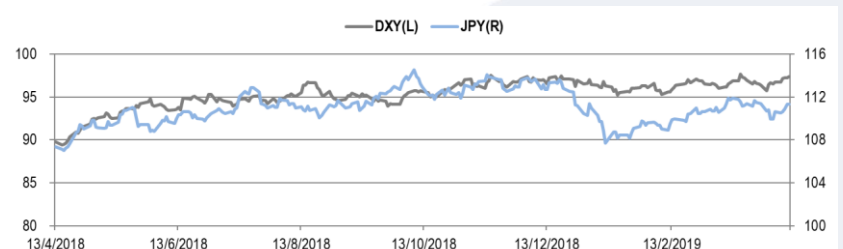


Fig. 3 One year performance of DXY and USD/JPY