

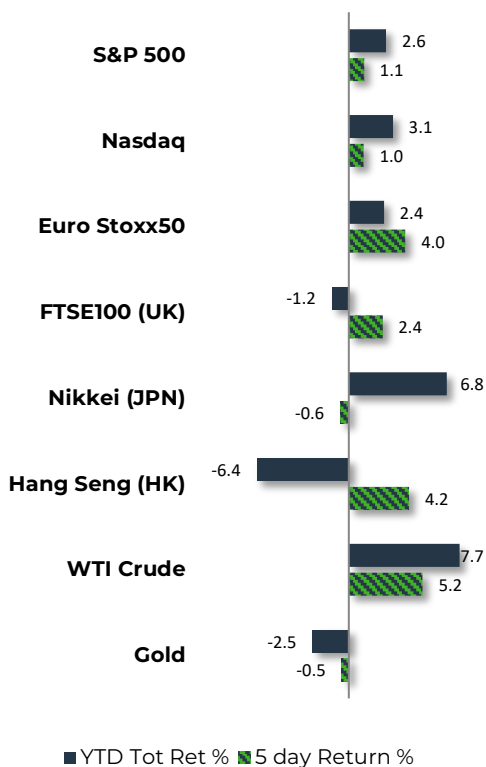
Weekly Activest

Week from the 22nd to the 26th of January



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Monitor



Note: Indicative returns recorded as of 10:00 ET today.

"The most important quality for an investor is temperament, and not intellect."

Warren Buffet

United States

- In terms of figures, the first revision of the 4Q23 GDP showed an annualized growth of 3.3%, better than the estimate of 2%. Personal consumption advanced 2.8%, exceeding expectations of 2.5%. In this context, the economy expanded 2.5% during the whole of 2023.
 - Meanwhile, the inflation metric most closely followed by the FED, core PCE advanced 0.2% in the month of December. Thus, it reached 2.9% annually and was slightly better than the 3% estimate.
- Oil prices were boosted by the 4Q23 GDP report, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and the disruption of shipping in the Red Sea corridor.
- The 4Q23 reporting season is about 25% complete. So far, results show sales growth of 3.7% year-over-year (YoY) and earnings contraction of 1.6% YoY.

Europe

- A survey revealed that, for the Bank of England's next monetary policy announcement in early February, there would be no room for a cutback in the reference rate. However, the market is discounting a cutback as early as May, with three additional cuts over 2024, bringing the rate to 4.25%, from the current 5.25%.
- In line with expectations, and for the third consecutive meeting, the ECB left its reference rate unchanged at 4%. In this sense, it reaffirmed its commitment to fight inflation, without giving any hint of possible cutbacks in the short term.
- The IFO index, which measures business sentiment in Germany, touched its weakest reading since the summer of 2020 in January.

Asia

Japan

- The Bank of Japan kept its expansionary policy unchanged, although it stressed that the conditions for removing its massive stimulus were taking shape, suggesting that the end of negative interest rates is near.
- December exports climbed 9.8% allowing to record an all-time high of over US\$65.1bn.

China

- The People's Bank announced that the reserve requirement for banks will be lowered by 50bp from February 5, providing liquidity of 1 trillion yuan (US\$139.8bn). This is the first reduction in reserve requirements this year, following two cutbacks last year. Finally, the People's Bank also announced that there is room for further monetary policy easing.

ETF Invesco QQQ (Nasdaq 100 Index)



Source: Bloomberg

Latin America

Argentina

- The country's largest labor union began a twelve-hour national strike during the week in protest against the austerity measures announced by the government, aimed at reducing inflation, which is around 211%, as well as the high public debt.

Brazil

- GM announced the investment of US\$1.4bn in the country between this year and 2028. The company highlighted that these resources will finance a "complete renewal" of the vehicle portfolio and help develop technologies and create new businesses.

Mexico

- According to preliminary figures, throughout 2023 the country received US\$43.9bn in Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) flows. This implied a growth of 21% compared to 2022, as well as the highest figure since 2013.
- During the first fortnight of January, inflation accelerated to 4.9% annually, up from 4.86% in December. With this figure, inflation has accelerated for five consecutive fortnights and was above the consensus forecast of 4.78%. Positively, core inflation dropped to 4.78% from 4.98% in December.

WTI oil (US\$/barrel)



Source: Bloomberg

Important Events in the Coming Week

- In the U.S., there will be a monetary policy announcement from the FED **01/31**
- Employment figures to be released in the United States **02/02**

In a few words...

Elections in Taiwan and its Geopolitical Implication

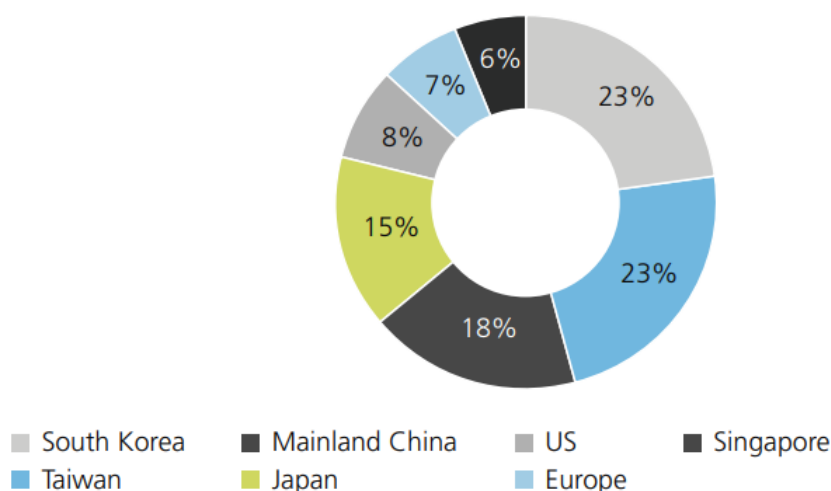
In recent days, Taiwan held its presidential election, in which candidate Lai Ching-Te (currently Vice President) emerged as the winner, extending the Democratic Progressive Party's (DPP) control for another four years. This is the first time in Taiwan's electoral history that a ruling party has won a presidential election for a third term. His inauguration will be held on May 20th, 2024.

The elections yielded a high turnout of around 70%, and it was noted that Lai's 40% share of the presidential vote was lower than his predecessor, Tsai Ing-wen's 57% share in the 2020 election. Likewise, the DPP also lost its absolute majority in the Legislative Assembly, decreasing its share from 54% in 2020 to 45.1%. In this regard, both opposition parties increased their share of seats: the Kuomintang (KMT) from 33.6% to 46%, and the Taiwan People's Party (TPP) from 4.4% to 7.1%. Therefore, no party would have a majority position. Historically, the KMT has been considered more open to the idea of closer relations with mainland China.

In this context, we emphasize that this scenario was in line with market expectations and, in general, would not change the current course of things in the region. That said, it appears that incentives remain strong to maintain trade and economic relations, as well as the willingness to minimize the risk of geopolitical escalation. Therefore, this election outcome is considered unlikely to lead to a significant impact on Taiwan's economic growth in 2024, as there would be continuity of policies implemented by previous governments. Regarding relations with mainland China, Lai expressed his interest in maintaining "healthy and orderly" exchanges with the country, reiterating his openness to talks based on more equitable terms.

Finally, the positive outcome of this event could bring some calm to the geopolitical sphere in Asia and the world in the short term. However, it is difficult to rule out the possibility that relations with mainland China will continue to navigate amidst a constant source of tension in the coming years, especially since the United States is likely to continue to interact closely with Taiwan. Let's remember that the latter has become a strategic supplier in this new economic model, highly exposed to the semiconductor supercycle and the development of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

Global semiconductor wafer capacity installed by region (market share).



In electronics, a wafer refers to a thin, circular slice of semiconductor material from which microchips/semiconductors are produced.

Source: UBS

Currencies

	Price	5D Change%	5D Close	YTD%	52 Week High	52 Week Low
EUR/USD	1.09	-0.28	1.09	-1.56	1.13	1.04
USD/ARS	823.55	-0.46	819.80	-1.83	828.36	185.32
USD/BRL	4.92	0.30	4.93	-1.18	5.34	4.70
USD/MXN	17.18	-0.55	17.08	-1.21	19.29	16.63
USD/COP	3929.98	-0.51	3910.64	-1.92	4994.00	3805.13
USD/CHF	0.86	0.65	0.87	-2.48	0.94	0.83
GBP/USD	1.27	0.25	1.27	0.03	1.31	1.18
USD/JPY	148.05	0.05	148.12	-4.73	151.91	128.09
USD/CNY	7.18	0.24	7.19	-1.06	7.35	6.71

Source: Bloomberg

10Y Government Bond Yields

	Yield	YTD(bp)	52 Week High	52 Week Low
Reference Rates				
Fed Funds Rate	5.33	0.0	5.33	4.33
SOFR 3M	5.32	-1	5.43	4.67
North America				
US	4.16	28	5.02	3.25
Canada	3.53	42	4.29	2.63
LatAm				
Argentina (ARS)	70.87	77	116.19	68.09
Brazil (BRL)	10.71	35	13.74	10.29
Colombia (COP)	9.71	-25	13.40	9.56
Mexico (MXN)	9.29	34	10.26	8.54
Europe				
France (EUR)	2.80	24	3.60	2.40
Germany (EUR)	2.31	29	3.03	1.89
Italy (EUR)	3.84	14	5.05	3.46
Spain (EUR)	3.21	22	4.13	2.81
Swiss (CHF)	0.90	20	1.60	0.59
England (GBP)	3.99	45	4.75	2.99

Source: Bloomberg

Commodities

Commodity	Price	5D Change%	YTD %	52 Week High	52 Week Low	Units
Aluminum	2,217.16	3.69	-5.71	2,633.50	2,060.50	Tons
Copper	387.75	2.40	-0.33	429.00	351.95	Pounds
Gold	2,019.60	-0.48	-2.52	2,130.20	1,809.40	Troy Ounce
Silver	22.87	0.70	-5.05	26.24	19.83	Troy Ounce
Petróleo (Brent)	82.44	4.94	7.01	97.69	70.12	Barrel
Petróleo (WTI)	77.20	5.16	7.75	95.03	63.64	Barrel
Gasoline	226.14	4.56	7.55	299.36	196.72	Gallon
Natural Gas	2.57	1.91	2.11	3.63	1.94	MMBTU

Source: Bloomberg

Glossary

Currency Codes

Code	Currency	Code	Currency
ARS	Argentinian Peso	HKD	Hong Kong Dollar
AUD	Australian Dollar	JPY	Japanese Yen
BRL	Brazilian Real	MXN	Mexican Peso
CAD	Canadian Dollar	RUB	Russian Ruble
CHF	Swiss Franc	USD	US Dollar
CNY	China Yuan	MXN	Mexican Peso
COP	Colombian Peso	RUB	Russian Ruble
EUR	Euro	THB	Thailand Baht
GBP	Sterling Pound	USD	US Dollar

Abr.	Description	Abr.2	Description
bbl	barrel	IMF	International Monetary Fund
BoE	Bank of England	Latam	Latin America
BoJ	Bank of Japan	Libor	London interbank offered rate
bp	Basic points	m b/d	Million barrels per day
BRICS	Brazil, Russia, China, India, South Africa	M1	A measure of the money supply that includes all of the physical money like bills and coins as well as demand deposits, current accounts, and negotiable disposal order accounts.
DCF	Discounted Cash Flow	M2	A measure of the money supply that includes cash and deposits (M1) plus savings deposits, common monetary investment funds and other term deposits.
DM	Developed Market	M3	A measure of the monetary supply that includes M2 as well as large time deposits, institutional money market funds, short-term repurchase agreements and larger liquid assets.
EBITDA	Earnings Before Interest Taxes Depreciation and Amortization	M&A	Mergers and Acquisitions
ECB	European Central Bank	MoM	Multiple of Money
EEMEA	Eastern Europe, Middle East and Africa	P/B	Price-to-book value
EM	Emerging Market	P/E	Price to Earnings ratio
EMEA	Europe, Middle East and Africa	PBoC	People's Bank of China
EPS	Earnings Per Share	PMI	Purchasing Manager's Index
ETF	Exchange Trade Fund	PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
FCF	Free Cash Flow	QE	Quantitative Easing
Fed	United States Federal Reserve	QoQ	Quarter on Quarter
FFO	Funds From Operations	REIT	Real Estate Investment Trust
FOMC	Federal Open Market Committee	ROE	Return Of Equity
FX	Foreign Exchange	ROIC	Return On Invested Capital
G10	The Group of Ten	RRR	Required Rate of Return
G3	The Group of Three	VIX	Volatility Index
GDP	Gross Domestic Product	WTI	"West Texas Intermediate"
HC	Hard Currency	YoY	Year over Year
HY	High Yield	YTD	Year To Date
IG	Investment grade		

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