

FOMC Hawkish, Equities Sell-Off

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Figure 1: Key Global Markets Recap

Grandly Key Global Market Recap March 22, 2018					
Equities	Prev. Close	1D Chg	Commodities	Prev. Close	1D Chg
Dow Jones	24682.3	-0.18%	BCOM	87.41	0.79%
S&P 500	2711.9	-0.18%	Brent	69.47	3.04%
Stoxx 50	3401.0	-0.32%	Gold	1332.24	1.60%
FTSE 100	7038.97	-0.32%	Bitcoin	8895.5889	-0.28%
DAX	12309.15	0.01%	FX	Prev. Close	1D Chg
CAC 40	5239.74	-0.24%	Dollar Index	89.783	-0.65%
NKY 225	21381.0	0.00%	EURUSD	1.2338	0.78%
Heng Seng	31414.5	-0.43%	USDCNY	6.3232	-0.17%
Shanghai Com.	3281.0	-0.29%	HKDCNY	0.80604	-0.18%
Shenzhen Com.	10980.55	-0.88%	Rates	Prev. Close	1D Chg
A50	13426.3	-0.38%	3m SHIBOR	4.6751	-0.99bp
MSCI World	2109.2	-0.08%	3m LIBOR	2.24814	0bp
VIX	17.9	-0.3	UST 10yr Yield	2.883	-1.29bp

Source: Smart Grandly

Figure 2: Key Global Data/Events

Time (Beijing)	Country	Data/Event
16:00	France	March PMI
20:00	UK	BOE Rates Decision
21:45	US	March PMI
07:30	Japan	February CPI
	EU	EU Leader Meet in Brussels

Source: Smart Grandly

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Market Recap

Asia equities markets gave back gains over the past two days as Heng Seng sold off by 0.43%, and the Shanghai Composite sold off by 0.29%. The reeling Japan market was closed.

Europe and US equities also suffered losses as Powell's first FOMC Meeting was more hawkish than market anticipated, hiking the benchmark rate by 0.25%, and suggesting a steeper path of hikes over this hiking cycle. Markets took this new somewhat negatively with S&P 500 falling 0.18%, Stoxx 50 falling 0.32% and even the Dollar Index dropped despite the rate hike, to the tune of 0.65%.

In Commodities, Brent rallied 3.04%, partly due to the weaker USD.

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