

Weekly Economic Recap

March 2018 - Week 4

As of March 23, 2018

By DoubleLine



The Week in Review:

- Existing Home Sales rose 3.0% in February from a month prior to 5.54 million. New Home Sales fell 0.6% in February to 618k after a 4.7% decline in January.
- The U.S. Current Account Balance moved further into a deficit, widening to \$128.2 billion in the fourth quarter of 2017 from \$101.5 billion in the third quarter.
- The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC), led by new Fed Chair Jerome Powell, increased the Federal Funds Target Rate by 25 basis points (bps) to 1.75%. This is the sixth hike in the current hiking cycle, which started in December of 2015.

Chart of the Week

- The Conference Board Leading Economic Indicator Index® (LEI), meant to give a sense of the future state of the economy, rose 0.6% in February from a month prior to 6.5% year-over-year (YoY), a level last seen in July of 2014.

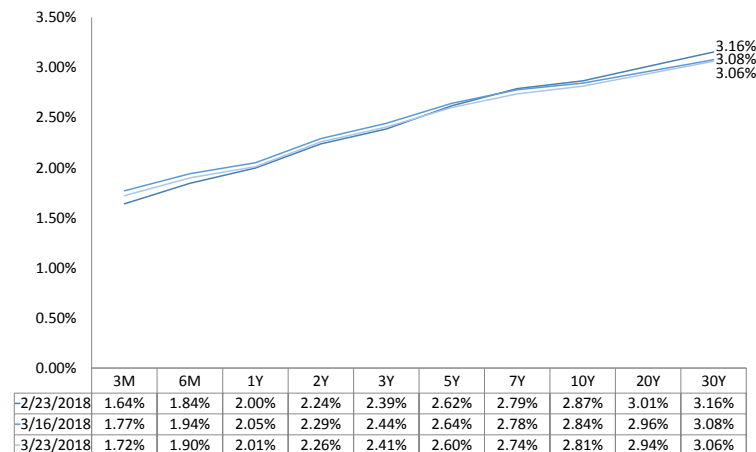
Equities	Returns				
	1 Week	QTD	YTD	1-Year	3-Year
S&P 500	-5.94%	-2.76%	-2.76%	12.51%	9.39%
Dow Jones	-5.67%	-4.28%	-4.28%	16.61%	11.87%
Nasdaq	-6.53%	1.55%	1.55%	21.58%	13.13%
Russell 2000	-4.69%	-1.32%	-1.32%	13.13%	7.60%
MSCI ACWI	-2.64%	-0.43%	-0.43%	16.46%	8.24%

Fixed Income	Returns				
	1 Week	QTD	YTD	1-Year	3-Year
Bloomberg					
Barclays Agg	0.03%	-1.97%	-1.97%	0.85%	1.04%
U.S. Credit	-0.16%	-2.76%	-2.76%	2.13%	1.95%
High Yield	-0.26%	-0.85%	-0.85%	4.87%	5.29%
Muni	0.02%	-1.35%	-1.35%	2.65%	2.13%

Currencies	Levels		
	3/23/2018	12/29/2017	3/23/2017
USD/JPY	104.85	112.69	110.94
EUR/USD	1.24	1.20	1.08
GBP/USD	1.41	1.35	1.25
USD/CAD	1.29	1.26	1.34

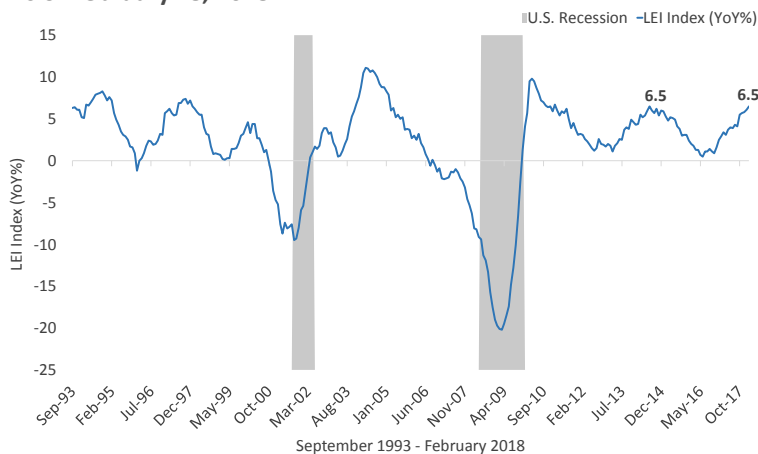
Commodities	Levels		
	3/23/2018	12/29/2017	3/23/2017
BBG Index	87.44	88.17	84.59
Gold	1,347.22	1,302.80	1,245.20
Silver	16.54	16.94	17.59
Crude	65.93	60.42	47.70

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve As of March 23, 2018



Source: DoubleLine, Bloomberg

Chart of the Week: LEI Index Reaches 2014 Levels As of February 28, 2018



Source: Conference Board, Bloomberg

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Dow Jones Industrial Average - A price-weighted average of 30 significant stocks traded on the New York Stock Exchange and the Nasdaq.

Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) – A committee within the Federal Reserve System, is charged under the United States law with overseeing the nation's open market operations.

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