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Rising global trade uncertainty weighed on global stocks

US stocks extended losses on Thursday amid investor worries about rising trade tensions. The S&P 500 ended down 0.3%.

The **US Treasury yield curve** steepened. 2-year yields fell 3bp to 3.99% on growth concerns and flight-to-quality demand amid equity losses. The longer-end of the curve weakened, with 10-year yields up 1bp to 4.36%, on inflation and fiscal concerns.

European stock markets fell on Thursday amid rising global trade uncertainty. The Euro Stoxx 50 closed 0.6% lower. The German DAX fell 0.7% and French CAC lost 0.5%. In the UK, the FTSE-100 ended 0.3% lower.

European government bonds were mixed ahead of key US inflation data. 10-year German and French bond yields fell 2bp to 2.77% and 3.47% respectively. In the UK, 10-year gilt yields rose 6bp to 4.79% amid fiscal uncertainty.

Asian stock markets traded mixed on Thursday as investors weighed the latest developments in US trade policy. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 0.6%, led by exporter shares, as Korea's Kospi fell 1.4%. Hong Kong's Hang Seng added 0.4%, while China's Shanghai Composite edged up 0.1%. Elsewhere, India's Sensex gained 0.4%.

Crude oil prices rose on Thursday, as investors weighed tightening crude supplies and rising trade tensions. WTI crude for May delivery settled 0.4% higher at USD69.9 a barrel.

US stocks fell; Treasury yield curve steepened

European stocks fell; government bonds were mixed

Asian stocks traded mixed

Key Data Releases and Events

Releases yesterday

Mexico's central bank lowered the policy rate by 50bp on mounting growth worries, with a dovish guidance.

Releases due today (28 March 2025)

Country	Indicator	Period	Survey	Prior
United States	PCE Price Index (yoy)	Feb	2.5%	2.5%

In the **US**, the **PCE price index** is expected to remain stable at 2.5% yoy in February.

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