

## April Market Commentary

3/3 WPP warns of 'tepid' global growth

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39150717>

Bitcoin overtakes gold for first time <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39149475>

19/3 G20 drops anti-protectionist pledge

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39315098>

### UK

1/3 James Dyson to open 2<sup>nd</sup> tech campus

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-wiltshire-39117982>

27/3 Optimistic about UK future <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39400795>

2/3 FTSE closes at record high 7,382.9

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39125987>

4/3 UK growth losing momentum as service sector growth slows?

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39150718>

Peers urge UK not to pay Brexit divorce bill

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39154218>

7/3 Vauxhall "fight for survival begins"

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39188465>

8/3 Budgens close 34 shops – 800 jobs losses

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39190845>

9/3 Osborne to earn £650k for 48 days work advising Black Rock

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39213346>

Co-Op Bank report loss of £477m <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39215713>

13/3 Vodafone to create 2,100 UK service sector jobs

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39248674>

15/3 Unemployment at lowest rate since 1975

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39277539>

16/3 U-turn over increase in NIC <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39278968>

17/3 MPC member calls for interest rate rise

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39299626>

But rates stay on hold at 0.25% <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39293002>

Toyota to invest £240m in UK <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39289269>

Schaeuble urges strong city post-Brexit  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39293430>

22/3 UK inflation jumps to 2.3% <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39337909>

£300m electric black cab plant opens  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-coventry-warwickshire-39343519>

Goldman Sachs to move jobs to Europe post-Brexit  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39339836>

23/3 Next sees first profit fall in 8 years  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39363065>

State pension age could hit 70 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39352654>

28/3 Tesco fined £129m for overstating profits  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39415681>

31/3 UK savings ratio falls to record low  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39453844>

House prices down in March say Nationwide  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39452238>

## **Europe**

4/3 Peugeot reaches deal to Opel <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39161173>  
includes Vauxhall <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39175740>

9/3 Dutch election runners and riders  
<https://www.bloomberg.com/politics/articles/2017-03-09/dutch-election-candidates-who-will-rutte-and-wilders-face>

13/3 Iceland ends capital controls after 2008 crash – on citizens, business and pension funds <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39248677>

16/3 Dutch election result <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-39287689>

25/3 Eurozone growth near 6 year high  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39378524>

27/3 Economists forecast Euro to fall below \$ if Le Pen wins

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-03-27/le-pen-may-be-to-euro-what-brexite-was-to-pound-as-parity-seen>

30/3 What the 27 other EU countries want from Brexit

<http://www.politico.eu/article/what-the-eu27-wants-from-brexite/>

## **US**

2/3 Snapchat valued at \$24bn – how do you convert ‘cool’ into cash

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39135278>

4/3 Fed boss says rates may rise in March

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39156115>

11/3 US adds 235,000 jobs in February – strengthens case for a rate rise

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39233237>

14/3 Intel makes \$15bn bet on driverless cars

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39253422>

16/3 US raises rates by 0.25% <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39286091>

20/3 More problems for Uber <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-39124096>

But latest funding round values it at \$68bn

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/liyanchen/2015/12/04/at-68-billion-valuation-uber-will-be-bigger-than-gm-ford-and-honda/#5b3e9b2832e3>

21/3 M&S latest company to pull ads from Google

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39325916>

28/3 Neural lace <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-39416231>

29/3 Ford to invest \$1.2bn in Michigan

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39418952>

31/3 US Q4 growth revised upwards

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39445837>

## **Far East**

5/3 China cuts growth target from 6.7% to 6.5%

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-39137294>

14/3 Toshiba slides on earnings delay

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39263403>

Emerging Markets

8/3 Brazil's worst recession on record

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39193748>

11/3 Park Geun-hye impeachment upheld

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Park\\_Geun-hye](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Park_Geun-hye)

3 die in protests <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-39202936>

20/3 Chaos in India as rupee deadline passes

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-38456280>

### **And finally**

As a young man's thoughts turn to spring, Ashley buys Agent Provocateur

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39140771>

10/3 Indian washing machine gets curry mode

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-39176358>

US town up for sale at \$3.8m

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/39279858/this-whole-oregon-town-is-up-for-sale-for-38m>

What £ coin would have made since 1983 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business>

Beijing park rations loo roll using face recognition

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-39324431>