



ONS surprise surplus

Rakes in £262 million

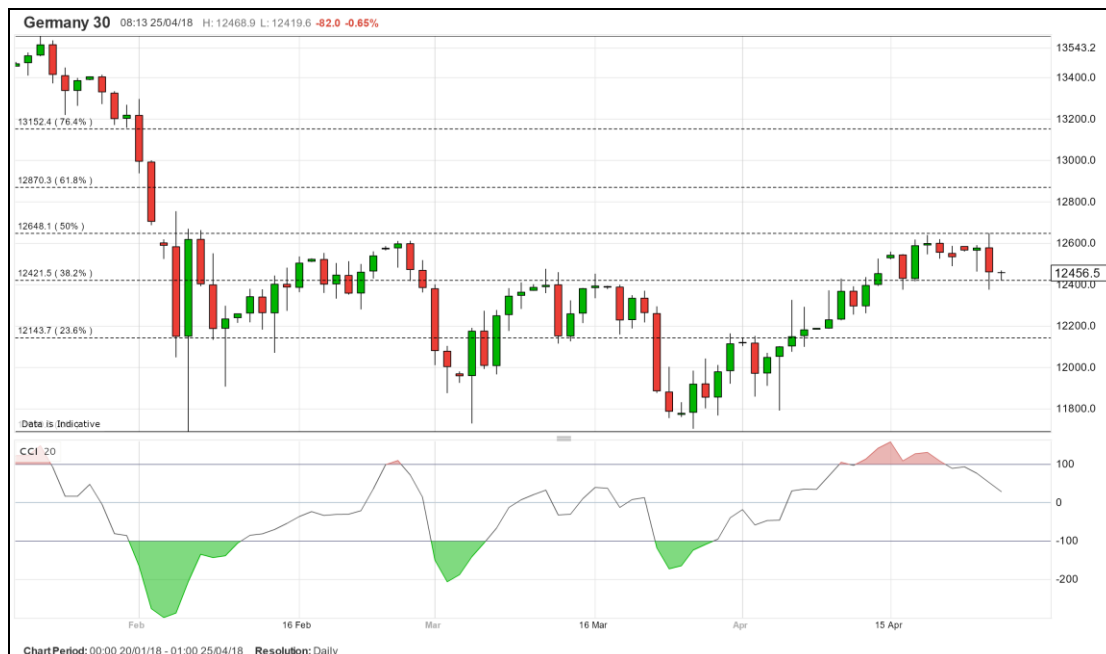
Data published yesterday by the Office for National Statistics showed the UK Treasury recording a surplus in March, £262 million versus a surplus of £407 million in February. The better than expected data at the end of the fiscal year means that, for the first time since 2002, the current budget deficit (using only the cost of day-to-day spending, not investment) is in surplus. Borrowing for the whole of 2017/2018 was £42.6 billion, lower than the Office of Budgetary Responsibility's forecast which this coming year is expected to drop to £37.1 billion. Treasurer Hammond said, 'our economy is at a turning point with debt starting to fall and people's wages rising'.

As French President Emmanuel Macron and his wife are on the 3-day state visit to the United States, he and President Trump shown holding hands at the White House, French regulators made waves with high-profile corruption probes, Bloomberg reports. Yesterday the anti-bribery enforcers were uncharacteristically swift in marching billionaire Vincent Bollore to a police station for interrogation over business cases in Africa. This follows ex-President Sarkozy who last month was told he would stand trial on corruption and influence peddling.

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## DAX 30



IG Index chart

Retreating a little from the 50 per cent retracement level with a small bearish engulfing doji – which isn't difficult after recent tiny daily ranges. The commodity channel index has clearly turned down.

**SHORT TERM TRADER:** Small short at 12430; stop above 12650. Target 12000.

**POSITION TAKER:** Square.

SUPPORT	RESISTANCE
12375	12590
12200	12645
12145	12755
12000	12855



## FTSE 100



IG Index chart

Another minuscule bearish engulfing candle at the Fibonacci 61 per cent retracement resistance level; the index was in overbought territory.

**SHORT TERM TRADER: Square.**

**POSITION TAKER: Square.**

SUPPORT	RESISTANCE
7300	7430
7190	7505
7145	7570
7070	7710



## S&P 500



IG Index chart

SUS tech giants struggling a little yesterday while the broad index remains capped by the long-term trend line (which has now become resistance). The commodity channel index is negative.

**SHORT TERM TRADER:** Small short at 2689; stop above 2725. Target 2580.

**POSITION TAKER:** Short at 2673; stop above 2725. First target 2560.

SUPPORT	RESISTANCE
2615	2690
2600	2720
2580	2745
2550	2805



## BRITISH POUND/US DOLLAR



IG Index chart

Trying to steady the ship against the 50 per cent retracement level and the commodity channel is also trying to put in an interim base.

**SHORT TERM TRADER:** New small long at 1.3940; stop well below 1.3900. Target 1.4300.

**POSITION TAKER:** Small long at 1.4025; stop below 1.3900. Target 1.4345.

SUPPORT	RESISTANCE
1.3940	1.4030
1.3900	1.4100
1.3835	1.4155
1.3800	1.4200



## EURO/US DOLLAR



IG Index chart

Not quite oversold and back down at the lower range of this year's ridiculously narrow range.

**SHORT TERM TRADER:** Small long at 1.2205; stop below 1.2100. Target 1.2465.

**POSITION TAKER:** Square.

SUPPORT	RESISTANCE
1.2185	1.2245
1.2100	1.2300
1.2040	1.2400
1.2000	1.2445



## GOLD



IG Index chart

Rubbish momentum as prices go nowhere. Surprisingly some prominent major investors are making a song and dance about the outlook for gold being bullish; ask yourself, why?

**SHORT TERM TRADER:** Covered my short position at a small profit and now square.

**POSITION TAKER:** Square.

SUPPORT	RESISTANCE
1320	1335
1310	1346
1307	1350
1300	1356



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