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# GLOBAL COPPER MARKET PULSE

## Global Copper Market:

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## Copper in Local Currencies

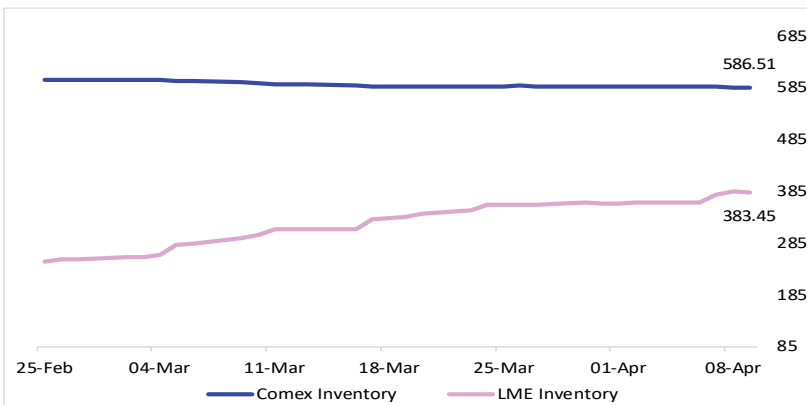
	09-Apr	08-Apr	% Change	YTD % Chg.
LME 3M	12682	12709	-0.22	2.08
CME	5.7645	5.7770	-0.22	0.46
MCX	1193.0	1187.8	0.44	-10.78
SHFE	97880	97270	0.63	-0.93

## Copper in US\$ (Without Duty in MT)

	09-Apr	08-Apr	% Change	YTD % Chg
LME 3M	12682	12709	-0.22	2.08
CME	12709	12736	-0.22	0.46
MCX	12874	12829	0.35	-13.46
SHFE	14329	14237	0.65	1.38

Note: Prices Regional Exchange Closing Time

## Comex vs LME Global Inventory ('000)



## Exchange Inventory

Exchange Inventory (MT)				
	09-Apr	08-Apr	Change	YTD Chg.
LME	383450	385275	-1825	236025
CME	586510	586476	34	95788
MCX	18007	18687	-680	15332
SHFE	301088	359135	-58047	155746
<b>Total</b>	<b>1289055</b>	<b>1349573</b>	<b>-60518</b>	<b>502891</b>

## Copper Arbitrage Windows

Arbitrage Windows		
	Price	Import
Changjing Price	97720	97720
LME Spot	12585.91	
USDCNY	6.8309	85973
Import Cost (13%)	12895.96	98869
<b>Arbitrage Ratio (LME vs SHFE)</b>		<b>0.9884</b>

If the Arbitrage Ratio >1, imports are Profitable and the arbitrage window is open

If the Arbitrage Ratio < 1, imports are profitable and the arbitrage window is closed

Source: Bloomberg, Bluglance

LME copper is trading around \$12,700 (+0.35%), holding within a range of \$12,350–12,850. The market remains firm near recent highs, with a cash–3M backwardation of \$90–95/mt, indicating tight near-term availability. A decisive break above \$12,850 is required to confirm fresh upside momentum.

**Futures & Positioning:** LME prices eased slightly with rising open interest on previous day, indicating fresh short additions, while SHFE copper closed higher with declining open interest, suggesting short covering. This reflects relatively stronger sentiment in the Chinese market.

**Macro Environment:** Improving risk sentiment due to ceasefire talks in the Middle East supported prices, though ongoing uncertainty between the US and Iran continues to limit aggressive bullishness. A weaker dollar and softer crude oil are providing additional support to base metals.

**Fundamentals – Supply & Demand:** On the supply side, import arrivals remain steady while domestic availability in China is tightening. The Argentina mining reform is a long-term supply-positive development. On the demand side, downstream players are buying cautiously, but restocking demand persists, supporting prices.

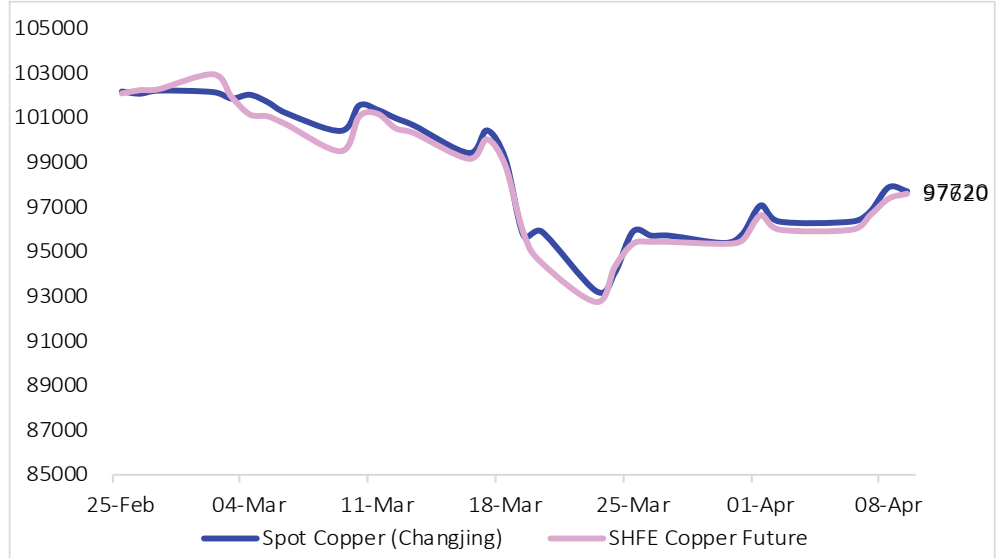
**Inventory Trend:** Chinese inventories have declined over 13% week-on-week, marking the fourth consecutive weekly drop, which is a strong bullish indicator. However, LME inventories remain elevated, highlighting uneven global demand.

**Outlook & Strategy:** Copper continues to trade with a firm underlying tone, supported by falling inventories, tight spot availability, and resilient Chinese demand. However, the market is approaching a critical technical zone, where macro triggers will be decisive. The broader structure remains constructively bullish, but upside momentum is currently capped by elevated LME inventories and geopolitical uncertainty.

**From a trading perspective, \$12,850 remains the key breakout level, a sustained move above this could trigger fresh buying interest and extend the rally toward \$13,000–13,200.** On the downside, the market has strong support in the \$12,400–12,500 zone, where buying on dips remains favorable. Until a clear breakout occurs, copper is likely to consolidate within the range, offering tactical trading opportunities rather than directional conviction.

The forward curve is in contango, with futures trading above spot prices

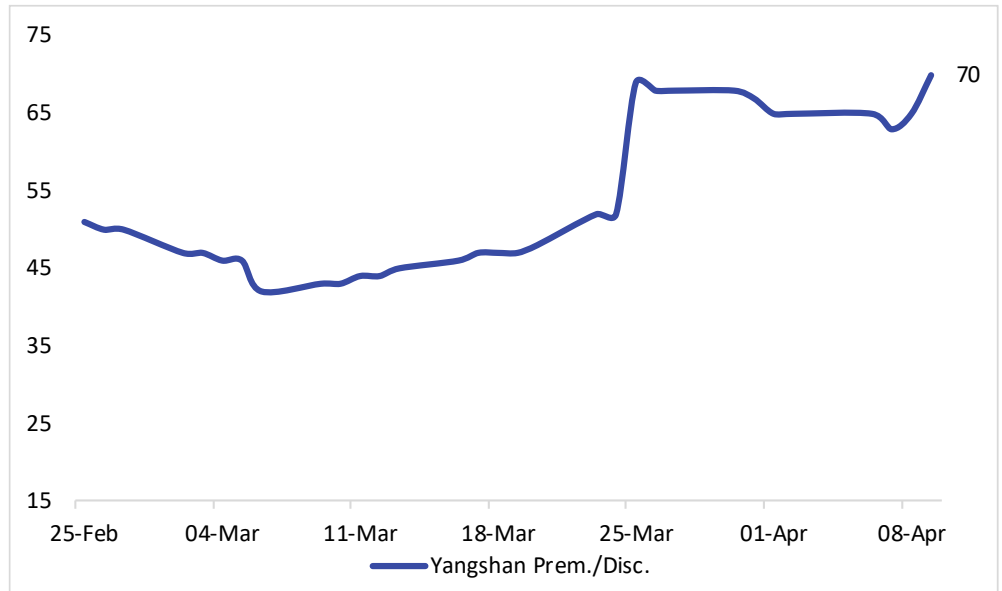
China Spot Copper Changjiang vs SHFE Copper Fut.



A \$70 Yangshan premium reflects tight supply and strong demand in China, supporting a bullish near-term outlook.

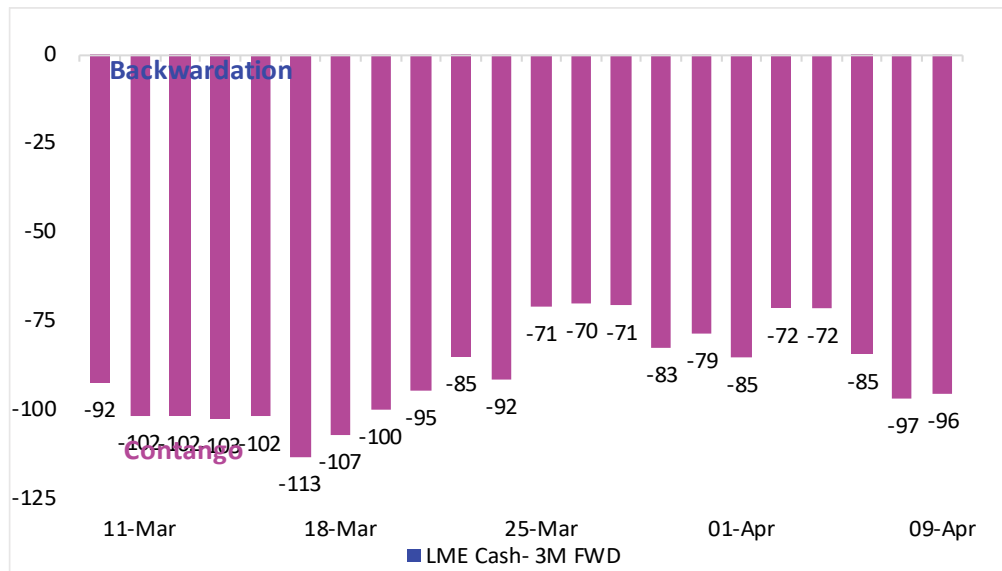
However, with prices now above \$12,700 (vs. buying seen below \$12,000), imports may remain strong for March–early April but could slow ahead due to higher prices. While downstream demand and restocking remain healthy, the pace may gradually moderate.

Yangshan Copper Prem. / Disc. vs Spot LME Copper



Cash to 3M Forward Contango widened amid 3rd Wednesday expiry Amid rising inventories on the LME, the cash-to-three month spread widened sharply into a contango of over \$120, partly influenced by the third Wednesday contract expiry. This led to an exaggerated spread, which appears unsustainable at current levels. While elevated stocks could justify a contango closer to \$100, the \$120 level seems overstretched. However, if prices fall below \$12,500, the market structure could shift, potentially keeping the contango wider for a longer period

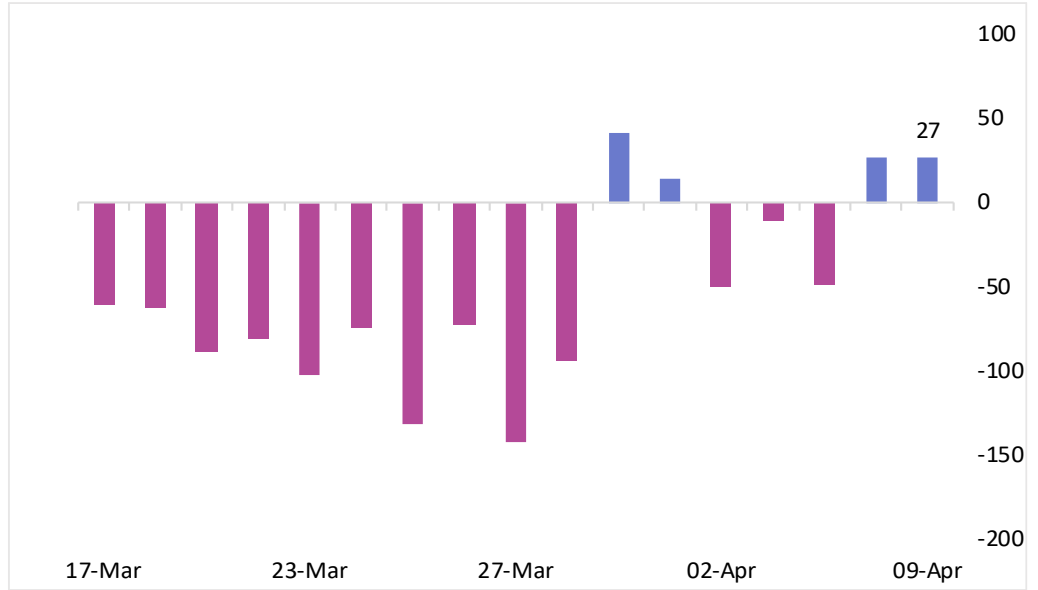
LME Cash - 3M FWD Spread



Source: Bloomberg, Bluglance

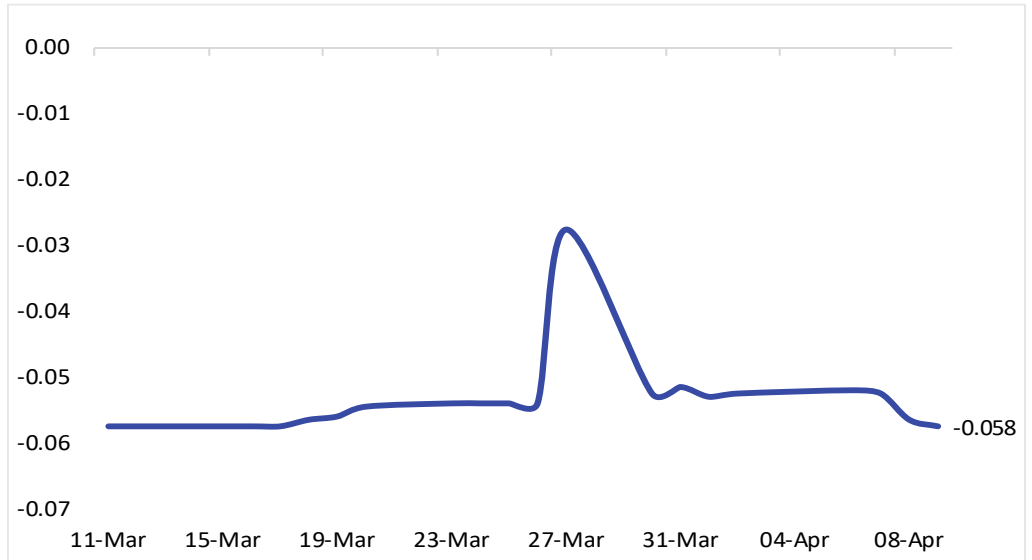
CME discount to LME reflects relatively higher US inventories versus tighter stocks in the LME system. The brief premium spike suggests short-term drawdowns or positioning shifts, but overall inventory tightness remains concentrated ex-US

**CME Near Month LME 3M Spread (US\$/MT)**



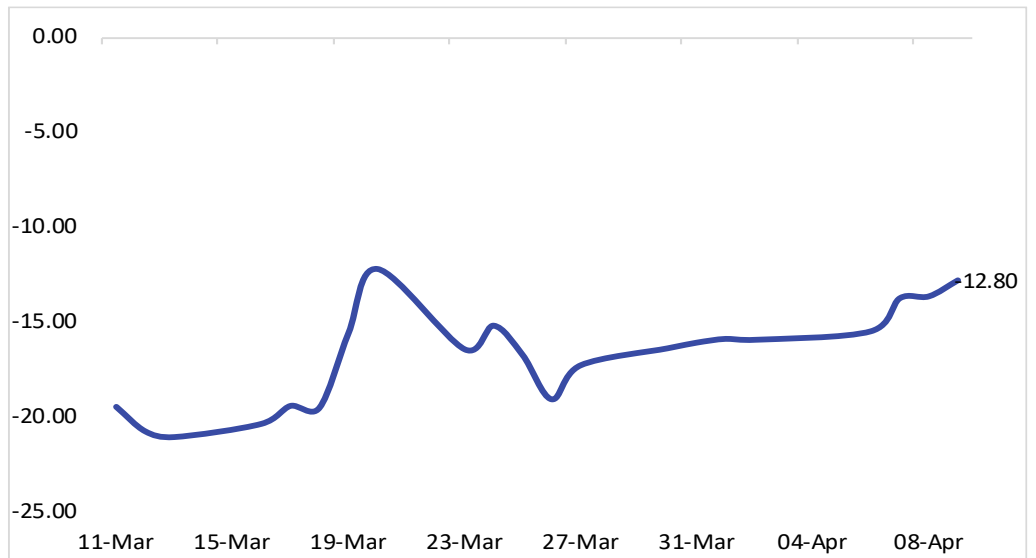
CME Calendar Spread is in negative/contango with a flattish structure

**CME Near-Next Spread (US\$/lb)**



This chart is of April and May spread is hovering around Rs. 13 stable, we may see more action into this post the March expiry by end of this month and function of stocks at the warehouse

**MCX Near - Next Spread (Rs./Kg.)**



Source: Bloomberg, Bluglance

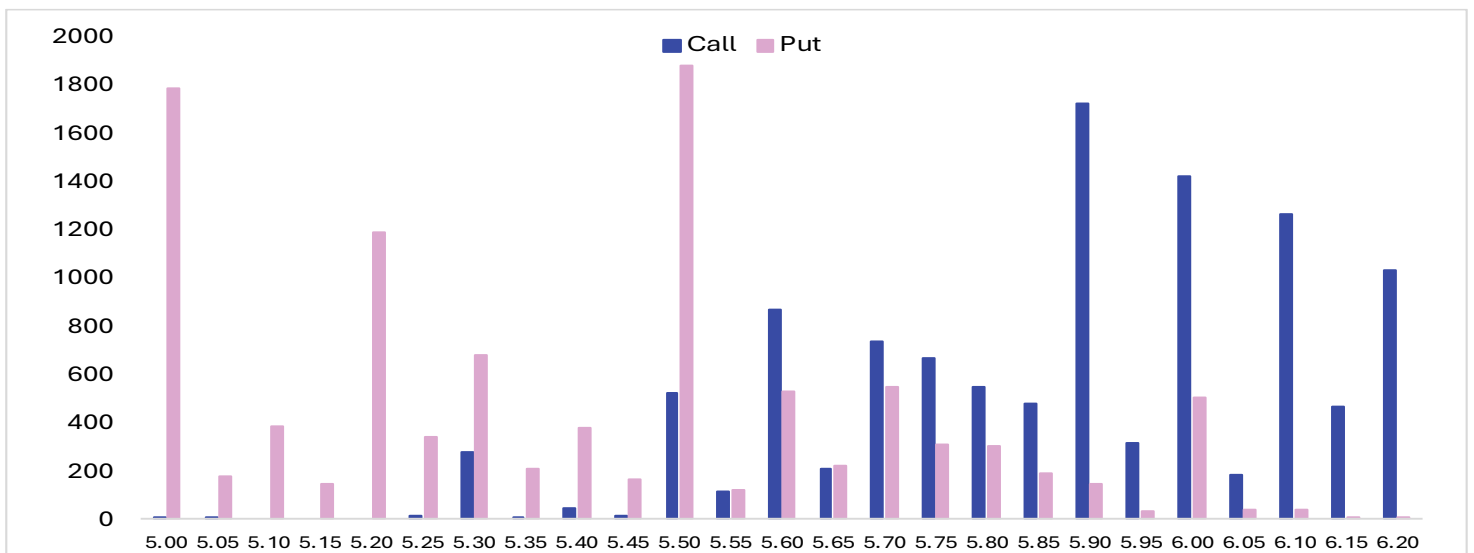
## Technical Analysis



## Pivot Levels

	Open	High	Low	Close	Pivot	Supt. 2	Supt. 1	Resi. 1	Resi. 2
LME 3M FWD Copper	12659	12715	12537	12682	12644	12466	12574	12752	12823

## CME May Month Option Distribution (Open Interest)



Top Five Call		Top Five Put	
8.00	4120	5.50	1886
6.50	3291	5.00	1789
5.90	1727	4.80	1308
6.00	1424	5.20	1190
6.10	1264	4.50	860

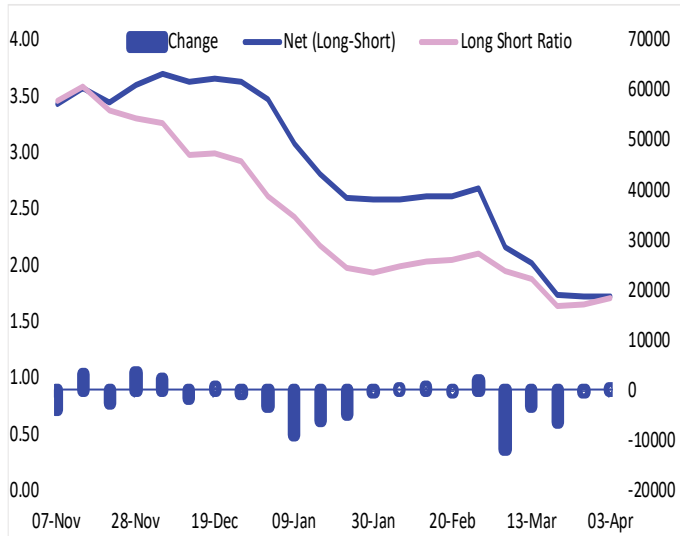
Strike	Call	Put	Total OI
8.00	4120	0	4120
6.50	3291	0	3291
5.50	521	1886	2407
6.00	1424	505	1929
5.90	1727	144	1871

Major Changes in OI		
Call OI Addition	5.75	61
Put OI Addition	5.30	120
Call OI Reduction	6.10	-322
Put OI Reduction	4.75	-77

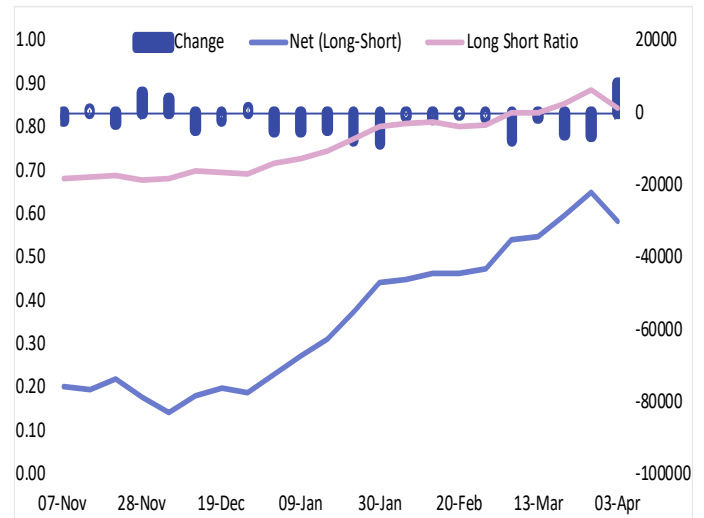
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## LME Commitment of Traders Report (COTR)

### Investment Funds COTR



### Commercial Undertaking COTR



## Ratio Analysis

Ratio	Last	1 Day	5 Day	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month	1 Year
Copper/Gold	2.64	2.67	2.62	2.48	2.84	2.70	2.70
Copper/Silver	167.06	170.15	167.86	145.90	153.22	216.21	274.51
Copper/Platinum	5.99	6.20	6.16	5.85	5.56	6.79	9.16
Copper/Crude	131.21	133.11	112.42	146.77	205.87	172.85	135.34
Copper/SPX	1.84	1.86	1.86	1.90	1.87	1.61	1.57
Copper/Alumi.	3.62	3.60	3.48	3.78	4.15	3.86	3.77
Copper/Steel	12.03	12.06	11.66	12.66	13.87	13.32	9.22
Copper/Nickel	0.75	0.74	0.72	0.75	0.74	0.71	0.62
Copper/Zinc	3.81	3.86	3.81	3.90	4.19	3.52	3.37
Copper/LMEX	2.34	2.34	2.29	2.34	2.44	2.42	2.21
Copper/DXY	127.36	127.23	122.53	130.39	131.54	109.54	84.97
Copper/Tesla	36.42	36.74	32.15	32.32	29.30	24.89	31.49

Dark shade = Copper outperformance; Light shade = Copper underperformance

## Economic Events

Time	Country	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
07:00	China	CPI YoY	Mar	1.20%	1.30%
18:00	US	CPI YoY	Mar	3.40%	2.40%
18:00	US	Core CPI YoY	Mar	2.70%	2.50%
19:30	US	Factory Orders	Feb	-0.20%	0.10%
19:30	US	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Apr P	52	53.3
19:30	US	Durable Goods Orders	Feb F	--	0.00%
23:30	US	Federal Budget Balance	Mar	--	-\$160.5b