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MARKET VIEW
Financial spreadbetsers expect London's FTSE to open 1 point higher at 7,426, Frankfurt's DAX to open 17 points higher at 11,867 and Paris' CAC to open 6 points higher at 5,443.

Asian shares slipped from eight-month highs as the International Monetary Fund lowered its global growth outlook and as tensions over tariffs between the United States and Europe escalated.

Oil prices moved little, supported by supply cuts by producer group OPEC and U.S. sanctions against oil exporters Iran and Venezuela, but pressured by expectations that an economic slowdown could soon dent fuel consumption.

MARKET SNAPSHOT AS OF 0425 GMT
S&P 500 Index Mini Futures: 2884.50; up 0.07 pct; 2.00 points
DJIA Mini Futures: 26166.00; up 0.03 pct; 8.00 points
Nikkei: 21656.83; down 0.67 pct; 145.76 points
MSCI Asia, Ex-JP: 543.59; up 0.43 pct; 2.32 point
EUR/USD: 1.1260; down 0.03 pct; 0.0003 point
GBP/USD: 1.3061; down 0.02 pct; 0.0002 point
USD/JPY: 111.13; down 0.01 pct; 0.02 point
Spot Gold: $1302.05; down 0.14 pct; $1.84
US Crude: $64.09; up 0.17 pct; $0.11
10-Yr US Treasury Yield: 2.4872 pct; down 0.0110 point
10-Yr Bund Yield: -0.0055 pct; up 0.0010 point

GLOBAL TOP NEWS
U.S. President Donald Trump on Tuesday threatened to impose U.S. tariffs on $11 billion worth of European Union products, heightening tensions over a long-running transatlantic aircraft subsidy dispute and opening a new front in his global trade war.

The global economy is slowing more than expected and a sharp downturn could require world leaders to coordinate stimulus measures, the International Monetary Fund said on Tuesday as it cut its forecast for world economic growth this year.

European Union leaders will grant Prime Minister Theresa May a second delay to Brexit but they could demand she accepts a much longer extension as France pushed for conditions to limit Britain's ability to undermine the bloc.

EUROPEAN COMPANY NEWS
Standard Chartered has agreed to pay $1.1 billion to U.S. and British authorities for conducting illegal financial transactions that violated sanctions against Iran and other countries, government authorities announced on Tuesday.
Debenhams' lenders took control of the ailing British retailer on Tuesday in a process designed to keep its shops open at the expense of shareholders, including an irate Mike Ashley, who were wiped out.

The U.S. Justice Department announced on Tuesday the indictment of Indivior and a subsidiary on charges they engaged in an illegal scheme to boost prescriptions of the film version of its opioid addiction treatment Suboxone.

TODAY'S COMPANY ANNOUNCEMENTS
Acerinox SA Annual Shareholders Meeting
Airbus SE Annual Shareholders Meeting
Aker Solutions ASA Annual Shareholders Meeting
AMAG Austria Metall AG Annual Shareholders Meeting
Andersen & Martini A/S Annual Shareholders Meeting
Basilea Pharmaceutica AG Annual Shareholders Meeting
Copenhagen Airports A/S Annual Shareholders Meeting
Dustin Group AB Q2 2019 Earnings Call
Electrolux AB Annual Shareholders Meeting
Ergomed PLC FY 2018 Earnings Call (German)
FinecoBank Banca Fineco SpA Annual Shareholders Meeting
Immobiliare Grande Distribuzione SIIQ SpA Annual Shareholders Meeting
Immobofinanz AG FY 2018 Earnings Release
ISS A/S Annual Shareholders Meeting
Julius Baer Gruppe AG Annual Shareholders Meeting
Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV Annual Shareholders Meeting
Koninklijke KPN NV Annual Shareholders Meeting
Massimo Zanetti Beverage Group SpA Annual Shareholders Meeting
McCarthy & Stone PLC HY 2019 Earnings Call
Mediaset Espana Comunicacion SA Annual Shareholders Meeting
MedicPen AB (publ) Annual Shareholders Meeting
MediRatt AB Annual Shareholders Meeting
Pandox AB Annual Shareholders Meeting
Rio Tinto PLC Annual Shareholders Meeting
SBM Offshore NV Annual Shareholders Meeting
Scandinavian Tobacco Group A/S Annual Shareholders Meeting
Silmaasema Oyj Annual Shareholders Meeting
Spar Nord Bank A/S Annual Shareholders Meeting
Storebrand ASA Annual Shareholders Meeting
Telia Company AB Annual Shareholders Meeting
Tesco PLC FY 2019 Earnings Presentation
Tryg A/S Q1 2019 Earnings Call
UNIQA Insurance Group AG FY 2018 Earnings Call

ECONOMIC EVENTS (All times GMT)
0600 (approx.) Sweden Money Mkt CPIF Inflation 1 yr for April: Prior 1.8 pct
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0645 France Industrial Output mm for Feb: Expected -0.5 pct; Prior 1.3 pct
0800 Italy Industrial Output mm SA for Feb: Expected -0.8 pct; Prior 1.7 pct
0800 Italy Industrial Output yy WDA for Feb: Expected -0.9 pct; Prior -0.8 pct
0830 (approx.) United Kingdom GDP Estimate 3M/3M for Feb: Expected 0.2 pct; Prior 0.2 pct
0830 United Kingdom GDP Estimate mm for Feb: Expected 0.0 pct; Prior 0.5 pct
0830 United Kingdom GDP Estimate yy for Feb: Expected 1.7 pct; Prior 1.4 pct
0830 United Kingdom Services mm for Feb: Prior 0.3 pct
0830 United Kingdom Services yy for Feb: Prior 1.7 pct
0830 United Kingdom Industrial Output mm for Feb: Expected 0.1 pct; Prior 0.6 pct
0830 United Kingdom Industrial Output yy for Feb: Expected -0.9 pct; Prior -0.9 pct
0830 United Kingdom Manufacturing Output mm for Feb: Expected 0.2 pct; Prior 0.8 pct
0830 United Kingdom Manufacturing Output yy Feb: Expected -0.7 pct; Prior -1.1 pct
0830 United Kingdom Construction O/P Vol mm for Feb: Expected 0.0 pct; Prior 2.8 pct
0830 United Kingdom Construction O/P Vol yy for Feb: Expected 2.4 pct; Prior 1.8 pct
1145 Euro Zone ECB Refinancing Rate for April: Expected 0.00 pct; Prior 0.00 pct
1145 Euro Zone ECB Deposit Rate for April: Expected -0.40 pct; Prior -0.40 pct
2301 United Kingdom RICS Housing Survey for Mar: Prior -30

DEBT AUCTIONS
Germany - Reopening of 5-year government debt auction.
Italy - Reopening of 1-year government debt auction.
Portugal - Reopening of 10-year and 18-year government debt auctions.
Sweden - Reopening of 6-year and 11-year government debt auctions.
Switzerland - Reopening of 13-year and 36-year government debt auctions.
A rescued migrant sits on the deck of the migrant rescue ship 'Alan Kurdi', operated by German NGO Sea-Eye, during a delivery of supplies by the NGO Migrant Offshore Aid Station off the coast of Malta, April 9. REUTERS/Darrin Zammit Lupi