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**MARKET OUTLOOK: CAUTIOUS
STRATEGY: MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE STANCE**

Turbulence in various markets continued last week, as US stocks raced to their worst 10-day start in history, following the lead of Chinese stocks. Meanwhile, the Shanghai Composite again dropped below the 3,000 level and is now down 18% for the year.

Oil continued to get pummeled and dropped below \$30. Expectations of new supply coming pushed oil prices lower, following the lifting of economic sanctions on Iran.

The turmoil seen in equities and oil also spread to currencies, such as the South African rand, Russian ruble, Malaysian ringgit and Brazilian real. The peso was not spared, as it closed the week at 47.780 against a backdrop of a stronger dollar and weakening EM currencies.



Source: Bloomberg

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We continue to maintain our defensive stance as the global sell down across asset classes continues.



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