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Weekly Economic Review



This week's markets

At the close, on Thursday



▶ Canadian bonds

- ▶ FTSE TMX Universe: +0.37%
- ▶ FTSE TMX Long: +0.80%
- ▶ Corps: +0.29%

▶ Equities (total return)

- ▶ S&P/TSX: **-0.74%**
- ▶ S&P 500: +1.06% (+0.75% in CAD)
- ▶ EAFE: +0.99% (+0.62% in CAD)
- ▶ MSCI-Emerging: **-0.26%** (**-0.71%** in CAD)



What caught our eye this week

- ▶ Canada:
 - ▶ Growth slowing in the first quarter
- ▶ U.S.:
 - ▶ Q1 GDP growth revised to -1%
- ▶ Japan:
 - ▶ Retail sales contract sharply as sales tax is hiked

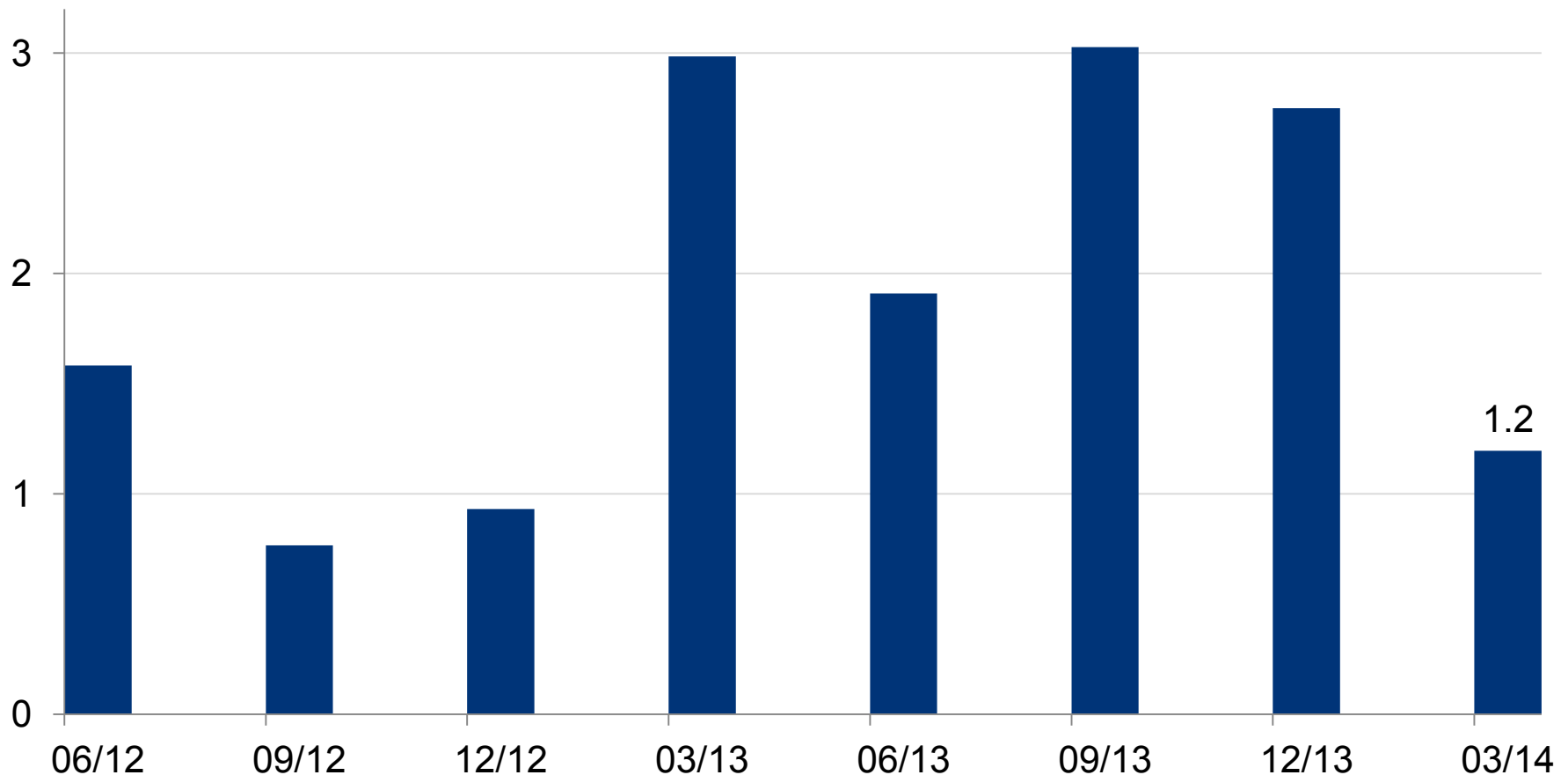


Canada: The harsh winter strikes on our side of the border too!



Canada: GDP growth hurt by the weather

Quarterly GDP growth, SAAR, %



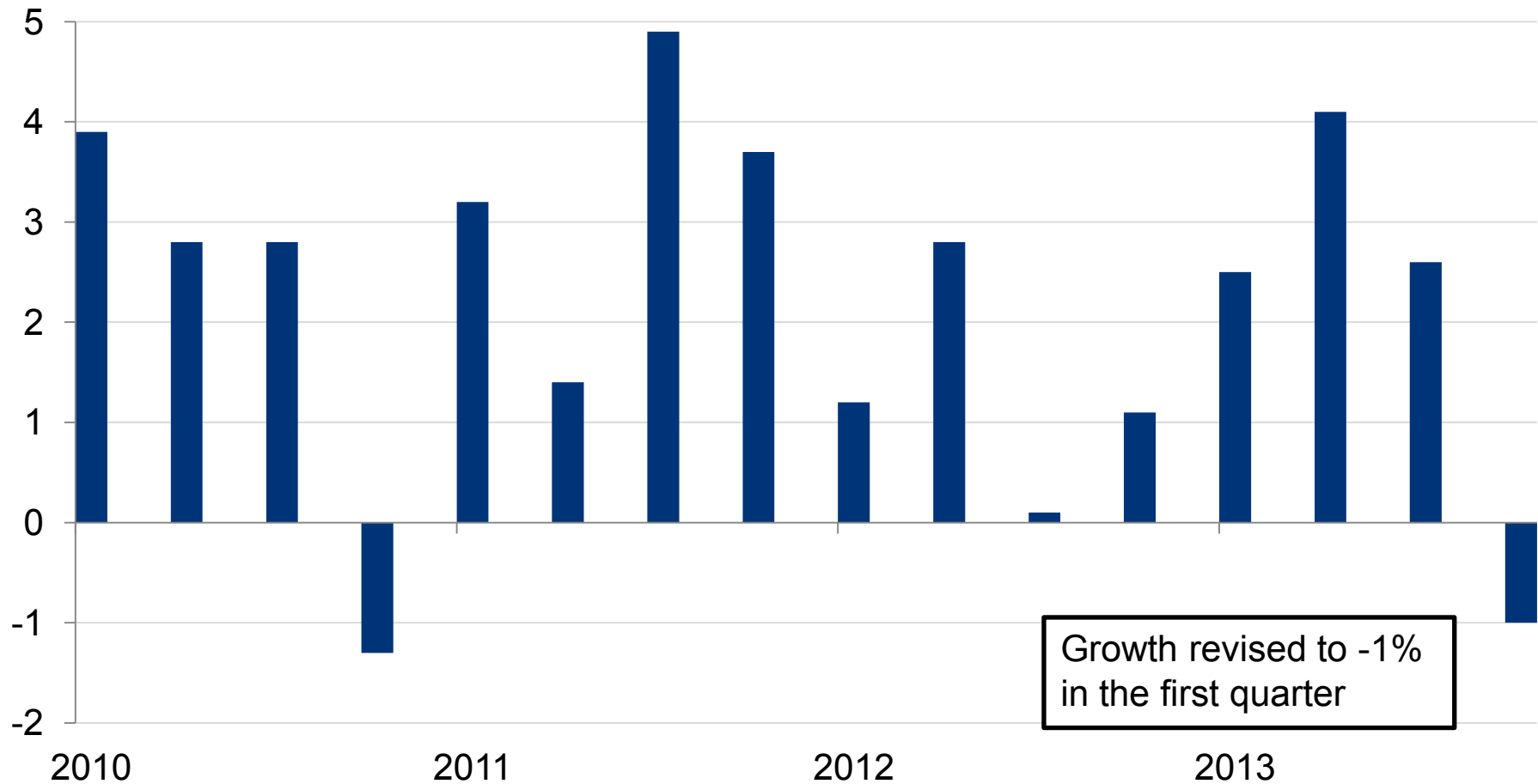


U.S.: Inventories and private investments hurt GDP growth in Q1



U.S.: GDP shrinks in Q1

Annualized quarterly growth, %



Growth revised to -1% in the first quarter

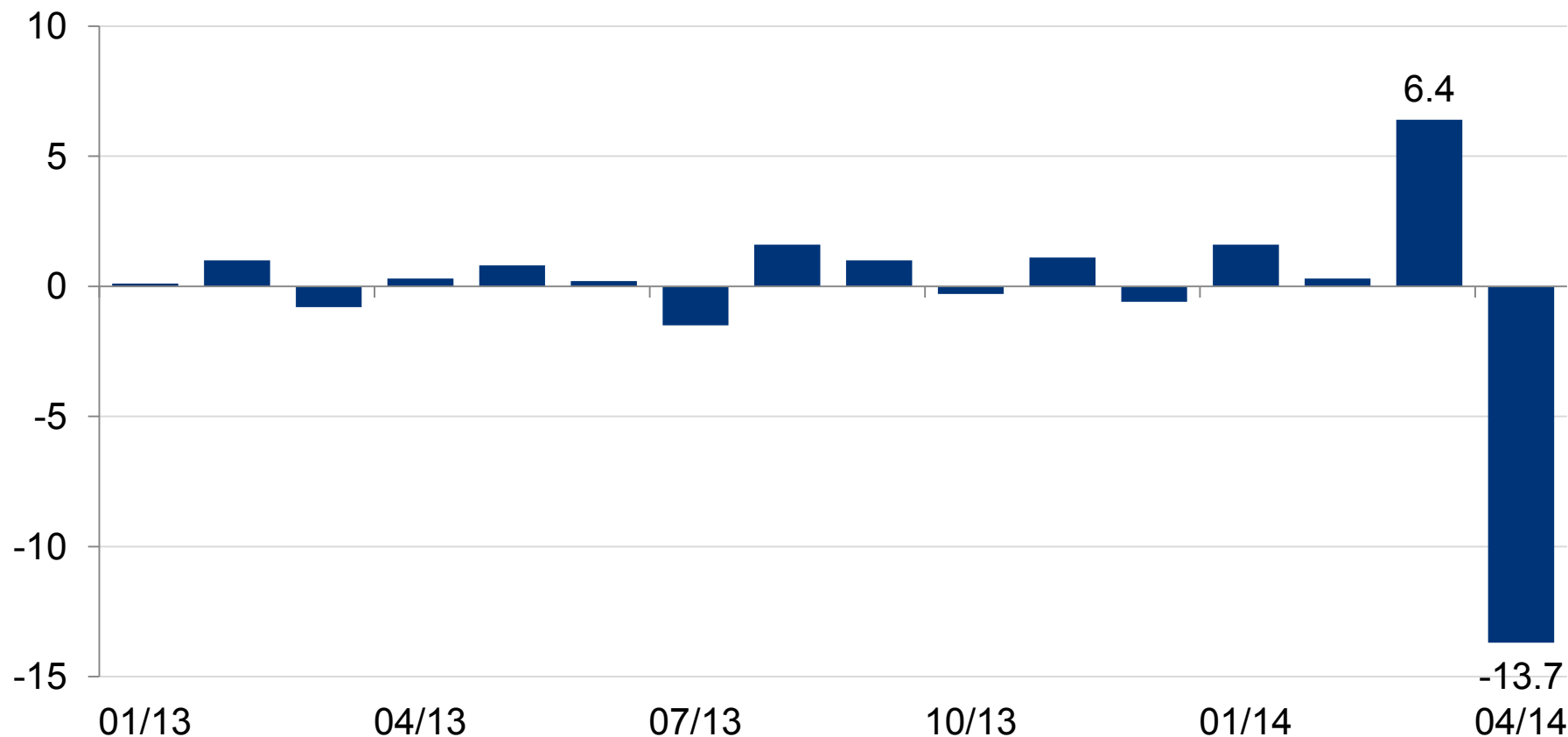


Japan: As expected, retail sales contract sharply



Japan: Sales tax hike pushing retail sales sharply lower in April

Monthly change in retail sales, %



What we'll be watching next week

- ▶ Canada:
 - ▶ Jobs creation (April: -28.9K)
 - ▶ Unemployment rate (April: 6.9%)
- ▶ U.S.:
 - ▶ ISM manufacturing (consensus: higher at 55.5)
 - ▶ Jobs creation (consensus: lower at 215K)
 - ▶ Unemployment rate (consensus: higher at 6.4%)
- ▶ China:
 - ▶ PMI manufacturing (consensus: stable at 49.6)

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