Global Markets Monitor

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Monetary policy decisions in focus amid flurry of economic data releases

Markets remain on the edge after the latest bout of economic data and corporate earnings results, with focus on the upcoming US Federal Reserve and the ECB policy meetings next week. Markets see a 90% probability of a 25bps hike by the Fed at their meeting next week after data yesterday showed a larger-than-expected slowdown in Q1 US economic growth, and an upside surprise in the price index. Data this morning showed the core PCE deflator remaining unchanged, as expected, while the employment cost index and personal spending surprised marginally on the upside. On the other side of the Atlantic sovereign yields in the euro area fell sharply as market expectations for a 25bps ECB hike next week firmed, as opposed to a 50bps hike, after slightly weaker than expected euro area Q1 growth data together with preliminary country-level inflation data pointing to downside risks for the euro area print due next week. Polish yields also fell after inflation came in lower than expected. In Asia the Bank of Japan dominated headlines after leaving their main policy settings unchanged, but shifting their forward guidance. The yen weakened and equities gained.

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4/28/23 1:04 PM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	23-Feb-22
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MSCI EM	manager of the second	39	1.4	-1	0	-8	3	-18
Yields and Spreads				b	ps			
US 10y Yield	and the same of th	3.48	-4.2	-9	-9	66	-40	149
Germany 10y Yield	man	2.37	-9.2	-11	8	147	-20	214
EMBIG Sovereign Spread	mmm	489	-5	-3	0	57	37	76
FX / Commodities / Volatility				9	%			
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation	aray may meny men	50.6	0.1	0	0	-2	1	-5
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation	war hard hard	102.1	0.6	0	0	-2	-1	6
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	approximation and	79.0	0.8	-3	0	-27	-8	-18
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	Marohama	17.2	0.1	0	-3	-13	-5	-14

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United States

Equities rebounded on Thursday as optimism related to solid corporate earnings from tech giants outweighed pessimism due to weak growth data. S&P 500 extended gains to finish yesterday 1.9% higher after earnings from Meta Platforms and Intel Corp beat analyst estimates. Equity futures extended gains in post-market trading after Amazon reported strong sales in Q1, while later commentary from Amazon executives that growth in cloud sales is slowing this quarter weighed on sentiment. VIX edged lower, while one-day VIX increased by 1%.

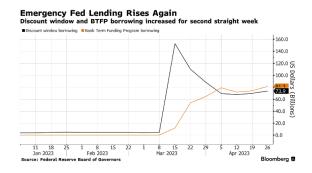
This morning, the Q1 employment cost index (1.2%q/q sa versus expected 1.1%) and personal spending (0.0%m/m sa versus expected -0.1%) for March came in slightly stronger than expected, with personal income also surprising marginally on the upside (0.3% versus 0.2% consensus). The PCE core deflator was in line with expectations at 4.6%y/y, unchanged from the previous month. The market reaction was limited, with 10-yr Treasury yields declining marginally following the data releases.

Russell 2000, a small-cap index, has diverged from S&P 500 meaningfully, highlighting recession fears. Smaller companies face many challenges, including relatively weaker balance sheets, lower profit margins, and tighter bank lending standards after the banking turmoil in March. Small caps typically have a higher beta and thus are considered more sensitive to the business cycle.



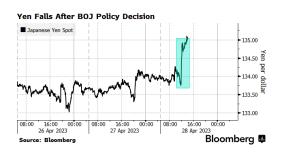
Rates traders interpreted the higher-than-expected price index and lower-than-expected initial jobless claims yesterday morning as increasing the likelihood of additional rate hikes. The market-implied policy rate 1-year from now increased by 18bps, while the yield curve flattened as 2-year Treasury yields rose 12bps. The dollar index was unchanged.

US banks increased borrowing from the Fed for two consecutive weeks, suggesting lingering stress in the banking system. Based on the most recent Fed data, borrowing rose by \$11.3bn to \$155.2bn in the week ended April 26.



Japan

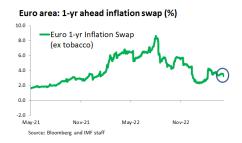
The Japanese yen depreciates sharply (-1.5%) after the Bank of Japan (BOJ) kept its monetary policy settings unchanged, but adjusted its forward guidance. In the first policy meeting under Governor Ueda, the BOJ kept the policy balance rate at -0.1% and the 10-year JGB yield target at 0% as expected. While maintaining its main monetary stimulus measures, the BOJ adjusted its guidance on future interest rates, removing the statement that the BOJ "expects short- and long-term policy rate interest rates to remain at their present or lower levels". The BOJ also dropped a reference to the pandemic in light of the government's plan to lower the classification of COVID-19. In addition, the BOJ announced that it will conduct a review of monetary policy over recent decades with an aim to publish the results in a year to a year and a half, a sharp contrast to past assessments that were conducted over just few months. Analysts noted that the BOJ will unlikely change its monetary easing framework in major ways during the policy review. while long-end JGB yields declined (10-year: -7.4 bps; 30-year: -11.3 bps) and equities gained (NIKKEI: +1.4%).



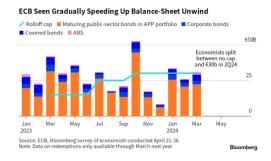
Euro Area

German 10-yr yields are 10 bps lower at 2.36% after euro area Q1 GDP growth disappointed and incoming country level inflation data signaled downside risks to euro area inflation forecasts. Bank stocks (-2%) underperformed. The euro area economy grew just 0.1% q/q in 2023Q1 (after stagnating in Q4) with quite some variety across countries. It is worth noting that some contacts see a significant risk of revisions.

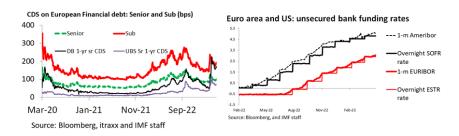
Euro area 1-yr inflation swaps dropped 14 bps to 3.22% as analysts at several banks warn that preliminary country-level inflation data suggests downside risk to euro area flash inflation forecasts, currently at 7% y/y for headline and 5.7% y/y for core inflation. Marginally lower-than-expected German inflation data together with weaker-than-expected data for Spain more than offset higher-than expected French inflation data. Some analysts point to lower food inflation and weakness from recreation as driving factors. Euro area flash inflation data will be released next week Tuesday.



According to a Bloomberg survey carried out between 21 and 26 April, most analysts expect the ECB to hike its deposit rate 25 bps to 3.25% next week, which is close to market pricing of 28 bps. Consensus is that the ECB will halt its hiking cycle at 3.75% in July. Economists also predict that the ECB's balance sheet will shrink from €7.7tn currently to €6.9tn by end 2023, driven by a slightly faster roll-off of bonds held under the Asset Purchase Program in the second half of 2023.



Bank of France governor Villeroy de Galhau called for reforms of the credit default swaps market as the "lack of liquidity of this market and its opaqueness caused an undue episode of financial distress affecting Deutsche Bank." According to contacts, euro area fixed income trading was very subdued in April but liquidity in sovereign rates markets has remained very decent for big asset managers. Nevertheless, UBS warns that single bond liquidity in EU investment-grade market has fallen by 40% since the start of 2022. In contrast, high-yield (HY) market liquidity has been largely unchanged, although the starting point was already weak. UBS calculates that a flow as small as €24mn today is enough to swing the largest EU HY ETF (which is €4.4bn in size) intraday by 1% in total return terms. Turning away from CDS markets, contacts point out that unsecured banks funding rates do not show any stress for euro area banks.



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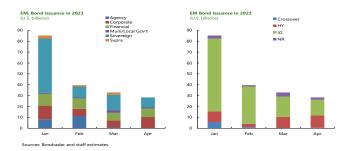
EMEA markets were mixed. Equity markets were sharply down in the Czech Republic (-3.2%) and Türkiye (-1.3%) and also edging lower in South Africa (-0.6%), while equities gained in the UAE (+1.2%). The South African rand was weakening 0.5% vs. the dollar (18.38/\$), while central and eastern European currencies were trading in a narrow range. Hungarian 10y bond yields were down 21 bps to 7.73%, having decreased roughly 100 bps over the last 10 days amid expectations of monetary policy easing going forward. Poland bond yields dropped 6 bps to 5.88% after April inflation came in lower than expected (14.7% y/y vs. 15% expected).

Asian markets lacked direction. Asian equities gained 0.5% on net, with Chinese (CSI 300: +1.0%) and Taiwanese (+1.1%) equities leading the gain, while Indonesian (-0.4%) and Singaporean (-0.4%) equities declined. Asian currencies were mixed with limited movements. One exception was Philippine Peso, which appreciated 0.7%. Indonesian rupiah appreciated (+0.2%), supported by the record high usage of Bank Indonesia's term deposit facility by exporters (\$156.5mn), which is expected to boost Indonesia's foreign reserves. Long-end government bond yields were also mixed, with 10-yr yields rising in Singapore (+3 bps) while those in Vietnam declined (-4 bps).

In the Latin American region, equity markets rebounded, currencies appreciated against the U.S. dollar and CDS spreads narrowed across the region. Colombia was an exception, where equities underperformed, the Colombian peso depreciated and sovereign CDS spreads widened reflecting investor's concerns over the new minister of finance after the cabinet reshuffle.

EM Bond Issuance

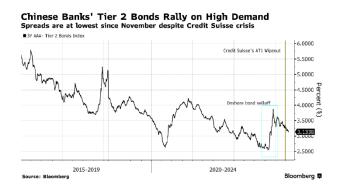
Bond issuance has eased to \$28.4bn for April, a decrease of 14%m/m and 17%y/y. Bond issuance for the week ending on April 27th was \$5.5bn. Year-to-date issuance is at \$186bn, which translates to a 4%y/y increase. Sovereigns accounted for 45% of total issuance, followed by financials (19%), and corporates (19%) year-to-date. The top five issuers accounted for 45% of total issuance year-to-date, and were in Saudi Arabia, Korea, China, Hong Kong, and Poland. High-yield issuance is now 18% higher than a year ago.



China

The Politburo meeting reiterated the need of continued policy support to ensure a durable economic recovery. The meeting indicated that domestic demand is still insufficient as underlying growth drivers remain lackluster. Meanwhile, economic transformation and upgrading are facing new challenges. The meeting stressed the importance of reviving and expanding domestic demand as the key in supporting growth, urging an increase in household income to boost services consumption. The meeting also mentioned the need to resolve risks at smaller banks, insurers and trust companies. Equities gained (CSI 300: +1.0%) as investors felt reassured that growth remains a policy priority. Some market participants were concerned about further tightening regulations of the financial sector prior to the Politburo meeting. RMB was little changed, while CGB yields were mixed (1-year: +2.6 bps; 10-year: -0.9 bps).

Chinese investors showed strong appetite for large banks' subordinated debt owing to their relatively high yields and strong state backing. According to Bloomberg, yield premiums on 3-yr tier-2 notes have declined by 37 bps this year. Some investors reportedly have increased their holdings of bank tier-2 notes while reducing their holdings of government bonds, given the former's attractive returns amid a scarce of alternative investment options. The growing popularity of bank bonds is expected to be supportive to the big four state-owned banks that seek to raise at least 40 bn yuan (\$5.8 bn) of TLAC papers. There was little evidence suggesting that investor enthusiasm extended to smaller banks' bonds, with the issuance of their tier-2 notes plunging in 2023Q1.



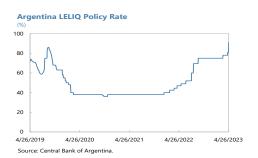
Poland

Polish bond yields dropped 6 bps to 5.88% after inflation slowed more than expected in April. The flash inflation release showed April inflation at 14.7% y/y (versus 15% expected), significantly down from 16.1% in March. From a monthly perspective inflation also slowed significantly to 0.7%m/m in April from 1.1% in March. In seasonally adjusted terms, inflation is dropping significantly to a run rate of 9% (3m sa annualized). Core inflation is not released as part of the flash inflation release, but ING analysts point out that the drop in inflation is mostly due to a positive base effect for food prices, which lowered the annual inflation rate by around 1.2 percentage points in April. ING analysts' own estimate of core inflation is 12.2% y/y, with still strong momentum (1.2% m/m). ING analysts therefore continue to see no room for rate cuts in 2023 and see policy easing probably starting towards the end of 2024.



Argentina

Argentina's central bank raised its benchmark LELIQ rate by ten percentage points to 91% on Thursday as it tries to tame high inflation and steady the Argentinean peso. The central bank's decision was aimed at preserving monetary and financial stability. A higher interest rate offers more incentives to savers to keep their funds in pesos, strengthening the local currency. This was the second interest rate hike since April 20,2023.



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United States	grange of the second	4128	-0.2	0	4	-4	8
Europe	Maryandon	4325	-0.8	-2	4	14	14
Japan	AND MANAGERAL	28856	1.4	1	3	7	11
China	man	4029	1.0	0	-1	0	4
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Emerging Markets	many more	39	1.4	-1	0	-8	3
Interest Rates					points		
US 10y Yield	which was a second	3.48	-3.8	-9	-9	66	-39
Germany 10y Yield	man man	2.38	-8.5	-11	9	148	-20
Japan 10y Yield		0.39	-7.2	-8	4	16	-3
UK 10y Yield	~~~~~	3.75	-4.7	-1	29	187	8
Credit Spreads					points		
US Investment Grade	wwww	161	-1.3	2	-11	6	2
US High Yield	Marken	479	-12.8	-2	-47	68	-1
Exchange Rates					%		
USD/Majors	warmy particular	102.04	0.5	0	0	-2	-1
EUR/USD	and many many	1.10	-0.5	0	1	5	3
USD/JPY	- Janes Andrew College	136.1	1.6	1	4	4	4
EM/USD	and market and market	50.6	0.1	0	0	-2	1
Commodities					%		
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	a source of	79.0	0.8	-3	1	-14	-7
Industrials Metals (index)	and more more	154	0.8	-2	-4	-23	-7
Agriculture (index)	man man man	66	0.0	-3	-1	-15	-4
Implied Volatility					%		
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	M. Mary 18 Mary Land Co	17.2	0.1	0.4	-2.8	-12.8	-4.5
US 10y Swaption Volatility	and by the same of	111.5	0.4	1.2	-30.6	-14.0	-14.2
Global FX Volatility	of the same of the	9.2	0.0	0.1	-1.4	-1.7	-1.5
EA Sovereign Spreads	10-Ye	ar spread	vs. German	y (bps)			
Greece	Mountymouse	187	2.9	4	-4	-43	-18
Italy	molecular material	190	0.7	3	5	9	-24
Portugal	Manne	83	-0.2	0	-4	-22	-19
Spain	whomeware	105	0.2	1	1	5	-4

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Last updated:	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)							
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India		82	0.0	0.3	0	-7	1	Mumany	7.3	2.3	-4	-22	(46.1)	-16	
Philippines	~~~~	55	0.7	1.2	-2	-6	1	~~~~~	6.0	0.0	0	0	65	-5	
Thailand	~~~~	34	0.0	0.7	0	1	1	Mimme	2.6	3.0	5	13	-14	-1	
Malaysia	~~~~	4.46	0.0	-0.6	-1	-2	-1	man man	3.7	-0.1	-11	-16	-69	-31	
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Hungary	manda	340	-0.6	0.5	3	6	10	morphone	7.9	-15.0	-5	-20	121	-170	
Poland	more	4.17	-0.6	0.6	3	7	5	Markey	5.4	-8.3	-14	1	-43	-74	
Romania	when	4.5	-0.3	0.0	2	5	3	mark	7.1	1.3	-14	1	52	-56	
Russia	mm	79.5	2.6	2.7	-3	-9	-7								
South Africa	Market Market Mark	18.4	-0.3	-1.3	-1	-13	-7	my m	9.4	-3.5	-2	27	100	21	
Turkey	<i></i>	19.45	-0.1	-0.3	-2	-24	-4	Many	13.0	63.0	83	183	-788	317	
US (DXY; 5y UST)) and Manage	102	0.6	0.2	0	-1	-1	-mmm	3.56	-3.1	-10	-12	72	-44	

		Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)											
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Argentina		296809	-2.6	5	22	228	47	~ John Mary Mary	2675	2	136	906	470
Brazil	Www.	102923	0.6	-1	2	-6	-6	Manne	278	3	2	-10	4
Chile	Market Stranger	5410	0.0	4	3	13	3	May May May man	137	-7	-6	-28	5
Colombia	Marrie Married	1168	-1.5	-4	4	-27	-9	www	428	19	19	72	56
Mexico	www.	54442	0.8	0	2	3	12	whime	396	3	-10	26	15
Peru	man	21975	0.2	-2	1	-3	3	m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/m/	178	-11	-12	-10	-2
Hungary	Wy Wy	44741	0.2	1	6	3	2	mystym	226	-6	-2	56	4
Poland	man man	63121	-0.7	1	11	8	10	mangement	76	-9	7	46	3
Romania	mymm	12313	0.0	-1	1	-4	6	when	256	-1	5	20	0
South Africa	Mayan	77836	-0.4	-1	3	11	7	manne	418	-6	14	47	51
Turkey		4717	-1.5	-6	-2	94	-14	~MM~~~~~~	505	-13	50	-9	65
Ukraine		507	0.0	0	0	-2	-2	Murum	5285	124	387	1582	1206
EM total	many	39	-0.2	-1	0	-8	3	why when	419	-6	4	14	44

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