Global Markets Monitor

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Markets grapple with stubbornly high inflation

Equity index futures in the US pointed to another day of losses as the benchmark US 10-year Treasury yield broke above the psychologically important level for the first time since November. Stocks in Europe were little changed after a mixed overnight session in Asia. Markets are rapidly reassessing the pace of Fed rate hikes in the face of sticky inflation, with the terminal rate predicted to hit 5.5% compared to less than 5% at the start of the year and most short-term rate cuts being priced out. Some investors are even betting on a 6% Fed terminal rate. Other central banks such as the ECB, the Swedish Riksbank, the Czech central bank, and the Reserve Bank of Australia, among others, have all turned more hawkish as the battle against inflation intensifies. The latest euro area inflation data continued to exceed expectations and investors now expect the ECB's policy rate to approach 4%. China's rapid recovery is one of the few positive trends for markets, but even this is viewed as a mixed blessing because it could lead to higher global inflation. These trends have undermined risk sentiment, with markets in retreat over the past couple of weeks after strong gains in January and early February.

Key Global Financial Indicators

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Equities				9	%			
S&P 500	~~~~~	3951	-0.5	-1	-5	-10	3	-6
Eurostoxx 50	Variable of the second	4212	-0.1	-1	-1	10	11	6
Nikkei 225	Markey Markey	27499	-0.1	1	0	3	5	4
MSCI EM	Manual Marian	39	2.1	0	-6	-15	3	-18
Yields and Spreads				b				
US 10y Yield		4.02	3.9	16	64	216	16	203
Germany 10y Yield		2.73	0.7	24	64	269	15	250
EMBIG Sovereign Spread	~~~~~	448	1	-8	5	-34	-4	35
FX / Commodities / Volatility				9	%			
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation	Varymann.	50.4	-0.3	0	-2	-3	1	-5
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation		104.9	0.4	0	3	8	1	9
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	announce of the same	84.7	0.4	3	3	-25	-1	-13
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	& Marine Marine	21.0	0.4	0	2	-10	-1	-10

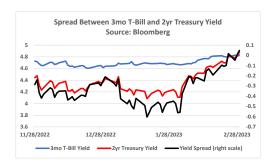
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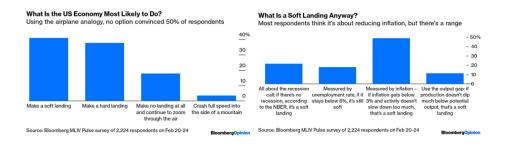
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United States

The front end of the US yield curve is no longer inverted. The spread between the two-year Treasury yield and the three-month T-Bill yield is back in positive territory, reflecting the market's repricing of the outlook for Fed policy. At the beginning of the year, markets expected the policy rate to peak below 5% in the first half of 2023, to be followed by three rate cuts by December. Now, markets predict that the policy rate will peak close to 5.5%, with just one rate cut by January 2024. With the benchmark 10-year Treasury yield now above the psychologically important 4% level, a significant move above 4% could lead the market to become even more bearish. Contacts reported that some investors are putting on bets that the Fed Funds rate could go as high as 6%.



Investors are divided about the future course of the US economy. In a Bloomberg poll, 41% thought a soft landing with lower inflation and a resilient economy was the most likely outcome, but 38% took the view that a hard landing is likely with Fed rate hikes pushing the economy into recession. However, deeper analysis of the responses revealed that there was a range of opinions on how a soft landing is to be defined, with the focus shifting from inflation to recession. The most common view was that inflation below 3% and an economy that did not slow down too much would constitute a soft landing, but less than 50% of the respondents took this view. Treasury Secretary Yellen expressed the view that a soft landing was possible because the labor market is strong, and the financial system is not encumbered with the kind of problems it faced during the Global Financial Crisis. However, last week's higher than expected PCE inflation data highlights the challenges facing the Fed. The data pushed the two-year Treasury and bund yields to their highest levels since 2007.

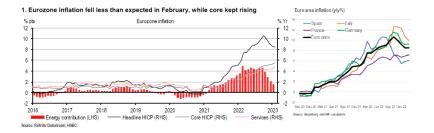


US bond fund flows remain robust but worries about led to outflows from long and intermediate maturity bonds. Japanese investors were a major source of demand as they bought assets at the fastest weekly pace since 2020 last week. However, bank holdings of Treasuries declined. Total inflows to US bond funds came in at \$41 bn year-to-date, compared to net outflows of \$23 bn over the same period last year. Analysts speculate that higher interest rates are attracting more investor interest, especially at the short end of the yield curve. The notable increase in risk free rates has raised fears that the riskier parts of the corporate bond market could be vulnerable, as credit spreads remain very tight, significantly reducing the compensation for taking on more credit risk. In other news, data from the Commodities and Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) showed that net long positions in US Treasury futures and options increased were on the rise.

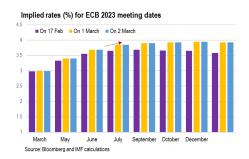


Euro Area

Sovereign yields were higher after preliminary February euro area inflation data surprised on the upside. Core inflation accelerated to a record-high 5.6% y/y, while consensus expected the core reading to remain unchanged at 5.3% y/y. Headline inflation eased by less than expected to +8.5% y/y (versus the expected 8.3% from 8.6%). This follows upside inflation surprises from Germany, France, and Spain earlier this week, with another upside surprise from Italy this morning where preliminary headline inflation for February eased by less than expected (+9.9% y/y versus the expected 9.5% from 10.7%). Looking ahead, HSBC analysts noted that inflation could moderate in March due to large base effects following significant energy price increases last year. Moreover, contacts highlight that the recent IFO survey in Germany indicated that a significantly smaller number of German companies are planning to increase their prices in the next three months.

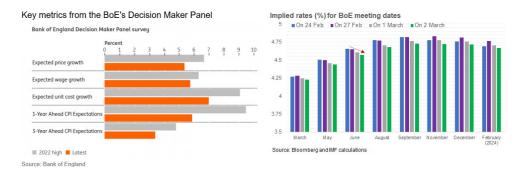


Following hawkish ECB commentary and the latest set of economic data releases, several analysts forecast another 50bps ECB hike in May. ECB chief economist Lane highlighted earlier this week that risks to inflation remained on the upside and that it is possible that monetary policy transmission is slower in the current hiking. Separately, ECB Governing Council Member Nagel said further "significant" rate steps may be needed beyond March and a faster pace of balance sheet reduction from July. This morning, ECB President Lagarde also said that more hikes may be needed after the ECB's meeting later this month. As regards the terminal rate, President Lagarde said that it would be determined by data. Goldman Sachs now expect a 50bps hike in May (previously expected +25bps) and has raised their peak rate forecast to 3.75% in June. Deutsche Bank and HSBC also see a 50bps hike in May. Markets continue to price in roughly 91bps of tightening by May.



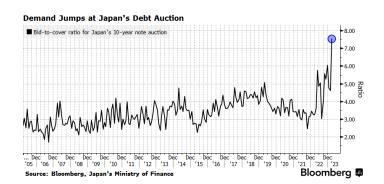
United Kingdom

Inflation expectations eased last month, according to the latest Decision Maker Panel (DMP) survey of UK businesses. Businesses now expect their output prices to increase by an average of 5.4% while one-year ahead inflation expectations fell to 5.9% from 6.4% in January and three-year ahead inflation expectations eased to 3.4% from 3.7% expected in January. As regards wages, the expected wage growth one-year ahead remained at 5.7% in February. JPMorgan analysts argue that while easing business price and wage expectations could support dovish BOE voices, expectations still exceed the BOE's forecasts and as such could support a more hawkish debate. Nevertheless, following commentary for the BoE governor yesterday that further tightening is not guaranteed, markets have continued to scale back BoE hiking expectations.



Japan

Company sales and profits in 2022Q4 were weaker than expected. Company sales grew 6.1% y/y (consensus: +8.7%), while company profits contracted 2.8% y/y (consensus: +8.4%). However, firms continued to increase their capital spending in Q4 even amid a global slowdown, beating expectations. The auction of 10-year Japanese Government Bonds (JGBs) saw a surge in demand as traders tried to buy the debt cheaply in a bid to flip it for a tiny profit to the Bank of Japan. The auction saw demand for about 7.6 times the amount sold, with an average yield at 0.5%. The 10-year JGB yield was little changed at 0.5%, while longer-end JGB yields increased (30-year: +3.2 bps). JGB market functioning deteriorated further following the Bank of Japan (BOJ)'s policy tweaks in December 2022, based on the BOJ's survey on bid-ask spreads and trading volumes. Reportedly, the BOJ is leaning toward monitoring the impact of the recent policy changes rather than making further adjustments at its March policy meeting.



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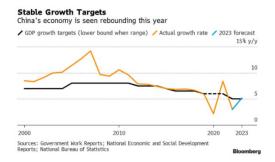
Equities and currencies reversed yesterday's gains, in line with global risk sentiment. Stocks in Poland's largest oil and coking coal companies fell 2–5% on news that the government is working on a mechanism to distribute windfall profits from higher energy prices. Egypt remains in the spotlight as Eurobond yields and the 5-yr Credit Default Swap (+23 bps to 1072) continue to trade higher. Stocks in Asia were down 1% on net. Long-end government bond yields increased, with 10-year yields rising in

Singapore (+11.9 bps), Korea (+10.0 bps) and Indonesia (+8.6 bps), following the rise in US treasury yields. In Indonesia, Bank Indonesia launched its new term USD deposit facility to lure exporters' dollar earnings back onshore; exporters can get up to 5.2% when placing funds in the facility. **Latam stocks were mixed, but currencies generally appreciated.** The Chilean and Mexican pesos continued their outperformance versus the dollar. A central bank official in Mexico came out with dovish rhetoric.



China

Analysts expect Beijing to set this year's growth target above 5%. Reportedly, top officials were surprised by the fast pace of the economic recovery after the reopening. Meanwhile, the People's Bank of China withdrew liquidity in the amount of 227 bn yuan (\$32.9 bn) as month-end interbank funding pressure eased. The key interbank repo rate (DR007) dropped to 2.0% (-9.1 bps). Standard Chartered analysts said that China-related sanctions bills advanced by the US house Financial Services Committee is likely to have a limited impact on other countries in broadening their usage of Chinese currency.



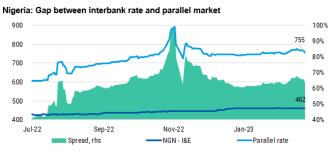
Mexico

The Mexican peso rallied sharply and is close to a five-year high versus the dollar after Tesla decided to build an assembly plant in the country. The Mexican peso has outperformed all major currencies in 2023 and it has appreciated by 7.6% YTD. Traders expect the currency to reach the 18.00 per dollar level for the first time since April 2018. UBS expected the peso to reach the 18-per-dollar mark by mid-2023, with other local analysts being more optimistic and believing the peso could break the 17.90 level even sooner.



Nigeria

The price of the Eurobond due 2031 edged lower (with yields up 20 bps to 12.5%) even as some analysts see value in Nigeria's Eurobonds after ruling party APC candidate Tinubu was declared president-elect in tight elections. Mr. Tinubu was declared the winner after getting 8.79 mn votes (37% of total) and 25% of votes in 29 states, 4 more than was required in the lowest winning margin for any president since democratic elections began, with Atiku Abubakar of the PDP getting 6.9 mn votes (29%), Some expect that opposition parties will legally challenge the results, but the Supreme Court has never previously overturned presidential election results. Morgan Stanley argues that Nigeria could return to more conventional monetary policymaking, following policies which have resulted in a significant gap between official and parallel market rates and renewed foreign portfolio inflows to naira assets. Nevertheless, other contacts remain cautious as they see further political and fiscal challenges. Interest costs relative to revenue to remain high at 57% of federal revenues.



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Europe		4213	-0.1	-1	-1	10	11	6
Japan	many	27499	-0.1	1	0	3	5	4
China	m	4118	-0.2	0	-1	-10	6	-11
Asia Ex Japan	man man	67	2.1	0	-7	-14	3	-16
Emerging Markets	vann	39	2.1	0	-6	-15	3	-18
Interest Rates					s points			
US 10y Yield		4.03	4.1	16	64	216	16	204
Germany 10y Yield		2.72	0.7	24	64	269	15	249
Japan 10y Yield		0.51	-0.1	0	1	37	8	31
UK 10y Yield		3.84	0.5	26	84	258	17	236
Credit Spreads					points			
US Investment Grade	~~~~~	146	0.4	0	10	-1	-12	4
US High Yield	~~~~~~	435	-1.0	-14	14	31	-45	28
Europe IG		80	0.5	-1	6	5	-11	8
Europe HY		415	3.4	0	30	52	-59	64
Exchange Rates					%			
USD/Majors		104.95	0.4	0	3	8	1	9
EUR/USD	war war and a second	1.06	-0.6	0	-3	-5	-1	-6
USD/JPY		136.8	0.4	2	6	18	4	19
EM/USD	van	50.4	-0.3	0	-2	-3	1	-5
Commodities					%			
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	amandam way	84.6	0.4	3	3	-5	-1	1
Industrials Metals (index)	m	162	-1.7	0	-8	-19	-2	-14
Agriculture (index)	my	68	0.3	-2	-2	-6	-1	-3
Implied Volatility					%			
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	Maran	21.0	0.5	-0.1	2.3	-9.7	-0.6	-10.0
US 10y Swaption Volatility	mynamina	122.0	-0.6	5.1	21.4	14.5	-3.7	27.7
Global FX Volatility	manyaha	9.9	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.8	-0.8	2.4
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Ye	ar spread	vs. Germany	(bps)		
Greece	m May who was	179	0.9	-11	-16	-55	-27	-61
Italy	manne	184	-1.5	-7	1	31	-31	12
Portugal	mun	87	0.0	-1	4	4	-15	-5
Spain	wilson.	96	-0.1	-1	4	-2	-14	-8
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China		6.91	-0.6	0.0	-3	-9	0	-9	~~~~~~~	3.3	3.5	4	12	40	23	43		
Indonesia	~~~~~~	15281	-0.3	-0.6	-3	-6	2	-6	~~~~~~~	7.0	9.7	17	37	40	2	46		
India	~~~~	83	-0.1	0.2	0	-8	0	-10	mm	7.8	5.1	12	47	131.8	33			
Philippines		55	-0.1	-0.2	-2	-7	1	-7	~~~~	6.0	0.0	0	5	100	-5	98		
Thailand		35	-0.3	-0.3	-5	-7	-1	-7	~~~~	2.8	3.5	6	26	62	15	56		
Malaysia	~~~	4.48	-0.1	-0.9	-5	-6	-2	-7	m	4.0	8.4	9	23	34	-4	33		
Argentina		198	-0.2	-1.3	-5	-45	-10	-46		88.3	5.4	98	126	3987	5	4030		
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Uruguay	mm	39	-0.1	-0.5	-1	10	2	8		10.2	14.0	36	16	210	-43	210		
Hungary		353	-0.9	1.7	0	-4	6	-9	marana	8.6	16.0	16	81	347	-98	381		
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Romania		4.6	-0.6	-0.1	-3	-4	0	-6	~~~~	7.5	-1.9	9	20	203	-16	238		
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Turkey		18.89	0.0	-0.2	0	-26	-1	-27	Marine Marine	10.7	11.0	24	-2	-1375	90	-1169		
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Mexico	~~~~	53473	1.4	1	-1	0	10	4	~~~~~	370	3	16	1	-11	0		
Peru	~~~~	22005	2.0	1	-2	-9	3	-6	~~~~	182	-2	-13	-6	2	-8		
Hungary	many	44461	-0.4	-2	-3	11	2	-7		205	-14	-11	24	-17	52		
Poland	~~~~	59636	-1.4	0	-3	-3	4	-5	wash Maran	64	-14	-30	-6	-9	48		
Romania	mm	12378	0.5	0	1	2	6	-6	~~~~~~	237	-16	-9	-14	-18	5		
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Turkey		5311	-0.2	4	12	167	-4	163	~~~~	477	-44	-36	-125	37	-86		
Ukraine		507	0.0	0	0	-2	-2	-2	m-Mu-	4677	25	483	1238	598	3204		
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