Global Markets Monitor

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Market sentiment sours as Chinese stimulus briefing disappoints

Global equities fell after China's latest pledge to support its economy disappointed investors hoping for detailed plans of further fiscal stimulus. Chinese equities listed in Hong Kong SAR were the hardest hit, with the HSCEI index plunging as much as 11% earlier in the day, following gains of over 30% in the past month, likely reflecting a rotation out to onshore stocks. Onshore Chinese equities gained after the long holidays but lost steam during the day. The briefing did not unveil the size of additional fiscal stimulus, nor provide detailed plans to support consumption and property market destocking, surprising investors that had expected sizable fiscal support ranging from RMB 2–10 trn (\$283 bn – \$1.4 tn). In fixed income, advanced economy sovereign bond yields took a breather and stopped their ascent, with 10-year US Treasury and bund yields little changed this morning. Elsewhere, oil prices fell and the dollar was moderately weaker. In emerging markets, Senegal's eurobonds extended losses following Moody's downgrade last Friday.

Key Global Financial Indicators

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10/8/24 8:08 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities				9	%		%
S&P 500		5696	-1.0	-1	5	32	19
Eurostoxx 50	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	4948	-0.4	0	4	19	9
Nikkei 225	whomas a	38938	-1.0	1	8	26	16
MSCI EM	manne	47	0.8	3	13	25	18
Yields and Spreads				b	ps		
US 10y Yield	Married Marrie	4.03	0.4	30	32	-77	15
Germany 10y Yield	~~~~~	2.25	-0.4	22	8	-63	23
EMBIG Sovereign Spread	and the same	350	0	-10	-38	-102	-33
FX / Commodities / Volatility				9	%		
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation	many	45.8	0.0	-1	0	-1	-5
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation	Mary Mary	102.4	-0.2	1	1	-3	1
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	mmm	79.2	-2.1	8	12	-6	3
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	- h	22.0	-0.7	3	0	5	10

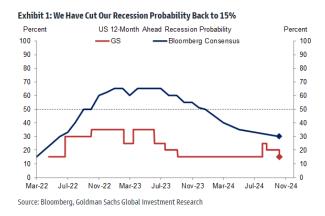
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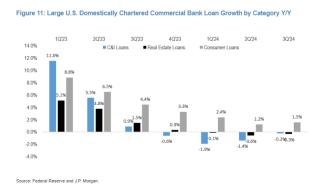
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United States

US recession probabilities drop. Goldman Sachs analysts have lowered their probability of US recession down to the unconditional mean of 15%. Stronger than expected labor market data in combination with forecasted GDP growth of 3.2% in the third quarter and upward revisions to the savings rate have given a stronger confidence in the US economy. Bloomberg consensus estimates of recession have been falling too since their peak of almost 70% in March 2023. Economic strength remains somewhat at odds with the expectations of steep interest rate cuts by the Fed, as a further 50 bps reduction is mostly priced in by the futures market by the end of the year, while the US 10-year Treasury has surpassed 4% for the first time since late July.



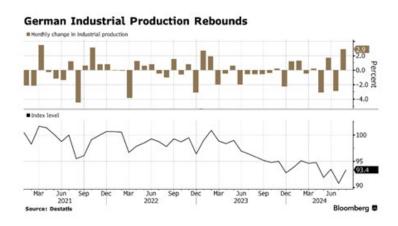
GSIB earnings are expected to show slightly deteriorating fundamentals. Third quarter bank earnings kick-off Friday, October 11 with reports from some of the largest banks. JP Morgan analysts forecast a deterioration in fundamentals. Muted loan growth, further net-interest-margin compression, lower investment banking activity year-on-year, all point to sequentially weaker bank earnings. Positively, it seems like expectations are equally low as market analysts suggest they have had this in their forecast and do not expect downward surprises. Despite this, the KBW Bank Index has gained about 10% since the beginning of the third quarter, outperforming the broader S&P 500 by about 4% in the period.



Euro area

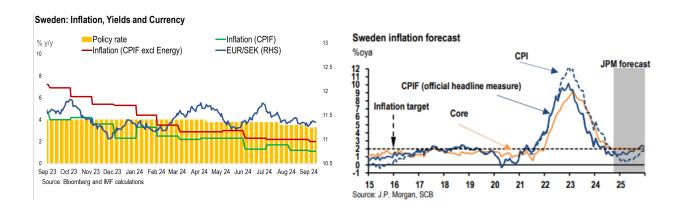
European equities edged lower this morning, with the Stoxx 600 index down by -0.6% dragged by losses in the consumer goods (-1.8%), materials (-1.7%) and energy (-0.9%) sectors, with the banking sector also in the red (-0.7%). Stock markets traded lower across all main European countries with France underperforming (-0.7%). The euro was slightly stronger (+0.1%) against the dollar this morning while European sovereign bond yields were little changed. Sovereign bond yield spreads of Italy and France were also little changed.

Today's data showed industrial production declining in Germany by less than expected in August (-2.7% y/y, vs est.-3.8%, from -5.6% y/y in July). Despite the positive surprise, analysts at ING do not see today's data eliminating the risk of recession in the country, noting that the rebound was mainly driven by a surge in the currently volatile automotive sector, with the construction sector continuing to bottom out with sluggish growth. HSBC believes that despite today's data a revival in economic activity is not expected until next year and continues to expect 0.5% growth in 2025, below the German government's forecast of 1.1% growth.



Sweden

The krona was little changed against the euro, trading at SEK 11.36/€, after today's data showed September headline inflation printing at 1.1% y/y (0.3% m/m), in line with expectations, from 1.2% y/y (-0.5%m/m) in August. Headline inflation continued to soften in September driven by declining energy prices, while core inflation (excluding energy prices) slowed to 2% y/y in September from 2.2% y/y in August, a tick above Riksbank's and consensus expectations of 1.9% y/y while still below the central bank's 2% inflation target. JP Morgan continues to expect the Riksbank to cut its policy rate by -50 bps to 2.75% at its November MPC meeting, although highlighting this is now a close call following today's data and after the Fed looks now likely to cut its policy rate only by -25bps in November. Analysts at Swedbank believe that the inflation outlook is of "less concern for the Riksbank" and continue to expect a -50 bps cut in November while noting that activity data, in particular household consumption data that will be released on Thursday, will provide further direction to markets which now price-in -37 bps of policy rate easing in November. UBS believes the Riksbank will cut its policy rate by -50 bps in November and follow with -25bps cuts in December and January 2025, to reach a terminal rate of 2.25%.



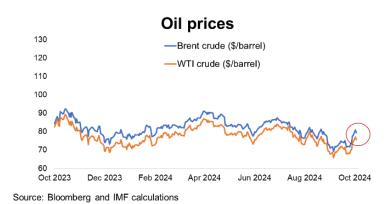
Japan

The yen appreciated modestly after Japan issued a verbal intervention. Japan's top currency diplomat, Atsushi Mimura, warned against speculative moves yesterday, stating that authorities "will monitor currency market moves including speculative trading with a sense of urgency." FM Kato echoed this, saying the government would monitor rapid currency moves and take any necessary action. These remarks followed the yen weakening below 149/\$ yesterday, as traders reduced bets on a 50 bps Fed rate cut in November. Rising US and European bond yields have also pressured the yen. The yen appreciated as much as +0.3% to trade around 147.7 after the officials' warning. Nomura analysts believe chasing further yen weakness is unwise, as yen-carry trades are less attractive given the increased volatility. They also noted that expectations for a soft landing in the US economy and yen depreciation might lead to another Bank of Japan rate hike later this year. Japanese equities fell (Nikkei 225: -1.0%). On the data front, August wage and household spending data were mixed. While base salaries (+2.9% y/y) grew at a strong pace, real wages (-0.6% y/y) declined after two months of growth, and household spending (-1.9% y/y) fell.



Commodities

Oil prices fell (-2%) this morning, only partly paring a 3% rally yesterday, with brent crude oil trading at around \$79 a barrel, amid ongoing concerns about rising Middle East tensions and fears of potential Israeli attacks on Iran's oil infrastructure. Analysts at ING believe that supply disruptions in relation to the Strait of Hormuz would not be isolated to the oil market and could also potentially lead to disruptions in liquified natural gas flows from Qatar, which makes up more than 20% of global gas trade. ING warns about a possible shock to global gas markets ahead stronger gas demand for heating purposes in the winter in the northern hemisphere.

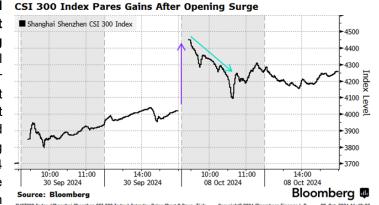


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Most Asian equities declined as the Chinese stimulus briefing disappointed. Chinese equities listed in Hong Kong SAR were the hardest hit, with the HSCEI index plunging as much as 11% in a day, following gains of over 30% in the past month. Malaysia and India had recorded sizable outflows since China's stimulus measures. Stock rotation moves appeared to take a breather after the stimulus from China fell short of expectations today, with equities in Malaysia and India up 0.1% and 1.0%, respectively. Most Asian currencies weakened, led by the RMB (-0.5%). EMEA equities and currencies were mixed. Equities outperformed in Türkiye (+0.6%) but were sharply lower in Egypt (-3%) led by declines in the shares of property developers. The South African rand was weaker against the dollar (-0.5%) while CEE currencies were mostly firmer against the euro. The **Kenyan shilling** was a touch firmer (+0.2%) to the dollar at 128.9/\$ ahead of today's policy meeting where consensus expectations are for a 25 bps reduction in the benchmark rate to 12.50%. Elsewhere, Bloomberg reports that Ghana announced that the principal amount of new notes to be issued tomorrow as part of its debt exchange is \$9.4 bn. In Latin America, Mexico's stock market dropped 1.6% yesterday following president Sheinbaum's additional judicial reform proposals. Chilean equities also declined, while markets in Colombia and Brazil posted gains. Regional currencies weakened with the Colombian peso (-1.1%) underperforming. The Brazilian real also depreciated (-0.6%) despite news foreign investors have been reducing bearish positions. Also on Monday, El Salvador announced offers to repurchase external debt due between 2027 and 2052 from now until October 10.

China

Chinese onshore equities opened strong after the long holiday but lost as the stimulus steam briefing disappointed. The briefing did not unveil the size of additional fiscal stimulus, nor detailed provide plans to support consumption and property market destocking, surprising the market that had expected sizable fiscal support ranging from RMB 2-10 trn (US\$283 bn - US\$1.4 trn). The briefing session held by the National Development and Reform



Commission (NDRC) today indicated that the authorities remain committed to achieving 5% growth this year. All local government special bonds under the current quota will be issued by the end of October, with RMB 100 bn (\$14.2 bn) investment in key strategic areas front-loaded from the 2025 central budget. Key focuses include increasing financial support for low-income groups, the unemployed, and students, as well as spending on elderly and childcare. Gains in the CSI300 slid to +2% after opening as much as +10% higher at the opening, before picking up again to close +6% higher with a record high turnover, as some analysts speculated another fiscal plan remains possible later this year. Standard Chartered Bank analysts expect fiscal stimulus to be announced by the end of the month by the Ministry of Finance, while Deutsche Bank analysts believe the likely timing could be mid-to-late October after the NPC Standing Committee meetings. The HSCEI index, a gauge for Chinese equities listed in Hong Kong SAR, fell as much as 11% earlier in the day, the largest slump in a day since 2008, likely reflecting a rotation out to onshore stocks. Commodities reversed gains as hopes for sizable stimulus faded, with iron ore prices down -6.7% from the opening and brent oil slipping 1.9% to below \$80 a barrel. The RMB depreciated by -0.5% to 7.05, but was still stronger than the RMB fixing at 7.07 today, largely reflecting a catch-up to the dollar strength during the long holidays.

Senegal

Senegal's Eurobonds extended losses after Moody's downgrade. On Friday, Moody's downgraded Senegal's rating to B1 from Ba3 and placed the country's long-term ratings on review for a downgrade, citing a significantly weaker fiscal and debt position than previously thought. According to Bloomberg data, the country's dollar bonds maturing in 2033 declined to 85 cents on the dollar yesterday with notes maturing in 2048 declining to 73 cents on the dollar. In its downgrade statement, Moody's noted that "Senegal's elevated debt burden, estimated by the preliminary findings at 84% of GDP in 2023 at the central government level—around 10 percentage points higher than the previously published ratio—reduces shock-absorption capacity and increases susceptibility to higher funding costs."



Romania

National Bank of Romania kept rates unchanged, in line with expectations. Last Friday, the National Bank of Romania (NBR) kept the key rate on hold at 6.5%, in line with analyst expectations. Analysts at JP Morgan noted that recent inflation developments were an upside surprise relative to the NBR's August forecasts and therefore expect rates to remain unchanged for the remainder of the year. For next year, JP Morgan expects a 75 bps reduction in the policy rate, but note that this will "depend on the composition of the fiscal adjustment." The analysts note that there is a risk that the NBR delivers fewer than 75 bps of rate cuts in 2025. Separately, the new NBR Board was approved by parliament last week for another 5-year term starting on October 11 with four new board members out of nine. The analysts expect policy continuity however, given governor Isarescu remains in his post. This morning, the Romanian leu was trading broadly unchanged at 4.97/€ and is flat against the euro on a YTD basis.

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Equities					%		%
United States	~~~~~~	5710	-1.0	0	6	33	20
Europe	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~	4948	-0.4	0	4	19	9
Japan	when	38938	-1.0	1	8	26	16
China	i	4256	5.9	27	33	16	24
Asia Ex Japan	~~~~~~	82	1.4	5	17	29	23
Emerging Markets	man man	47	0.8	3	13	25	18
Interest Rates				basis	points		
US 10y Yield	Married Marrie	4.03	0.4	30	32	-77	15
Germany 10y Yield	J	2.25	-0.4	22	8	-63	23
Japan 10y Yield	manne	0.93	-0.7	7	7	12	31
UK 10y Yield	mm	4.20	-1.3	25	31	-38	66
Credit Spreads							
US Investment Grade	man	124	0.3	-5	-14	-31	-10
US High Yield	amounts	341	-0.5	-18	-47	-112	-44
Exchange Rates					%		
USD/Majors	Mary Mary	102.37	-0.2	1	1	-3	1
EUR/USD	www.ww	1.10	0.1	-1	0	4	0
USD/JPY	many	147.9	-0.2	3	3	0	5
EM/USD	man man	45.8	0.0	-1	0	-1	-5
Commodities					%		
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	Mymmyny	79.2	-2.1	8	12	2	6
Industrials Metals (index)	~~~~~	152	-2.3	-2	10	10	7
Agriculture (index)	manufacture of the second	57	-0.7	-3	5	-11	-9
Implied Volatility					%		
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	min	22.0	-0.7	2.7	-0.4	4.5	9.5
Global FX Volatility	manim	8.8	0.0	-0.1	0.1	0.5	0.7
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Ye				
Greece	amment and	97	0.3	-3	-7	-55	-7
Italy	mmm	132	0.3	-1	-13	-71	-36
Portugal	mythanten	53	0.3	-5	-11	-24	-10
Spain	manuelem	77	0.1	-3	-6	-36	-20

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Emerging Market Financial Indicators

Last updated:	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)							
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		vs. USD	(+) = EM appreciation					% p.a.							
China	Jamman	7.05	-0.5	-0.5	0.9	3	1	and market	2.0	2.5	4	13	-70	-50	
Indonesia	many	15655	0.2	-2.9	-1	0	-2	Mumber	6.7	2.1	28	13	-27	27	
India	my when when	84	0.0	-0.2	0	-1	-1	and many	7.1	-4.6	14	11 '	(79.8)	-13	
Philippines	www.	57	-0.2	-1.3	-1	0	-3	- Marrow Marrow	4.8	4.8	-2	-14	-96	-85	
Thailand	marriage of the same of the sa	33	0.2	-2.7	1	11	3	Mary mary	2.5	-0.8	10	11	-91	-17	
Malaysia	~~~~~	4.29	-0.1	-3.0	2	10	7	human	3.8	-1.2	4	2	-32	3	
Argentina		975	-0.4	-0.6	-2	-64	-17	- Our	40.3	34.6	84	89	-6761	-4607	
Brazil	- white	5.51	-0.3	-1.2	1	-7	-12	a mount	12.2	-7.7	-11	49	32	177	
Chile	War war war	932	-0.7	-3.0	1	-1	-6	Mundaman	4.9	-4.3	21	18	-91	-6	
Colombia	Jan	4214	-1.1	-0.2	1	3	-8	Lames Marine	7.8	-4.5	17	30	-188	16	
Mexico	~~~~	19.24	0.2	2.0	3	-5	-12	munition.	9.0	0.0	30	15	-49	55	
Peru	manne	3.7	-0.3	-1.0	2	2	-1	May Mary	6.5	######	27	1	-108	-18	
Uruguay	-m-	41	0.3	8.0	-2	-4	-6	mand	9.4	-4.2	-31	-35	-41	-13	
Hungary	Maren Maren	364	0.5	-1.3	-1	1	-5	Mymmym	6.2	-7.0	41	39	-132	46	
Poland	en man	3.92	0.5	-1.2	-1	10	0	mundani	4.8	-4.1	26	31	-32	29	
Romania	MANNAM.	4.5	0.1	-0.8	-1	4	-1	Manusan	6.5	4.0	10	2	-46	33	
Russia	mummer	96.7	-0.7	-0.9	-6	3	-7								
South Africa	Mary May	17.5	-0.4	-0.3	2	11	5	man and a second	8.7	0.3	23	18	-123	-38	
Türkiye		34.27	0.0	-0.2	-1	-19	-14	Murmin	29.8	-20.0	85	97	313	302	
US (DXY; 5y UST)	Mary Mary	102	-0.2	1.2	1	-3	1	Manney	3.86	-0.9	35	37	-90	1	

	Equity Markets							Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)						
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China		4256	5.9	27	33	16	24	monomona	117	-6	-8	-56	-41	
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India		81635	0.7	-3	0	25	13	morning	96	-7	-16	-51	-20	
Philippines	Andrew Mary Market	7537	-0.2	2	8	21	17	Mayhamanha	76	-6	-22	-30	-4	
Thailand	mm	1453	0.0	-1	2	1	3		0	0	0	0	0	
Malaysia	who we will also the same of t	1636	0.0	-1	-1	15	12	my water by	74	-3	-12	-24	-11	
Argentina	- Lander	1714594	-2.4	1	0	173	84	may may man	1208	-80	-279	-1471	-705	
Brazil	Jumes	132018	0.2	0	-2	16	-2	myly	202	-16	-35	-25	-13	
Chile	- Marian	6475	-0.1	0	4	14	4	mungunky	110	-4	-18	-26	-15	
Colombia	- Marine	1309	0.4	0	-1	19	10	mymmmum	304	-12	-28	-56	33	
Mexico	Jana Maria	52040	-1.1	-1	2	5	-9	Mary mary	290	-18	-45	-86	-44	
Peru		30246	-0.3	1	8	36	17	manning	133	-1	-16	-26	-11	
Hungary	and the same of th	73848	-0.2	0	2	34	22	mound	144	-9	-17	-64	-5	
Poland	my man	81777	-0.3	-1	0	28	4	Machinemore	105	-6	-6	-29	8	
Romania		17556	-1.1	0	1	25	14	Muhaman man	187	-9	-24	-36	-13	
South Africa	manner	85550	-0.9	-1	5	19	11	Mummuny	267	-8	-44	-136	-41	
Türkiye	manne	9037	0.1	-3	-8	7	21	mondamenta	274	-5	-36	-126	-40	
EM total	money	47	-2.1	3	13	25	18	- white	385	-9	-29	-30	40	

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