



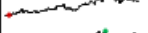
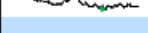
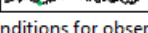
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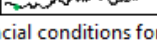
Market sentiment has improved today ahead of this afternoon's Federal Reserve decision. European equities are modestly higher, US equity futures point to a firmer open, and sovereign bond yields are somewhat lower, while interest rate markets are pricing more than 90 percent odds of a 25 bp rate increase by the Fed. This morning's data showed August retail sales rose more than expected, though the release did little to shift Fed pricing. With a hike largely priced, some analysts have emphasized the risk that a hold would be interpreted as insufficiently responsive to persistent inflation pressures, potentially putting further upward pressure on long-term rates. The calmer tone in equities today has also been supported by a stabilization in oil prices after the past week's sharp rise, as reports of additional Saudi supply to Asian markets and yesterday's larger-than-expected increase in US crude inventories have helped ease concerns. Brent remains elevated, however, at above \$107 per barrel.

Key Global Financial Indicators

Last updated: 9/16/26 8:10 AM	Level	Change from Market Close					
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities			%				%
S&P 500		7586	-0.4	-1	-3	15	11
Eurostoxx 50		6276	0.6	-1	-4	17	8
Nikkei 225		63923	0.7	-2	-8	43	27
MSCI EM		66	-0.3	-4	-1	24	20
Yields and Spreads			bps				
US 10y Yield		4.97	-2.9	13	28	95	81
Germany 10y Yield		3.52	-1.6	8	32	83	67
EMBIG Sovereign Spread		236	-3	-3	-3	-63	-17
FX / Commodities / Volatility			%				
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation		46.2	0.0	-1	-1	0	-1
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation		99.7	0.1	1	0	3	1
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)		107.0	-1.6	6	21	56	76
VIX Index (% change in pp)		16.8	-0.4	0	3	0	2

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Key Global Inflation and Energy Indicators

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	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	
Oil and Gas			%				%
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)		107	-1.6	6	21	56	76
WTI Crude Oil (\$/barrel)		103	-2.5	7	25	60	80
Natural Gas (Netherlands TTF)		81	0	1	31	150	197
Breakeven Inflation		%	bps				
USD: 2Y		2.6	-1.5	-2	31	-35	29
USD: 5Y		2.5	-1.0	-2	13	-8	21
USD: 5Y5Y		2.5	0	0	2	-1	1
EUR: 2Y		2.9	-1.7	3	52	112	126
EUR: 5Y		2.5	-1	1	23	60	68
EUR: 5Y5Y		2.2	0	0	1	7	9

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United States

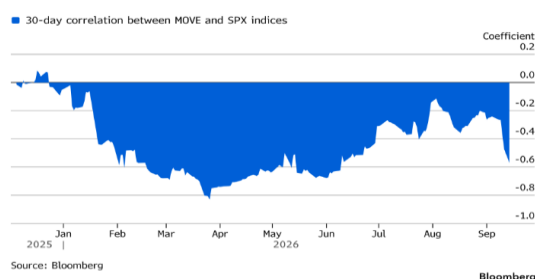
This morning's data release showed that headline retail sales increased 1.2% m/m in August (vs. -0.5% revised in July), exceeding the consensus expectation of 0.8%. Core measures were also stronger than expected, with sales excluding autos rising 1.4% (consensus 0.6%), sales excluding autos and gasoline increasing 1.2% (consensus 0.4%), and the control group advancing 1.4% (consensus 0.5%). The US dollar rose 0.1% following the release, while the 10-year Treasury yield wavered, holding close to 5.0%.

Bond volatility rises as its negative correlation with equities deepens. US Treasury yields remained elevated ahead of this week's Federal Reserve meeting, with the 10-year Treasury yield continuing to trade near 5%. Market commentary highlighted developments in real yields, with 30-year TIPS yields holding near 3.1% and approaching the 2008 high of 3.22%. Investors are also paying increasing attention to bond market volatility. The MOVE index has risen to nearly 84, above its one-year average, while the 30-day correlation between the MOVE index and the S&P 500 has become increasingly negative, falling to around -0.6 from about -0.1 at the start of August.

US 30-Year TIPS Yield



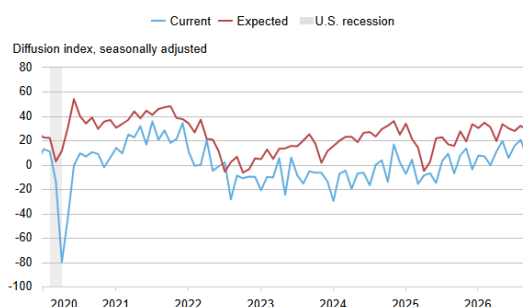
Correlation Between Bond Volatility and Equity Returns



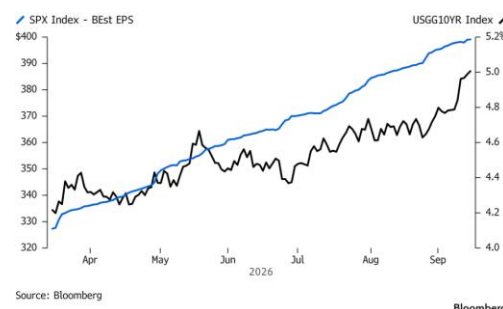
Mixed growth signals emerge ahead of Fed decision. The New York Fed's Empire State Manufacturing Index fell to 7.6 in September from 20.6 in August, a larger decline than expected, indicating that manufacturing activity in New York State moderated after a strong August reading. While the survey remained in expansionary territory, shipments declined and overall business conditions softened. Survey

respondents also reported longer delivery times and accelerating input and selling prices. The release comes ahead of this week's Fed decision. The Atlanta Fed's GDPNow model was estimating third-quarter growth above 4 percent in its September 10 update, with an updated estimate scheduled for September 16. Meanwhile, forward S&P 500 earnings estimates have continued to move higher in recent months against the backdrop of higher Treasury yields.

Empire State Manufacturing Survey
September 15 release

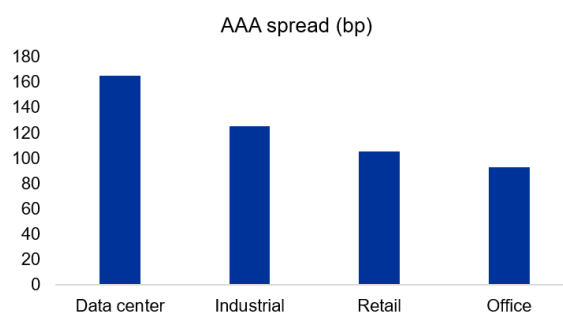


Forward S&P 500 Earnings Estimates



Data centers account for a growing share of CMBS issuance. According to Bloomberg, approximately \$17 billion of data-center commercial mortgage-backed securities (CMBS) has been issued since the start of 2025, more than triple the amount issued during the previous two years. Data centers now represent roughly 8 percent of new commercial property bond issuance, with additional transactions reportedly in the pipeline. Bloomberg reports that, unlike traditional commercial real estate sectors, data-center transactions require investors to evaluate factors including power availability, transmission capacity, cooling requirements, and computing density. Many data-center CMBS transactions are also structured as single-asset, single-borrower (SASB) transactions, increasing the importance of tenant- and property-specific characteristics. Data-center transactions have recently priced at wider spreads than other major property sectors. Barclays Plc data show that AAA-rated data-center CMBS currently offer average spreads of approximately 165 bp above their floating-rate benchmark, compared with 93 bp for office, 105 bp for retail, and 125 bp for industrial transactions.

AAA CMBS Spreads by Property Type

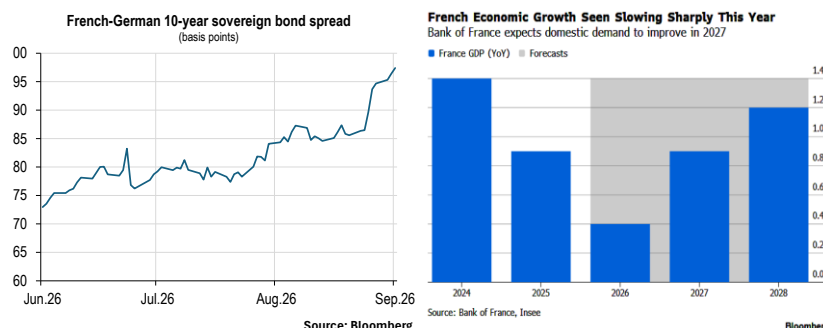


Source: Barclays Plc, as reported by Bloomberg (September 14, 2026).

Euro area

European markets are stabilizing this morning as oil continues to trade around \$108 a barrel following several days of pressure on stocks and bonds. Attention turns to today's Fed decision where a quarter-point hike is widely expected. The EURO STOXX index advanced by 0.3% after losses on Monday and Tuesday. Sovereign yields edged up marginally this morning; however, the French-German sovereign spread continued to widen, with the 10-year OAT-Bund spread trading around 98 bp this

morning, above the 70–80 bp range that had prevailed for much of the period since mid-2024. Analysts cite uncertainty ahead of France's 2027 presidential election, while reports suggest that October may see new "yellow vests" protests. The Bank of France yesterday cut its 2026 growth forecast to 0.4% from 0.5% and projected just 0.1% growth in the third quarter, while expecting a recovery from 2027, Bloomberg reports.



United Kingdom

UK inflation rose to its highest level since March 2026, driven by higher fuel prices, while underlying price pressures remained stable. Headline CPI increased to 3.1% y/y in August from 2.9%, matching market expectations but exceeding the BoE's 2.8% forecast. Motor fuels and airfares accounted for most of the acceleration, while services inflation held at 3.4% y/y (slightly lower than the 3.5% expected) and core inflation at 2.6% y/y. The data reinforces expectations of a "hawkish hold" at tomorrow's BoE meeting, Bloomberg writes, as persistent energy-price pressures raise the risk of a further inflation increase despite contained domestic pressures. Sterling was little changed, while markets slightly reduced rate-hike expectations but continued to price four increases over the next 12 months. While euro area yields are marginally higher this morning, gilt yields edged down after the data release, with the 2-year gilt yield falling 3 bp. Market pricing for a BoE rate hike tomorrow fell from an implied probability of 23% yesterday to 8% this morning.

Figure 2. UK headline and core CPI

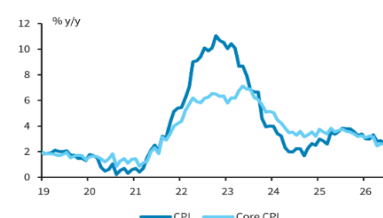
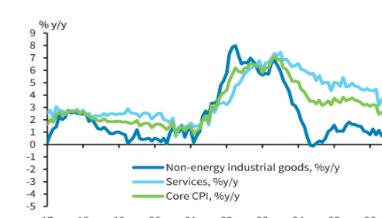


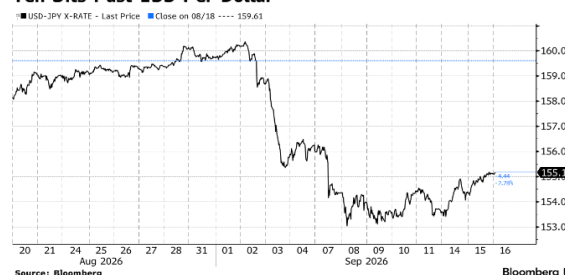
Figure 3. Core CPI, and services/non-energy goods split



Japan

August trade data highlighted the resilience of Japan's AI-related growth drivers. Exports rose 19.3% y/y (consensus: +18.4%), marking a twelfth consecutive month of y/y increase and reflecting robust demand for semiconductors and chip-manufacturing equipment from the US, China and Europe. The figures reinforced expectations that Japan remains a key beneficiary of the global AI investment cycle, supporting the outlook for technology, automation and semiconductor-related firms. Overnight, investor attention also turned to developments surrounding OpenAI, with reports that the company is considering a new funding round at a valuation exceeding \$1.2 trn. The news boosted sentiment toward AI-linked equities and could provide support for SoftBank and other Japanese firms with exposure to the AI ecosystem, offsetting concerns about SoftBank's rising funding costs. In broader markets, the yen was little changed at 155.06/\$, while benchmark JGB yields fell (10-yr -4bp; 30-yr -4bp).

Yen Sits Past 155 Per Dollar



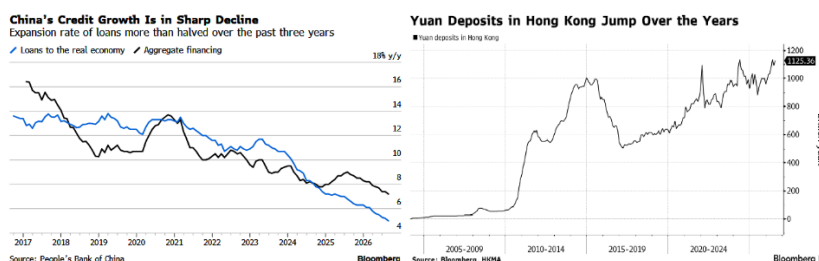
Emerging Markets

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Asian currencies were little changed (EM Asia: flat), with the Korean won weakening the most (-0.3%) for a second consecutive day. Asian equities rebounded (EM Asia: +0.8%), supported by the heavyweight technology sector. Korea (KOSPI: +1.4%), China (CSI 300: +0.7%) and Taiwan POC (TAIEX: +0.7%) advanced the most. **EMEA assets were mixed this morning, with Turkish equities underperforming.** Turkish stocks fell as much as 4% after asset manager Pusula Portföy said some of its funds could not meet redemption requests, raising concerns about wider fund liquidity; investors withdrew a net 55 billion liras from Turkish investment funds, Bloomberg reports. EMEA currencies moved little overall, though the South African rand weakened 0.2% against the dollar. Separately, Bloomberg reports that Romania is likely to scale back international borrowing from its planned €10 billion this year as it raises more domestically, with further international bond sales on hold pending the formation of a new government. **Latin American currencies were mixed Tuesday while equities were broadly lower.** The Peruvian sol and Chilean peso each gained 0.3% against the dollar, while the Colombian peso (-0.4%) lagged regional peers. Equities in Mexico (-1.1%) and Colombia (-0.8%) led declines, while Brazil (+0.5%) bucked the trend.

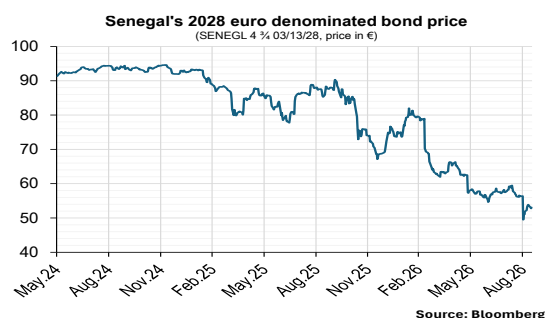
China

A sixth consecutive strong PBOC fixing reinforced yuan appreciation expectations as Chinese and Hong Kong authorities unveiled further measures to deepen RMB internationalization. Sentiment was also supported by signs that the US and China may extend their trade truce ahead of next week's Trump-Xi summit, with the CSI 300 rising 0.7%. Government bond yields were little changed today (10-yr 1.68%; 30-yr 2.14%). In the Communist Party's policy magazine Qiushi, PBOC Governor Pan Gongsheng reassured investors that slower credit growth should be viewed as a "new normal," arguing that China's shift toward less debt-intensive, technology-driven industries reduces the need for rapid loan expansion and helps stabilize economy-wide leverage. Separately, Hong Kong unveiled a wide-ranging package to strengthen its position as the world's leading offshore renminbi hub, including new offshore yuan liquidity facilities, expanded Dim Sum bond issuance, an offshore renminbi bond index, enhancements to Bond Connect and Swap Connect, and initiatives spanning gold, commodities and cross-border payments, underscoring a coordinated push by authorities to broaden the renminbi's international use.



Senegal

Senegal has formally initiated a treatment of its external debt, Bloomberg reports. Yesterday, the authorities reportedly submitted a request for debt treatment under the G20 Common Framework, covering foreign-currency obligations while excluding local-currency debt. An official creditor committee is expected to convene and provide financing assurances for a proposed IMF program. Bloomberg writes that the forthcoming debt-sustainability analysis will shape the treatment of Senegal's roughly \$5 billion of international bonds, potentially including maturity extensions and interest-rate reductions. In September 2024, the Senegalese authorities announced that a



government-commissioned audit had identified significant revisions to previously reported debt and deficit data; in February 2025, the Court of Auditors confirmed that end-2023 public debt stood at 99.7% of GDP, compared with the previously reported 74.4%. Senegal's hard-currency bonds sold off sharply following these disclosures.

Brazil

Brazilian equity markets have seen a wave of companies going private.

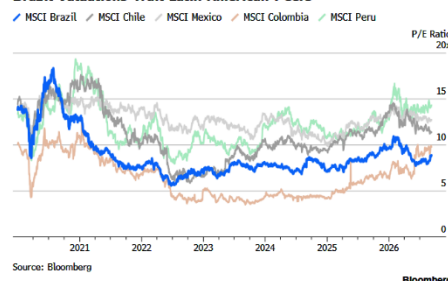
According to Bloomberg analysts, 33 companies have delisted from B3 SA, Brazil's primary exchange, since 2024, with at least six additional tender offers

already announced. The IPO pipeline has also been muted, with Compass SA's offering in May being the only new listing since 2021. Analysts point to depressed valuations and sluggish trading activity as the principal drivers. MSCI Brazil's 12-month forward P/E ratio sits at roughly 8.9x—the cheapest among major Latin American markets and about 11% below its 10-year average. And while trading volumes have picked up this year, average daily turnover still lags its 2021 peak. Several other headwinds compound the trend including elevated interest rates, geopolitical uncertainty from the Middle East conflict, and capital rotation toward the US and Asia, where AI-driven growth is concentrating investor attention. Mexico, Colombia, and Chile have seen similar—though more modest—declines in listed company counts. As the number of listed companies shrinks, so does Brazil's weight in global public equity portfolios, with implications for passive flows and benchmark allocations.

Brazil Equity Trading Volume Remains Below Peak
Volumes have rebounded this year, but remain 15% below 2021 levels



Brazil Valuations Trail Latin American Peers



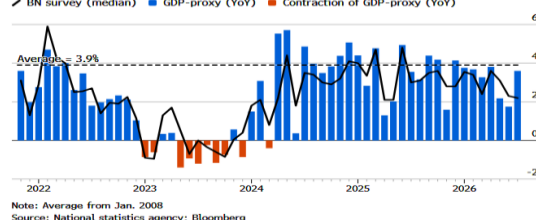
Peru

Peru's July economic activity data came in above expectations.

The economy expanded 3.56% y/y, exceeding all nine forecasts in a Bloomberg survey. Construction (9.85% y/y) and retail sales (6.79% y/y) led the growth, while warmer weather weighed on fishing (-27.44% y/y) and agriculture (-1.23% y/y), according to Bloomberg analysts. Peru's growth has outpaced the rest of Latin America even as it maintains one of the lowest

inflation rates among emerging markets. Still, price levels have overshoot the central bank's 3% upper target band in every print since March, and inflation is now running at its highest since September 2023. Policymakers held the benchmark rate steady at 4.25% last week, in line with expectations. The Peruvian sol gained 0.3% following the release, outperforming emerging-market peers.

Peru Economy Rebounded in July, Expands Faster Than Forecast
GDP-proxy jumped 3.6% from year earlier versus 2.2% estimate of economists



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Global Financial Indicators

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	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	
Equities			%				%
United States		7,606	-0.4	-0.4	-2.3	15.1	11
Europe		6,276	0.6	-0.6	-4.0	16.8	8
Japan		63,923	0.7	-1.9	-7.7	42.7	27
China		4,480	0.7	-2.0	-5.5	-1.6	-3
Asia Ex Japan		114	-0.6	-4.7	-1.7	24.4	22
Emerging Markets		66	-0.3	-4.5	-1.3	24.0	20
Interest Rates			basis points				
US 10y Yield		5.0	-3	13	28	95	81
Germany 10y Yield		3.5	-2	8	32	83	67
Japan 10y Yield		3.0	-3	13	12	141	95
UK 10y Yield		5.3	-8	5	27	67	83
Credit Spreads			basis points				
US Investment Grade		115	-1	-1	-3	-7	3
US High Yield		307	0	1	-8	-35	-34
Exchange Rates			%				
USD/Majors		99.7	0.1	0.9	0.0	3.2	1
EUR/USD		1.15	-0.1	-0.8	-0.4	-2.8	-2
USD/JPY		155.1	0.0	1.0	-2.8	5.9	-1
EM/USD		46.2	0.0	-0.9	-0.5	0.1	-1
Commodities			%				
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)		107.0	-1.6	5.7	23.6	60.4	78
Industrials Metals (index)		177.6	1.0	-4.2	-1.1	21.2	9
Agriculture (index)		63.9	-0.1	-0.1	6.2	13.5	20
Gold (\$/ounce)		4347.5	1.3	-1.2	-1.6	17.8	1
Bitcoin (\$/coin)		76118.1	0.3	-1.5	20.8	-34.9	-13
Implied Volatility			%				
VIX Index (%, change in pp)		16.8	-0.4	0.3	2.5	0.4	1.8
Global FX Volatility		7.0	0.0	-0.1	0.7	-0.6	0.1
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Year spread vs. Germany (bps)				
Greece		75	-1	3	7	9	16
Italy		87	-1	2	9	8	17
France		96	-1	6	12	17	25
Spain		47	0	1	3	-9	3

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Emerging Market Financial Indicators

9/16/2026 8:11 AM	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)						
	Level		Change (in %)					Level		Change (in basis points)				
	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
	vs. USD		(+)= EM appreciation					% p.a.						
China		6.71	0.1	0.0	0.5	6.1	4.2		1.8	0	1	2	-12	-18
Korea*		1368	-0.3	-2.0	3.6	0.8	5.6		4.6	5	14	16	191	135
Indonesia		17696	0.0	-1.0	0.6	-7.1	-5.7		7.1	4	10	7	91	110
India		96	0.0	-0.9	-0.4	-8.2	-6.3		8.4	-2	29	73	157	135
Philippines		63	0.2	-0.3	-2.0	-9.3	-6.0		6.0	2	4	5	129	135
Thailand		33	0.1	-1.0	-0.6	-4.7	-5.3		2.4	2	11	23	81	67
Malaysia		4.08	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	3.1	-0.4		4.2	1	9	44	77	68
Argentina		1506	0.1	0.3	-1.2	-2.7	-3.6		0.0	0	0	0	-5087	-3237
Brazil		5.15	0.1	-0.7	1.1	2.9	6.8		14.2	11	30	-37	50	65
Chile		955	0.1	-2.8	-4.1	-0.7	-5.7		5.9	0	20	26	45	55
Colombia		3115	-0.3	0.0	0.7	25.4	21.2		12.7	5	31	72	136	-16
Mexico		17.14	0.0	-1.4	-0.6	6.7	5.1		9.4	-2	19	36	67	43
Peru		3.4	0.2	-0.5	-0.4	3.6	-0.3		6.6	3	21	50	40	80
Uruguay		40	0.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2	-2.7		7.7	2	2	9	-31	14
Hungary		316	0.2	-0.9	-0.6	3.9	3.6		5.8	9	31	42	-90	-77
Poland		3.77	-0.2	-1.6	-1.2	-5.0	-4.8		5.8	1	27	56	89	122
Romania		4.6	-0.1	-1.0	-0.8	-6.5	-5.0		7.0	8	13	25	-38	28
Russia		84.3	0.0	1.2	0.4	-1.3	-6.6							
South Africa		16.3	-0.1	-1.4	-0.3	6.6	1.8		9.1	-2	15	33	-49	55
Türkiye		48.66	-0.1	-0.4	-1.5	-15.2	-11.7		34.3	19	47	-64	212	471
US (DXY; 5y UST)		100	0.1	0.9	0.0	3.2	1.4		4.80	-3	18	44	121	107

	Equity Markets							Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)						
	Level		Change (in %)					Level		Change (in basis points)				
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Korea*		6,718	1.4	-4.7	-3.7	96.8	59.4		21	0	-1	3	-1	
Indonesia		6,437	-0.4	-3.6	0.5	-19.8	-25.6		106	-1	-10	15	20	
India		74,336	-0.4	-1.6	-4.4	-10.1	-12.8		92	0	-2	-2	2	
Philippines		5,917	-1.5	-3.3	-5.5	-4.7	-2.2		89	-3	-10	17	14	
Thailand		1,563	-1.0	-3.4	-3.9	19.6	24.1							
Malaysia		1,679	0.0	-2.1	-2.7	4.2	-0.1		60	-1	0	-6	1	
Argentina		3,079,779	-0.2	0.1	4.5	72.2	0.9		501	-17	81	-401	-68	
Brazil		186,503	0.5	-0.5	11.7	29.5	15.8		180	-4	-4	-23	-23	
Colombia		2,567	-0.8	-0.6	4.7	39.6	24.1		208	11	8	-71	-69	
Mexico		63,507	-1.1	-2.4	-1.2	3.1	-1.2		196	1	-4	-36	-21	
Peru		3,383	-0.4	-4.1	-0.5	52.3	30.9		89	-1	0	-16	-20	
Hungary		153,843	0.2	4.0	2.2	54.0	38.6		106	-3	-5	-38	-33	
Poland		153,360	-0.2	-1.4	0.1	44.7	30.8		97	3	5	-5	6	
Romania		32,043	-2.0	-5.1	-11.1	54.8	31.1		181	-2	12	-37	6	
South Africa		113,993	0.0	-2.2	-0.1	8.7	-1.6		193	-5	-13	-97	-25	
Türkiye		13,205	-5.0	-9.0	-6.8	18.1	17.3		244	-5	-14	-38	10	
EM total		66	0.9	-4.5	-1.3	24.0	20.2		263	-6	-8	-97	-9	

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