Global Markets Monitor

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Developed Markets Rally on Rate Cut Hopes

Equity markets in developed economies are on the rise this morning, fueled by growing expectations of rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve. While markets had already been pricing in the near certainty of a Fed rate cut later this month, the implied likelihood of an additional cut next month has now increased to 55%. The 10-year treasury yield is 3 bp lower this morning, with a similar decline in the 10-year bund yield. European equity markets are modestly higher on expectations of lower rates, and US index futures are pointing to a positive opening. Meanwhile, Chinese equity markets continued to weaken overnight as regulators there seek to implement a series of cooling measures to curb the recent market rally. Among other measures, authorities are considering lifting curbs on short-selling and tightening oversight on retail trading platforms.

Key Global Financial Indicators

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9/4/25 8:18 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities					%		%
S&P 500		6448	0.5	0	2	17	10
Eurostoxx 50		5344	0.4	-1	2	10	9
Nikkei 225	many	42580	1.5	-1	5	16	7
MSCI EM	man	50	0.4	0	3	18	20
Yields and Spreads							
US 10y Yield	- marine	4.18	-3.7	-2	-1	42	-39
Germany 10y Yield		2.71	-3.3	1	8	48	34
EMBIG Sovereign Spread	man Manage	299	0	1	-15	-98	-25
FX / Commodities / Volatility				9	%		
EM FX vs. USD, (+) = appreciation	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	45.6	-0.1	0	0	0	7
Dollar index, (+) = \$ appreciation	- Marie Comme	98.3	0.1	0	-1	-3	-9
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	muly	67.0	-0.9	-2	-3	-8	-10
VIX Index (%, change in pp)		16.2	-0.1	1	-1	-5	-1

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United States

The case for hedging portfolios using commodities. Goldman Sachs analysts highlight that equity-bond portfolios are not a good diversification strategy under two regimes: i) Stagflationary environments when US institutional credibility erodes (US 1970s); ii) when supply shocks drive weaker growth and higher prices

(Energy shocks). While hedging through exposure to gold has been a common trade in the past, exposure to broader commodity basket could be just as relevant going forward. Commodity supply is becoming increasingly concentrated in geopolitical hot-spots leading to a growing use of commodities as leverage and increasing the need for supply chain insulation and driving prices higher, potentially reinforcing their diversification benefits.



2000

Exhibit 2: During Any 12-Month Period When Both Stocks and Bonds Had Negative Real Returns, Either Commodities or Gold Delivered Positive Real Returns.

Monthly data of US bonds, US equities, and gold from 1970. Commodities are represented by the Enhanced BCOM Total Return Index. Prior to 1991, we use the BCOM Total Return Index, and prior to 1984, we proxy commodities using oil (available from 1974), given its dominant weight in the commodity complex. Orange shading: gold provided a hedge with positive real returns. Gray shading: commodities provided a hedge with positive real returns.

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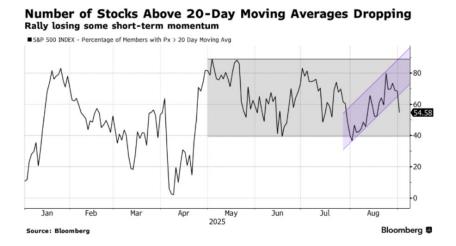
Source: Bloomberg, Haver Analytics, Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research

1990

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1980

The global macro environment may be supportive for equities. Global macro conditions remain supportive for equities as central banks worldwide maintain easing policies and leading indicators like PMIs strengthen. According to Bloomberg analysts, this skews towards a risk-on event, as traders closely watch the breadth of the rally to determine if it can carry on. Currently, the rebound remains concentrated among a select group of stocks, but recent improvements in breadth measures—particularly on 20- and 50-day averages—suggest that participation may be broadening and the rally could have legs.



Europe

European equities were trading higher this morning. The Stoxx 600 index was around 0.3% higher, led by gains in the communication services (+1.2%) and consumer staples (+0.8%) sectors. Regional bourses were also mostly higher, with France's CAC 40 the exception (-0.5%).

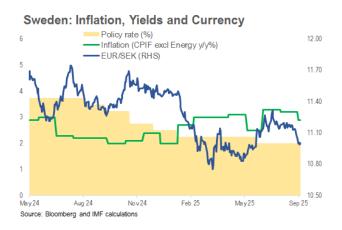
European government bond yields ease as US rate cut expectations build. European government bond yields were lower across the board this morning with the curve bull flattening as markets scaled up expectations of faster rate cuts by the US Federal Reserve following slightly weaker-than-expected US

labor market data yesterday and ahead of tomorrow's monthly jobs report. 30Y German bunds were 4bp lower at 3.32%, while 30Y French OATs were 6bp lower to trade at 4.39%. Elsewhere, France issued €9.5–11bn across 10Y, 15Y and 30Y maturities. This was the first long-term OAT auction since PM Bayrou announced the September 8 vote of no-confidence. According to Bloomberg, investor demand was strong although the bid-to-cover ratios for the three bonds were lower than those achieved in July. Separately, PM Bayrou is scheduled to meet with the Socialist Party today ahead of Monday's vote. Meanwhile, intra-EMU government bond spreads were trading tighter with the 10Y BTP-Bund spread at around 86bp and the 10Y OAT-Bund spread around 79bp.



Sweden

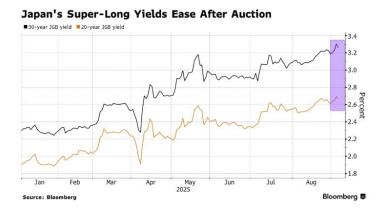
Swedish krona weakens slightly after August flash core inflation eases. Preliminary inflation data released this morning showed core inflation eased for a second consecutive month in August, printing at 2.9%y/y (vs 3.1% exp, 3.2% prior). Immediately, following the release, the Swedish krona traded weaker (-0.2%) against the euro at 11.01 as investors expect the Riksbank to ease policy rates at the September policy meeting. JP Morgan analysts described today's inflation report as a "relief" for the Riksbank, although noted that the decision to cut rates is "far from a done deal" with core inflation still slightly above the Riksbank's own projections. According to Bloomberg data, markets are pricing in around 10bp of easing at the September meeting and around 17bp of cuts by the November meeting.



Japan

Modest demand in the 30-year debt auction helped trigger buying across all maturities of Japanese government bonds. The bid-to-cover ratio came in at 3.31, in line with the 12-month average of 3.38. Yields fell across the curve (2y: -2bp to 0.85%, 10y: -3bp to 1.60%, 30y: -3bp to 3.27%). Market sentiment

was also supported by a more-steady yen, depreciating 0.1% today to \$/148.22 after appreciating 0.4% overnight. Japanese equities rallied today (TOPIX: +1.0%), led by bank stocks (TOPIX Banks: +2.2%) which had underperformed Wednesday on expectations of a delay in the Bank of Japan hiking rates.

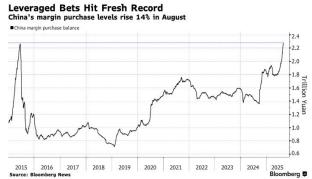


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Asian currencies were little changed today (EM Asia: flat), with the Philippine peso (+0.4%) appreciating the most. Asian equities declined (EM Asia: -0.4%) mostly due to continued corrections in China (CSI 300: -2.1%) and Hong Kong SAR (Hang Seng: -1.1%). EMEA equities traded mostly in the green this morning, while currencies were little changed ahead of the US payrolls report tomorrow. In CEE, equities outperformed in Hungary (+1%) and Poland (+0.6%), while currencies were little changed against the euro. In Türkiye, equities rebounded (+0.5%) somewhat from this week's losses (-4.3%WtD) that were triggered by resurfacing of political tensions. The lira continues to trade steady at TRY41.17/\$ as Bloomberg reports that Turkish state-owned banks sold about \$5bn in the last two days to support the currency. In South Africa the rand edged lower (-0.7%) against the dollar, while equities were 0.5% lower. Latin American equity markets mainly fell Wednesday, with Mexico, Colombia, and Brazil slipping while Chile (+0.8%) gained. Currencies mainly appreciated as the Colombian peso, Brazilian real, and Chilean peso (+0.5%) strengthened, while the Mexican peso declined.

China

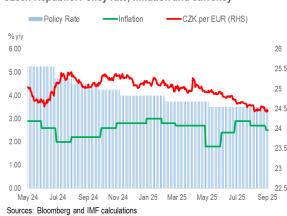
China's financial regulators are weighing a series of cooling measures to temper a \$1.2 tn stock market rally since early August. Authorities are considering lifting short-selling curbs, tightening the oversight of retail trading platforms, and investigating the misuse of credit funds—particularly those sourced from online lenders—for equity purchases. Social media platforms were also alerted not to overly publicize content on the bull market, margin transactions hitting a new high, and rising reallocations of bank deposits into stocks, to avoid stirring up novice investors. These steps reflect a cautious approach reminiscent of the 2015 boom-bust cycle. Today, both onshore (CSI 300: -2.1%) and offshore (Hang Seng: -1.1%) equities declined for a third consecutive day. Onshore CNY and offshore CNH held steady today near 7.14 despite a stronger yuan fixing at 7.1052. However, some strategists remain optimistic about the longer-term outlook for Chinese equities and the yuan. August saw a notable pickup in foreign fund inflows, particularly into onshore A-shares, with consumer and industrial sectors leading. If foreign investors continue converting into yuan for mainland equity purchases, it could trigger a virtuous cycle—where equity gains bolster yuan demand and vice versa—reinforcing broader market confidence.





Czechia

The koruna was steady against the euro, with equities in the green (+0.4%), after today's data showed inflation in Czechia slowing line with expectations in August. CPI printed at 2.5%y/y from 2.7%y/y in July. The central bank (CNB) held its benchmark rate at 3.5% in August, pausing an easing cycle that started in 2023 when the rate was at 7%. Policymakers left all options open for the coming meetings but expressed concerns on the rapid growth in housing prices and pressure in services prices on the back of faster-than-expected wage growth (yesterday's wages data surprised to the upside reporting an average growth of real wages by 5.3%y/y in 2Q, vs. est. 4.3%, from 3.8%y/y in 1Q). Analysts at ING expect a return of inflation to 3% in the coming months and maintain a hawkish view on the CNB and a bullish one on the koruna in the coming weeks. JP Morgan expects the CNB to stay on hold in 2025 and 2026, noting solid domestic demand and momentum in wage growth.

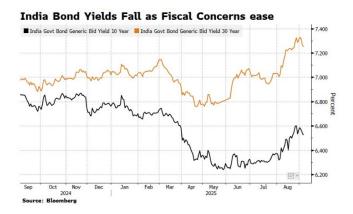


Czech Republic: Policy rate, inflation and currency

India

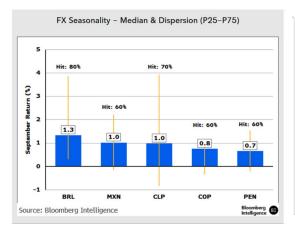
Indian banks have requested the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) tweak the government's bond issuance plan. In a Wednesday meeting, bankers discussed with the RBI an extension to the government's second half borrowing plan until mid-March, instead of end-February, to allow for smaller weekly auctions that could ease market absorption. The RBI, which typically announces the second half borrowing plan by late September, has not yet responded publicly. This request comes amid heightened market volatility following the sharpest monthly rise in 10-year bond yields in nearly three years, driven by fading rate-cut expectations and renewed fiscal concerns. Lenders also proposed shifting state bond auctions to a uniform-price method to reduce pricing risks, as the current multiple-price system often results in undesirable purchase prices. Earlier in the week, it was reported that Indian banks had also asked the RBI to ease the supply of long-dated bonds, and to consider requesting individual states to reduce the number of bonds

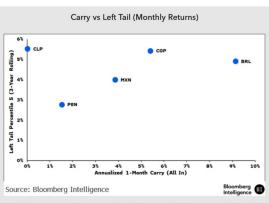
they issue. 10y sovereign yield fell 3 bp to 6.52% today, down from 6.59% on Monday, as the government's estimate of an annualized loss of INR 480 bn (\$5.5 billion) due to the tax-cut plan is lower than expected and likely offset by a surplus in the goods and services tax compensation fund.



Latin American Currencies

Latin American currencies have historically rallied in September. September has historically been a month that has favored the region, with all major currencies having posted positive median returns during the month over the past decade. The Brazilian real stands out with a hit ratio of 80%, followed by the Chilean peso at 70% (left chart). However, carry dynamics remain uneven since the Brazilian real continues to offer a high one-month annualized yield at over 9% but with an elevated tail risk, while the Chilean peso provides no carry advantage and still faces heavy tail risk (right chart).





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	Level						
9/4/25 8:24 AM	Last 12m	Latest	1 Day	7 Days	30 Days	12 M	YTD
Equities					%		%
United States	my	6,455	0.5	-0.4	2.0	16.9	10
Europe	~~~~~~	5,344	0.4	-1.0	1.9	10.2	9
Japan	many	42,580	1.5	-0.6	5.0	16.2	7
China	Many	4,365	-2.1	-2.2	6.4	34.0	11
Asia Ex Japan	may a mark	86	0.4	-0.5	2.9	20.7	19
Emerging Markets	many from	50	0.4	-0.4	2.7 points	17.7	20
Interest Rates							
US 10y Yield	January	4.2	-4	-2	-1	42	-39
Germany 10y Yield		2.7	-3	1	8	48	34
Japan 10y Yield	- Annual William	1.6	-3	-2	8	71	50
UK 10y Yield	**************************************	4.7	-4	1	20	78	14
Credit Spreads		400	•		points	45	0
US Investment Grade	manus & Marie	122	0	1	-2	-15	2
US High Yield	~~~~	343	1	11	-9 %	-38	15
Exchange Rates	~~~	98.3	0.4			2.0	0
USD/Majors EUR/USD	- ~~~	1.17	0.1 -0.1	0.0 -0.3	-0.5 0.7	-3.0 5.1	-9 13
USD/JPY	*****	148.2	0.1	-0.3 0.9	0.7	3.1	-6
EM/USD	The second	45.6	-0.1	-0.3	0.7	-0.1	7
Commodities	3,511	45.0	-0.1		%	-0.1	,
Brent Crude Oil (\$/barrel)	muray has	67.0	-0.9	-1.5	-1.5	-5.0	-7
Industrials Metals (index)	Manual	141.9	-0.9	1.0	1.7	1.1	1
	a Mu	54.5	-0.6		2.0		-4
Agriculture (index)	Mary Park Programmer And Programmer			-1.6		-1.6	
Gold (\$/ounce)	and the same of th	3550.2	-0.3	3.9	5.2	42.3	35
Bitcoin (\$/coin)	and the same of th	111002.1	-1.1	2.2	-3.3	91.2	18
Implied Volatility					%		
VIX Index (%, change in pp)	mhahm	16.2	-0.1	1.4	-1.3	-5.1	-1.1
Global FX Volatility	was the	7.9	0.0	0.1	-0.3	-0.8	-1.3
EA Sovereign Spreads			10-Ye				
Greece	out a sharey out out	69	-1	1	4	-34	-16
Italy	and when the same	86	-1	2	6	-57	-29
France	mount	79	-1	1	13	8	-4
Spain	and when the same	60	-1	-1	2	-22	-10

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Emerging Market Financial Indicators

Last updated:	Exchange Rates							Local Currency Bond Yields (GBI EM)							
9/4/2025	Leve	I		Change (in %)				Level		Change (in basis points)					
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		vs. USD	(+) = EM appreciation				% p.a.								
China	200mm	7.14	0.0	-0.1	0.6	-0.4	2.2	man	1.8	-2	-1	5	-24	12	
Indonesia	war war and	16425	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-5.8	-1.8	man and a second	6.3	2	4	-22	-36	-72	
India		88	-0.1	-0.6	-0.6	-4.7	-2.9	mymm	6.9	-5	2	18	-16	-49	
Philippines	as the way the	57	0.4	0.1	0.5	-0.9	1.6	May make	4.8	0	2	-1	-34	-11	
Thailand	mandown.	32	-0.1	-0.1	0.3	5.3	6.3	- management	1.4	0	-4	-24	-123	-95	
Malaysia	Mary mm	4.23	-0.1	-0.3	0.2	2.9	5.7	Manager 1	3.4	-6	-3	-4	-41	-46	
Argentina	M~~~	1361	-0.1	-0.7	-0.2	-30.0	-24.3	mandent	48.3	178	253	1244	722	1911	
Brazil	and when	5.45	0.0	-0.7	8.0	3.4	13.2	and the same	13.9	-1	6	-7	179	-199	
Chile	your harry	969	0.5	-0.1	-0.3	-4.1	2.8	you want	5.4	-3	0	2	0	-25	
Colombia	whenhar	4006	0.0	0.6	2.3	4.4	10.0	who were	11.7	1	13	-14	152	-13	
Mexico	wante	18.77	-0.4	-0.6	0.7	6.2	11.0	Jan Mayaran	8.9	-3	-5	-28	-95	-143	
Peru	and and the same	3.5	0.1	0.5	0.9	7.2	6.3	wwwww	6.2	-1	-8	-16	-32	-41	
Uruguay	more and a second	40	-0.1	-0.1	0.2	8.0	9.1	M	8.1	0	10	-28	-151	-158	
Hungary	January	338	0.0	0.6	2.2	5.1	17.7	My My	6.8	0	6	5	73	36	
Poland	-John Marketing	3.65	-0.1	0.0	1.2	5.6	13.1	www.	4.9	1	9	6	-16	-65	
Romania	~~~~~~~	4.4	-0.2	-0.4	0.6	2.9	10.2	MM	7.5	3	11	26	96	20	
Russia	mulitary	81.3	-0.4	-0.9	-2.0	7.6	39.6								
South Africa	mulm	17.8	-0.7	-0.5	8.0	0.4	6.0	manne	10.0	1	4	6	-63	-46	
Türkiye		41.17	0.0	-0.3	-1.2	-17.4	-14.1	many your	33.1	43	159	135	415	339	
US (DXY; 5y UST)	- manyam	98	0.1	0.0	-0.5	-3.1	-9.4	Jun Marine	3.66	-3	-3	-7	12	-72	

		Bond Spreads on USD Debt (EMBIG)											
	Level		Change (in %)				Level		Change (in basis points)				
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China	Juna	4,365	-2.1	-2.2	6.4	34.0	10.9	Jana Janas	113	-1	4	-12	17
Indonesia	and the same	7,867	-0.2	-1.1	4.4	1.9	11.1	market the same	91	5	-6	-19	0
India	Markey Markey	80,718	0.2	8.0	0.0	-1.8	3.3	many may make	94	1	2	-16	8
Philippines	my property makes	6,107	0.4	-1.3	-3.9	-11.6	-6.5	Juny Juny Carpary.	72	-1	-14	-23	-7
Thailand		1,253	-0.5	0.2	0.4	-10.8	-10.5						
Malaysia	war have	1,578	0.0	-0.6	1.4	-4.5	-3.9	more	66	1	-7	-18	-4
Argentina	-Manual	1,933,987	-2.1	-2.0	-15.4	7.6	-23.7	Munum	902	40	123	-571	265
Brazil	may when we	139,864	-0.3	0.5	5.2	2.8	16.3	must an with market	203	-4	-17	-28	-44
Chile	مسمهمسم	9,063	8.0	1.6	10.4	41.9	35.1	man har	104	-2	-9	-20	-9
Colombia		1,828	-0.1	-0.6	4.4	36.8	32.5	www.	279	-16	-43	-44	-47
Mexico	merchaphrence	59,652	-0.2	1.7	5.3	15.1	20.5	manney of house	232	-13	-27	-97	-80
Peru	many	34,938	0.3	1.0	4.1	24.7	20.6	my my man way	105	-3	-16	-41	-36
Hungary	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	104,248	1.1	0.5	3.3	44.3	31.4	may man the land may	144	4	-13	-11	-11
Poland	man proportion	105,771	1.3	-0.2	-0.8	25.1	32.9	mandamining him	102	3	-6	-6	-10
Romania	- January	20,697	0.4	0.7	2.6	14.9	23.8	whenthem	218	5	-1	11	-17
South Africa	and when the	100,789	-0.7	-1.1	1.5	23.0	19.9	month	290	1	-19	-13	-3
Türkiye	mounterman	10,832	0.9	-4.7	-0.2	8.5	10.2	and the same	282	2	-13	-26	23
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