

# Equities lower as trade tariff tensions pick up once more

## Weekly Snapshot



Sovereign Bonds



World Equities

Corporate Bonds

Gold

Copper

Oil

## Week in Review

- **Stock markets fell last week**, as trade tariff tensions once again came to the fore. **President Trump** repeatedly indicated that he is **considering further tariffs** on up to \$200bn worth of **Chinese goods**. China has already announced plans for retaliation if the move materialises.
- On the data front, the **US economy added 201,000 jobs in August** whilst the **unemployment rate was steady at 3.9%**. Wage growth ticked up to 2.9% (YoY), but the overall good nature of the data was tempered by some **downward revisions of previous months' releases**.
- **On the Brexit front**, negotiations showed **some tentative signs of progress**, although a preliminary deal has still yet to be agreed upon by both sides.

	1 Week Return 31.08.18 to 07.09.18		Year to Date Return 31.12.17 to 07.09.18	
	Local Currency %	Euro %	Local Currency %	Euro %
Global (euro)	-1.6%	-1.3%	4.0%	6.1%
US	-1.0%	-0.6%	7.4%	11.7%
Europe	-2.2%	-2.2%	-3.8%	-3.8%
Ireland	-1.9%	-1.9%	-5.6%	-5.6%
UK	-2.1%	-1.9%	-5.3%	-5.9%
Japan	-2.9%	-2.5%	-7.3%	-2.3%
Hong Kong	-3.3%	-2.9%	-9.8%	-6.7%
Bonds	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%

The **global index** was down 1.3% in euro terms last week, with all the major markets in negative territory, led by further weakness in Asia.

**Oil** fell during the course of the week, and closed at just short of \$68/barrel. **Gold** lost some ground and closed at

\$1,196 per troy ounce. **Copper** saw negative price movements once again last week, and remains down nearly 20% so far in 2018.

The **ten year US bond yield** finished at 2.94%, having finished August at 2.86%. The **German equivalent**

closed at 0.39%, from 0.33% a week previously.

The **EUR/USD** rate finished the week at 1.155 with the **EUR/GBP** rate at 0.89.

## The Week Ahead

Thursday 13 September	Thursday 13 September	Thursday 13 September
The Bank of England gathers for its latest Monetary Policy Committee meeting. With the Brexit negotiations reaching a critical juncture, no change in current policy is envisaged.	US CPI data for August goes to print, with the headline figures expected to come in at 0.4%, which would leave the annualised figure unchanged at 2.9%.	The ECB also meets this week, where no change in monetary policy outlook is expected.

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