

Global equities higher, although strengthening euro tempers returns

Snapshot



World Equities

Oil

Copper

Gold



Corporate Bonds

Sovereign Bonds

Week Ahead

23
Oct

Microsoft, Tesla, and Boeing all report earnings

24
Oct

Both U.S. and Eurozone PMI data for September goes to print

24
Oct

No change is expected as the ECB meets for its latest interest rate decision

Markets grinded higher last week as Quarter 3 earnings season kicked off with announcements from the big U.S. financials. Tech firms take the limelight this week with the likes of Amazon, Microsoft and Twitter all reporting. Economic data came in largely below expectations this week, as evidence of a broadening slowdown begins to mount. On the other hand, the probability of a U.S. interest rate cut at next week's Federal Open Market Committee meeting continues to rise, partly on the back of the weakening data. Chinese Quarter 3 GDP growth slowed, albeit to a still strong 6%. However, the market response was muted as lower, more sustainable, growth has been an explicit policy aim of the Chinese authorities in recent times. A Brexit deal (in theory) was struck late last week and there will most likely be fast moving developments over the coming days. In wider European politics, Swiss elections results were as expected and saw strong gains for the Greens, in line with the environmentalist movement seen across Europe.

	1 Week Return 14.10.19 to 21.10.19		Year to Date Return 01.01.19 to 21.10.19	
	Local Currency	Euro	Local Currency	Euro
World	0.9%	-0.1%	16.5%	19.6%
U.S.	0.6%	-0.5%	19.2%	22.5%
Europe	0.5%	0.5%	17.7%	17.7%
Ireland	0.4%	0.4%	21.7%	21.7%
U.K.	-0.9%	0.5%	5.4%	9.8%
Japan	1.8%	0.4%	9.6%	14.0%
Hong Kong	0.9%	-0.2%	1.8%	4.4%
Corporate Bonds	-0.3%	-0.3%	6.0%	6.0%
Sovereign Bonds	-0.3%	-0.3%	13.2%	13.2%

Equities

- Global equities were up slightly last week but evidence of a slowdown begins to mount.
- Closer to home, Ireland was up 0.4% this week and up 21.7% year to date.

Fixed Income & FX

- The U.S. 10-year yield recovered further last week to finish at 1.77%. The German equivalent finished at -0.36%. The Irish 10 year bond yield finished at 0.06%.
- The Euro/U.S. Dollar exchange rate finished at 1.12, whilst Euro/GBP was at 0.86.

Commodities

- Oil finished the week at \$54 per barrel.
- Gold finished the week at \$1,491 per troy ounce.
- Copper increased to \$5,785 per tonne.

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