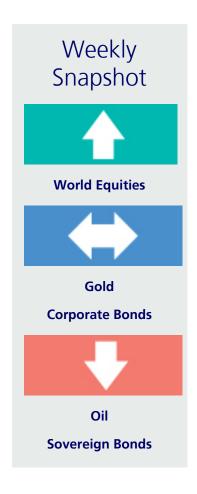


Equities benefit as weak data pushes out rate rise expectations



Week in Review

- US non-farm payrolls rose by 151,000 on Friday, less than the consensus forecast of 180,000. This has persuaded investors that there is smaller chance that US interest rates will rise in September and equities on both sides of the Atlantic rose as a result.
- Chinese data released last week is likely to provide comfort to investors in the region. Additionally, market sentiment towards the People's Bank of China has improved following increasing clarity in relation to China's monetary policy framework.
- Oil fell sharply for the first three days of the week, before comments from Vladimir Putin, calling for producers to limit production, alleviated pressure in the sector. Crude finished the week positively after the aforementioned payroll data.

	Index	1 Week Return 26.08.16 to 02.09.16		Year to Date Return 31.12.15 to 02.09.16	
		Local Currency %	Euro %	Local Currency %	Euro %
Global (euro)	FTSE World (total return)	1.5%	1.5%	4.2%	4.2%
US	S&P 500	0.5%	0.9%	6.7%	3.8%
Europe	FT/S&P Europe Ex. U.K.	1.6%	1.6%	-4.2%	-4.2%
Ireland	ISEQ	2.1%	2.1%	-7.2%	-7.2%
UK	FTSE 100	0.8%	2.4%	10.4%	-2.9%
Japan	Topix	4.1%	2.3%	-13.3%	-1.7%
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	1.6%	2.0%	6.2%	3.3%
Bonds	Merrill Lynch Euro over 5	-0.9%	-0.9%	9.1%	9.1%

The global index finished the week strongly to end up 1.5% in euro terms. Returns for euro investors in the US were 0.9% as the S&P 500 hovers near record highs.

Oil fell nearly 7%, with a rally on Friday curtailing losses over the five day period. Copper was relatively flat over the period, returning -0.3% (in dollar terms). Silver was up 4% as gold ticked up 0.3% for the week.

The influential **10 year US treasury yield** finished the week at 1.6%, with Friday's economic data wiping out price gains seen earlier in the week.

The equivalent German yield closed at -0.05%, to remain in negative territory. The 10 year Irish yield rose to 0.46% from 0.41%.

The euro was little changed versus the dollar, and strengthened against the Japanese yen.

The Week Ahead

Tuesday 6 September Tuesday 6 September Thursday 8 September The 3rd estimate of Q2 GDP for the The ECB announce their latest interest US non-manufacturing PMI is released Eurozone is released where the and is expected to rise slightly from rate decision where no change is quarter-on-quarter rate is expected to 55.5 to 55.7. The new orders and expected. However President Draghi's be revised from 0.6% to 0.3%, while employment sub-sections will also be comments will be closely watched for indications of future stimulus action. the year-on-year figure is expected to closely watched. slip from 1.7% to 1.6%.

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