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Danske Daily

Market Movers

- Today's key event is the US non-farm payroll report (see *US labour market monitor:* slower job growth not an obstacle for the Fed). Over the past three months, the US economy has added, on average, 221,000 jobs per month a pace that cannot be sustained in an economy where potential labour force growth is only around 150,000 per month and even lower if we do not see an increase in the labour participation rate. Our models suggest a slowdown in job growth in September to 180,000 and even though this is slower than the recent trend, it is still enough, if sustained, to put additional downward pressure on the unemployment rate. In our view, job growth will need to drop below the 160,000 mark before the Fed will see it as an obstacle to starting the tightening cycle later this year. In terms of the unemployment rate, we expect the rate to stay unchanged at 5.1% in September but to head below 5% by year-end.
- The Boston Fed's conference on Macroprudential Monetary Policy is kicked off today and will run through Saturday. Fed members Eric Rosengren, William Dudley, Loretta Mester and Narayana Kocherlakota are among other scheduled speakers.
- In Scandi markets focus will be on Norwegian unemployment and Danish FX reserve figures due for release today, see *Scandi Markets*.

Selected Market News

US manufacturing ISM declined to 50.2 in September from 51.1 and below our own and the consensus expectation of a decline to 50.6. A further deterioration in the new order/customer inventory rate suggests more downside to ISM in the coming months. Hence, overall a weak reading that raises the risk that the Fed will once again postpone hiking its key policy rate, which we expect to be increased at December's FOMC meeting.

The oil price declined on rising concerns of slower US economic growth on a day where the geopolitical risk to global oil supply gained attention in the oil market and added support to the oil price. We highlight the upside risk to the oil price from the fragile geopolitical situation in the Middle East and following Russia's military intervention in Syria. This could move to the top of the agenda in the oil market in the coming days and weeks

The People's Bank of China has reduced the minimum home down-payment for first-time buyers in an attempt to stimulate Chinese economic growth, albeit targeting a more specific area of the economy.

In a speech at the Association of Danish Mortgage Banks' Annual General Meeting yesterday, Danish central bank governor Lars Rohde reiterated that the DKK market has gradually normalised and noted that with Denmark as a creditor nation pressure on the DKK is more often on the upside.

Market overview									
		07:30	1 day +/-,%						
S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (ching from close) Nikkei Hang Seng		1923.8 1914.1 17672.7 21408.8	↑ ↓ ↓	0.20 -0.14 -0.28 2.70					
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp					
US 2y gov US 10y gov iTraxx Europe (IG)	0.64 2.03	0.66 2.04 94	↑ ↑	1.6 1.2 1.3					
iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	,		Φ.	4.7					
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.120 119.630 1.09 0.739 9.351 9.44	1.118 119.930 1.09 0.738 9.369 9.44	+	+/-, % -0.24 0.25 0.19 -0.16 0.19 0.05					
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD Note:	48.1 1115.3	48.0 1112.4	V	USD -0.27 -0.26					

* The iTraxx Europe Index shows the spread development for the most liquid investment grade CDS contracts in the euro credit market.

**The iTraxx Europe Crossover show the spread development of the most liquid non-investment grade CDS contracts in the euro credit market.

***The Markit CDX North America Investment Grade Index shows the spread development for the most liquid investment grade CDS contracts in the US credit market

Source: Bloomberg

Selected readings from Danske Bank

- Another weak US ISM manufacturing index
- Chinese official PMI shows tentative signs of a cyclical bottom
- FX Edge: Introducing the Danske G10 MEVA model

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Scandi Markets

Danmarks Nationalbank (DN) is scheduled to release September's FX reserve and central bank balance sheet today. For the most of September EUR/DKK has traded above the central rate of 7.46038, which means DN is likely to have intervened in the FX market in September for a sixth straight month to cap EUR/DKK upside.

Norway. Unemployment has been rising steadily as the economy has deteriorated. Our preferred jobless measure is the monthly change in gross unemployment from NAV, which includes job creation schemes, and we expect a further increase of 700 people in September. The downsizing in oil-related industries is not yet over, although the worst is probably behind us. Notice periods etc. mean that it will still be a couple of months before unemployment peaks. We expect the registered unemployment rate to fall to 2.9% for seasonal reasons.

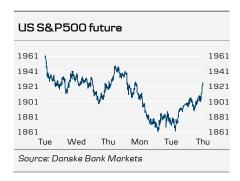
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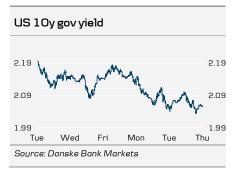
Spain and Finland are up for rating reviews tonight. Positive rating news should be supportive for our long positions in both countries. Finland is up for review by Moody's that currently has the country on Aaa/negative outlook. Moody's has a weak outlook for the Finnish economy but the revised GDP-data for Q2 and Q1 showed that the Finnish economy was not in recession in the first half of 2015 and given the economic reforms we expect Moody's to maintain the Aaa-rating and a negative outlook. The risk is that Finland will be placed on negative watch as the recovery is still fragile. A change in the rating outlook or even a downgrade is priced as Finland has underperformed EU peers recently. Looking, e.g., at the impact from the rating actions for France and Austria, only when France lost its third AAA-rating did we see a widening of the spread to peers and swaps and this was in the range of 5-6bp. Spain is up for review by S&P. S&P has Spain on positive outlook and a BBB-rating. Fundamentals have been improving in Spain but whether it is enough for an upgrade ahead of the general election later this year is uncertain. However, we believe that there is a chance of a Spanish upgrade and this will be modestly positive for Spanish government bonds versus e.g. Italy, thus supporting the positive performance we have seen after the local elections in Catalonia.

FX Markets

The NOK rallied sharply on Thursday supported by the better-than-expected September manufacturing PMI and improving risk appetite. PMI manufacturing rose to 47.3 from 43.7 in August, which is the highest level since May. The PMI suggests that the activity level in the Norwegian manufacturing sector is still deteriorating but at a slower pace than in previous months. Once again EUR/SEK is sticky ahead of the 9.30 level continuing to respect the 9.30-9.60 trading range, which has been in place since July.

The DXY index weakened on Thursday on US ISM manufacturing where both the headline number and details were softer than expected. We expect non-farm payrolls to come out slighter weaker than expected at 180K, which could trigger more USD selling particularly against the EUR and JPY.









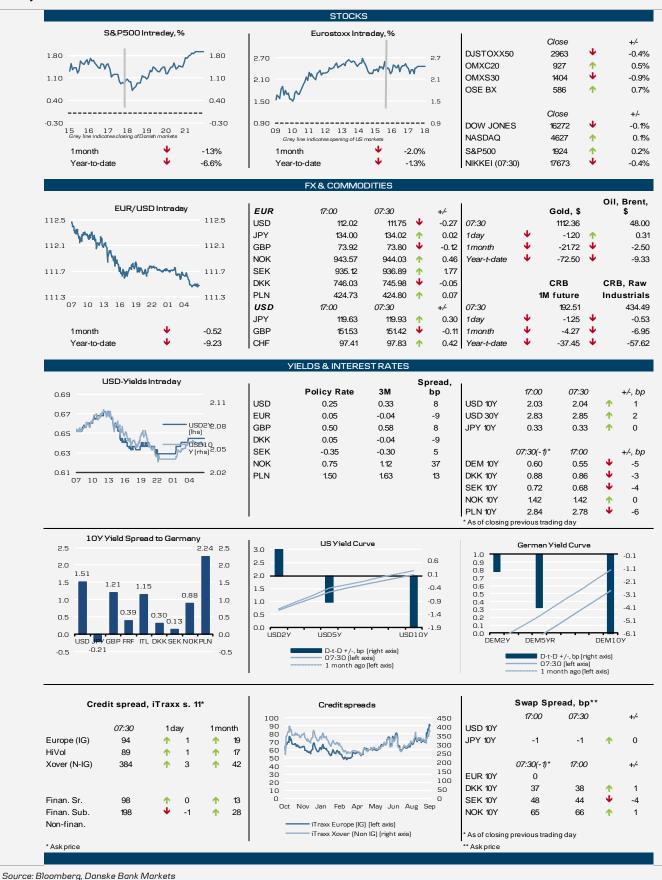


Key figures and events

Friday, Od	ctober	2, 2015		Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
-	EUR	S&P may publish Spain's debt rating					
-	EUR	Moody's may publish Finland's debt rating					
1:30	JPY	Household spending	y/y	Aug		0.3%	-0.2%
1:30	JPY	Unemployment rate	%	Aug		3.3%	3.3%
1:30	JPY	Job-to-applicant ratio		Aug		1.21	1.21
3:30	AUD	Retail sales	m/m	Aug		0.4%	-0.1%
10:00	NOK	Unemployment	%	Sep	2.9%	2.9%	3.1%
10:30	GBP	PMI construction	Index	Sep		<i>57.5</i>	57.3
11:00	EUR	PPI	m/m y/y	Aug		-2.4% -0.6%	-2.1% -0.1%
14:30	USD	Unemployment	%	Sep	5.1%	5.1%	5.1%
14:30	USD	Non farm payrolls	1000	Sep	180K	200K	173K
14:30	USD	Private payrolls	1000	Sep	175K	196K	140K
14:30	USD	Manufacturing payrolls	1000	Sep		OK	-17K
14:30	USD	Average hourly earnings, non-farm	m/m y/y	Sep		0.2% 2.4%	0.3% 2.2%
14:30	USD	Average weekly hours	Hours	Sep		34.6	34.6
16:00	DKK	Currencyreserves	DKK bn	Sep			536.2
16:00	USD	Factory orders	m/m	Aug		-1.0%	0.4%
19:00	USD	Fed's S.Fischer (voter, neutral) speaks					
Source: Bloom	nberg, Dan	nske Bank Markets					



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