Investment Research - General Market Conditions

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Market Movers

- We expect the Sentix investor confidence for February to follow the direction from January and decrease once again due to the continued global market uncertainty. If this uncertainty persists, it could end up being a drag on economic growth in 2016. In this case, we would have to revise our forecast of a reacceleration in growth.
- We are also due to get data on German industrial production for December today, which we expect to increase slightly on the back of the pickup in new orders.
 Moreover, several key economic variables indicate a solid domestic demand, which would be supportive for industrial production.
- In Denmark, foreign trade data and balance of payment data for December are scheduled for release today.

Selected Market News

Chinese FX reserve data for January published yesterday showed that People's Bank of China (PBoC) made FX intervention for USD98bn in support of the CNY. That leaves China's FX reserve at the lowest level since 2012. Although intervention was slightly smaller than in December it marked another month of significant depreciation pressure on the CNY.

In our view, the US jobs report released on Friday generally brought good news, even though the headline was weaker than expected. Employment grew by 151,000 in January, significantly lower than employment growth in Q4 (which was also revised down) but trend growth still seems solid, in our view.

With respect to our current Fed call, today's release was no smoking gun. A smoking gun could be when Fed chair Janet Yellen speaks on Wednesday. This is the first time we will hear from her since the Fed increased the target range in December and we will listen carefully to hear what she has to say.

The weekly US oil rig count dropped to 467 last week. It has not been this low since 2010, which means that the boost in US oil rig count during the boom in shale oil production has been more-or-less reversed and it is now at less than a third compared to the peak in 2014. The decline in the oil price is thus taken its toll on investment and future production.

| Market overview | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | 07:30 | 1 day +/-,% | | | | | |
| S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (ching from close) Nikkei Hang Seng | | 1880.1 1881.6 17023.6 19288.2 | + + + | -1.85 0.34 1.21 0.55 | | | | |
| | 17:00 | 07:30 | | +/-, bp | | | | |
| US 2y gov US 10y gov iTraxx Europe [IG] iTraxx Xover [Non IG] | 0.75 1.89 109 422 | 0.73 1.86 110 424 | + + + | -1.2 -3.1 1.1 2.6 | | | | |
| EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK | 1.114 117.030 1.11 0.769 9.438 9.56 | 1.114 117.370 1.11 0.768 9.436 9.54 | ↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↓ | +/-, % -0.03 0.29 0.00 -0.11 -0.01 | | | | |
| Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD | 34.5 1154.3 | 34.4 1165.2 | ↓ | USD -0.32 0.95 | | | | |

* 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

 US: Wage inflation surprised on the upside as employment growth slowed somewhat

Weekly Focus: Riksbank's time to ease

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Scandi Markets

In Denmark, foreign trade and balance of payments data for December are due today. November brought a current account surplus of DKK12bn and we expect something similar in December. The figures for exports and imports in December will give us a good idea of what contribution foreign trade made to growth in Q4.

Fixed Income Markets

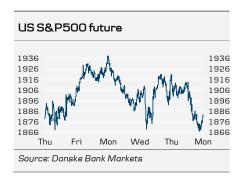
With US wage inflation surprising on the upside as employment growth slowed somewhat according to Friday's labour market report, front-end US rates increased some 3-4bp. Focus in the US now turns to Yellen's Humphrey Hawkins Testimony (Wed) where focus will be on how significantly tighter financial conditions, poor activity data and weak inflation expectations feed into the Fed's economic analysis.

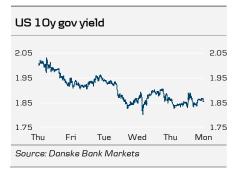
In Scandinavia, the main event is the Riksbank meeting (Thu) where we expect a repo rate cut of 10bp and the repo rate path to be flattened considerably. Therefore, we see further potential to be positioned for lower SEK rates up to the 5Y point of the curve.

FX Markets

Following a very strong sell-off in the first week of February, the USD stabilised on Friday on the back of the mixed but overall positive US labour report. In particular higher wage growth is supportive for Fed's case although the slowing momentum in labour growth is noteworthy. Focus this week will be on Fed chair Janet Yellen's testimonies on the Fed's semi-annual Monetary Policy Report to congress (two days before two different committees) including Q&A. This is the first time we get to hear from Yellen since the initial lift-off in December and it might give us more insight into what to expect from the Fed this year. We still expect three hikes this year from the Fed (April, September and December) but we recognise that risks are skewed towards later and fewer hikes as the Fed will not risk tightening too much, too quickly. That said, the market is probably too dovish on the Fed at the moment and we think that the USD is likely to stabilise in the coming days on the back of a possible re-pricing in the US money market. According to our short-term financial models, the USD remains slightly oversold versus the EUR and JPY indicating fair values for EUR/USD at 1.0958 and USD/JPY at 119.69.

EUR/SEK continued to edge higher on Friday as the Riksbank meeting moves closer. We expect the Riksbank to cut by 10bp on Thursday (11 February) and believe that the Riksbank will signal that the first hike will not come until 2018. In our view, easing is broadly priced and we see little prospect of EUR/SEK above 9.50. Hence, we expect any rally in EUR/SEK after a rate cut to be fairly short lived.











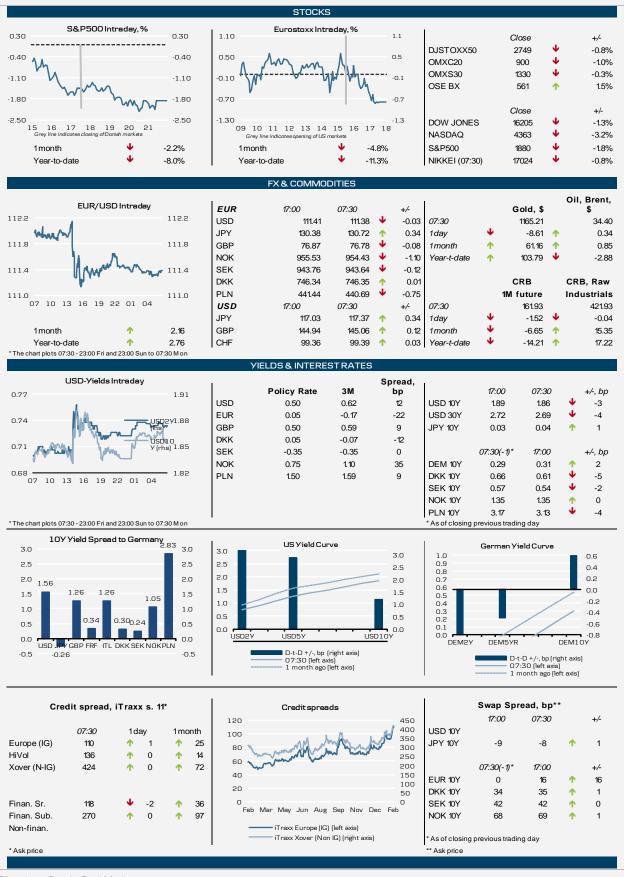
Key figures and events

| Monday, I | Februa | ry 8, 2016 | | Period | Danske Bank | Consensus | Previous |
|-----------|--------|---------------------------------------|---------|--------|-------------|------------|------------|
| 0:50 | JPY | Banklending | y/y | Jan | | | 2.2% |
| 2:30 | JPY | Labor cash earnings | y/y | Dec | | 0.7% | 0.0% |
| 6:00 | JPY | Eco Watchers Survey Outlook (Current) | Index | Jan | | 48.4 48.4 | 48.2 48.7 |
| 8:00 | DEM | Industrial production | m/m y/y | Dec | 0.3% | 0.5% -0.5% | -0.3% 0.1% |
| 9:00 | DKK | Current account (nsa sa) | DKK bn | Dec | 12.0 12.4 | 12.0 | 12.2 11.9 |
| 9:00 | DKK | Trade balance ex ships | DKK bn | Dec | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| 9:00 | DKK | Exports | m/m | Dec | | | |
| 10:30 | EUR | Sentix Investor Confidence | Index | Feb | 6.0 | 8.8 | 9.6 |
| 16:00 | USD | Fed's LMCI | m/m | Jan | | | 2.9% |

Source: Bloomberg, Danske Bank Markets



Today's market data: 08 February 2016



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