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Market Movers

- A lot of data to chew on today. Euro area kicks off with French and Spanish GDP data for Q4. France is expected to have grown 0.2% q/q, while Spain likely had stronger growth around 0.8% q/q. Later this morning we look for a rise in euro flash CPI to 0.5% y/y from 0.2% y/y and core inflation to move up to 1.1% y/y from 0.9% y/y. M3 and credit data are expected to continue to show solid gains.
- In the US focus turns to Q4 GDP which we expect only increased by 0.2% q/q (consensus 0.8% y/y). Some of the weakness, however, reflects another quarter with a negative contribution from inventories. Also, falling oil investments due to the oil price collapse are likely to have weighed on total investments.
- The US Employment Cost Index is also worth keeping an eye on as this will give an indication of how tight the US labour market is. Consensus is for an unchanged rate of 0.6% q/q pointing to a moderate rise in wage growth but not yet something to cause concern for the Fed. A bigger worry is the decline in the oil price and global uncertainty as highlighted in the statement this week.
- In Scandi we get Swedish household lending, while Norway releases retail sales, credit indicator and unemployment. See *Scandi Markets*.

Selected Market News

The Bank of Japan joined the easing camp and surprised markets with the introduction of negative interest rates of -0.1% this morning. Governor Haruhiko Kuroda got the move through with a split 5-4 vote. The BoJ also continues its record-high asset purchase programme. The JPY weakened in response and Nikkei is up close to 2%.

BoJ's move spurred a global risk rally with other Asian markets up as well and US stock futures moving higher, see *Bloomberg*. Chinese stocks are up around 3% this morning. The USD/CNY fixing fell slightly again and thus continues the grind lower.

The oil price spiked higher yesterday moving above USD35 per barrel briefly after indications from Russia that it is willing to meet with OPEC next month. The price fell back a bit during the evening but is still above USD34 per barrel. It is uncertain whether such talks are likely but it may be a sign that the pain threshold is being reached as the war of attrition is starting to cause severe stress in some countries.

Market overview									
		07:30	1 day +/-,%						
S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (chng from close) Nikkei Hang Seng		1893.4 1893.0 17556.0 19572.9	↑ ↑ ↑	0.55 0.65 3.02 1.96					
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp					
US 2y gov US 10y gov	0.83 2.00	0.79 1.96	+	-3.8 -4.7					
iTraxx Europe (IG) iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	93 376	94 378	↑	0.5 1.8					
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.094 118.720 1.11 0.760 9.306 9.45	1.091 120.760 1.11 0.757 9.286 9.38	+ + + + +	+/-, % -0.33 1.72 -0.09 -0.39 -0.21 -0.70					
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD	34.3 1116.1	34.5 1114.5	↑	USD 0.73 -0.14					

Note:

* 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

Source: Bloomberg

Selected readings from Danske Bank

- Flash Comment: German inflation increased in January - euro inflation set to follow
- Flash Comment UK Growth rebounded to 0.5% q/q in Q4 15

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Scandi Markets

Norway. Statistics Norway will publish retail sales figures for December. Following a collapse in consumer confidence and extremely weak trade data over the summer and into Q3, retail sales grew in both October and November. On the other hand, we know that the extension of Black Friday to a whole week brought a lot of Christmas trading forward from December to November. Therefore, we expect a correction in December, with retail sales falling 0.6% m/m. However, this would still be enough for private consumption to climb around 0.5% q/q, reducing the downside risk to Q4 GDP. We also get January jobless data from NAV, giving us a first hint of what might be in store in 2016. We expect registered unemployment to climb to 3.3%, due mainly to seasonal factors. However, underlying joblessness is also rising and we expect gross unemployment to increase by around 1,200 people from December to January. This would be in line with the trend in the autumn, while unemployment grew much faster (by almost 2,000 people per month) from Easter through to the summer, which suggests that the main rounds of downsizing took place in the winter and spring.

Sweden. Household lending data for December are released. The y/y rate is relatively stable but we expect an insignificant decline from 7.3% y/y to 7.2% y/y. Still, the fact remains that the Swedish households' debt-to-income continues to rise.

Fixed Income Markets

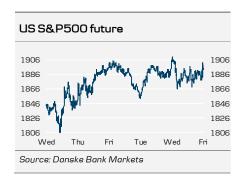
We are experiencing a continuation of the very volatile fixed income markets with outright levels setting new lows. Except for the 2Y point, the whole EUR swap curve now stands at the lowest levels since the spring 2015 sell-off and 5Y set a new all-time low print at 0.12%. However, one needs to compare to the Euribor 6M fixing currently at -8.3bp (another record low!) and with the 2s5s curve still being relatively steep we like to being received in the 5Y segment of the curve but against the 2Y point, as we think there are limits to how much should be priced in terms of ECB deposit cuts with 18bp in total for 2016.

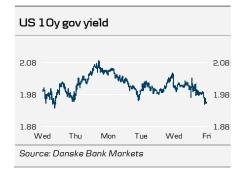
Spain is up for review by Fitch tonight. Spain is on stable outlook and we do not expect a change to the rating nor the outlook given the current political situation.

FX Markets

Norges Bank's FX transaction statistics show that foreign banks (proxy for speculative flows) in the past two weeks have net bought the Norwegian currency for a total amount of NOK10.8bn. This is the largest two-week net purchase amount since April last year when a sudden rebound in the oil price sparked heavy NOK interest. This time the NOK buying interest comes amid the import-weighted NOK reaching the weakest level recorded since 1989 as well as a stabilisation in global risk sentiment and a higher oil price. While the buying interest – according to our Microstructure model on FX flows - has narrowed the NOK liquidity risk premium, the Norwegian currency remains roughly 4% weaker than what a flow-based historical relationship would suggest.

The bounce in the oil price together with higher NOK-rates have returned the NOK to Norges Bank's (NB) projection from December and consequently the currency is no longer an argument for a higher rate path. Global rates have fallen significantly since the NB December meeting and despite the latest rebound in the oil price, it remains significantly below NB's projections. The latter increases the tail risk of the Norwegian economy falling over and thereby the need for lower NOK rates. Ample supply and global growth worries will in our view limit the short-term upside potential in oil and with little indications of the Norwegian business cycle turning, the risk of a March cut has











in our view risen significantly in 2016. In December NB hinted at a forecast-conditioned 40-60% probability of a cut at the meeting in March; markets price roughly a 30% probability. In sum, we think risks to EUR/NOK for the coming month are skewed to the upside and we forecast the cross at 9.60 in 1M.



Key figures and events

Friday, Ja	inuary i	29, 2016		Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
7:30	FRF	GDP, preliminary	q/qly/y	4th quarter	0.2%	0.2% 1.2%	0.3% 1.1%
8:45	FRF	Household consumption	m/m y/y	Dec		0.7% 1.0%	-1.1% 1.0%
8:45	FRF	HICP inflation, preliminary	m/m y/y	Jan	0.5%	-1.0% 0.4%	0.2% 0.3%
9:00	DKK	CB's securities statistics		Dec			
9:00	DKK	Foriegn portfolio investments		Dec			
9:00	ESP	HICP inflation, preliminary	m/m y/y	Jan	0.0%	-2.0% 0.0%	-0.4% -0.1%
9:00	ESP	GDP, preliminary	q/qly/y	4th quarter	0.8%	0.8% 3.5%	0.8% 3.4%
9:30	SEK	Wages (blue collars/white collars)	y/y	Nov			2.5%
9:30	SEK	Household lending	y/y	Dec	7.2%	7.3%	7.3%
10:00	NOK	Retail sales, s.a.	m/m	Dec	-0.6%	-0.5%	0.6%
10:00	NOK	Credit indicator (C2)	y/y	Dec	5.3%	5.3%	5.4%
10:00	NOK	Norges Bank's daily FX purchases	m	Feb	-500		-500
10:00	NOK	Unemployment	%	Jan	3.3%	3.4%	3.0%
10:00	EUR	Money supply (M3)	y/y	Dec	5.2%	5.2%	5.1%
11:00	EUR	HICP inflation, preliminary	y/y	Jan	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%
11:00	EUR	HICP - core inflation, preliminary	%	Jan	1.1%	0.9%	0.9%
11:30	RUB	Central Bank of Russia rate decision	%		11.0%	11.0%	11.0%
14:30	USD	Employment cost index	m/m	4th quarter		0.6%	0.6%
14:30	CAD	GDP	m/m y/y	Nov			0.0% -0.2%
14:30	USD	Personal consumption, preliminary	q/q	4th quarter	1.8%	2.0%	3.0%
14:30	USD	PCE core, preliminary	q/q	4th quarter		1.2%	1.4%
14:30	USD	GDP price deflator, first release, preliminary	q/q	4th quarter		0.8%	1.3%
14:30	USD	GDP, first release, preliminary	q/q ann.	4th quarter	0.2%	0.8%	2.0%
15:45	USD	Chicago PMI	Index	Jan		45.3	42.9
16:00	USD	University of Michigan Confidence, final	Index	Jan		93.0	93.3
21:30	USD	Fed's Williams (non-voter, neutral) speaks					
Source: Bloom	nberg, Dar	nske Bank Markets					



Today's market data: 29 January 2016 STOCKS S&P500 Intraday, % Eurostoxx Intraday, % 1.40 1.40 Close DJSTOXX50 2837 -1.8% 0.90 0.90 OM XC20 949 -2.0% OM XS30 1333 -2.4% -0.90 0.40 OSE B X 552 1.0% -1.90 -0.10 -0.10 Close DOW JONES 0.8% 16070 -0.60 -0.60 -2.90 18 19 20 21 15 17 09 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 16 NASDAQ 4507 0.9% 1month 1month -8.9% -9.6% S&P500 1893 0.6% -7.4% -8.5% NIKKEI (07:30) 17556 -1.8% Year-to-date Year-to-date **FX & COMMODITIES** Oil, EUR/USD Intraday EUR 17:00 07:30 Gold, \$ Brent, \$ USD 109.08 -0.36 07:30 1114.52 109.44 JPY 129.92 131.72 1.80 -0.82 1day 0.61 109.5 109.5 GBP 75.72 -0.30 45.42 -3.29 76.02 1month 109.2 945.08 109.2 NOK 938.49 -6.59 Year-t-date 53.10 -2.78 Ψ SEK 930.61 928.61 -2.00 108.9 108.9 DKK 746.28 746.29 0.01 CRB CRB, Raw PLN 446.87 445.01 -1.86 future Industrials 108.6 108.6 07 10 13 16 19 22 01 04 USD 07:30 165.22 413.84 17:00 07:30 118.72 120.76 1.04 1.95 JPY **1** 2.04 1day GBP 1month -0.12 143.96 144.06 4 0.10 1month -12.13 10.98 T Year-to-date 1 0.46 CHF 101.43 101.68 **1** 0.25 Year-t-date -10.93 9.13 YIELDS & INTEREST RATES USD-Yields Intraday Spread, Policy Rate 3 M bp 17:00 07:30 +/-. bp 0.86 USD 0.62 USD 10Y 1.96 0.50 12 2.00 -5 2.03 T **EUR** 0.05 -0.16 -21 USD 30Y 2.80 2.78 -2 0.83 LISD2V GBP 0.50 0.59 9 JPY 10Y 0.23 0.12 Ψ -11 DKK 0.05 -0.06 -11 SD10Y 0.80 SEK -0.35 -0.30 5 07:30(-1) 17:00 +/-, bp NOK 1.18 DEM 10Y 0.75 43 0.42 0.41 -1 Ψ 1.94 PLN 1.50 160 10 DKK 10Y 0.79 0.70 -9 07 10 13 16 19 22 01 04 Ψ SEK 10Y 0.71 0.68 -3 NOK 10Y 1.39 1.39 0 PLN 10Y 3.22 3.17 Ψ -5 As of clo revious trading day 10Y Yield Spread to Germany 2.77 US Yield Curve 3.0 3.0 3.0 1.0 -0.7 2.5 2.5 25 0.9 • 0.1 -1.7 2.0 2.0 2.0 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.4 0.3 0.2 0.1 1 55 -2.7 1.5 1.5 1.5 -3.7 -0.9 1.0 -4.7 1.0 1.0 0.5 -5.7 -1.4 0.290.27 0.5 0.5 0.0 USD2Y -6.7 0.0 0.0 0.0 USD10Y USD59 DEM5YR DEM10Y USD PYGBPFRF ITL DKKSEKNOKPLN -0.5 -0.5 D-t-D +/-, bp (right axis) 07:30 (left axis) 1 month ago (left axis) -0.29 D-t-D +/-, bp (right axis) - 07:30 (left axis) 1 month ago (left axis) Swap Spread, bp** Credit spread, iTraxx s. 11* Credit spreads 17:00 07:30 120 450 USD 10Y 1day 1month 100 94 0 JPY 10Y Europe (IG) Α ... 4 16 -12 -11 80 300 HiVol 127 0 19 250 200 $\mathbf{\uparrow}$ \wedge Xover (N-IG) 378 0 **1** 57 07:30(-1)* 17:00 40 150 FUR 10Y 0 16 16

Source: Bloomberg, Danske Bank Markets * 7:30(-1) og 17:00 refers to the previous (trade) day

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