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Market Movers

- In the US the ISM manufacturing index for November is to be released. Regional
 indices for November and the ISM order-inventory balance in October indicate that
 the ISM should not fall below 50 and we expect a marginal increase from 50.1 to 50.3
 in November. Note also that Fed's Evans tonight will kick off a series of Fed speeches
 this week.
- In the UK we anticipate that the manufacturing PMI declined in November from 55.5 last month to around 53. This should mainly be seen as a correction as the index made an oddly large jump from 51.8 to 55.5 in October. This level is usually associated with growth in manufacturing production of around 1.0% q/q, which seems very unlikely since the manufacturing sector is struggling due to the strong GBP and the slowdown in manufacturing globally.
- Euro-area and German unemployment figures are due for release and we expect both to remain unchanged. In the euro area, low potential growth has implied that the unemployment rate has declined to the lowest level since the beginning of 2012 despite modest GDP growth. We expect the downward trend towards the structural unemployment rate to continue in 2016.
- Today we publish our Top Trades 2016 across the FX and FI sphere, see *FX Top Trades 2016 and FI Top Trades 2016* for details.
- Swedish and Norwegian manufacturing PMIs due. See Scandi Markets.

Selected Market News

Sentiment somewhat mixed in the Asian session after Chinese PMIs painted a two-sided – and overall somewhat downbeat – picture of the Chinese economy: the official (NBS) manufacturing PMI dropped to 49.6 (last and expected: 49.8, Danske Bank: 50.1) in November while the non-manufacturing PMI rose to 53.6 (from 53.1). Separately, the Caixin PMI manufacturing fell to 48.3 (last and expected: 48.6). Thus, the slight recovery that we had been looking for is yet to materialise in the manufacturing sector. We continue to look for another 25bp PBoC rate cut before year-end and a cut in the reserve requirement ratio of 50bp.

Yesterday the IMF announced the long-awaited inclusion of CNY in the IMF's reserve currency basket (SDR): the Chinese currency is set to enter with a 10.92% weight, ahead of the JPY and GBP. As the yuan has now got the IMF 'stamp of approval' global reserve managers are likely to gradually add more CNY assets. We still expect a gradual weakening of the CNY from here but no sharp devaluation as this could backfire via significant capital outflows and deterioration in global sentiment.

The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) this morning maintained its cash rate target unchanged at 2.00% as widely expected. The issued policy statement left little surprises and was in many aspects a copy of that released in November. We continue to look for unchanged rates from the RBA over the next 12M.

Market overview									
			1 day +/-,%						
S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (ching from close) Nikkei Hang Seng		2080.4 2092.0 19961.4 22448.4	+ + +	-0.46 0.59 1.08 2.05					
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp					
US 2y gov US 10y gov iTraxx Europe (IG) iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	0.93 2.21 70 290	0.94 2.23 70 291	↑ ↑ ↑	1.0 1.1 0.2 0.8					
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.057 123.210 1.09 0.702 9.208 9.17	1.058 122.960 1.09 0.701 9.210 9.16	^ + + + + +	+/-, % 0.06 -0.20 -0.02 -0.14 0.03 -0.04					
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD Note:	45.6 1063.1	44.8 1072.0	↓	USD -1.58 0.83					

* 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

- FX Top Trades 2016
- FI Top Trades 2016
- US Labour Market Monitor: Employment growth would have to slow significantly to become a concern for Fed

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Scandi Markets

Swedish PMI is set to remain flat. It is already at elevated levels in comparison to Germany and the euro zone.

Norwegian PMI is due at 9.00 CET. The past two months' increases in the index point to the industry stabilising, as mentioned above, so the November figures should tell us whether that was just noise and perhaps whether the drop in the oil price since the summer has sparked a further decline in the industrial sector. Consensus is expecting a moderate drop from 48.3 to 47.8.

Fixed Income Markets

We now turn to December, with great attention to central-bank policy in the fixed-income markets. During the next three weeks all G10 central banks have scheduled policy meetings with quite a few of them expected to announce policy changes. So 'buckle up' for easing from the ECB, the SNB and the Riksbank and tightening from the Fed. The RBA kicked off overnight (unchanged) and near-term centre of attention will obviously be the ECB meeting on Thursday and the FOMC meeting on 16 December. Policy divergence is very clear as also reflected in the US-German spread developments the past two months (+45bp in both 2Y and 5Y maturities, +25bp in 10Y). With US hikes being priced on the soft side of our expectations, there is room for further widening. That said, the aggressive ECB pricing warrants some caution and we do not think the risk-reward for chasing further widening is attractive at the moment.

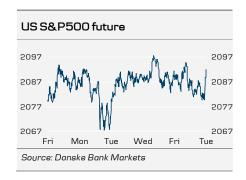
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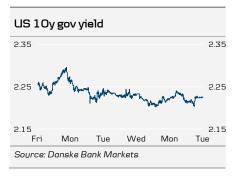
EUR/SEK dived close to 9.20 on the strong Swedish GDP report yesterday, confirming the picture of an economy that looks increasingly healthy across the board. We maintain that the Riksbank will likely react if EUR/SEK drops too quickly and due to foreign matters but we stress that the tight range that the cross used to be kept in by the Riksbank is set to gradually slip .- not least if driven by Swedish fundamentals. Watch out for any Riksbank comments ahead of and following the ECB meeting this week: we still project a 10bp cut from the Riksbank on 15 December which should be enough to stem a continued downtrend in EUR/SEK near term and we look for the 9.10-9.50 range to persist. That said, a break lower in EUR/SEK will be a key Scandi story for 2016.

While the RBA kept rates unchanged today and is likely to do so over the next year at least, we still expect AUD/USD to edge lower in the coming months as relative terms of trade and a looming Fed hike will weigh on the cross. We do not expect AUD/USD to collapse as (i) long-term fundamentals, (ii) already aggressive pricing of monetary policy divergence, (iii) China stabilisation and (iv) stretched short speculative positioning will limit the downside potential. We forecast the cross at 0.68 in 12M.

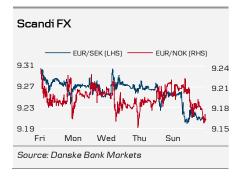
Today also watch out for Swiss GDP and retail sales: while these should confirm that the Swiss economy is in decent shape, we still think the SNB prefers EUR/CHF closer to 1.10 than, say, 1.05 and thus will be forced to at least partially match the ECB on easing.

This morning we publish our *FX Top Trades 2016*. This year's publication is based on five themes which we think will drive FX performance next year: (i) Monetary policy surprises, (ii) Fundamental misalignments, (iii) Carry trades revisited, (iv) Volatility and (v) The wild card; the first four themes constitute our baseline while the latter is a tail-risk scenario.











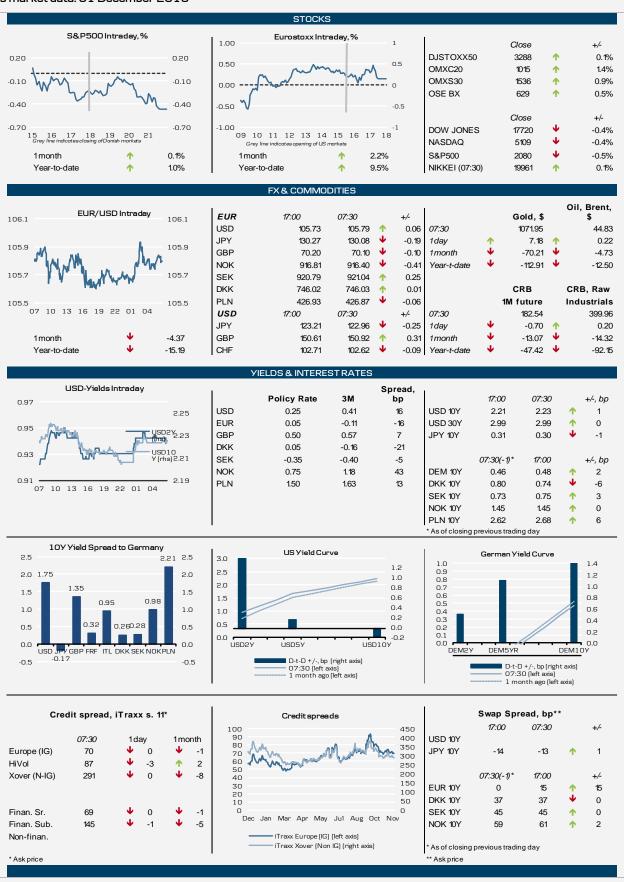
Key figures and events

Tuesday,	Decen	nber 1, 2015		Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
-	USD	Total vechicle sales	m	Nov		18	18.12
2:00	CNY	PMI manufacturing	Index	Nov	50.1	49.9	49.8
2:00	CNY	PMI non-manufacturing	Index	Nov			53.1
2:35	JPY	Nikkei Manufacturing PMI, final	Index	Nov			52.8
2:45	CNY	Caixin service PMI	Index	Nov	52.0		52.0
2:45	CNY	Caixin Manufacturing PMI	Index	Nov	48.8	48.3	48.3
4:30	AUD	Reserve Bank of Australia rate decision	%		2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
7:45	CHF	GDP	q/qly/y	3rd quarter		0.2% 0.8%	0.2% 1.2%
8:30	SEK	PMI manufacturing	Index	Nov	53.5		53.5
9:00	NOK	PMI manufacturing	Index	Nov			48.3
9:15	CHF	Retailsales	у/у	Oct			0.2%
9:15	ESP	PMI manufacturing	Index	Nov	51.7		51.3
9:30	CHF	PMI manufacturing	Index	Nov		50.5	50.7
9:45	ITL	PMI manufacturing	Index	Nov	54.4		54.1
9:50	FRF	PMI manufacturing, final	Index	Nov	50.8	50.8	50.8
9:55	DEM	PMI manufacturing, final	Index	Nov	52.6	52.6	52.6
9:55	DEM	Unemployment	%	Nov	6.4%	6.4%	6.4%
10:00	EUR	PMI manufacturing, final	Index	Nov	52.8	52.8	52.8
10:30	GBP	PMI manufacturing	Index	Nov	53.0	53.6	55.5
11:00	EUR	Unemployment	%	Oct	10.8%	10.8%	10.8%
11:00	ITL	GDP, final	q/q y/y	3rd quarter			0.2% 0.9%
14:30	CAD	GDP	m/m y/y	Sep		0.1%	0.1% 0.9%
15:45	USD	Markit manufacturing PMI, final	Index	Nov		52.6	52.6
16:00	USD	Construction spending	m/m	Oct		0.5%	0.6%
16:00	USD	ISM manufacturing	Index	Nov	50.3	50.5	50.1
16:00	USD	ISM prices paid	Index	Nov		40.0	39.0
18:45	USD	Fed's Evans (voter, dovish) speaks					

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