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Market Movers

- We expect Mario Draghi to express a patient view at the ECB meeting today, as he needs to balance the views of the doves as well as the hawks. The very low oil price and in particular falling inflation expectations are threats to our expectation that the ECB has delivered the end of easing. However, given that the market already prices in a relatively high probability of additional rate cuts, today's meeting could be a disappointment if Draghi does not point to further rate cuts. For details, see ECB preview: two camps both with stronger arguments (19 January).
- Before the ECB policy announcement, the final euro-zone inflation numbers for December will also be released. We expect the December figure to be unchanged at 0.2% y/y but note that we still expect inflation to increase to 0.5% y/y in January.
- The weekly US oil inventory data will be in focus for the oil market oil as over-supply remains a strong negative factor for the oil price.
- In Denmark, consumer confidence data for January will be released.

Selected Market News

It has been a relatively quiet session overnight in terms of news releases and growth concerns and poor risk appetite continues to dominate financial markets. The negative momentum in risk assets eased during the US session and the SP500 index closed 1.2% lower after being down as much as 3.6% at some point. Yields on 10-year US treasuries have dropped nearly 30bp since the beginning of this year and dropped below 2% and temporarily touched 1.94% last night before bouncing some basis points higher along with a rebound in equities. In Asia this morning, sentiment is once again turning weak and most regional indices are trading in the red.

Inflation expectations are tumbling along with stock markets and investors are looking towards the major central banks for support and responses to the recent oil price declines and falling growth and inflation expectations. 5Y5Y break-even inflations trade at 1.92% in the US and 1.575% in the euro area adding pressure on the major central banks' credibility. Today, Draghi will be tested in the hot seat. As mentioned above, we think there is a risk that he might disappoint given the market's pricing of additional rate cuts. However, even if he manages to deliver, it is highly questionable whether the ECB alone has the ammunition and ability to reverse the negative sentiment on its own. Hence, after today's ECB meeting, focus will turn to the FOMC meeting on 27 January and the Bank of Japan's (BoJ) meeting on 29 January. In respect of the BoJ, the probability of additional easing has increased on rising concerns that the 'shunto' spring wage negotiations may disappoint and as yen appreciation and the lower oil price weakens the near-term inflation outlook. Bank of Japan Governor Kuroda this morning re-iterated that the BoJ has sufficient tools for more easing and is watching carefully the effect of markets on the economy and prices.

Market overview									
		07:30	1 day +/-,%						
S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (chng from close) Nikkei Hang Seng		1859.3 1854.7 16067.4 18568.2	+ + + +	-1.17 -0.01 -2.12 -1.68					
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp					
US 2y gov US 10y gov	0.81 1.96	0.82 1.99	↑	1.6 2.9					
iTraxx Europe (IG) iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	99 395	99 397	↑	0.6 2.0					
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.090 116.350 1.09 0.769 9.375 9.71	1.090 116.770 1.09 0.768 9.363 9.69	↓ ↑ ↑ ↓ ↓ ↓	+/-, % -0.02 0.36 0.02 -0.14 -0.12 -0.19					
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD	27.7 1102.0	27.8 1102.4	↑	USD 0.69 0.03					

* 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

 ECB preview: two camps - both with stronger arguments

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Scandi Markets

In **Denmark**, consumer confidence data for January will be released. Despite falling sharply since March 2015, the indicator remains high but the turmoil in financial markets at the start of 2016 may have affected consumers' expectations. We expect the indicator to fall from 6.1 in December to 5.0 in January. Confidence is generally strong in January and petrol prices have fallen further but we expect the financial turmoil to outweigh these factors.

Fixed Income Markets

The 2016 poor risk sentiment continues to feed into the fixed income market with 10Y Germany yields dropping to 0.48% and even bigger rate declines in the US curve now pushing Fed hike pricing to December (Dec-16 Fed funds rate has now dropped 30bp in 2016 alone). In these volatile periods, markets will look to central banks for comfort (the 'central bank put') and this is also what will be the focus at today's ECB meeting with expectations for Draghi to express a worried tone, opening the door for more easing. However, we continue to think that the bar for further ECB easing is somewhat higher than priced into the market (13bp of a deposit cut now priced into 1Y horizon), but visibility is currently very low and uncertainty is high, which we also think will be Draghi's main message today.

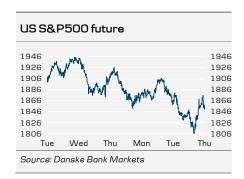
Today, Spain is launching a new 3Y benchmark and tapping in the old 15Y benchmark. It plans to sell between EUR3.5bn and EUR4.5bn tomorrow, with the bulk in the new 3Y benchmark. We doubt there will be much new issue premium for the new 3Y benchmark, as it is being sold through an auction rather than a syndicated deal. After the auction, the Spanish Tesoro will have fulfilled 14% of funding for 2016. Furthermore, France is selling medium-term bonds (5-10Y) as well as inflation-linked bonds. With the current pricing, we expect to see solid demand for the French linkers given the low BEI rates

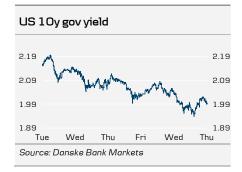
FX Markets

The ECB is in focus and if we are right that Dragi will disappoint today by not being willing to signal the need for another deposit rate cut, EUR crosses should see some support post the meeting. We thus look for a test of 1.10 in EUR/USD during the press conference. We still expect that the cross will edge back into the 1.05-1.10 range near term as the market may have gotten a little ahead of itself on pricing the Fed very dovishly now; we maintain however that crucially this will be followed by a rebound in the cross to 1.16 in 12M.

The Bank of Canada kept rates unchanged yesterday (as we indeed called for; analysts and market split) and policy statement was rather neutral: this notes the drop in oil and financial vulnerabilities of course and downgrades GDP outlook but stresses that the positive impact of fiscal measures are not incl. in this forecast. All in all, the BoC is likely to be on hold for the foreseeable future, and we believe that it will take a further drop in oil or a significant change in Fed stance to being more dovish to make the BoC cut. While fair to see USD/CAD drop here, we still expect an uptick in the cross ahead as the Fed is now priced very soft and this should help Canadian rebalancing to a world of lower oil for longer.

Separately, USD/RUB broke the 81 level yesterday as oil stayed under pressure and on signs political pressure for the central bank of Russia to cut rates is mounting. We still look for unchanged policy rates in January due to the inflationary pressure Russia is experiencing as one of the few countries globally.











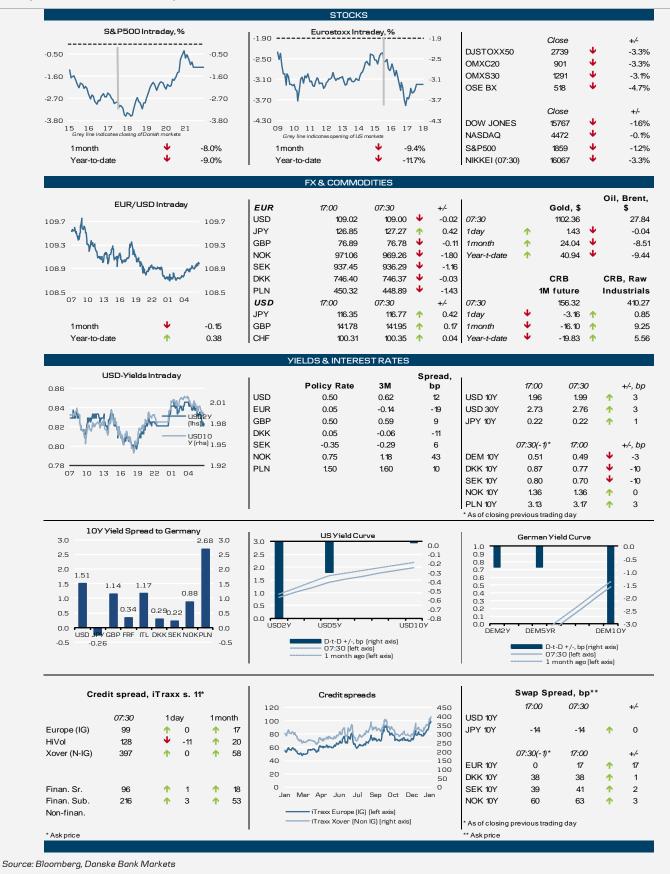
Key figures and events

Thursday,	, Janua	ry 21, 2016		Period	Danske Bank	Consensus	Previous
8:45	FRF	Business confidence	Index	Jan		102.0	101.0
9:00	DKK	Consumer confidence	Net. bal.	Jan	5.0	6.3	6.1
11:00	EUR	HICP	m/m y/y	Dec	0.2%	0.0% 0.2%	-0.1% 0.2%
11:00	EUR	HICP - core, final	%	Dec	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%
13:45	EUR	ECB's Draghi speaks at press conference					
13:45	EUR	ECB announces refi rate	%		0.05%	0.05%	0.05%
13:45	EUR	ECB announces deposit rate	%		-0.30%	-0.30%	-0.30%
14:30	USD	Initial jobless claims	1000			280	284
16:00	EUR	Consumer confidence, preliminary	Net bal.	Jan	-5.5	-5.8	-5.7
17:00	USD	DOE U.S. crude oil inventories	K				234

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