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Industrial output surprised to the upside

- Start of the week in positive moods
- Polish industrial output above expectations, but outlook for the upcoming quarters unchanged
- Zloty and other CEE currencies follow EURUSD market
- Polish bonds stable, Euro zone peripheries under pressure of situation in Italy
- Today decision of Hungarian central bank

Weekend information on US-China relations improvement have had a positive impact on the global market sentiment. European stock indexes were on the rise at the beginning of the week and this was the market where the impact of political relief persisted the most. Only in the first part of the session the dollar benefited from improved economic outlook and its depreciation seen later in the day had a positive impact on the EM currencies. Changes on the bond market were mixed, core euro zone market is still under pressure of political situation in Italy. No important data are on the agenda globally and in Poland we will see first business sentiment indexes for May.

MPC member Eryk Łon wrote an article on non-standard monetary policy measures, stating that in the long term the central bank should consider purchasing corporate bonds and stocks. The MPC member does not see it necessary to develop such a programme right now. Other MPC members as well as governor Glapiński said that they do not want to use the non-standard measures now, except the case of a sudden economic downturn coupled with disappearance of inflation.

Industrial output expanded in April by 9.3% y/y versus 1.8% y/y one month earlier. This result is a positive surprise (market consensus was at 8.5%, our forecast was at 8.1%). After seasonal adjustment, the pace of output growth was at 5.9% y/y, marginally below the 6.2% y/y average from 1Q18. Construction output rose 19.7% y/y, much lower than market estimates (24.8% y/y). This could be a sign of supply-side constraints in the sector, which continues to see high demand, especially considering that construction prices rose 2.1% y/y and that this measure was at its highest level since January 2009. April PPI inflation reached 1.1% y/y, slightly above our forecast (1.0% y/y) and market consensus (0.8% y/y), mostly due to rising oil prices. Overall, the output data did not lead us to revise our Polish GDP forecast, which still assumes a gradual deceleration of economic growth this year.

EURUSD started the Monday's session with a drop to almost 1.17 due to political news from the weekend. The next hours saw a correction of the morning dollar appreciation and at the end of the day the rate was near 1.177. The first attempt to breach 1.17 was unsuccessful and a rebound was rather quick. It seems that the drop of the exchange rate in the previous days to some extent reflected the positive US data, so the potential for further dollar appreciation seems to be wearing out. There will be no important data releases today, so the exchange rate should remain above the yesterday's low, in our view

EURPLN climbed above 4.31 in the first phase of the session due to a further USD appreciation. At the end of the day the rate was below 4.30 again and this morning it is approaching 4.28. Meanwhile, USDPLN fell from 3.67 to 3.64. Developments on other CEE currencies were similar. We some chances to halt the PLN depreciation, but reversal of the EURUSD downward trade is a precondition.

This week, Hungarian central bank will decide on the interest rates. Recent macro data was mixed: robust 1Q GDP but poor April PMI and industrial output. The forint is under strong negative pressure and this might encourage the central bank to adopt a somewhat less dovish stance to stabilize the currency, in our view.

On the domestic interest rate market, IRS and bond yields were hovering around Friday's closing levels for the better part of the session and only at the end of the day the 10Y benchmark gained slightly. Still, changes did not exceed 2bp. There was no big market reaction to Polish above-consensus industrial output data. No important data are on the agenda today globally and in Poland so the market should be pretty calm. The risk for that scenario is situation on the euro zone peripheries where yields are on the rise amid uncertainty related to Italian government.

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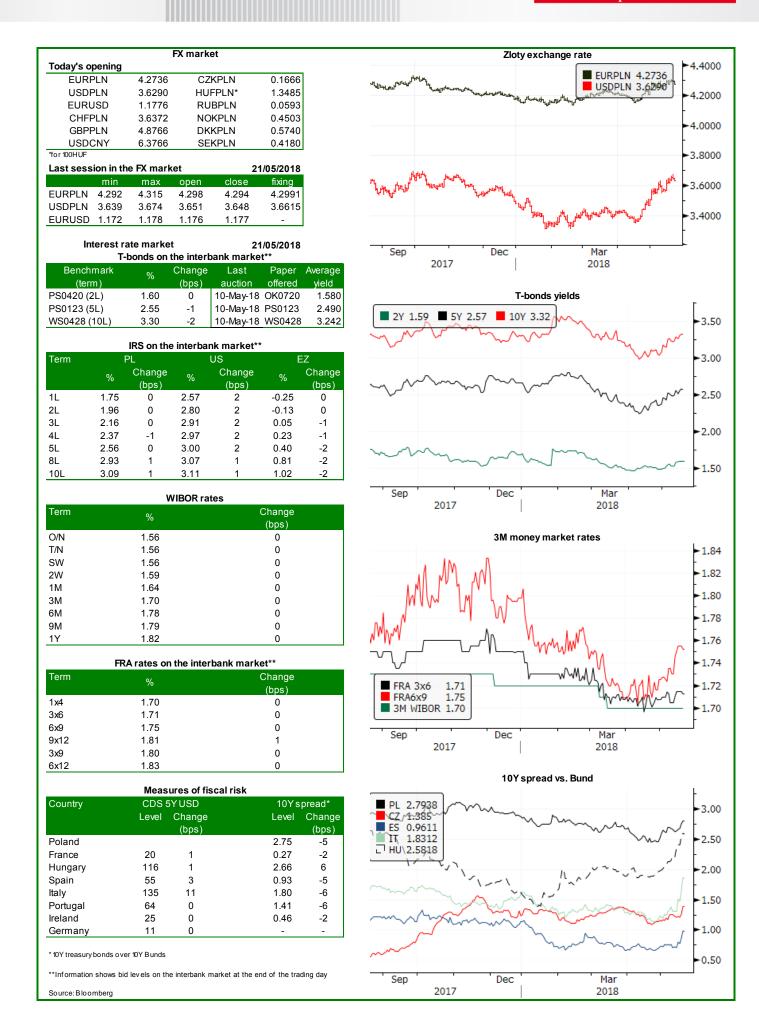
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Economic calendar

TIME		INDICATOR	PERIOD		FORECAST		ACTUAL VALUE	LAST
CET					MARKET	BZWBK		VALUE
FRIDAY (18 May)								
10:00	PL	Employment in corporate sector	Apr	% y/y	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
10:00	PL	Average Gross Wages	Apr	% y/y	7.2	7.4	7.8	6.7
MONDAY (21 May)								
10:00	PL	Sold Industrial Output	Apr	% y/y	8.5	8.1	9.3	1.8
10:00	PL	Construction Output	Apr	% y/y	24.5	22.2	19.7	16.2
10:00	PL	PPI	Apr	% y/y	0.9	1.0	1.1	0.5
TUESDAY (22 May)								
10:00	PL	Stats Office business sentiment	May	pts				
14:00	HU	Central Bank Rate Decision		%	0.90	-		0.90
WEDNESDAY (23 May)								
09:30	DE	Germany Manufacturing PMI	May	pts	57.9	-		58.1
09:30	DE	Markit Germany Services PMI	May	pts	53.2	-		53.0
10:00	EZ	Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	May	pts	56.1	-		56.2
10:00	EZ	Eurozone Services PMI	May	pts	54.5	-		54.7
10:00	PL	Retail Sales Real	Apr	% y/y	7.6	7.7		8.8
10:00	PL	Enterprises Financial Results	1Q					
10:00	PL	Consumer Confidence	May					
16:00	US	New Home Sales	Apr	% m/m	-2.0	-		4.0
20:00	US	FOMC Meeting Minutes			-	-		0.0
THURSDAY (24 May)								
08:00	DE	GDP WDA	1Q	% y/y	2.3	-		2.3
11:30	PL	Bond Auction			-			
14:00	PL	Money Supply M3	Apr	% y/y	5.8	5.9		5.8
14:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	week	k	215	-		222
16:00	US	Existing Home Sales	Apr	% m/m	-0.5	-		1.1
FRIDAY (25 May)								
10:00	DE	IFO Business Climate	May	pts	101.9	-		102.1
10:00	PL	Unemployment Rate	Apr	%	6.3	6.3		6.6
14:30	US	Durable Goods Orders	Apr	% m/m	-1.5	-		2.6
16:00	US	Michigan index	May	pts	98.8	-		98.8

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