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Eyeopener

Zloty and bonds gain

Bonds gain thanks to lower core yields Poland output surprises to the upside Zloty recovers Today many US data

On Tuesday, data on industrial production in Poland was released and it surprised to the upside. Meanwhile, in USA new data from the real estate market was released, confirming its weak standing. The Hungarian Central Bank left interest rates unchanged, with the base rate at 0.90%. Stocks were still under pressure which translated into yield drop on core markets and lower EURUSD. Polish bonds strengthened, following the core markets, and zloty was trimming loses.

Poland October industrial output beat expectations rising 7.4% y/y vs market consensus at 6.6% and our forecast at 6%. This was a pretty nice rebound after two months of subdued releases. However, output grew only 5% y/y in seasonally adjusted terms – close to the September figure. Construction and assembly output rose 22.4% y/y beating consensus (20.9%) but falling below our expectations. Output data for the first month of 4Q18 are in line with our forecast of a gradual deceleration of the pace of economic growth. In October PPI rose by 3.2% y/y. The industrial prices (on the monthly basis) were pushed up mainly by metal ores prices, while energy commodities and energy prices eased somewhat.

In Q3, **deficit of local governments (JST)** totalled PLN2bn, although usually a slight increase used to be observed in this quarter (e.g. PLN1.2bn in 2017). JST sector's YTD performance totals +PLN11.4bn. Very high activity in investments has been maintained (as a result of elections): in Q3 alone JST spent PLN13.9bn on investments, i.e. +74% y/y. It means that the sector's contribution to overall dynamics in 3Q was c7pp and it may be a factor explaining surprisingly high economic growth in this quarter (5.1% y/y according to the flash reading; detailed data will be known at the end of the month).

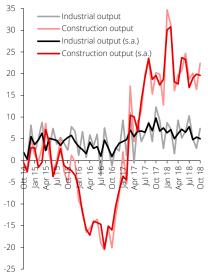
On Tuesday, **EURUSD** kept falling from the very morning fuelled by continued risk aversion and still unclear Brexit consequences. As a result, EURUSD dropped to 1.136 from 1.146. The dollar strengthened despite another weak data from the US real estate market. At today's opening, European stock futures went up slightly which may reduce room for lower EURUSD. In the afternoon, a number of new US data will be released which may trigger some higher intra-day volatility.

EURPLN was moving lower on Tuesday on better sentiment towards emerging markets and abating worries about liquidity of minor local banks. The appreciation of the zloty was also supported by better-than-expected industrial output data in Poland. As a consequence, EURPLN declined from 4.33 to 4.306 at the close of the local session. The exchange rate rebounded from a resistance level at 4.34 and more than offset the Monday rise. Positive sentiment at the start of today's session may help the zloty to continue recovering from recent losses.

Other CEE currencies were losing somewhat despite global improvement in pricing of emerging currencies. The Hungarian central bank decision to keep rates unchanged and the mild tone of the statement weighed temporarily on the forint. The ruble weakened after several days of strengthening, as oil kept moving lower.

Yields on the domestic bond market were going down for the whole Tuesday, thanks to positive mood on core markets triggered by declining stock indices. As a result, the Polish yield curve moved down by another 2-3bp (as did Bunds and US Treasuries). The changes were accompanied by a 4bp drop of the IRS in the 5-10Y part. Today we expect some profit taking, which can slightly lift yields. For the rest of the week, we assume some mild pressure on lower yields due to worse economic outlook in Europe and the USA.

Output growth, % y/y



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FX market Today's opening EURPLN 4.3044 CZKPLN 0.1654 USDPLN 3.7779 HUFPLN* 1.3402 EURUSD RUBPLN 0.0573 1.1394 0.4416 CHFPLN 3.7966 NOKPLN 4.8384 GBPPLN DKKPLN 0.5768 SEKPLN USDCNY 6.9421 0.4166 *for 100HUF 20/11/2018

Last session in the FX market				20/11/2018			
	min	max open		close	fixing		
EURPLN	4.303	4.338	4.334	4.306	4.3314		
USDPLN	3.773	3.796	3.783	3.785	3.79		
EURUSD	1.137	1.147	1.146	1.138	-		

Interest rate mark		20/11/2018					
T-bonds on the interbank market**							
Benchmark (term)	%	Change (bps)	Last auction	per offer	Average yield		
DS1020 (2L)	1.56	-2	26 paź 18	OK0720	1.456		
DS1023 (5L)	2.44	-2	26 paź 18	PS0424	2.604		
WS0428 (10L)	3.20	-3	26 paź 18	WS0428	3.179		

IRS on the interbank market**

Term		PL		US	EZ		
	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	
1L	1.78	-1	2.88	1	-0.24	0	
2L	1.96	-2	2.99	2	-0.13	-1	
3L	2.16	-3	3.01	1	0.01	-1	
4L	2.31	-3	3.01	1	0.17	-1	
5L	2.45	-4	3.02	1	0.32	-1	
8L	2.73	-4	3.07	0	0.71	-1	
10L	2.86	-4	3.12	0	0.92	-1	

WIBOR rates

Term	%	Change (bps)
O/N	1.50	-6
T/N	1.51	-5
SW	1.55	-1
2W	1.59	0
1M	1.64	0
ЗM	1.72	0
6M	1.79	0
9M	1.82	0
1Y	1.87	0

FRA rates on the interbank market**

Term	%	Change (bps)
1x4	1.73	0
3x6 6x9	1.75	0
6x9	1.79	0
9x12	1.85	-1
3x9	1.82	0
6x12	1.87	-3

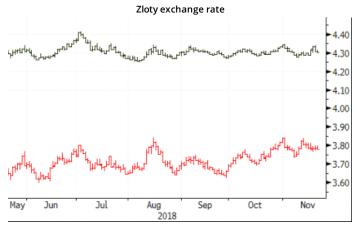
Measures of fiscal risk

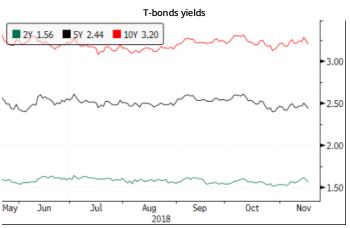
Country	CDS 5	YUSD	10Y s	pread*
	Level	Change (bps)	Level	Change (bps)
Poland			2.83	-5
France	25	1	0.39	-1
Hungary	116	1	3.09	-2
Spain	65	4	1.27	-3
Italy	221	8	3.14	-13
Portugal	64	0	1.60	-3
Ireland	25	0	0.65	-1
Germany	11	0	-	-

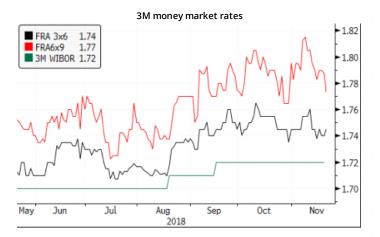
* 10Y treasury bonds over 10Y Bunds

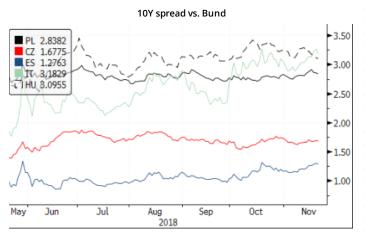
 $^{\star\star} Information$ shows bid levels on the interbank market at the end of the trading day

Source: Bloomberg









Economic Calendar

TIME	COUNTRY	INDICATOR PERI		PERIOD		FORECAST		LAST
CET	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD		MARKET	SANTANDER	VALUE	VALUE*
		FF	RIDAY (16 Nov	ember)				
11:00	EZ	HICP	Oct	% y/y	2.2	-	2.2	2.2
15:15	US	Industrial Production	Oct	% m/m	0.2	-	0.1	0.3
		MC	NDAY (19 No	vember)				
10:00	PL	Employment in corporate sector	Oct	% y/y	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
10:00	PL	Average Gross Wages	Oct	% y/y	6.5	6.9	7.6	6.7
		TU	ESDAY (20 No	vember)				
10:00	PL	Sold Industrial Output	Oct	% y/y	6.6	6.0	7.4	2.8
10:00	PL	Construction Output	Oct	% y/y	21.0	25	22.4	16.4
10:00	PL	PPI	Oct	% y/y	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.9
14:00	HU	Central Bank Rate Decision		%	0.9	-	0.9	0.9
14:30	US	Housing Starts	Oct	% m/m	1.8	-	1.5	-5.5
			NESDAY (21 N	lovember)				
14:30	US	Durable Goods Orders	Oct	% m/m	-1.95	-		0.7
14:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	week	k	213	-		216
16:00	US	Michigan index	Nov	pts	98.3	-		98.3
16:00	US	Existing Home Sales	Oct	% m/m	0.97	-		-3.38
			IRSDAY (22 No	ovember)				
10:00	PL	Retail Sales Real	Oct	% y/y	5.6	5.4		3.6
			RIDAY (23 Nov	,				
08:00	DE	GDP WDA	3Q	% y/y	1.1	-		1.1
09:30	DE	Germany Manufacturing PMI	Nov	pts	52.0	-		52.2
09:30	DE	Markit Germany Services PMI	Nov	pts	54.4	-		54.7
10:00	EZ	Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Nov	pts	51.7	-		52.0
10:00	EZ	Eurozone Services PMI	Nov	pts	53.5	-		53.7
14:00	PL	Money Supply M3	Oct	% y/y	8.0	7.95		7.9

Source: Santander Bank Polska. Bloomberg, Parkiet

* in case of the revision the data is updated

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