CEE Economics

Zloty still weak

Stocks rebound hits bonds EURUSD up Core inflation boosts forint, EURPLN still high Today: Polish current account data, US inflation

The Tuesday improvement on global markets stopped the EURUSD decline and gave some breathing space to CEE currencies. European stock indices rose strongly after positive news regarding the talks to prevent another government shutdown in the USA and trade negotiations between the USA and China. The rebound of equities weighed on core market bonds. British PM Theresa May said yesterday that she still counts on such Brexit conditions that could be supported by the parliament. In her view, the negotiations with the EU are in a key phase and this week there will be no attempt to approve the deal by MPs. The pound did not react to this news.

EURUSD declined in the first hours of trading to this year's low of c1.125, but the move was not continued and at the end of the day the exchange rate was slightly above the Tuesday opening level (around 1.134). The dollar has already regained the losses caused by the dovish shift of FOMC at the last meeting. Today we will see US inflation data and in our view the reading may have short term influence on trading, until the end of the week.

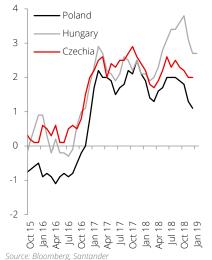
EURPLN rose yesterday to almost 4.33 and USDPLN to 3.845, but the pace of the zloty's depreciation was significantly lower than in the previous days. At the end of the day both exchange rates were slightly below their intraday tops. Yesterday EURPLN did not react clearly to the rebound of EURUSD and the of European equities, which might indicate that in the coming days the exchange rate may approach 4.34. Today we will get Polish data on current account balance for December. In our view they will show a higher-than-expected deficit. We do not think the zloty could immediately respond negatively, but on the other hand this will not be a factor that could stop its march higher.

Among the other CEE currencies, the forint and ruble performed the best. The Hungarian currency benefited from the morning data showing that core inflation rebounded in January to 3.2% y/y from 2.8% y/y. In the recent weeks, Hungarian central bankers were pointing to this measure as a criteria for staring monetary policy normalization and the yesterday's release made the market pricing that such steps could be taken. As a result, EURHUF fell to 317.5 from nearly 320. The ruble was supported by the rebound in oil prices.

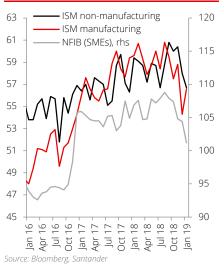
On the domestic interest rate market yields ended the day marginally above the Friday's closing resisting the 2-3bp rise seen on the core markets. Taking a broader look, the 5Y and 10Y yields are still holding just above their local lows at 2.15% and 2.70%, respectively. We think that a yet another day with rising stock indexes could pressure Polish bonds but we do not expect yields to rise more than 2bp as the good budget liquidity and outlook of low supply at auctions could provide support.

Today at 14:00CET the central bank will release December **balance of payments** data. We expect that a significant deceleration of the December industrial output took its toll on exports and imports leading to a noticeable widening of the foreign trade and current account deficits.

Inflation in CEE, % y/y



US business sentiment indicators



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FX market Today's opening EURPLN 0.1674 4.3295 CZKPLN USDPLN 3.8242 HUFPLN* 1.3614 EURUSD RUBPLN 0.0582 1.1321 CHFPLN 3.7992 NOKPLN 0.4431 GBPPLN 4.9366 DKKPLN 0.5801 USDCNY SEKPLN 6.7631 0.4128 *for 100HUF

Last session in the FX market				12/02/2019			
	min	max	open	close	fixing		
EURPLN	4.321	4.333	4.323	4.332	4.3268		
USDPLN	3.826	3.845	3.836	3.827	3.838		
EURUSD	1.126	1.132	1.127	1.132	-		

Interest rate mark		12/02/2019				
T-bonds on the interbank market**						
Benchmark (term)	%	Change (bps)	Last auction	per offer	Average yield	
PS0421 (2L)	1.54	0	7 lut 19	OK0521	1.493	
PS0424 (5L)	2.17	0	7 lut 19	PS0424	2.158	
WS0428 (10L)	2.72	0	7 lut 19	DS1029	2.820	

IRS on the interbank market**

Term		PL		US	EZ		
	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	
1L	1.72	0	2.70	1	-0.22	0	
2L	1.77	0	2.64	1	-0.16	0	
3L	1.83	0	2.59	1	-0.08	1	
4L	1.93	0	2.57	1	0.02	1	
5L	2.03	0	2.58	1	0.13	1	
8L	2.25	0	2.65	1	0.46	1	
10L	2.38	0	2.71	2	0.66	1	

WIBOR rates

Term	%	Change (bps)
O/N	1.60	1
T/N	1.60	1
SW	1.56	1
2W	1.58	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	1.71	0
3x6	1.72	0
6x9	1.70	0
9x12	1.70	1
3x9	1.78	1
6x12	1.76	1

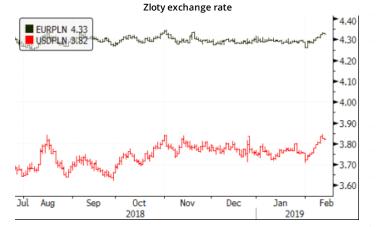
Measures of fiscal risk

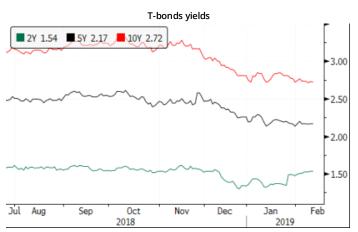
Country	CDS 5	/ USD	10Y s	10Y spread*		
	Level	Change (bps)	Level	Change (bps)		
Poland			2.59	0		
France	37	-1	0.43	0		
Hungary			2.55	-1		
Spain	78	-2	1.11	1		
Italy	230	-6	2.72	0		
Portugal	89	-2	1.50	0		
Ireland	41	0	0.76	0		
Germany	13	0	-	-		

* 10Y treasury bonds over 10Y B unds

**Information shows bid levels on the interbank market at the end of the trading day

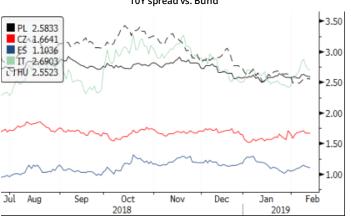
Source: Bloomberg











Economic Calendar

TIME					FORECAST		ACTUAL	LAST
CET	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD		MARKET	SANTANDER	VALUE	VALUE
			FRIDAY (8 Feb	oruary)				
08:00	DE	Exports SA	Dec	% m/m	0.4		1.5	-0.3
			MONDAY (11 Fe	ebruary)	•			-
		No important events						
			TUESDAY (12 Fe	ebruary)				
09:00	HU	CPI	Jan	% y/y	2.8	-	2.7	2.7
			WEDNESDAY (13	February)				
09:00	CZ	CPI	Jan	% y/y	2.1	-	2.5	2.0
11:00	EZ	Industrial Production	Dec	% m/m	-0.4	-		-1.7
14:00	PL	Current Account Balance	Dec	€mn	-960	-1 770		-221
14:00	PL	Trade Balance	Dec	€mn	-1 156	-1 640		-229
14:00	PL	Exports	Dec	€mn	16 600	16 303		20 02
14:00	PL	Imports	Dec	€mn	17 881	17 943		20 25
14:30	US	CPI	Jan	% m/m	0.1	-		-0.1
			THURSDAY (14 F	ebruary)				
08:00	DE	GDP	4Q	% y/y	0.8	-		1.1
09:00	HU	GDP	4Q	% y/y	4.7	-		4.9
10:00	PL	GDP	4Q	% y/y	4.9	4.8		5.1
11:00	EZ	GDP	4Q	% y/y	1.2	-		1.2
14:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims	week	k	221	-		234
14:30	US	Retail Sales	Dec	% m/m	0.1	-		0.2
			FRIDAY (15 Fe	bruary)				
09:00	CZ	GDP	4Q	% y/y	2.4	-		2.4
10:00	PL	CPI	Jan	% y/y	1.0	0.7		1.1
15:15	US	Industrial Production	Jan	% m/m	0.1	-		0.35
16:00	US	Flash Michigan index	Feb	pts	94.0	-		91.2

Source: Santander Bank Polska. Bloomberg, Parkiet

* in case of the revision the data is updated

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