Eyeopener

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Coalition still holds

Stocks fall after the worst ADP report ever EURPLN up after initial drop Polish IRS rise more than bond yields Today Czech central bank decision

Wednesday was calm on the financial markets. The dollar index climbed above 100.0, and opened the door to further rises to 103.0. The oil price fell by 4%, but prices of industrial metals went up. EM currencies were doing quite well for the better part of the day, but most of them started to lose at the end of the day. In the USA, the ADP report proved to be one of the worst ever with a 20.2m decline in employment. FOMC's James Bullard (nonvoter) said that the economy cannot be locked down forever and it should be opened gradually in the second half of the year. Bullard stated that the current Fed liquidity programmes are enough, but the central bank is ready to do more if necessary. ECB's François Villeroy de Galhau said that the ECB will act flexibly and innovatively if there is such a need. April's service PMI in the euro zone and Germany were slightly better than expected, but remained at all-time lows below 20.0.

Presenting its **Spring forecasts, the European Commission** stressed that the EU has entered the deepest recession in its history. It is assumed that the EU economy will get out of hibernation in 2H20, but under many conditions regarding the development of the pandemic and the effectiveness of support measures. EC assumes that it will not be possible to return to the pre-Covid starting point in 2021 when it comes to GDP and employment level. Average EU growth is to be -7.4% this year and +6.3% next year, with Poland being the "growth leader" with a -4.3% forecast. Poland is also expected to be the only EU country to see higher average inflation in 2020 (2.5%) than in 2019. EC thinks the unemployment rate will rise by 2.3pp to 9.0% on average in the EU, the assumed rise by 4.2pp (to 7.5%) in Poland would be the second highest after Spain. In 2020 a huge rise of fiscal deficits is assumed by EC, with EU average going from 0.6% GDP to 8.3%, and the Polish deficit seen at 9.5% (including the part of the Polish Development Fund loans that are likely to be cancelled) is to be the fourth largest in the EU after Italy, Spain and France. The EC forecasts are similar to ours presented in the latest MACROscope.

Yesterday the Sejm postponed its vote about Senate's veto to postal voting in the upcoming presidential election for today. However, it seems that the risk of coalition collapse decline markedly as PiS and Porozumienie agreed for another solution: election deadline at 10th May will remain intact, but the officials will not organise any voting. The ruling coalition hopes that such faulty election will be declared void by the Supreme Court. After the Supreme Court does that (it has 30 days to do so), the Sejm Speaker will have 14 days to set a new election date at 60 days after the announcement.

Labour minister Marlena Malag said that April saw an increase in unemployment rolls by 58k, indicating a rise in unemployment rate to 5.7-5.8%, i.e. by 0.3-0.4pp. Usually April sees a drop by 0.3-0.5pp and 70-80k (and about 50k in 2018-2019 as the labour supply was drying up).

EURUSD declined for 4th day in a row. From the local maximum at 1.10 last Friday, the total move lower has been already 2%, of which 0.6pp took place yesterday, and the EURUSD closed at 1.079. Weaker euro and cheapening European debt are a result of Tuesday's German Constitutional Court ruling, which albeit touched on the unconstitutionality of the old purchase programme (from 2015) but in the minds of the investors can also have impact on the current important one – the PEPP.

EURPLN after opening at 4.535 traded lower in the morning session and reached a local low of 4.527. Still before the noon the currency pair bounced back to 4.54 and towards close as far as 4.553. We expected the pair to correct lower to the nearest support level at 4.49, however such a poor behavior of PLN means that most plausibly the correction will not happen in the nearest futures and the EURPLN will slowly march towards 4.57.

As to other regional currencies EURHUF after opening at 350 fell to 348, likely partly as a result of the decent March retail sales reading (3.5% y/y vs 1.3% expected). However – as in the case of EURPLN – at the close it suddenly jumped above 351. EURCZK behaved in a similar fashion: opened at 27.05, minimum at 26.95 and rebound to 27.13 (Czech retail sales was much worse than in Hungary – at -15.5% y/y). USDRUB closed at 74.6, by 1.7% higher than at the open. On the Polish fixed income market FRAs rose for another day e.g. 9x12 by 7bp to 0.325%. Also 2Y IRS increased to 0.48%, by 5bp. 2Y bonds were more stable and hence 2Y ASW again moved towards zero (5bp). On the long end of the curve both IRS (e.g. 10Y to 0.93%) and bond yields (10Y to 1.55%) increased just a bit, however in our opinion the latter has room to rise to 1.60%. At today's auction the Ministry of Finance will offer bonds for PLN3-5bn of bonds of series OK0722, PS0425, WZ0525, WZ1129 and DS1030.

European Commission's GDP growth forecasts

	2019	2020
EU	-7.4(-8.8)	6.1(4.7)
Euro area	-7.7(-8.9)	6.3(5.1)
Germany	-6.5(-7.6)	5.9(4.8)
France	-8.2(-9.3)	7.4(6.2)
Italy	-9.5(-9.8)	6.5(5.9)
Spain	-9.4(-11.0)	7.0(5.5)
Poland	-4.3(-7.6)	4.1(0.8)
Czechia	-6.2(-8.3)	5.0(2.8)
Hungary	-7.0(-10.2)	6.0(3.2)
Romania	-6.0(-9.8)	4.2(0.7)
UK	-8.3(-9.5)	6.0(4.8)

Note: in parentheses are differences versus February 2020 Source: European Commission, Santander

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FX market				
Today's opening				
EURPLN	4,5429	CZKPLN	0,1672	
USDPLN	4,2082	HUFPLN*	1,2876	
EURUSD	1,0797	RUBPLN	0,0566	
CHFPLN	4,3152	NOKPLN	0,4099	
GBPPLN	5,2013	DKKPLN	0,6090	
USDCNY	7,0946	SEKPLN	0,4283	

USDCNY *for 100HUF

Last session in the FX market					06.05.2020
	min	max	open	close	fixing
EURPLN	4,525	4,556	4,535	4,554	4,539
USDPLN	4,177	4,222	4,183	4,216	4,202
EURUSD	1,078	1,084	1,084	1,080	-

Interest rate market

T-bonds on the interbank market**							
Benchmark (term)	%	Change (bps)	Last auction	Series	Average yield		
PS0422 (2Y)	0,54	1	5.03.2020	OK0722	1,225		
PS1024 (5Y)	1,06	3	5.03.2020	PS1024	1,431		
DS1029 (10Y)	1,56	3	5.03.2020	DS1029	1,725		

06.05.2020

IRS on the interbank market**

Term		PL		US	EZ		
	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	%	Change (bps)	
1L	0,40	3	0,34	-2	-0,37	3	
2L	0,48	5	0,29	-2	-0,31	2	
3L	0,52	6	0,30	-2	-0,32	3	
4L	0,58	5	0,33	-2	-0,32	3	
5L	0,65	6	0,39	-2	-0,29	3	
8L	0,82	5	0,56	0	-0,19	4	
10L	0,93	5	0,65	1	-0,10	5	

WIBOR rates

O/N 0,32 -12 T/N 0,35 -12 SW 0,51 0 2W 0,54 -1 1M 0,64 0 3M 0,68 0 6M 0,69 0 1Y 0,75 0	Term	%	Change (bps)
SW 0,51 0 2W 0,54 -1 1M 0,64 0 3M 0,68 0 6M 0,69 0	O/N	0,32	-12
2W 0,54 -1 1M 0,64 0 3M 0,68 0 6M 0,69 0	T/N	0,35	-12
1M 0,64 0 3M 0,68 0 6M 0,69 0	SW	0,51	0
3M 0,68 0 6M 0,69 0	2W	0,54	-1
6M 0,69 0	1M	0,64	0
	3M	0,68	0
1Y 0,75 0	6M	0,69	0
	1Y	0,75	0

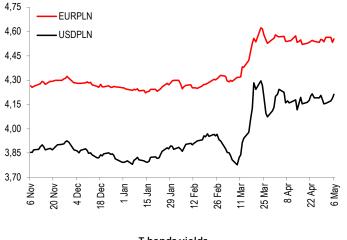
FRA rates on the interbank market**

Term	%	Change (bps)
1x4	0,43	3
3x6	0,26	-1
3x6 6x9	0,29	5
9x12	0,32	7
3x9 6x12	0,30	0
6x12	0,36	7

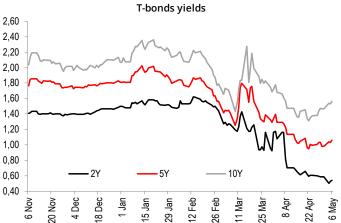
Measures of fiscal risk

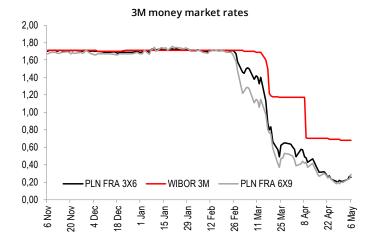
Country	CDS 5	Y USD	10Y spread*		
	Level	Change (bps)	Level	Change (bps)	
Poland	58	0	207	-5	
France	28	0	52	0	
Hungary	77	0	265	-6	
Spain	125	0	143	-1	
Italy	176	2	248	3	
Portugal	90	0	149	0	
Ireland	34	0	69	0	
Germany	19	0	-	-	

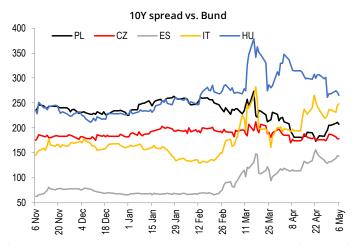
^{* 10}Y treasury bonds over 10Y Bunds



Zloty exchange rate







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



Economic Calendar

TIME	COUNTRY	INDICATOR PERIOD			FOI	RECAST	REALIZED	LAST
CET	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD		MARKET	SANTANDER		VALUE*
			THURSDAY (30	April)				
8:00	DE	Retail sales	Mar	% m/m	-8.0	-	-5.6	0.8
10:00	PL	Flash CPI	Apr	% y/y	-	2.6	3.4	4.6
13:45	EZ	ECB decision		%	0.0	-		0.0
14:30	US	Initial jobless claims	week	k	3250	-		4427
			FRIDAY (1 M	lay)				
	PL	Market holiday						
16:00	US	ISM – manufacturing	Apr	pts	39.1	-	41.5	49.1
			MONDAY (4 I	May)				
9:00	PL	PMI - manufacturing	Apr	pts	-	35.3	31.9	42.4
9:55	DE	PMI – manufacturing	Apr	pts	34.4	-	34.5	34.4
10:00	EZ	PMI – manufacturing	Apr	pts	33.6	-	33.4	33.6
			TUESDAY (5 I	May)				
16:00	US	ISM – services	Apr	pts	38.0	-	41.8	52.5
			WEDNESDAY (6	6 May)				
8:00	DE	Factory orders	Mar	% m/m	-10.0	-	-15.6	-1.2
9:55	DE	PMI – services	Apr	pts	15.9	-	16.2	15.9
10:00	EZ	PMI – services	Apr	pts	11.7	-	12.0	11.7
14:15	US	ADP report	Apr	k	-20 550	-	-20 236	-149
			THURSDAY (7	May)				
4:00	CN	Exports	Apr	% y/y	-11.0	-	3.5	-6.6
14:30	CZ	Central bank decision		%	0.50	-		1.0
15:00	RU	CPI	Apr	% y/y	3.1	-		2.5
			FRIDAY (8 M	lay)				
14:30	US	Nonfarm payrolls	Apr	k	-20 000	-		-701
14:30	US	Unemployment rate	Apr	%	14.0	-		4.4

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^{*} in the case of a revision the data is updated