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Zloty even more strong before MPC meeting

Equities markets keep rebounding post the earlier Covid-19 related fears EURUSD volatile, EURPLN declined even more before the MPC meeting Yields, IRS and FRA in Poland fall further, in the US bonds decline Today MPC meeting, Hungarian inflation

Tuesday was the second straight day of rebound in global equity markets – indices in Europe and USA increased by over 2%. Crude oil price went up 3% (Brent above \$75 p/b again). Also natural gas price and industrial metals gained. 10Y UST yield moved up by 3bp to 1.48% and Bund yield by 1bp to -0.37%. EURUSD declined during the day, to 1.1230, and despite that the zloty strengthened further. Later on, EURUSD rebounded and today starts the session at 1.1290. On Tuesday morning the German industrial output surprised positively, after a disappointment from factory orders one day earlier. Also, ZEW expectations index was quite solid (while the current index was worse than expected).

Local governments' revenues were PLN75.4bn in 3Q21, up 6% y/y. Expenditures were 2.3% higher y/y at PLN74.4bn. Their budget balance at the end of 3Q was +PLN23.4bn. We think the local governments will end the year with a surplus of c.PLN10bn. Investment outlays were PLN11.1bn, down 1.4% y/y in nominal terms – we expected a 2-percent rise here. This strengthens our view that the high investment growth in 3Q in total economy (13.4% y/y nominally, 9.3% y/y in real terms) was caused by high increase in the private sector. We see local governments' investment activity as limited in the coming quarters.

ECOFIN agreed a change in the use of zero VAT rates, i.a. to necessity goods. The formal approval should come in 1H22. Polish government wants to cut VAT on food to zero for 6M when there is such possibility.

Deputy EC head Valdis Dombrovskis said it is unlikely that recovery plans of Poland and Hungary get approved still this year, which means the countries will most likely lose the possibility to tap the unconditional tranche of recovery funds (i.e. not requiring any rule of law related changes).

EURUSD went deeper in a more decisive manner and for a part of the day stayed below 1.123, albeit it returned to 1.127 at close. This morning the FX pair is near 1.129.

EURPLN managed to drop on Tuesday to almost 4.58. The circumstances were against such move: appreciation of the dollar, market expectations of today's rate decision going down, news on fading chance of recovery funds prepayment. Today MPC decides on rates – we described the potential market impact in the previous Eyeopener. Mind that the NBP governor's speech on Thursday at 1500CET will also be important and might potentially reverse the market response to the MPC decision or extend it. In our view, the government's anti-inflation shield and new Covid strain will not prevent a significant, possibly 75bp hike today, but will make the Council signal that it wants to wait until the next NBP projection with further moves.

Other CEE currencies: EURCZK approaching 25.45 moved towards the upper end of the range from the recent days. EURHUF increased 0.5% to 367.5. Forint's depreciation took place despite the press interview of central bank deputy governor Barnabas Virag, who heralded more interest rate hikes, including the bigger increase of the weekly deposit rate than the main interest rate set at the regular meetings. Oil price increase kept USDRUB near 74.0.

On the Polish **interest rate market** yields declined by 5-10bp, with the biggest move in 2Y-4Y segment. IRS curve decreased by 8-10bp for rates above 3Y and by 4bp at the short end. FRA rates decreased by 6bp one day before the MPC meeting, with the highest one 6x9 being now slightly more than 1pp above the current WIBOR 3M. The Ministry of Finance at the bond switching auction on Thursday will offer bonds OK0724, PS1026, WZ1126, WZ1131, DS0432, and buy back PS0422, OK0722, WS0922, WZ1122.

German ZEW Economic Sentiment index



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FX market				
Today's opening				_
EURPLN	4.5821	CZKPLN	0.1796	_
USDPLN	4.0575	HUFPLN*	1.2418	
EURUSD	1.1292	RUBPLN	0.0550	_
CHFPLN	4.3939	NOKPLN	0.4501	
GBPPLN	5.3728	DKKPLN	0.6158	_
USDCNY	6.3555	SEKPLN	0.4464	_

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*for 100HUF						
Last sessi	ion in the	FX market			07/12/2021	
	min	max	open	close	fixing	
EURPLN	4.579	4.603	4.593	4.581	4.599	
USDPLN	4.062	4.092	4.068	4.073	4.079	
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Interest rate r	07/12/2021	
Benchmark (term)	%	Change (bps)
DS1023 (2Y)	2.86	-8
DS0726 (5Y)	3.25	-6
DS0432 (10Y)	3.20	0

IRS on the interbank market** Term PL

Term		PL	US		EZ		
	%	Change (bps)	% Change (bps)		%	Change (bps)	
1L	3.01	-5	0.45	3	-0.50	0	
2L	3.14	-4	0.90	5	-0.35	1	
3L	3.12	-3	1.18	6	-0.24	2	
4L	3.07	-6	1.29	5	-0.17	2	
5L	3.01	-10	1.36	5	-0.13	1	
8L	2.91	-11	1.51	5	0.01	0	
10L	2.89	-11	1.56	5	0.10	0	

WIBOR rates

Term	%	Change (bps)
O/N	0.98	0
T/N	1.37	-1
SW	1.73	7
2W	1.81	6
1M	1.95	2
3M	2.26	2
6M	2.55	2
1Y	2.75	2

FRA rates on the interbank market**

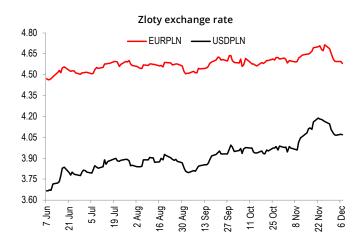
Term	%	Change		
	70	(bps)		
1x4	2.79	0		
1x4 3x6 6x9	3.08	-4		
6x9	3.31	-7		
9x12	3.26	-8		
3x9 6x12	3.29	-5		
6x12	3.44	-5		

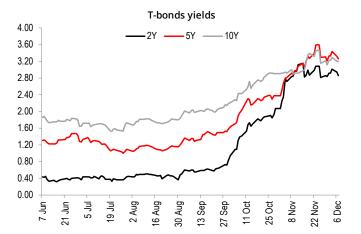
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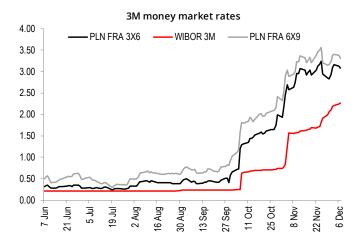
Country	CDS 5	CDS 5Y USD		10Y spread*		
	Level	Change (bps)	Level	Change (bps)		
Poland	54	2	357	-1		
France	9	0	35	-1		
Hungary	55	0	481	-13		
Spain	35	0	71	-2		
Italy	48	0	129	2		
Portugal	23	0	64	-1		
Ireland	11	0	45	-1		
Germany	7	0	-	-		

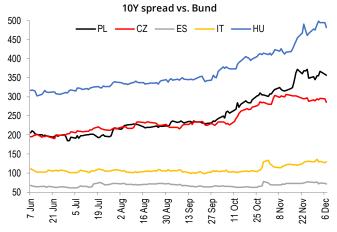


^{**}Information shows bid levels on the interbank market at the end of the trading day Source: Refinitiv, Datastream











Economic Calendar

TIME	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD			RECAST	ACTUAL	LAST		
CET					MARKET	SANTANDER	VALUE	VALUE*		
	FRIDAY (3 December)									
02:45	CN	Caixin China PMI Services	Nov	pts	53.0		52.1	53.8		
09:55	DE	Markit Germany Services PMI	Nov	pts	53.4		52.7	52.4		
10:00	EZ	Eurozone Services PMI	Nov	pts	56.6		55.9	54.6		
11:00	EZ	Retail Sales	Oct	% m/m	0.3		0.2	-0.4		
14:30	US	Change in Nonfarm Payrolls	Nov	k	545.5		210	546.0		
14:30	US	Unemployment Rate	Nov	%	4.5		4.2	4.6		
16:00	US	Durable Goods Orders	Oct	% m/m	-0.5		-0.4	-0.5		
16:00	US	ISM services	Nov	pts	65.0		69.1	66.7		
16:00	US	Factory Orders	Oct	% m/m	0.5		1.0	0.2		
			MONDAY (6 Dec	ember)						
08:00	DE	Factory Orders	Oct	% m/m	-0.3		-6.9	1.3		
		•	TUESDAY (7 Dec	ember)						
08:00	DE	Industrial Production SA	Oct	% m/m	1.0		2.8	-0.5		
09:00	CZ	Industrial Production	Oct	% y/y	-6.8		-7.4	-4.0		
09:00	HU	Industrial Production SA	Oct	% y/y	-2.0		-2.7	-1.7		
11:00	EZ	GDP SA	3Q	% y/y	3.7		3.9	3.7		
11:00	DE	ZEW Survey Current Situation	Dec	pts	5.0		-7.4	12.5		
		W	EDNESDAY (8 De	cember)						
	PL	MPC decision		%	1.75	2.00	-	1.25		
09:00	HU	CPI	Nov	% y/y	7.3		7.4	6.5		
			HURSDAY (9 Dec	cember)						
08:00	DE	Exports SA	Oct	% m/m			-	-0.7		
14:30	US	Initial Jobless Claims		k			-	222.0		
			FRIDAY (10 Dece	ember)						
08:00	DE	HICP	Nov	% m/m			-	0.3		
09:00	CZ	CPI	Nov	% y/y	5.9		-	5.8		
14:30	US	CPI	Nov	% m/m	0,7		-	0.9		
16:00	US	Michigan index	Dec	pts	68,0		-	67.4		

Source: Santander Bank Polska. Bloomberg. Parkiet * in the case of a revision the data is updated

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