

Financial Markets Daily

Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- Stock markets mixed, government bond yields up and USD down. Caution ahead of the Federal Reserve's decision today in which the first rate cut since 2020 is widely anticipated. Nevertheless, expectations on the magnitude of the adjustment are divided
- Analysts' consensus (including us) anticipates a 25bps rate cut; however, the market incorporates implied cuts for -42bps, suggesting a cut of 50bps. The announcement will also include the SEP and dot plot (Fed members' estimates chart for the Fed funds rate) update and will be followed by Powell's press conference. We expect all central bank communication to leave the door open to continue with gradual rate declines
- Regarding other monetary policy decisions, we expect that after two consecutive meetings without rate changes, the Copom in Brazil will announce a 25bps hike due to high inflation expectations, recent price reports and the dynamism of economic activity
- In Mexico, INEGI published aggregate supply and demand for 2Q24, down 0.4% q/q (2.1% y/y). We highlight growth in investment (0.4% q/q) and govt. spending (0.8%), with consumption lower (-0.4%). On the external front both imports (-2.5%) and exports (-0.2%) fell

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The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
Eurozone					
5:00	Consumer prices - Aug (F)	% y/y	--	2.2	2.2
5:00	Core - Aug (F)	% y/y	--	2.8	2.8
Mexico					
8:00	Aggregate supply and demand - 2Q24	% y/y	2.8	2.4	2.6
11:00	International reserves - Sep 13	US\$bn	--	--	225.4
United States					
8:30	Housing starts** - Aug	thousands	--	1,311	1,238
8:30	Building permits** - Aug	thousands	--	1,412	1,396
14:00	FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound)	%	5.25	5.25	5.50
14:00	FOMC Rate Decision (Lower Bound)	%	5.00	5.00	5.25
14:00	Interest Rate on Excess Reserves (IOER)	%	5.15	5.15	5.40
14:30	Fed Chair Powell Holds Post-Meeting Press Conference				
Brazil					
17:30	Monetary policy decision (Central bank of Brazil)	%	10.75	10.75	10.50

Source: Bloomberg and Banorte. (P) preliminary data; (R) revised data; (F) final data; * Seasonally adjusted, ** Seasonally adjusted annualized rate.

A glimpse to the main financial assets

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
S&P 500 Futures	5,705.25	0.1%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,842.40	-0.4%
Nikkei 225	36,380.17	0.5%
Shanghai Composite	2,717.28	0.5%
Currencies		
USD/MXN	19.13	0.2%
EUR/USD	1.11	0.1%
DX	100.85	0.0%
Commodities		
WTI	70.71	-0.7%
Brent	73.26	-0.6%
Gold	2,573.73	0.2%
Copper	429.65	0.5%
Sovereign bonds		
10-year Treasury	3.68	4pb

Source: Bloomberg

Equities

- Equity markets mixed, with investors showing caution ahead of the Fed's monetary policy meeting
- In the US, futures for the main indexes point to an opening with few changes. Europe, meanwhile, trades mostly lower, with the Eurostoxx declining. Utilities and technology stocks put pressure on the benchmark. Asia closed positive, although holidays continue in Hong Kong and South Korea
- In corporate news, shares of BlackRock and Microsoft rise slightly pre-market after announcing their participation to raise up to US\$100 billion to develop data centers and energy infrastructure for AI. At the same time, Alphabet advances after winning a legal battle against the European Union

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- Pressures on European sovereign yields are leading the session, with benchmark bonds experiencing a sell-off averaging 5bps across the region, prompting a steepening in the US Treasury curve. The latter is seeing losses averaging 2-3bps, particularly at the long-end of the curve
- The USD trades weaker, with all G10 currencies trading higher, led by the NZD (+0.6%). EM currencies are showing a mixed bias and trading within tighter ranges, with the MXN hovering around 19.13 per dollar (-0.2%) following yesterday's 0.7% appreciation
- Oil declines by nearly 1% as market participants eye US inventory data set to be released later today, which the API estimates will show the largest increase in almost three months. Metals are mixed, with a more positive tone in base metals, while gold is also modestly higher

Corporate Debt

- Fitch Ratings affirmed Organización Soriana's long-term rating at 'AAA(mex)'. The outlook is Stable. The ratings reflect the company's outstanding market position and geographic coverage in Mexico. They also consider its ability to generate high and consistent levels of operating cash flow and its conservative financial profile
- Fitch Ratings affirmed the rating for issue MXMACCB 05U at 'CCC(mex)vra'. The agency highlights that the portfolio's performance remains stable despite continuing to reduce its volume as assets mature

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
Dow Jones	41,606.18	0.0%
S&P 500	5,634.58	0.0%
Nasdaq	17,628.06	0.2%
IPC	52,273.53	0.5%
Ibovespa	134,960.19	-0.1%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,860.78	0.7%
FTSE 100	8,309.86	0.4%
CAC 40	7,487.42	0.5%
DAX	18,726.08	0.5%
Nikkei 225	36,203.22	-1.0%
Hang Seng	17,660.02	1.4%
Shanghai Composite	2,704.09	0.0%
Sovereign bonds		
2-year Treasuries	3.60	5pb
10-year Treasuries	3.65	3pb
28-day Cetes	10.40	-8pb
28-day TIIE	10.96	-1pb
2-year Mbono	9.84	-4pb
10-year Mbono	9.18	-9pb
Currencies		
USD/MXN	19.10	-0.7%
EUR/USD	1.11	-0.2%
GBP/USD	1.32	-0.4%
DX	100.89	0.1%
Commodities		
WTI	71.19	1.6%
Brent	73.70	1.3%
Mexican mix	65.70	1.4%
Gold	2,569.50	-0.5%
Copper	427.30	0.0%

Source: Bloomberg

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