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Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- Stock markets negative, government bond yields mixed, and USD with few changes. Investors digest the downgrade of the US sovereign credit rating by Fitch Ratings. Limited impact seen so far on US assets
- Specifically, they removed the top rating of 'AAA' by cutting it down one notch to 'AA+', arguing issues with the growing fiscal deficit, the medium-term debt path, and an erosion of governance. The cut occurs in an environment of some speculation of recession risks, albeit with data still alluding to a strong economy
- On monetary policy, Brazil will meet today. The central bank is expected to start the accommodative cycle on the back of more beneficial economic conditions
- In terms of economic data, the ADP private employment report for July in the US showed 324,000 new jobs, stronger the consensus expectations (190k), but below the previous month's figure (455k). In the evening, China will publish PMI Caixin indicators for the month of July
- The Chinese government will increase economic stimulus, putting pressure on local governments to speed up the pace of bond issuance to deploy the resources in infrastructure spending. This means a new push to boost the economic recovery, with the central bank also calling for a reduction in bank's mortgage rates to support the real estate sector

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The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
United States					
8:15	ADP employment* - Jul	thousands	270	188	497
Brazil					
17:30	Monetary policy decision (Central bank of Brazil)	%	13.50	13.50	13.75
China					
21:45	Services PMI (Caixin)* - Jul	index	--	52.4	53.9
21:45	Composite PMI (Caixin)* - Jul	index	--	--	52.5

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

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A glimpse to the main financial assets

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
S&P 500 Futures	4,571.50	-0.6%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,366.28	-0.9%
Nikkei 225	32,707.69	-2.3%
Shanghai Composite	3,261.69	-0.9%
Currencies		
USD/MXN	16.87	-0.1%
EUR/USD	1.10	-0.2%
DXY	102.42	0.1%
Commodities		
WTI	81.85	0.6%
Brent	85.48	0.7%
Gold	1,946.98	0.1%
Copper	386.50	-1.1%
Sovereign bonds		
10-year Treasury	4.05	3pb

Source: Bloomberg

Equities

- Negative movements in equity markets with investors reacting to the downgrade of the US credit rating, while continuing to digest diverging signals in corporate reports
- In Asia the markets closed negative, highlighting falls of 2.5% in the Hang Seng and 2.3% in the Nikkei. In Europe stocks decline, the Eurostoxx sheds 0.9%. Ferrari disappointed with its guidance, Hugo Boss margin came in below expectations, while Siemens Healthineers' earnings came in lower than anticipated. In turn, in the US the futures of main indices point to a negative opening by falling 0.5% on average
- Out of the 53 S&P500 companies scheduled to report today, 22 have already updated investors with most outperforming estimates, including CVS Health, Emerson Electric, and Kraft. Metlife and PayPal will publish its figures after the market closes

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- Risk aversion gives a slight boost to sovereign bonds. European assets trade with gains of up to 5bps meanwhile the Treasuries' yield curve trades with adjustments of up to +2bps, concentrated in the short-end and mid-end. Yesterday, the Mbonos' curve closed with losses of 4bps on average and the greatest pressures on the long-end
- The dollar trades with a positive bias (BBDXY +0.2%) while G10 and emerging market currencies show mixed movements. In the former group, NOK (+0.5%) and NZD (-0.6%) are at the ends and in the latter, trading is capped by HUF (+0.2%) and RUB (+1.2%). MXN dilutes the losses registered during the Asian session and trades with an appreciation of 0.1% at 16.87 per dollar
- Crude-oil futures gain 0.5% despite an increase in Chinese inventories. In metals, losses predominate, with nickel (-2.3%) standing out

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
Dow Jones	35,630.68	0.2%
S&P 500	4,576.73	-0.3%
Nasdaq	14,283.91	-0.4%
IPC	54,210.62	-1.1%
Ibovespa	121,248.39	-0.6%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,407.54	-1.4%
FTSE 100	7,666.27	-0.4%
CAC 40	7,406.08	-1.2%
DAX	16,240.40	-1.3%
Nikkei 225	33,476.58	0.9%
Hang Seng	20,011.12	-0.3%
Shanghai Composite	3,290.95	0.0%
Sovereign bonds		
2-year Treasuries	4.90	3pb
10-year Treasuries	4.02	6pb
28-day Cetes	11.31	0pb
28-day TIE	11.51	0pb
2-year Mbono	10.11	1pb
10-year Mbono	8.87	4pb
Currencies		
USD/MXN	16.88	0.8%
EUR/USD	1.10	-0.1%
GBP/USD	1.28	-0.5%
DXY	102.30	0.4%
Commodities		
WTI	81.37	-0.5%
Brent	84.91	-0.8%
Mexican mix	77.79	1.6%
Gold	1,944.29	-1.1%
Copper	390.85	-2.5%

Source: Bloomberg

Corporate Debt

- CIBanco (Trustee) informed that on August 3, 2023 a partial principal repayment of the VANRTCB 21 issuance will be carried out, in accordance with the provisions of the section "Partial Principal Amortization upon Termination of the Revolving Period" of the Title. The amount available to carry out the partial principal repayment on the next payment date is MXN 21.1 million. The VANRTCB 21 bond is backed by the collection rights of a portfolio of leases. The issue currently has MXN 363 million outstanding and is scheduled to mature in June 2026
- Fitch Ratings affirmed Minera Frisco's long-term rating at 'A-(mex)' with a Stable outlook and its short-term rating at 'F2(mex)'. According to the agency, the ratings are based on the support and financial strength of its controlling shareholders and related companies that provide flexibility and financing alternatives

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