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Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- Stock markets mixed, government bond yields down and USD stable. China's economic woes continue to weigh on markets despite stimulus measures. China's central bank set a stronger yuan benchmark and made a new cash injection into the financial system. Measures announced so far do not seem to be enough to restore markets' confidence. More fiscal stimulus and further monetary easing are needed through cuts in reserve requirements
- On top of this, UK inflation accelerated to 6.8% y/y and industrial production came in above expectations so the restrictive stance may remain in place for longer. As a result, markets incorporate cumulative implied hikes of +74bps to February 2024
- In the US, housing starts and building permits stood at 3.9% m/m and 0.1% in July, respectively, amid rising demand and low inventories as homeowners do not want to sell given high mortgage rates. Later, the industrial production report for July will be released
- Attention is on the publication of the FOMC's last meeting minutes, looking for signs of the next actions of the central bank, after no *forward guidance* was given at said meeting, seeking to maintain the greatest possible flexibility

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The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
Eurozone and UK					
2:00	UK Consumer prices - Jul	% y/y	--	6.8	7.9
2:00	Core - Jul	% y/y	--	6.8	6.9
5:00	EZ Gross domestic product - 2Q23	% y/y	--	0.6	0.6
5:00	EZ Gross domestic product* - 2Q23	% q/q	--	0.3	0.3
5:00	EZ Industrial production* - Jun	% m/m	--	0.0	0.2
United States					
8:30	Housing starts** - Jul	thousands	--	1,445	1,434
8:30	Building permits** - Jul	thousands	--	1,469	1,441
9:15	Industrial production* - Jul	% m/m	0.4	0.3	-0.5
9:15	Manufacturing production* - Jul	% m/m	0.1	0.0	-0.3
14:00	FOMC Meeting Minutes				

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	4,450.25	-0.1%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,286.26	-0.1%
Nikkei 225	31,766.82	-1.5%
Shanghai Composite	3,150.13	-0.8%
Currencies		
USD/MXN	17.10	-0.3%
EUR/USD	1.09	0.0%
DXY	103.15	-0.1%
Commodities		
WTI	81.12	0.2%
Brent	85.20	0.4%
Gold	1,902.76	0.0%
Copper	366.30	-0.1%
Sovereign bonds		
10-year Treasury	4.21	0pb

Source: Bloomberg

Equities

- Mixed movements in equity markets as investors await further clues on the monetary outlook and show concern over the performance of China's economy. Meanwhile, fears were renewed in the US financial sector after Fitch warned that it could downgrade the credit rating of a dozen banks
- In Asia the markets closed negative. In Europe stocks are mixed, the Eurostoxx remains practically unchanged. Shares from technology and materials sectors lead gains, while those from health care and financials superhead losses. In turn, in the US the futures of main indices are mixed and show little changes
- Out of the 5 S&P500 companies scheduled to report today, 2 has already updated investors, including Target, which is up more than 6% on pre-market as it significantly beat earnings expectations and despite cutting its growth guidance. Cisco will publish its figures after the market close

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- Positive performance in sovereign bonds. European rates trade with gains of 2bps, except for GILTS which post losses following the inflation report. Treasuries post gains of 3bps on average with the largest adjustments in the short- and mid-end. Yesterday, the Mbonos' curve flattened, with 2bps pressures at the short-end
- USD trades little changed on BBDXY as most G10 currencies post gains and EMs trade mixed. In the first group NOK (+0.3%) is the strongest. In the second, RUB (+2.0%) and KRW (-0.5%) are at the ends of the spectrum. MXN strengthens 0.3% to 17.10 per dollar
- Crude-oil futures gain 0.2% on expectations of strong demand for the remainder of the year despite uncertainty in China. Metals prices are mixed, with nickel (+1.9%) standing out

Corporate Debt

- Today we expect activity in the banking market with a bond issue by Scotiabank. The bank issuance will be placed for an amount of MXN 4 billion, which can be increased at the book closing date to MXN 8 billion through an over-allotment option. The bond will have a 2.5-year term and will pay a floating rate pegged to TIEE-28. The amortization will be made through a bullet payment at maturity and the ratings assigned were 'mxAAA' and 'AAA(mex)' by S&P Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings, respectively
- S&P Global Ratings confirmed 'BBB' and 'mxAAA' ratings for Red de Carreteras de Occidente; the outlook remains stable. According to the agency, it maintains its expectation of solid traffic volumes, considering the strong traffic growth in 2022 of around 10.5% (which had already surpassed pre-pandemic levels)

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
Dow Jones	34,946.39	-1.0%
S&P 500	4,437.86	-1.2%
Nasdaq	13,631.05	-1.1%
IPC	53,568.32	0.5%
Ibovespa	116,171.42	-0.5%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,288.57	-1.0%
FTSE 100	7,389.64	-1.6%
CAC 40	7,267.70	-1.1%
DAX	15,767.28	-0.9%
Nikkei 225	32,238.89	0.6%
Hang Seng	18,581.11	-1.0%
Shanghai Composite	3,176.18	-0.1%
Sovereign bonds		
2-year Treasuries	4.95	-1pb
10-year Treasuries	4.21	2pb
28-day Cetes	11.31	0pb
28-day TIEE	11.49	0pb
2-year Mbono	10.30	5pb
10-year Mbono	9.15	-1pb
Currencies		
USD/MXN	17.15	0.5%
EUR/USD	1.09	0.0%
GBP/USD	1.27	0.2%
DXE	103.21	0.0%
Commodities		
WTI	80.99	-1.8%
Brent	84.89	-1.5%
Mexican mix	77.93	-1.7%
Gold	1,902.00	-0.3%
Copper	370.55	-1.4%

Source: Bloomberg

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