

Risk resilient to re-escalation

- At -1.0458 (vs -0.8373 last week) our Risk Index has moved back deep into risk-seeking territory. The trend in the Index remains lower.
- Equity markets are buckling a little as the US and Iran are back to exchanging fire driving up oil prices as well as global yields as investors further factor in upside risks to inflation and therefore central bank rate hikes. Technology stocks, the cornerstone of the global equity market rally, rely on elevated estimates of their future earnings to justify their high valuations. Higher discount rates therefore damage these valuations.
- Despite higher global yields and oil prices, our Risk Index indicates that investor sentiment remains highly resilient. While rising equity market volatility and the outperformance of cyclical stocks by defensive stocks were pulling the Index higher over the past week, falling gold prices as well as EM-Sovereign and private credit spreads dragged it lower. FX volatility is also lower.
- Going forward investors will have to continue watching global bond yields to see at what point they could: (1) break the AI rally leading to a further rise in equity market volatility; (2) unwind FX carry trades leading to a rise in FX market volatility; and (3) lead to a widening in EM-Sovereign and credit spreads. Tensions in the Middle East and US economic data will therefore be important for sentiment in the coming days.
- Among G10 currencies, only the CHF, CAD and SEK have significant positive correlations with our Risk Index. The JPY's positive correlation with the Index continues rising which signals a return of some of its safe-haven status. The GBP and USD have significant negative correlations with the Index.



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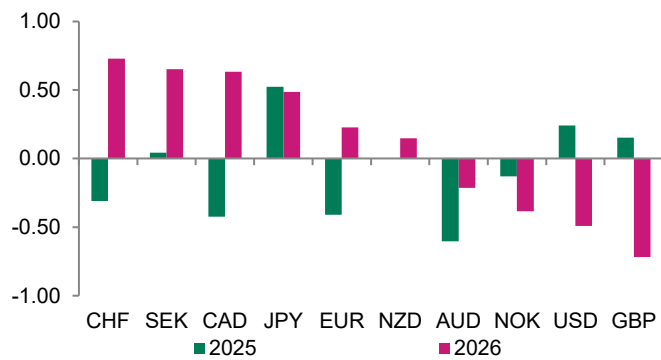
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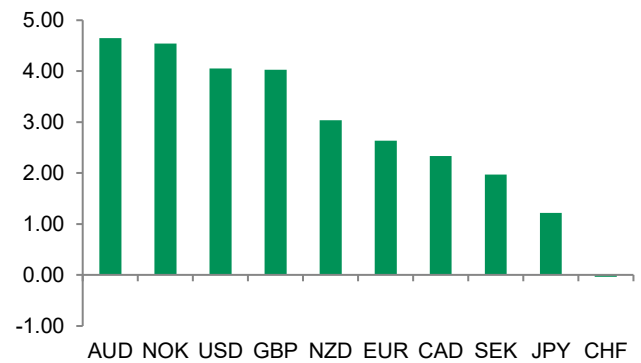
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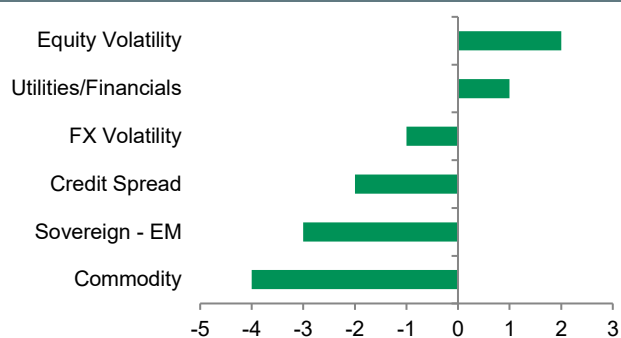
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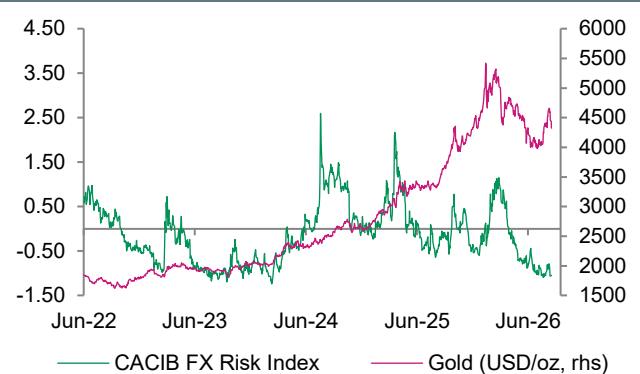
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