

## Scary carry

- Growing inflation worries – on the back persistent geopolitical risks and resilient macroeconomic data – have recently forced investors to boost their central bank rate hike expectations. Sovereign debt fears have been on the rise as well and tightened global financial conditions by pushing government bond yields to multi-year highs. All this has dented the appeal of some FX carry trades of late, and investors have unwound JPY-funded carry trades en masse while further reducing their exposure to high-yielders like the GBP and NZD. Other FX carry trades had a bit of a wobble but remained broadly in demand, however, keeping our in-house FX carry performance index close to multi-year highs. All this begs the question: “Are FX investors complacent?”. The answer very much depends on investors’ outlook for the global economy, energy prices and the Fed (plus other central banks).
- In that, it seems that most investors are now more constructive on the global growth outlook and expect energy prices to ultimately drift lower, in the absence of persistent re-escalation of the Iran war. Coupled with lack of notable second-round price effects, this means that most clients also see only gradual and modest central bank tightening that further takes into account the stretched public finances in some G10 economies. While all that may suggest that FX carry trades could hold up well, we think that market participants should carefully select their investment and funding currencies. To this end, we construct an FX carry quality index that ranks currencies based on criteria like levels of FX vol-adjusted carry, yield momentum, FX positioning and valuation as well as macro criteria like outlook for growth, public finances and external imbalances.
- Our results suggest that the NOK and AUD are the best carry investment currencies while the EUR emerges as the least attractive low yielder. The USD should continue to play a special role as a high-yielding, safe-haven currency. That role could be on display in the next couple of weeks, as focus shifts to the US inflation data next Friday and the FOMC policy meeting on 16 September. Some Fed-related positives are already in the price of the USD by now and it would take upside inflation surprises to see it extending its gains. The ECB should hike rates next week but keep its data-dependent policy outlook in place. This could disappoint rates markets, which are pricing in further tightening in the coming months and could further burnish the EUR’s appeal as a funding currency.



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|                                       |                                       |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| No.1 (out of 56)<br>EUR/USD - Q2 2026 | No.2 (out of 27)<br>USD/NOK - Q2 2026 |
| No.2 (out of 31)<br>USD/SEK - Q2 2026 | No.6 (out of 50)<br>USD/JPY - Q2 2026 |
| No.8 (out of 41)<br>USD/CAD - Q2 2026 | No.2 (out of 58)<br>EUR/USD - Q1 2026 |
| No.2 (out of 27)<br>USD/NOK - Q1 2026 | No.6 (out of 53)<br>GBP/USD - Q3 2025 |

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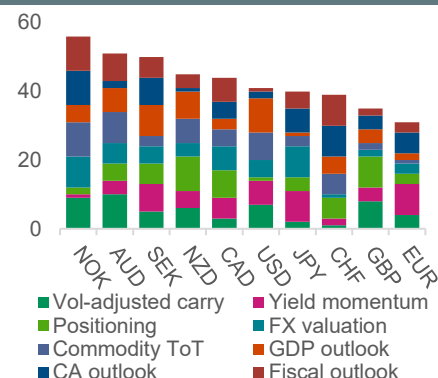
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### G10 FX Forecasts

|         | Dec-26 | Mar-27 | Jun-27 | Sep-27 |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EUR/USD | 1.13   | 1.13   | 1.14   | 1.16   |
| USD/JPY | 163.0  | 162.0  | 161.0  | 158.0  |
| GBP/USD | 1.31   | 1.32   | 1.34   | 1.37   |

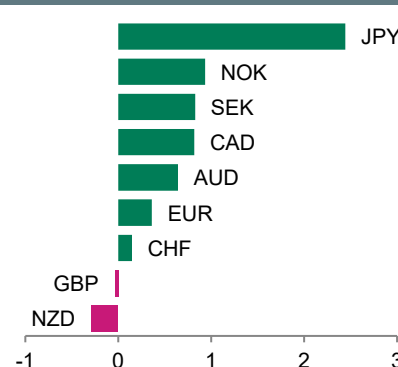
Source: Bloomberg, Crédit Agricole CIB

### FX carry quality index



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

### Five-day performance (vs USD)



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg



## FX and gold outlook



The EUR should continue to trade as collateral damage of global geopolitical risks. We are no longer as bearish on EUR/USD from current levels as before because we expect additional ECB tightening to limit the downside risks to a degree in the coming months. Subdued growth prospects and loss of international competitiveness should continue to hurt the appeal of EUR-denominated assets. US tariffs and domestic demand-driven growth policies in the Eurozone could also hurt Eurozone net exports & reduce corporate demand for the EUR and thus keep EUR/USD historically depressed in the longer term. EUR/USD still looks expensive relative to our long-term fair value model.



The high-yielding, safe-haven King of FX could remain supported on the back of persistent portfolio flows linked to the US economic outperformance vs other major economies in Asia and Europe. Robust economic outlook & sticky inflation have already boosted Fed policy rate expectations and the USD's rate appeal, although we believe that the current market outlook has become too hawkish. US policy uncertainty could also intensify again if fiscal dominance fears resurface, muting any future USD gains to a degree. These risks are still more than offset by the AI boom and thus the US exceptionalism narrative and could keep the USD in demand in the next coming months. We also expect a pick-up of FDI inflows. Lastly, while the USD is still the world's preeminent reserve fiat currency, de-dollarisation fears could resurface in the coming months.



The CHF has recently weakened to one-year lows, as renewed turmoil in the Middle East has worsened the CHF rate disadvantage without triggering much safe-haven demand. Barring any major fracas, the CHF could remain a favoured funding currency for the coming months, although from here gains from carry differentials could trump any potential loss in spot, as the CHF still has many long-term positives on its side.



Record levels of intervention have capped USD/JPY's rally at 164, but for the JPY to stage a sustainable rally the BoJ needs to accelerate the pace of its rate hikes reducing the currency's appeal as a carry funder. Elevated oil prices and investor concerns about Japan's fiscal sustainability still weigh on the JPY. If Japan's GPIF allocates more of its AUM to domestic bonds capping super-long end JGB yields, fiscal sustainability concerns would ease.



We maintain a cautious GBP/USD outlook from current levels that is consistent with our above-consensus view on the USD. The GBP could also remain a pressure valve for anxious market participants who fret about the impact of persistent stagflation risks on the UK economic and fiscal outlook. We also believe however that some negatives are already priced into the GBP especially vs the EUR, given that the Eurozone would have to deal with the consequences from the negative oil supply shock in the wake of the Iran war as well. We further note that the GBP is already looking oversold while global investors seem underinvested in UK assets.



USD/CAD has been able to re-assert itself within the 1.35/1.40 range, although renewed trade war between the US and Canada makes the outlook more uncertain, with risks being tilted to the upside in the event of further escalation. Otherwise, improving Canadian macro data and a somewhat more hawkish BoC rather back the CAD in the long run.



The AUD is clinging to its rate advantage as sticky inflation forces the RBA to continue raising rates even while other central banks join the tightening cycle, making the currency a favoured carry trade. Adding to the AUD's appeal are elevated commodity prices and low levels of public debt, the latter leaving it immune to concerns about fiscal sustainability.



After two consecutive rate hikes the RBNZ is adopting a gradual approach to withdrawing stimulus. While this foot-dragging will be a near-term weight on the NZD, the RBNZ is underestimating upside risks to inflation and will be forced to re-accelerate rate hikes. NZ's agricultural export prices are strong and so far, El Niño is not weighing on local agricultural production.



The NOK continues to follow the ebb and flow in energy prices, while still being among the best G10 FX performers. A superior carry appeal and Norway's solid fundamentals should call for NOK appreciation to gradually continue despite some potential consolidation in the near term.



The SEK has struggled this year after outperforming in 2025. Risks of a wider policy gap between the Riksbank and the ECB could leave the SEK on the back foot in the near term, while more convincing evidence of Sweden's macro outperformance over the Eurozone calls for the SEK to reverse course later in the year.



We maintain a constructive long-term outlook on gold from current levels. Central banks still see XAU as a primary tool to reduce their exposure to the USD given the attempts by the US to weaponise the currency. They could thus resume gold purchases especially if global energy shock continues to fade. Concerns about fiscal dominance over the Fed could return as well, weigh on US real rates and help XAU recover.

# G10 FX Portfolio

See below our model portfolio. A percentage representation of the positions' performance is applied for both FX spot and options trade ideas. A cap on individual position loss of 2% of notional is used. Other aspects of the performance calculation including position size, total overall position loss and cumulative portfolio performance are adjusted accordingly. Please see [Our FX portfolio: performance of the past, adjustment for the future](#) for further details. Please note that our G10 FX portfolio combines discretionary and systematically motivated trades, with the same risk management applied. For details on our systematic approach please see our [FAST FX](#) and [Month-end Rebalancing Model](#) fact sheets.

## Open Spot Trades

| Date       | Time      | Entry   | Recommendation               | Target  | Stop    | Last    | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|---------|------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 15/06/2026 | 10:00 BST | 4338.00 | <a href="#">Buy XAU/USD</a>  | 5240.00 | 3800.00 | 4469.75 | 0.49%  |
| 21/05/2026 | 07:44 BST | 1.2156  | <a href="#">Sell AUD/NZD</a> | 1.16    | 1.2470  | 1.2226  | -0.84% |

## Open Options Trades

| Date       | Time      | Option cost ** | Recommendation                                         | Strike    | Spot ref | Expiry     | P&L*  |
|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|
| 29/05/2026 | 09:00 BST | -0.93%         | <a href="#">Long GBP/USD 6M-1Y calendar put spread</a> | 1.33/1.33 | 1.3420   | 31/05/2027 | 0.84% |

## Closed Spot Trades

| Open date  | Time      | Entry | Recommendation               | Close date | Close time | Exit level | P&L   |
|------------|-----------|-------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|-------|
| 29/06/2026 | 13:51 BST | 12.31 | <a href="#">Sell CHF/NOK</a> | 22/07/2026 | 15:55 BST  | 11.80      | 3.62% |

## Closed Options Trades

| Date       | Time      | Option cost ** | Recommendation                             | Strike    | Spot ref | Expiry     | P&L*   |
|------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|----------|------------|--------|
| 08/12/2025 | 09:30 GMT | 0.55%          | <a href="#">Long EUR/JPY 6M put spread</a> | 176/172   | 181.13   | 08/06/2026 | -2.00% |
| 09/01/2026 | 08:00 GMT | 0.33%          | <a href="#">Long EURUSD 4M put spread</a>  | 1.15/1.13 | 1.1650   | 11/05/2026 | -2.00% |

## FAST FX (tactical) Portfolio\*\*\*

### Open Spot Trades

| Date       | Time      | Entry   | Recommendation              | Target  | Stop Loss | Last    | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|--------|
| 31/08/2026 | 09:00 BST | 10.8591 | <a href="#">Buy EUR/NOK</a> | 10.9765 | 10.6506   | 10.7974 | -0.62% |

### Closed Spot Trades

| Open date  | Time      | Entry    | Recommendation               | Close date | Close time | Exit level | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 27/07/2026 | 09:00 BST | 163.5000 | <a href="#">Sell USD/JPY</a> | 31/07/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 160.2521   | 2.94%  |
| 27/07/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.0063   | <a href="#">Sell NOK/SEK</a> | 31/07/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.0060     | 0.03%  |
| 20/07/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.0002   | <a href="#">Sell NOK/SEK</a> | 24/07/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.0144     | -1.65% |
| 29/06/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.1403   | <a href="#">Buy EUR/USD</a>  | 03/07/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.1437     | 0.33%  |
| 22/06/2026 | 09:00 BST | 10.9844  | <a href="#">Sell EUR/SEK</a> | 26/06/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 11.0833    | -1.21% |

## G10 FX Positioning Index (tactical) Portfolio\*\*\*

### Open Spot Trades

| Date | Time | Entry | Recommendation | Target | Stop Loss | Last | P&L |
|------|------|-------|----------------|--------|-----------|------|-----|
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### Closed Spot Trade

| Open date  | Time      | Entry  | Recommendation               | Close date | Close time | Exit level | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 24/08/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.3637 | <a href="#">Sell GBP/USD</a> | 1.3091     | 1.3909     | 1.3534     | 0.75%  |
| 24/08/2026 | 09:00 BST | 0.8017 | <a href="#">Buy USD/CHF</a>  | 0.8265     | 0.7899     | 0.8094     | 1.02%  |
| 17/08/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.3563 | <a href="#">Sell GBP/USD</a> | 21/08/2026 | 22:00 BST  | 1.3644     | -0.60% |
| 10/08/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.3495 | <a href="#">Sell GBP/USD</a> | 14/08/2026 | 22:00 BST  | 1.3534     | -0.29% |
| 13/07/2026 | 09:00 BST | 0.6937 | <a href="#">Buy AUD/USD</a>  | 17/07/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.6982     | 0.88%  |
| 29/06/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.3215 | <a href="#">Buy GBP/USD</a>  | 03/07/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.3350     | 1.02%  |
| 29/06/2026 | 09:00 BST | 0.6896 | <a href="#">Buy AUD/USD</a>  | 03/07/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.6938     | 0.82%  |
| 15/06/2026 | 09:00 BST | 0.7071 | <a href="#">Buy AUD/USD</a>  | 19/06/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.7012     | -1.11% |
| 30/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.4929 | <a href="#">Sell USD/SEK</a> | 03/04/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.4296     | 0.67%  |

## Month-end Rebalancing Model (tactical) Portfolio\*\*\*

### Open Spot Trades

| Date | Time | Entry | Recommendation | Target | Stop Loss | Last | P&L |
|------|------|-------|----------------|--------|-----------|------|-----|
|------|------|-------|----------------|--------|-----------|------|-----|

### Closed Spot Trades

| Open date | Time | Entry | Recommendation | Close date | Close time | Exit level | P&L |
|-----------|------|-------|----------------|------------|------------|------------|-----|
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## Portfolio Performance

|                               |         |
|-------------------------------|---------|
| Return on open trades         | -0.18%  |
| Return on closed trades (YTD) | -15.02% |
| Hit ratio (YTD)               | 43.10%  |
| Total return (YTD)            | -12.65% |

\*Returns calculated as %VaR with 2% risk allocation per trade

\*\*Cost is a percentage of the notional value traded

Source all tables: Crédit Agricole CIB

## FX Portfolio in 2025

### Closed Spot Trades

| Open date  | Time      | Entry  | Recommendation               | Close date | Close time | Exit level | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 13/02/2026 | 7:50 GMT  | 1.1719 | <a href="#">Sell AUD/NZD</a> | 02/03/2026 | 23:39 GMT  | 1.1950     | -2.07% |
| 01/08/2025 | 10:30 BST | 184.40 | <a href="#">Sell CHF/JPY</a> | 13/03/2026 | 02:16 BST  | 187.38     | -0.80% |

### Closed Options Trades

| Open date  | Time      | Option cost ** | Recommendation                            | Strike     | Spot ref | Expiry     | P&L*   |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|--------|
| 08/08/2025 | 15:50 BST | 0.20%          | <a href="#">Long EURGBP 3M put spread</a> | 0.86/0.85  | 0.8674   | 11/10/2025 | -2.00% |
| 13/08/2025 | 16:00 GMT | 0.53%          | <a href="#">Long EURAUD 3M put spread</a> | 1.70/1.65  | 1.7320   | 13/08/2025 | -2.00% |
| 08/04/2025 | 15:30 BST | 0.35%          | <a href="#">Long EURGBP 3M put spread</a> | 0.845/0.83 | 0.8540   | 08/07/2025 | -2.00% |

### Closed FAST FX Spot Trades

| Open date  | Time      | Entry    | Recommendation               | Close date | Close time | Exit level | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|----------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 01/06/2026 | 09:00 BST | 185.9100 | <a href="#">Buy EUR/JPY</a>  | 05/06/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 184.6600   | -0.87% |
| 18/05/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.0132   | <a href="#">Sell NOK/SEK</a> | 22/05/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.0107     | 0.38%  |
| 11/05/2026 | 09:00 BST | 1.0049   | <a href="#">Sell NOK/SEK</a> | 14/05/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.0171     | -2.00% |
| 27/04/2026 | 09:00 BST | 0.9931   | <a href="#">Sell NOK/SEK</a> | 01/05/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.9940     | -0.15% |
| 20/04/2026 | 09:00 BST | 0.9810   | <a href="#">Sell NOK/SEK</a> | 23/04/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.9920     | -2.00% |
| 16/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.8637   | <a href="#">Buy EUR/GBP</a>  | 20/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.8674     | 0.96%  |
| 09/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.8659   | <a href="#">Buy EUR/GBP</a>  | 13/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.8630     | -0.76% |
| 09/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.9611   | <a href="#">Buy NOK/SEK</a>  | 10/03/2026 | 08:15 GMT  | 0.9466     | -1.99% |
| 23/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.7084   | <a href="#">Sell AUD/USD</a> | 27/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.7118     | -0.48% |
| 23/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 10.6743  | <a href="#">Buy EUR/SEK</a>  | 27/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 10.6664    | -0.12% |
| 16/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 153.3500 | <a href="#">Buy USD/JPY</a>  | 20/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 155.0500   | 0.95%  |
| 16/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.7094   | <a href="#">Sell AUD/USD</a> | 20/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.7081     | 0.16%  |
| 16/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 10.5863  | <a href="#">Buy EUR/SEK</a>  | 20/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 10.6730    | 1.60%  |
| 16/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 181.9500 | <a href="#">Buy EUR/JPY</a>  | 20/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 182.6800   | 0.45%  |
| 09/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.7037   | <a href="#">Sell AUD/USD</a> | 13/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.7073     | -0.44% |
| 09/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 10.6686  | <a href="#">Buy EUR/SEK</a>  | 12/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 10.5781    | -2.00% |
| 02/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 10.5684  | <a href="#">Buy EUR/SEK</a>  | 06/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 10.6018    | 1.96%  |
| 02/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.6947   | <a href="#">Sell AUD/USD</a> | 06/02/2026 | 22:00 BST  | 0.7013     | -0.78% |
| 26/01/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 10.5799  | <a href="#">Buy EUR/SEK</a>  | 30/01/2026 | 22:00 BST  | 10.5689    | -0.22% |
| 26/01/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.5970   | <a href="#">Sell NZD/USD</a> | 30/01/2026 | 22:00 BST  | 0.6021     | -0.58% |
| 19/01/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 10.7286  | <a href="#">Buy EUR/SEK</a>  | 23/01/2026 | 22:00 BST  | 10.6396    | -1.99% |
| 12/01/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 10.7193  | <a href="#">Buy EUR/SEK</a>  | 16/01/2026 | 22:00 BST  | 10.6944    | -0.55% |

### Closed Positioning FX Trades

| Open date  | Time      | Entry  | Recommendation               | Close date | Close time | Exit level | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|
| 30/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.7999 | <a href="#">Buy USD/CHF</a>  | 03/04/2026 | 21:00 BST  | 0.7988     | -0.10% |
| 23/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.4157 | <a href="#">Sell USD/SEK</a> | 27/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.4698     | -0.57% |
| 23/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.7907 | <a href="#">Buy USD/CHF</a>  | 27/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.7989     | 1.46%  |
| 16/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 1.3250 | <a href="#">Buy GBP/USD</a>  | 20/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.3311     | 0.46%  |
| 16/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.4227 | <a href="#">Sell USD/SEK</a> | 20/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.3545     | 0.72%  |
| 09/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.2715 | <a href="#">Sell USD/SEK</a> | 13/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.4607     | -2.04% |
| 09/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 1.3316 | <a href="#">Buy GBP/USD</a>  | 13/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.3240     | -0.57% |
| 02/03/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.1516 | <a href="#">Sell USD/SEK</a> | 05/03/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.3384     | -2.04% |
| 23/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.5335 | <a href="#">Buy USD/NOK</a>  | 27/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.5100     | -0.33% |
| 23/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.035  | <a href="#">Sell USD/SEK</a> | 27/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.0292     | 0.10%  |
| 16/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 9.5096 | <a href="#">Buy USD/NOK</a>  | 20/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 9.5268     | 0.24%  |
| 02/02/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 1.3689 | <a href="#">Sell GBP/USD</a> | 06/02/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.3610     | 0.58%  |
| 26/01/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 1.3664 | <a href="#">Sell GBP/USD</a> | 30/01/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.3686     | -0.16% |
| 19/01/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 0.6696 | <a href="#">Sell AUD/USD</a> | 23/01/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 0.6796     | -2.00% |
| 19/01/2026 | 09:00 GMT | 1.3407 | <a href="#">Sell GBP/USD</a> | 23/01/2026 | 22:00 GMT  | 1.3644     | -1.76% |
| 29/09/2025 | 09:00 BST | 1.3448 | <a href="#">Sell GBP/USD</a> | 03/10/2025 | 22:00 BST  | 1.3497     | -0.23% |
| 15/09/2025 | 09:00 BST | 9.8502 | <a href="#">Buy USD/NOK</a>  | 19/09/2025 | 22:00 BST  | 9.9445     | 1.28%  |
| 08/09/2025 | 09:00 BST | 1.3817 | <a href="#">Sell USD/CAD</a> | 12/09/2025 | 22:00 BST  | 1.3844     | -0.33% |
| 18/08/2025 | 09:00 BST | 1.35   | <a href="#">Buy GBP/USD</a>  | 22/08/2025 | 22:00 BST  | 1.35       | -0.09% |
| 11/08/2025 | 09:00 BST | 1.3452 | <a href="#">Buy GBP/USD</a>  | 15/08/2025 | 22:00 BST  | 1.3556     | 0.77%  |
| 30/06/2025 | 09:00 BST | 1.1727 | <a href="#">Sell EUR/USD</a> | 04/07/2025 | 22:00 BST  | 1.1778     | -0.43% |

### Closed Month-End FX Spot Trades

| Open date  | Time      | Entry           | Recommendation                                   | Close date | Close time | Exit level      | P&L    |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|--------|
| 24/11/2025 | 08:00 GMT | 1.3091          | <a href="#">Short GBP/USD</a>                    | 26/11/2025 | 15:00 GMT  | 1.3222          | -2.00% |
| 24/09/2025 | 08:00 BST | 1.1788 / 0.8734 | <a href="#">Long EUR vs USD &amp; GBP basket</a> | 30/09/2025 | 17:00 BST  | 1.173 / 0.87283 | -0.76% |
| 25/07/2025 | 08:00 BST | 1.1749/0.87101  | <a href="#">Long EUR VS USD &amp;GBP basket</a>  | 28/07/2025 | 16:45 BST  | 1.1610 / 0.8668 | -2.00% |

\*Returns calculated as %VaR with 2% risk allocation per trade

\*\*Cost is a percentage of the notional value traded

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## FX Focus

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- We maintain our bearish 6M EUR/USD outlook and do not expect the pair to recover on a sustained basis before H227. Our view is based on the following drivers that should play out sequentially in the coming six to twelve months:

- EUR/USD negatives to dominate in Q426 and H127:
  - The pair is trading as collateral damage of geopolitical risks – ranging from US-China tensions to the Ukraine war and the conflict in the Middle East. European political and fiscal risks could grow too, in the wake of the German regional elections this month and ahead of the French presidential elections in Q227.
  - The US is the global growth leader but no longer acts as magnet for Eurozone exports due to trade tariffs and high global energy prices. Eurozone investors further remain invested in the US stock and bond markets. The USD could remain a pro-cyclical, investment currency and the EUR a funding currency.
- EUR/USD positives could prevail in H227:
  - The US fiscal outlook could worsen further, and servicing US debt could start dominating the fiscal (and monetary) policies once US inflation subsides in 2027. We expect the Fed to cut rates, in a blow to the USD rate appeal. A flatter UST yield curve could make short USD hedges more attractive for Eurozone buyers of US assets as well.
  - International investors could increasingly see Eurozone stocks as a liquid diversification hedge, if the AI-investment boom starts to show signs of slowing down. The EUR is the second largest reserve currency and should benefit if US fiscal dominance and debasement fears grow while the weaponisation of the USD by the Trump administration hastens dedollarisation flows in 2027.

- We continue to target a return for EUR/USD towards 1.13 by Q426 before a more sustainable recovery ensues towards 1.17 in Q427. The risks to our view seem to be balanced overall:

- On the EUR/USD-positive side, we have a premature end to the AI-boom in the US and/or geopolitical tensions that could boost the relative appeal of EUR-assets. Sharp escalation of USD debasement fears and/or de-dollarisation could give EUR/USD a boost as well.
- On the EUR/USD-negative side, we have a significant re-escalation of global geopolitical tensions that could add to stagflation risks in the Eurozone. Political risks in Europe could linger beyond the French presidential elections in Q227, in another blow to the EUR.

**Central outlook: we maintain a bearish six-month EUR/USD outlook, targeting a return to 1.13 by Q426, and do not expect the pair to recover on a sustained basis towards 1.17 before H227.**

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Fig 1. EUR/USD forecasts

### EUR

| Forecasts |     | Sep-26 | Dec-26 | Mar-27 | Jun-27 | Sep-27 | Dec-27 |
|-----------|-----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| EUR/USD   | New | 1.14   | 1.13   | 1.13   | 1.14   | 1.16   | 1.17   |
| EUR/GBP   | New | 0.86   | 0.86   | 0.86   | 0.85   | 0.84   | 0.84   |

Source: Crédit Agricole CIB

The view reflects the impact of several key drivers in coming months.

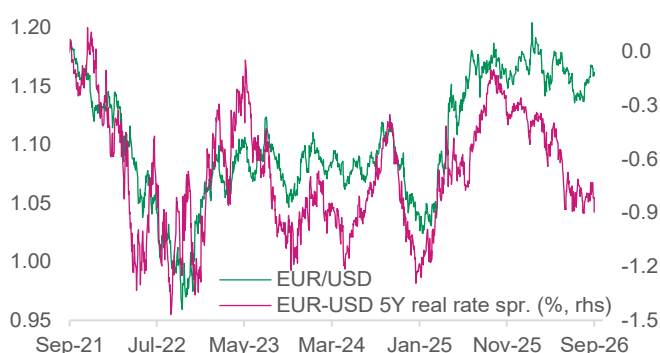
## EUR/USD negatives to dominate in Q426 and H127

### Collateral damage of geopolitical risks

For most of 2026, EUR/USD has been trading as collateral damage of persistent geopolitical risks – ranging from US-China (trade) tensions to the Ukraine war and the conflict in the Middle East. These developments have triggered a negative commodity-terms-of-trade supply shock and fuelled stagflation headwinds in the Eurozone, in a blow to the appeal of EUR-denominated stocks and bonds.

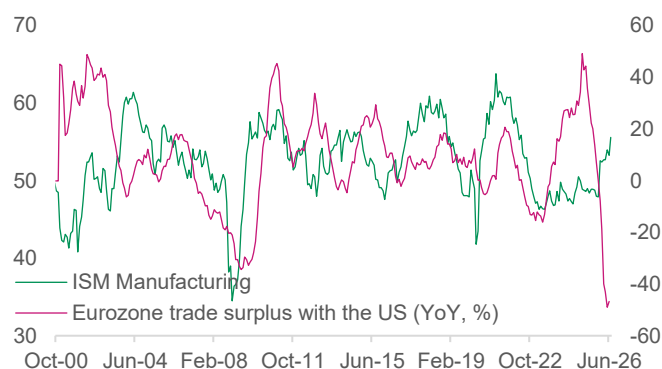
The geopolitical risks have widened the gap between feeble European growth prospects and the still-vibrant US economic outlook that rests on still very solid domestic demand (eg, AI-investment spending) and superior resilience to global energy shocks. We capture this divergence with the 5Y real EUR-USD rate spread. We also conclude that EUR/USD trades at considerable premium vs the spread at present (Figure 2).

Fig 2. EUR/USD vs 5Y EUR-USD real rate spread



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

Fig 3. US cyclical recovery no longer fuels demand for Eurozone exports



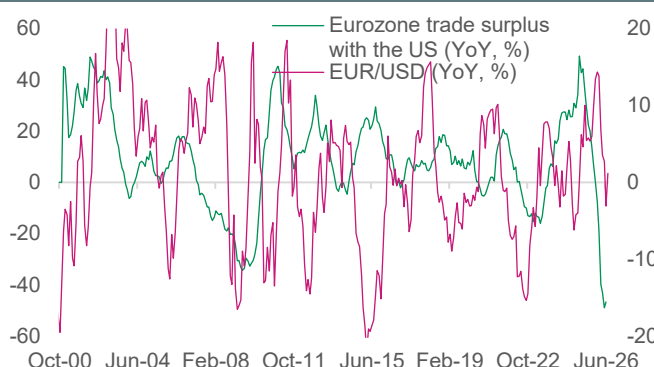
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### Balance of payments flows not helping

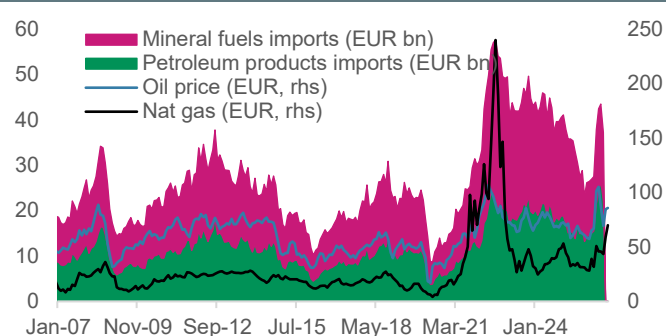
Donald Trump's trade policies and high global energy prices in the wake of the Iran war can also explain the fact that while the US remains a global growth leader, its cyclical recovery no longer acts as magnet for Eurozone exports (Figure 3). The recent weakening of the Eurozone trade surplus with the USD could continue in the coming months and exert downside pressure on EUR/USD (Figure 4).

We further note that the war in Iran and the resultant spike in global energy prices meant that the Eurozone outlays on energy ballooned to levels not seen since the Russian invasion in Ukraine in 2022 (Figure 5). This aggravated the continuing loss of competitiveness of European manufacturers and thus their ability to generate export revenues that they convert into EURs. This is further evident from the worsening Eurozone trade deficit with major trading partners like China.

Further weakening the support for EUR/USD from the relative external imbalances between the Eurozone and the US is the fact that Eurozone investors remain heavily invested in the US stock and bond markets as they continue to 'recycle' the continent's vast excess savings. According to the latest US TIC data, the Eurozone holdings of equity and fixed income assets hit a record high in 2026 (Figure 6). We thus continue to expect the USD to act as a pro-cyclical, investment currency and the EUR – as a funding currency.

**Fig 4. Worsening Eurozone trade surplus with the US doesn't bode well for EUR/USD**

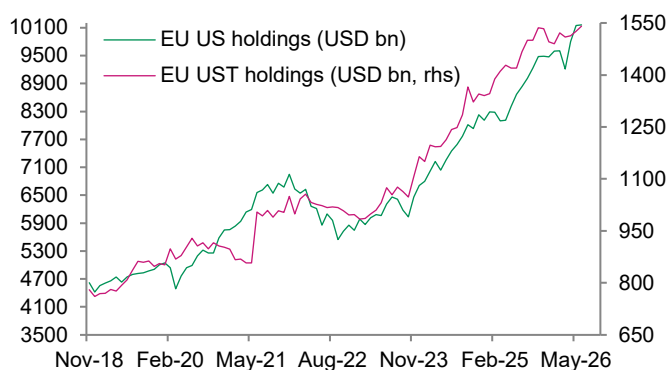
Source: Cr dit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

**Fig 5. Eurozone energy outlays have soared again, in a blow to net exports and thus corporate demand for EUR**

Source: Cr dit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

## Politics and fiscal concerns remain a drag on the EUR

On the domestic front, European political and fiscal risks could grow as well. In the near-term, FX investors will focus on the outcome of the German regional elections on 6 and 20 September. In the medium term, focus would shift to the outcome of the French presidential elections in Q227 where political and fiscal risks are very closely connected. The correlation between EUR/USD and our proxy for French political risk could grow from here, as a result (Figure 7).

**Fig 6. Eurozone's holdings of long-term USD assets hit a record high in 2026**

Source: Cr dit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

**Fig 7. The negative correlation between EUR/USD and the Eurozone sovereign credit risks could intensify**

Source: Cr dit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

Should the outcome of the regional elections in Germany and the presidential election in France confirm recent polls, they could fuel market fears that the political changes in the two largest Eurozone economies may slow down the drive towards closer European integration. This could undermine the appeal of EUR to the extent that the political developments hamper the growth of so-called Eurozone safe assets and further fan sovereign credit risks.

## EUR/USD positives could prevail in H227

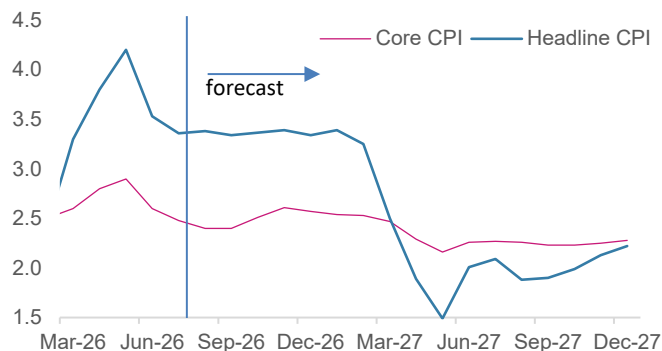
The EUR/USD outlook could start improving on a more sustained basis as we head into 2027. This should reflect the impact of intensifying USD-negatives as well as some emerging EUR-positives.

## USD negatives: Fed easing, fiscal dominance and US debt

US fiscal outlook should deteriorate further, and servicing US debt could start dominating the fiscal (and monetary) policies once US inflation subsides in 2027. US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has recently attempted to contain the rise of UST yields. His efforts backfired, however, given that they are seen as easing US financial conditions and thus potentially forcing the Fed to act even more decisively to bring down the still very sticky US inflation.

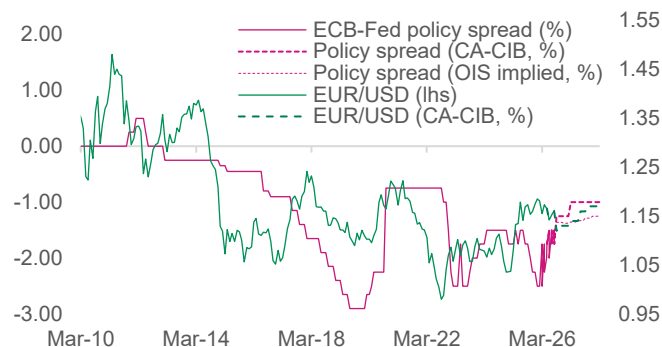
Things could change as we head into 2027 when we expect US inflation to slow down notably (Figure 8). This should allow the Fed to cut rates according to our US economist, in a blow to the USD rate appeal vs the EUR (Figure 9). Our US rate strategies further expect that the UST yield curve would flatten (using UST2-10Y) as the efforts of the UST Treasury to cap long-end bond yields are complemented by policies to shorten the average duration of the Fed's UST holdings as part of its overhaul of its balance sheet. Lower Fed rates and flatter UST yield curve should make short-USD hedges more attractive.

**Fig 8. We expect US inflation to come off the boil next year**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

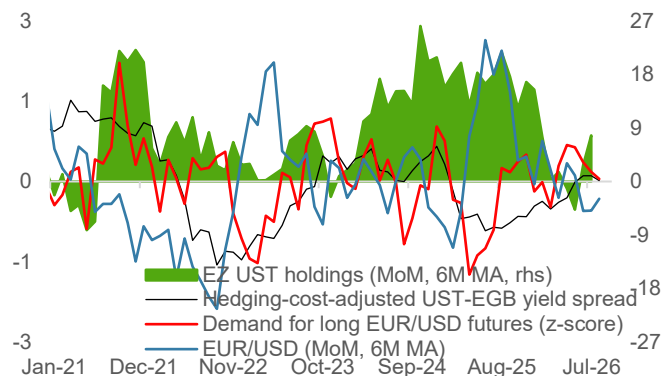
**Fig 9. EUR/USD vs ECB-Fed rate spread – CA-CIB views vs market outlook**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

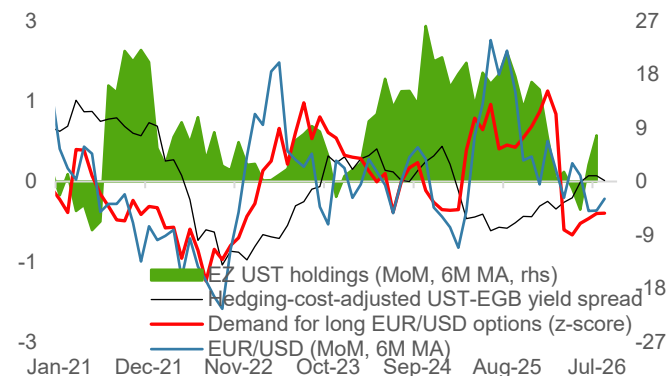
A return of US political impasse in the wake of the mid-term elections could further reduce the Trump administration's ability to introduce fresh pro-growth policies at home; at the same time, the US president would likely still have considerable leeway to pursue his foreign policy agenda. This, coupled with evidence that the AI-investment boom may be nearing its peak, could encourage foreign investors to start diversifying their significant USD exposure.

**Fig 10. Demand for EUR/USD hedges in the FX forward space – high hedging costs keeping hedgers at bay**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

**Fig 11. Demand for EUR/USD hedges in the FX option space – high hedging costs keeping hedgers at bay**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

## EUR positives: FX hedges and AI-trade diversification

Perhaps one of the main EUR positives next year would be an increase of demand for long EUR/USD hedges by Eurozone investors on their huge USD-exposure (see also Figure 6). Last year, [we launched two trackers of market demand for long EUR/USD hedges in the FX forward and FX option space](#). We show our proprietary gauges as red lines in Figures 10 and 11, respectively, alongside their three key drivers:

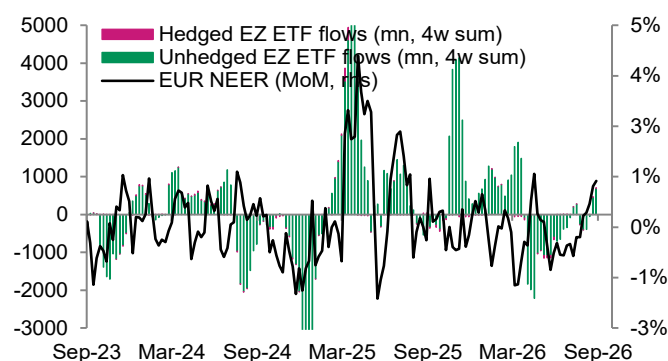
1. Demand for USD-denominated assets (green-shaded area)
2. EUR/USD price action (blue line)
3. Return on US investment for the Eurozone investor when adjusted for the cost of EUR/USD hedging (black line)

As shown, at present, the demand for EUR/USD hedges is close to neutral level, in part because the costs of FX hedging are still too high. In addition, unlike 2025 when the aggressive EUR/USD rally forced investors to buy back their short-EUR/USD hedges, the more range-bound FX price action so far in 2026 meant that demand for long EUR/USD hedges remained very muted. Looking ahead into 2027, we expect that lower EUR-USD rate spread, and relatively flatter UST yield curve should make long-EUR/USD hedges more attractive.

We further think that international investors could increasingly see European stocks as an attractive hedge for the eventuality that the AI-investment boom is starting to show signs of slowing in 2027. This is due to the significantly lower weight of technology stocks in the Eurozone stock indices that, in turn, drove their relative underperformance so far in 2026 (Figure 12). While it is difficult to predict the peak of the latest technological rally, we think the EUR could benefit from returning demand by European investors that are looking to diversify away from the USD.

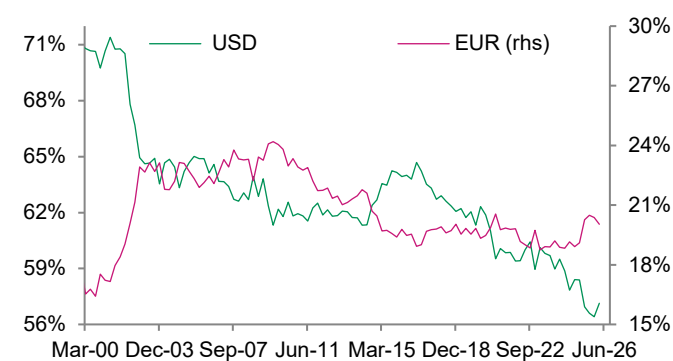
Another EUR-positive relates to the fact that it is the second most-liquid fiat reserve currency. It should thus benefit if the threat of fiscal dominance over the Fed lingers and fan debasement fears while the continuing weaponisation of the USD by the Trump administration could accelerate de-dollarisation flows in 2027. We should note in that, however, that political and fiscal risks in Europe could mute foreign inflows for now (Figure 13).

**Fig 12. Our ETF-flow tracker suggests that European stocks have started to attract buying interest again**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

**Fig 13. Reported share of USD and EUR in central bank FX reserves (IMF COFER data)**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

## Key risks to our EUR/USD outlook

The risks to our view seem to be balanced overall:

- 1. On the EUR/USD-positive side**, we have an early end to the AI-boom in the US and/or geopolitical tensions that could boost the relative appeal of EUR-assets. Sharp escalation of USD debasement fears and/or dedollarisation could give EUR/USD a boost as well.
- 2. On the EUR/USD-negative side**, we have a potential significant re-escalation of global geopolitical tensions that could add to stagflation risks in the Eurozone. Political risks in Europe could linger beyond the French presidential elections in Q227, in another blow to the EUR.

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## Week ahead: key themes & trades



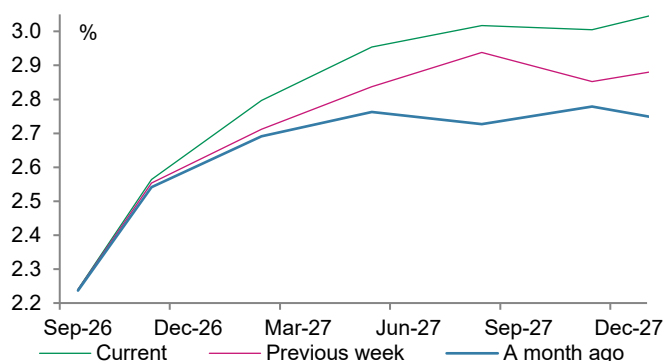
**EUR: policy vs politics.** The EUR has managed to regain some ground vs the GBP, CHF, SEK and NZD of late. That said, the single currency has remained close to multi-month lows vs FX carry investment currencies like the NOK and AUD while EUR/JPY succumbed to the latest JPY rebound across the board. Lastly, EUR/USD has continued trading in a tight range below recent highs. There has therefore been no one unifying theme behind the trajectories of the different EUR-crosses. We believe that this could change, however, as FX market focus shifts to the upcoming September ECB meeting.

Ahead of the ECB meeting, we and the rate investors expect the Governing Council to deliver a 25bp hike. The latest price action in the EUR OIS market further signals that investors are fully pricing in another two rate hikes in the coming months and quarters. We further note that the latest price action in EUR-USD has aided the consolidation of the pair in recent weeks. We thus think that the ECB's updated forward guidance should thus be key for the EUR's near-term outlook. We believe that the Governing Council will keep its noncommittal, data-dependent policy outlook in place, in part due to the recent tightening of the Eurozone financial conditions.

The outcome of the ECB meeting could thus disappoint the European rate markets and further burnish the EUR's appeal as a funding currency across G10 FX. We further believe that EUR/USD should continue to trade as collateral damage of global geopolitical risks – ranging from US-China tensions to the Ukraine war and the conflict in the Middle East. European political and fiscal risks could intensify as well, ahead of the German regional elections on 6 and 20 September as well as ahead of the French presidential elections in Q227.

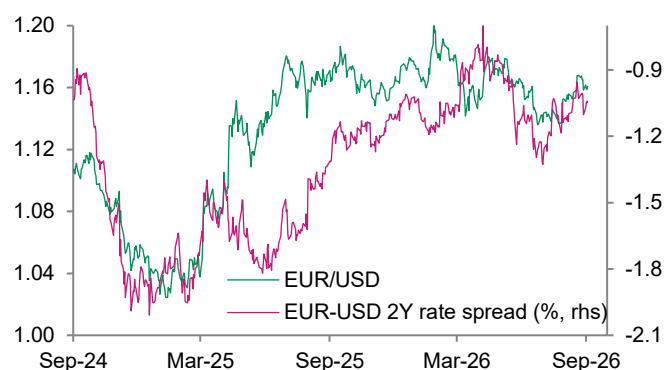
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Markets have been adding to their hawkish ECB bets...



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...helping reduce the EUR rate disadvantage vs the USD



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**USD: the high-yielding, safe-haven.** Growing inflation worries – on the back of persistent geopolitical risks and resilient macroeconomic data – have recently forced investors to boost their central bank rate hike expectations. Sovereign debt fears have been on the rise as well and tightened global financial conditions by pushing government bond yields to multi-year highs. All this has dented the appeal of some FX carry trades of late, and investors have unwound JPY-funded carry trades en masse while further reducing their exposure to high-yielders like the GBP and NZD. Other FX carry trades had a bit of a wobble but remained broadly in demand, however, keeping our in-house FX carry performance index close to multi-year highs. All this begs the question: “Are FX investors complacent?”. The answer depends on investors’ outlook for the global economy, energy prices and the Fed (plus other central banks).

In that, it seems that most investors are now more constructive on the global growth outlook and expect energy prices to ultimately drift lower, in the absence of persistent re-escalation of the Iran war. Coupled with lack of notable second-round

price effects, this means that most clients also see only gradual and modest central bank tightening that further considers the stretched public finances of some G10 economies. While all that may suggest that FX carry trades could hold up well, we think that market participants should carefully select their investment and funding currencies. To this end, we construct an FX carry quality index that ranks currencies based on criteria like levels of FX vol-adjusted carry, yield momentum, FX positioning and valuation as well as macro criteria like outlook for growth, public finances and external imbalances. Our results suggest that the AUD and NOK are the best carry investment currencies while the EUR emerges as the least attractive low yielder.

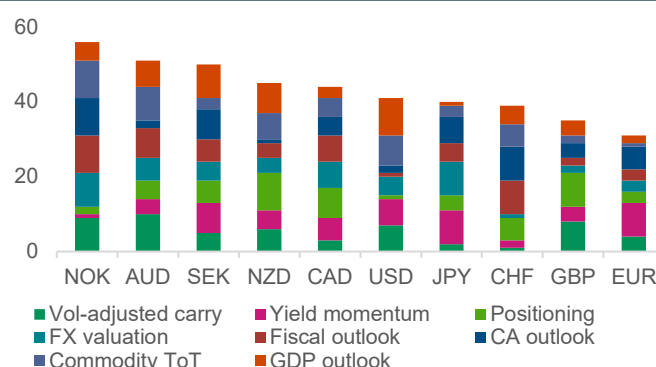
The USD should continue to play a special role as a high-yielding, safe-haven currency. That role could be on display in the next couple of weeks, as focus shifts to the US inflation data next Friday and the FOMC policy meeting on 16 September. Some Fed-related positives are already in the price of the USD by now, and it would take upside inflation surprises to see it extending its gains.

#### FX carry trade performance holding up as FX vols remain low



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

#### FX carry quality index helps you pick your winners and sell your losers in the G10 FX space



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**CHF: some reservations.** The CHF has lagged behind most G10 FX peers in the face of broad USD weakness since our last FX weekly, as of special note EUR/CHF extended its rally to fresh one-year highs above our Q326 forecasts of 0.94 this week. The CHF has likely been penalised by a worsening rate disadvantage amid a global rise in interest rates, without getting much support from a tentative rebound in gold prices or cautious market sentiment more generally. Looking at the bigger picture, and in real terms, the CHF has corrected to its weakest level in over a year, and close to its five-year average. From here, could this move have much further to go?

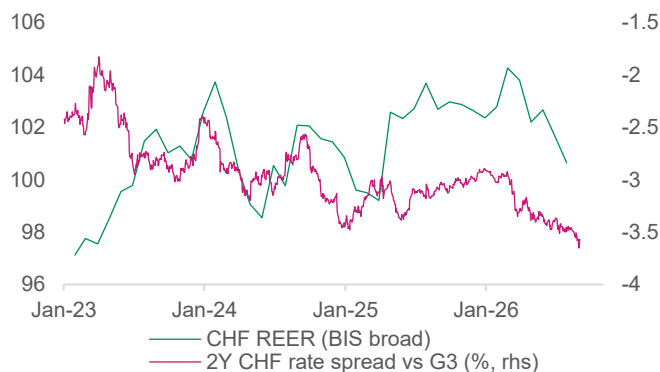
Overall, we do not dispute the CHF's present nature as a favoured funder, although we would warn that gains coming from carry differentials could in the end trump any eventual extra spot losses. The SNB should do nothing in itself to close the gap with the tightening central banks, even though the last Swiss CPI data surprised to the upside with a two-year peak of 0.8% YoY in August. That is where the SNB saw inflation picking around the turn of the year, and also still comfortably within target. Therefore, the SNB does not appear more likely to join the tightening party any time soon, while it could still easily make a less dovish adjustment by softening its stance on how ready it is to intervene in FX markets. Furthermore, the other broader and more long-term ramification of the latest inflation developments is that a large gap between Switzerland and the rest of the world could prevail for longer, which would in itself help depress the real CHF valuations without nominal losses.

Aside from that, Switzerland has several other attributes that many peers would wish for, and which have not really played in the CHF's hands lately. Switzerland continues to run very sound public finance figures, which should shelter CHF assets if the global bond rout worsens and so-called debasement trades gain traction. As shown by the whopping GDP surge in Q226, the Swiss economy has

*EUR/CHF has risen to one-year highs above 0.94, as the CHF may have been unduly undermined by a one-sided take on higher interest rates across the curve*

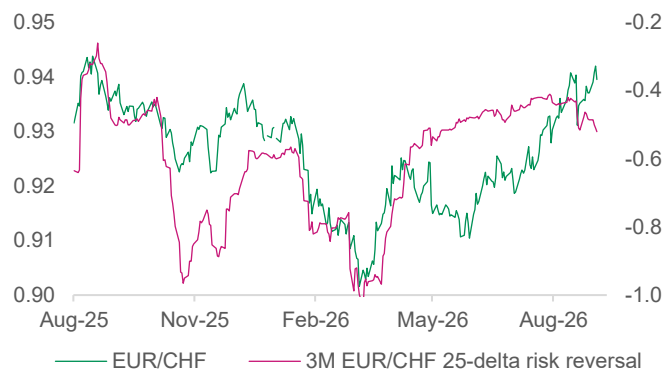
also withstood better than its European neighbours the latest shocks on the global stage, and activity prospects appear somewhat more resilient as well. As a result, it is not all that negative around the CHF and the FX option market seems to concur, as OTM CHF calls have actually become a tad more expensive (relative to puts), in a sign that spot dips are rather bought.

#### The weakest CHF in over a year on a real effective basis, as rate disadvantage worsens



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

#### FX options unfazed by CHF spot slippage, as OTM calls have actually become more expensive



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

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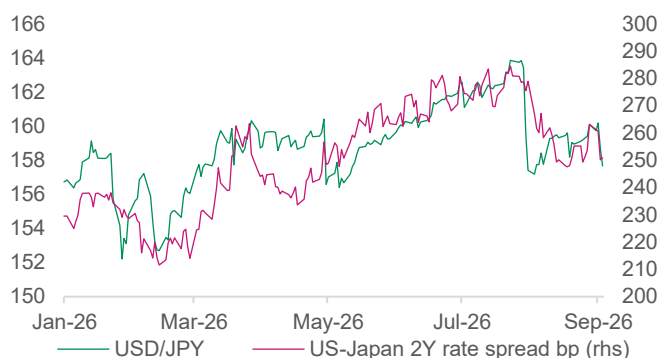
**JPY: fundamental shift?** The sharp fall in USD/JPY this week unlikely reflects further FX intervention. BoJ current account data shows there was no large difference between money market broker forecasts for the account and the actual outcome that would normally flag intervention. Instead, the JPY has benefited from several factors this week:

1. BoJ Board member Hajime Takata suggested in a speech that the Board should consider rate moves at every meeting and should also consider moves larger than 25bp. Takata is among the most hawkish of the BoJ's Board members, so his view is not representative of the Board. Indeed, there have already been reports citing sources that the Board prefers a 25bp hike in September.
2. There are reports that Japan's GPIF held its first August meeting in seven years. This meeting could be to re-examine its portfolio allocation given the selloff in JGBs, rising term premia globally and lower FX-hedged returns on USTs. A big change outside of its current basic portfolio weights would require quite a bit of paperwork and would not likely come into force for another few months. But a shift in allocations within current weightings could happen quickly and still be significant. As of March 2026, Japanese and foreign bonds accounted for 26.9% and 24.5% of GPIF assets. There are bands of +/-6% and +/-5% around these allocations and the GPIF had USD1.7trn AUM as of June 2026. Speculation of such a move has helped 30Y JGBs rally and led to a flattening in the super-long end JGB curve helping the JPY.
3. There was speculation of a central bank rate check in NY on Wednesday when USD/JPY first started declining. Traders also speculate that a rate check is forewarning of intervention and that the US Labor Day holiday could be an opportune time for such an intervention.

Data in the coming week will determine if these trading trends can continue and if the JPY remains supported. If no intervention emerges over the US long weekend, the JPY could lose some of its gains. Japan's labour earnings and GDP data will influence market pricing for the BoJ's September meeting. Investors will also be paying attention to Japan's monthly investment flows data on 8 September for signs of a shift by the GPIF. US CPI and PPI data as well as today's non-farm payrolls data will be important for market pricing around the Fed, with our US economist thinking these data could make or break the case for a September Fed rate hike currently priced in at around 50%.

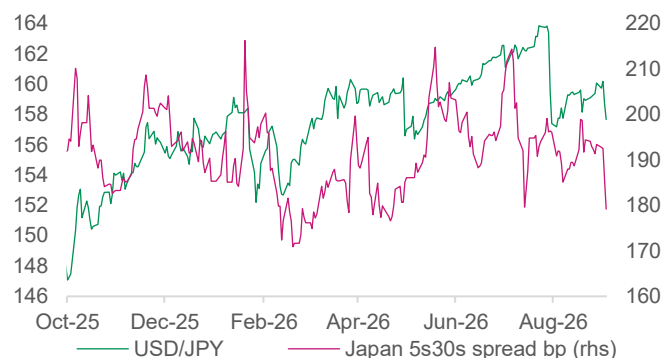
*The sharp fall in USD/JPY this week unlikely reflects further FX intervention. Rather a shift in the US-Japan rates differential and a flattening the super-long end of the JGB curve have helped the JPY*

### The US-Japan rates differential has shifted a bit in favour of the JPY



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

### A flattening in the super-long end of the JGB curve has helped the JPY



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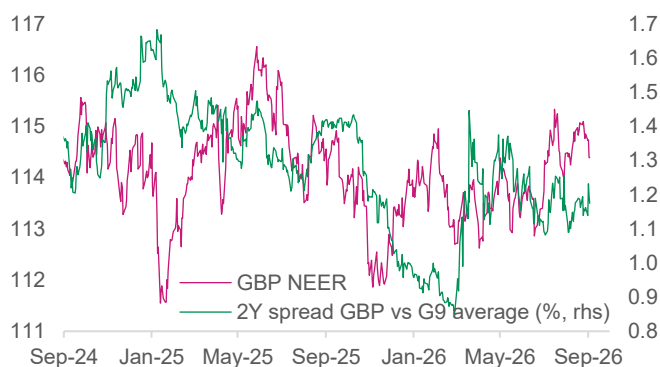
**GBP: correlation breakdown?** The GBP has emerged as one of the biggest underperformers in G10 FX at the start of September. This reflects the impact of the several drivers. To start with, growing global inflation concerns in recent weeks have boosted rate hike expectations across G10 FX. While investors have added to their BoE hawkish expectations, this was not enough to support the GBP's relative rate appeal. We further note that the GBP has been trading at a premium relative to its rate advantage vs the rest of G10.

Moreover, growing market fears about the fiscal outlook in several major developed countries like the UK have propelled long-term government bond yields including gilt yields to fresh multi-year highs. Whereas, up until recently, the GBP has benefited from superior gilt yield appeal to become one of the most attractive G10 FX carry investment currencies, this could change if worries over UK government debt start to prevail. In the past, spikes in gilt yields due to growing sovereign credit risks were accompanied with GBP weakness.

With the above in mind, in the near term, the GBP should continue to take its cue from the resilience of market risk sentiment and thus the strength of market demand for carry trades. FX investors will be also watching carefully for any evidence that the hitherto positive correlation between the GBP and gilt yields starts to break down. On the data front, focus will be on the UK GDP data for July. The GBP could remain vulnerable to any potential downside surprises that would complicate the BoE's tasks of bringing inflation under control and could further erode the currency's relative rate appeal.

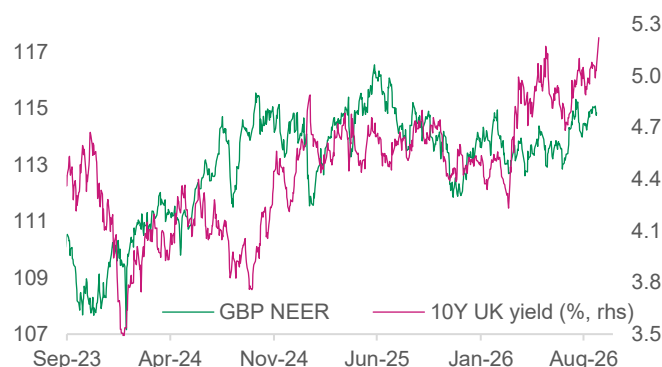
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### GBP NEER is trading at a premium relative to the spread between UK 2Y rate and average G9 2Y rate



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

### The correlation between the GBP and gilt yields has been positive so far in 2026. Is that about to change?



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

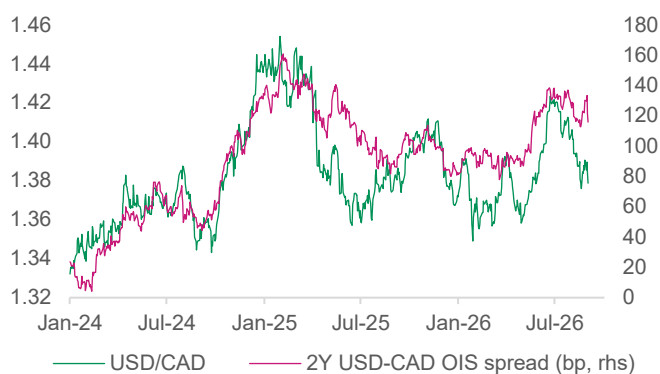
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**CAD: fighting back.** The CAD has not been held back much by its nature as a USD proxy over the past month or so, perhaps because improving Canadian macro data has contrasted sharply with a mixed bag in the US. USD/CAD went to post three-month lows just short of 1.37, before a reignited trade war between the US and Canada caused a pullback higher. As negotiations fell through in the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, the US went ahead with heftier tariffs on some Canadian imports, which have since been matched by Canadian counter-duties that are set to kick in on 8 September. At this stage, any resolution does not seem imminent at all and the US President has already threatened extra tariffs on Canadian cars to start on 1 January 2027. Yet, FX option markets do not appear too concerned about the potential for sizeable CAD slippage, as in the absence of further escalation the negative impact on the Canadian economy could be manageable, as the federal government has already responded with some budget support. That was also the assessment of the BoC when it met this week, as it highlighted that the new tariffs merely make growth prospects more uncertain, while stressing that upside risks to inflation have outright increased. This slight asymmetry was seen as more hawkish by CAD money markets, although the subsequent tightening in rate spreads to the USD has just pushed them back to the middle of the range of the past three months or so, therefore offering no particular reason for USD/CAD to resume its march lower. Instead, given the current balance of risks, we rather see the pair holding up near the 1.40 upper bound, as any soft patch returning to the Canadian labour report today could raise some concerns about how the latest trade spat with the US has already impeded hirings.

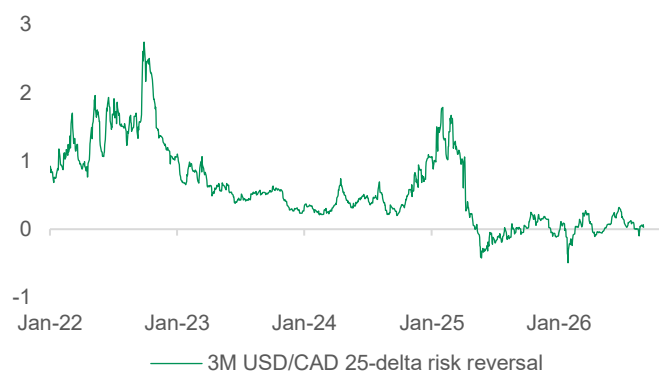
*Revived US-Canada tariffs have halted the CAD's recovery, as further escalation could put the CAD at risk of more slippage*

**Whipsawing rate differentials have backed consolidation in USD/CAD as 1.40 is still in sight**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

**FX option markets have shown no great concerns about reignited US-Canada trade war**



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

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**AUD & NZD: relative hawkishness.** Risk-off trading and higher oil prices dented the Antipodean currencies this week as carry trades took a hit. AUD/USD is being supported by a growing hawkish narrative, however. Firm Australian GDP data at 2.1% YoY was 20bp above the RBA's forecast and still running around the central bank's estimate of potential. The central bank needs growth running significantly below potential to tame inflation, so the GDP data locks in another rate hike potentially as soon as September, depending on labour force and household spending data in the coming weeks.

Adding weight to NZD/USD this week was a dovish hike by the RBNZ. The central bank is pointing to a gradual withdrawal of stimulus that will likely involve skipping a third consecutive rate increase in October (10 days before a general election). Most MPC members see the risks to inflation being to the upside and so a December rate hike is still likely.

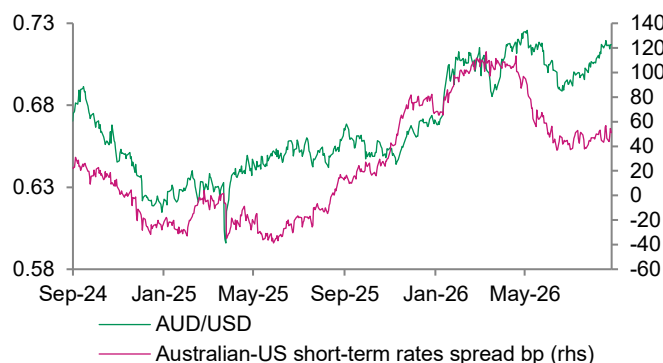
Appearances by RBA Deputy Governor Andrew Hauser and Assistant Governor as well as Chief Economist Sarah Hunter will keep the hawkish tone supporting the AUD going. Australian business and consumer confidence data will be of secondary importance and have to collapse to see investors dial back expectations for more RBA rate hikes. RBNZ Assistant Governor Karen Silk will be speaking on

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repo markets and so will not likely touch on monetary policy. NZ manufacturing PMI would have to be very strong to change the RBNZ's less hawkish tone.

More important for the AUD and NZD in the coming week will be the US CPI and PPI data. Our US economist believes that this data, along with today's non-farm payrolls data, could make or break the case for a September rate hike by the Fed, which is currently priced in at around 50%. The US data will likely determine if AUD/USD & NZD/USD can sustain breaks back above 0.7200 and 0.5900.

#### AUD/USD is being supported by a stable Australian-US rates spread



Source: Cr dit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

#### The RBNZ's dovish rate hike did some damage to NZD/USD



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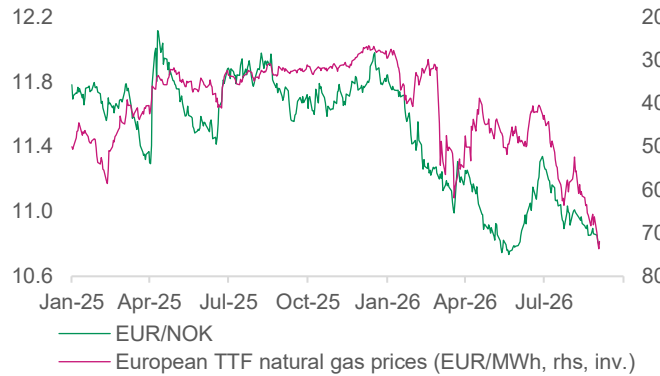
**NOK & SEK: on different energy levels.** Higher energy prices have led the Scandinavian currencies to opposite directions, as NOK/SEK has just extended its rally above 1.03 for the first time in three years. More than oil prices returning near the USD100/bbl handle, European gas prices have experienced a more convincing surge to their highest level since 2023, as the stock replenishing season has run behind schedule to leave storage levels at a low point for this time of the year. That has allowed the NOK to dodge any slight negatives on the domestic front, such as underwhelming GDP data out of mainland and an undershoot in inflation. On that last front, the core CPI rate was confirmed at 2.7% YoY in the first half of the summer, a level that the Norges Bank did not expect to be durably reached until late next year in its June MPR. Therefore, Thursday's CPI data for August could be more closely scrutinised than usual, as in the absence of pick-up the chances of a September rate hike could be drastically reduced from the 50-50 stance at present. That would not necessarily clear off the table the prospects of a last tightening step, which would otherwise reduce somewhat the NOK's carry appeal, as other high-yielders have rather been emboldened by the recent repricing of their respective money markets. All in all, domestic fundamentals should remain sufficiently compelling for the NOK to strengthen further in the long run, being pretty much where it should be at present.

In contrast, the SEK has proved weaker than expected, as of special note EUR/SEK has risen to its highest level in a year just shy of 11.20. The SEK has notably been unable to benefit lately from its usual nature as a high-beta EUR proxy, perhaps because of its widening lag on the interest rate front. The lack of hawkish tilt in the August Riksbank meeting underwhelmed SEK money markets, while the minutes did not offer anything more, and of special note SEK weakness did not get any mention as a possible reason to frontload any tightening. Instead, signs of an upturn in the high-frequency ex-fiscal inflation measures got some attention, as Monday's flash CPI estimates for August will bring useful information as to whether such a trend is becoming more entrenched. More than the timing of the first Riksbank move, the number of extra steps by the ECB could matter more in assessing the peak policy divergence between the two central banks, which could help turn things around in FX too. The underlying story there has not changed and Sweden's renewed growth outperformance vs the Eurozone should in our view pave the way for gradual SEK gains vs the EUR. The second GDP print for Q226 registered an even steeper expansion than initially thought at 1.6% QoQ, and any eventual slowdown in Thursday's monthly data for July should hardly alter the

*NOK/SEK has risen to three-year highs as the energy shock worsens, although the case for a SEK recovery has not completely vanished*

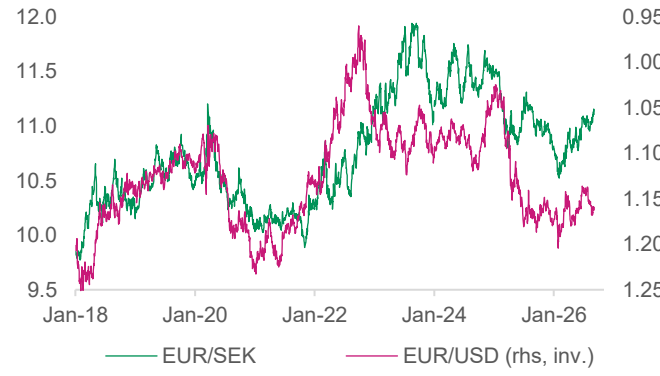
overall dynamics of improvement. On top of that, Sweden remains immune to the worsening concerns over budgets and public debt trajectories on the global stage, and next week's general elections should not bring major shifts, although uncertainties may have inherently held the SEK back temporarily.

New highs in European natural gas prices have fuelled the ongoing NOK rally



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

The SEK has been unable to benefit from its nature as high-beta EUR proxy, as rates lag could weigh



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# FX Positioning Update

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- The EUR experienced new selling interest last week, predominantly driven by IMM flows. Our FX flow data points at banks and real money investors inflows as well as corporates and hedge funds outflows.
- The USD remains the biggest long in the G10 FX at present and saw fresh buying interest last week, predominantly driven by Tactical flows. Our FX flow data points at real money investors inflows as well as banks, corporates and hedge funds outflows.
- The JPY experienced some selling interest last week, predominantly driven by IMM flows. Our FX flow data points at banks and corporates inflows as well as hedge funds and real money investors outflows.
- The CHF enjoyed some buying interest last week, predominantly driven by IMM flows. Our FX flow data points at real money investors inflows as well as banks, corporates and hedge funds outflows. All in all, the CHF remains in overbought territory.
- The GBP enjoyed some buying interest last week, predominantly driven by IMM flows. Our FX flow data points at corporates and hedge funds inflows as well as banks and real money investors outflows. All in all, the GBP remains in overbought territory.
- The AUD saw new buying interest last week, predominantly driven by Crédit Agricole CIB flows. Our FX flow data points at banks, corporates, hedge funds and real money investors inflows.
- The CAD saw new buying interest last week, predominantly driven by IMM flows. Our FX flow data points at banks and corporates inflows as well as hedge funds and real money investors outflows.
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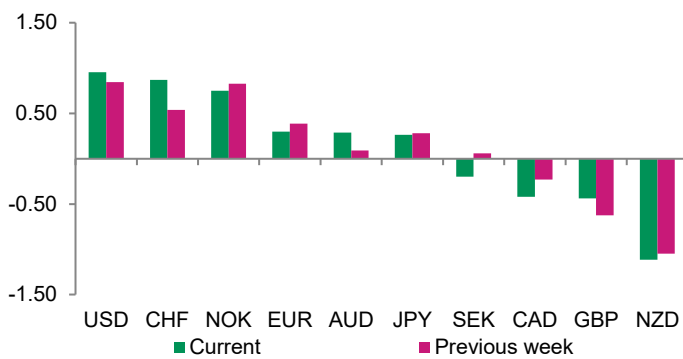
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Fig 1. New G10 FX PIX 3.0 trades this week

No new trades this week

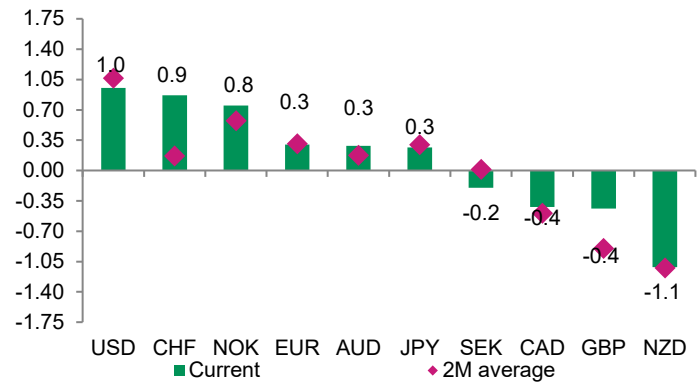
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Fig 2. G10 FX positioning at a glance



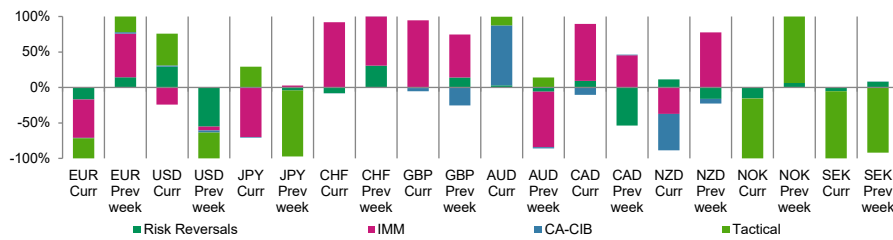
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Fig 3. G10 FX positioning – current vs 2M average



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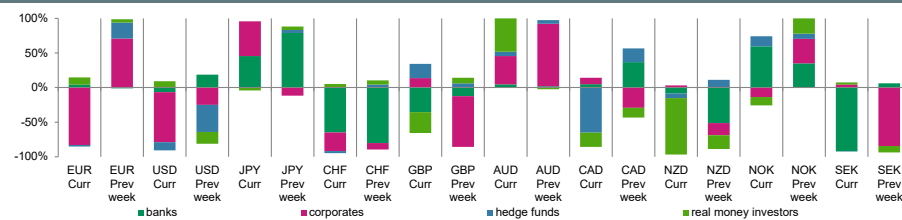
Fig 4. Current vs previous week weighted contributions of positioning sub-indices



Note: A negative (positive) z-score could mean that the change in the underlying positioning data is below (above) its long-term average

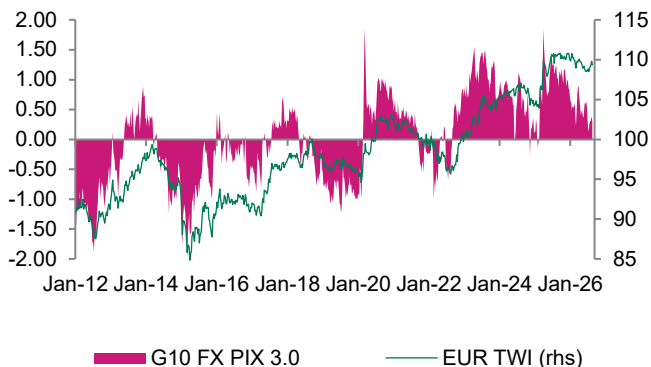
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Fig 5. Current vs previous week FX flows



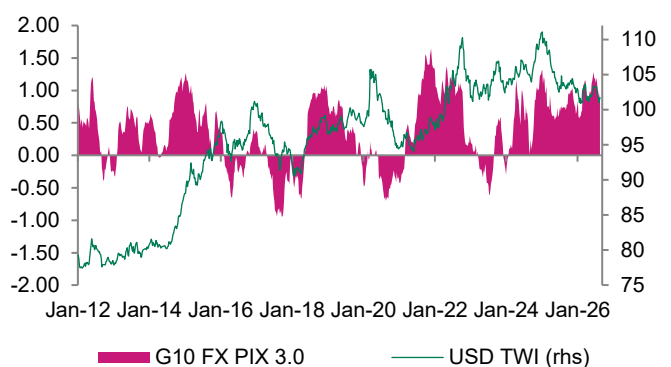
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Fig 6. G10 FX PIX 3.0 for EUR



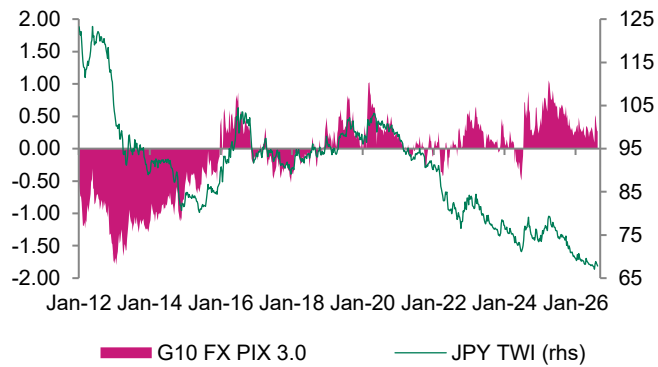
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Fig 7. G10 FX PIX 3.0 for USD



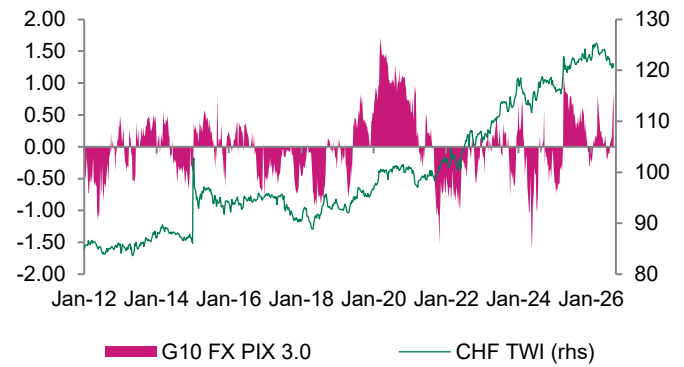
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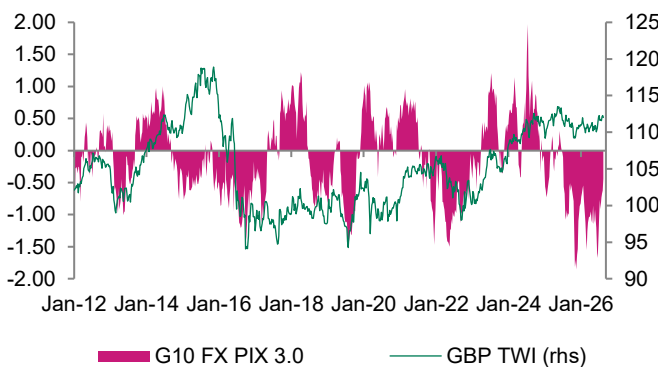
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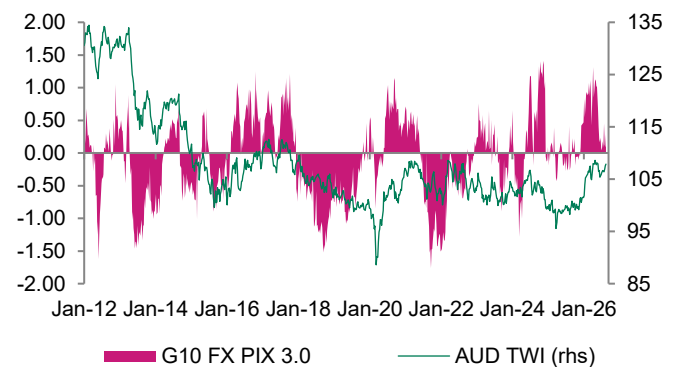
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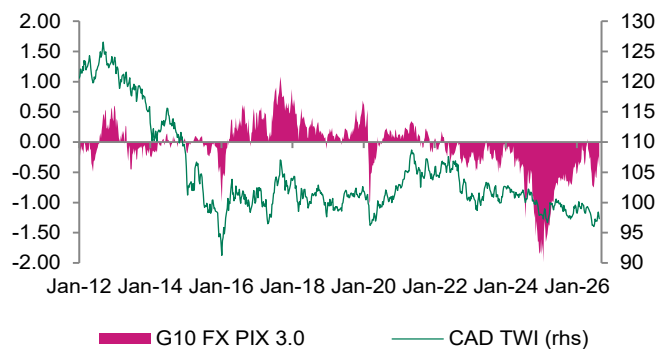
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Fig 11. G10 FX PIX 3.0 for AUD



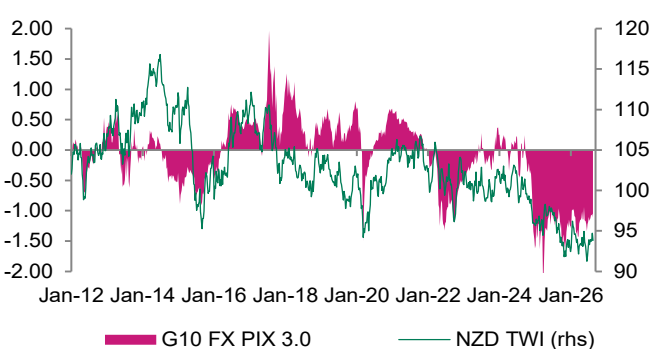
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Fig 12. G10 FX PIX 3.0 for CAD



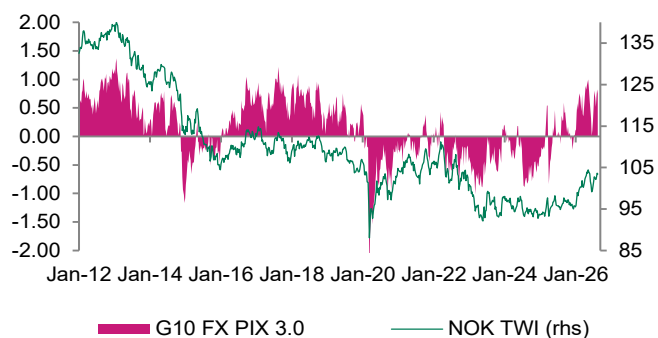
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Fig 13. G10 FX PIX 3.0 for NZD



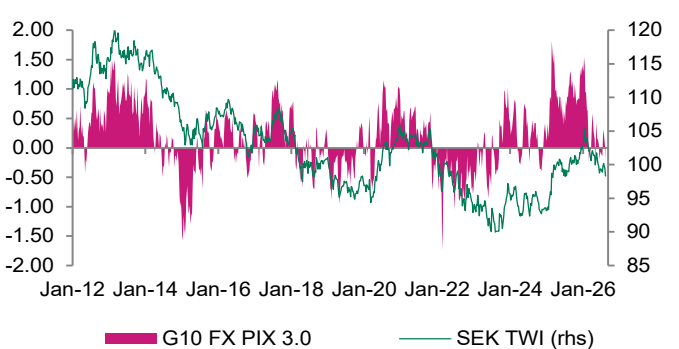
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Fig 14. G10 FX PIX 3.0 for NOK



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Fig 15. G10 FX PIX 3.0 for SEK



Source: Crédit Agricole CIB, Bloomberg

# FAST FX Fair Value Model Update

This is our weekly update published 31 August 2026

- The FAST FX model has been sitting out recent volatility in FX markets, but this week gauges that the NOK's recent strength has gone too far and has triggered a buy EUR/NOK trade.
- EUR/NOK's fair value increased from 10.9367 to 10.9765 due to a rise in the Eurozone-Norway box yield spread as well as a fall in energy prices, which was partly offset by a rise in global equities as well as a fall in the Eurozone-Norway short-term rates spread. EUR/NOK is lagging the rise in its fair value becoming more than 1.5 standard deviations undervalued. The FAST FX model has triggered a long EUR/NOK trade with a stop-loss of -1.92% and a take-profit level of 10.9765.
- EUR/SEK's fair value increased from 10.9208 to 10.9267. EUR/SEK is outpacing the rise in its fair value, moving the exchange rate into overvaluation territory, but this overvaluation is short of the 1.5 standard deviations required to trigger a sell trade.
- NOK/SEK's fair value increased from 1.007 to 1.0082 due to a rise in global equities, which was partly offset by the outperformance of Norwegian equities by Swedish equities. NOK/SEK is outpacing the rise in its fair value moving the exchange rate into overvaluation territory. This overvaluation is just short of the 1.5 standard deviations required to trigger a sell trade.

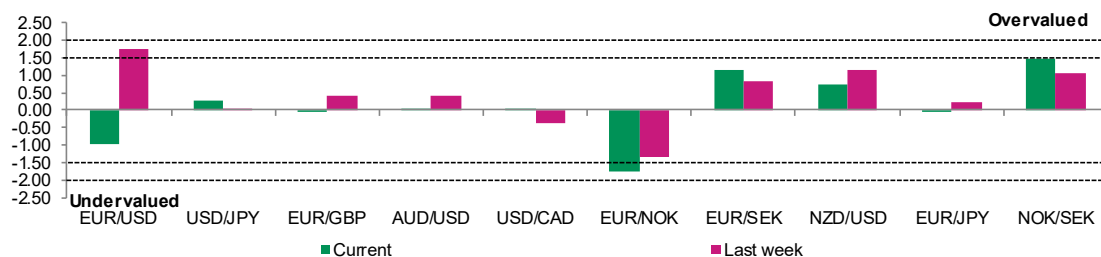
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## New trades this week

| Time Stamp | Entry      | Pair    | Direction | Spot at entry  | Take Profit | Stop Loss |
|------------|------------|---------|-----------|----------------|-------------|-----------|
| 09:00BST   | 31/08/2026 | EUR/NOK | BUY       | 9am London fix | 10.9765     | -1.92%    |

Source: Crédit Agricole CIB

## FX under/overvaluation – z-scores



Dotted lines mark 1.5 and 2 standard deviations in the Z-score

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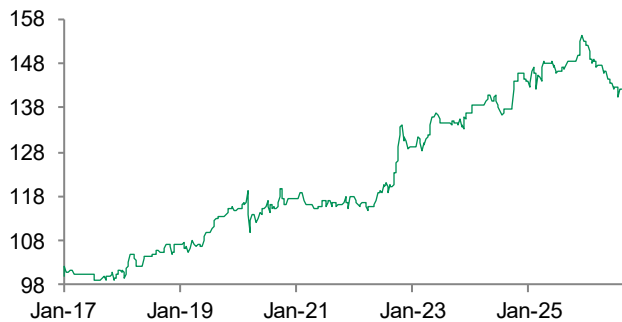
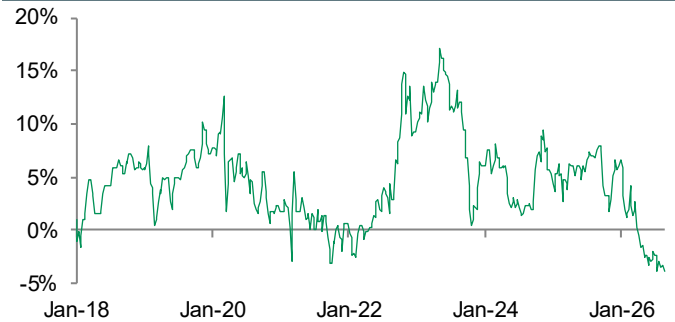
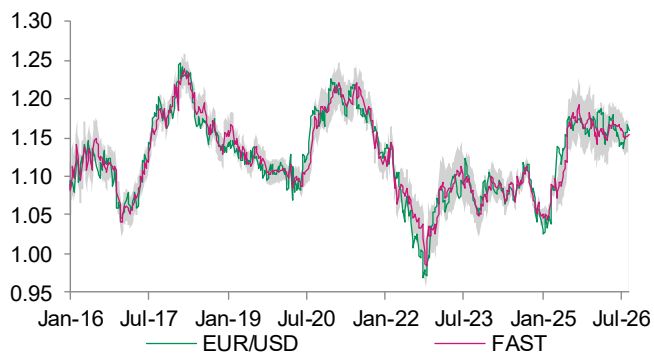
## FAST FX fair value summary

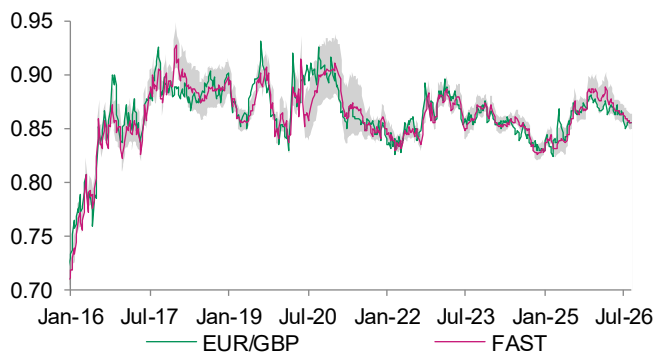
|         | FX spot<br>(Friday NY close) | Fair value estimate | Under /over<br>valuation | Z-score | Stability filter |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|---------|------------------|
| EUR/USD | 1.1585                       | 1.1662              | -0.66%                   | -0.96   | unstable         |
| USD/JPY | 160.09                       | 159.49              | 0.38%                    | 0.26    | stable           |
| EUR/GBP | 0.8559                       | 0.8559              | -0.01%                   | -0.02   | stable           |
| AUD/USD | 0.7164                       | 0.7163              | 0.02%                    | 0.02    | unstable         |
| USD/CAD | 1.3905                       | 1.3903              | 0.01%                    | 0.02    | unstable         |
| EUR/NOK | 10.8617                      | 10.9765             | -1.05%                   | -1.78   | stable           |
| EUR/SEK | 11.1286                      | 10.9267             | 1.85%                    | 1.15    | stable           |
| NZD/USD | 0.5915                       | 0.5842              | 1.26%                    | 0.72    | stable           |
| EUR/JPY | 185.48                       | 185.63              | -0.08%                   | -0.07   | stable           |
| NOK/SEK | 1.0246                       | 1.0082              | 1.63%                    | 1.46    | stable           |

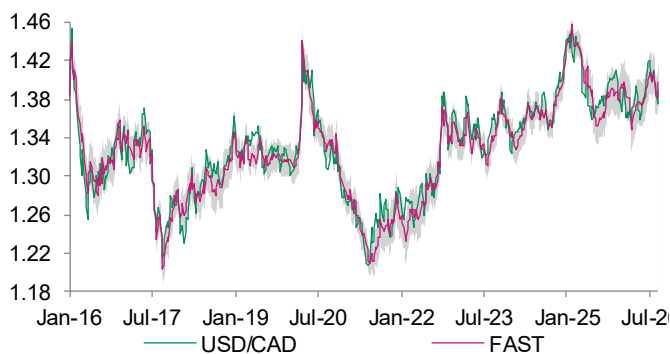
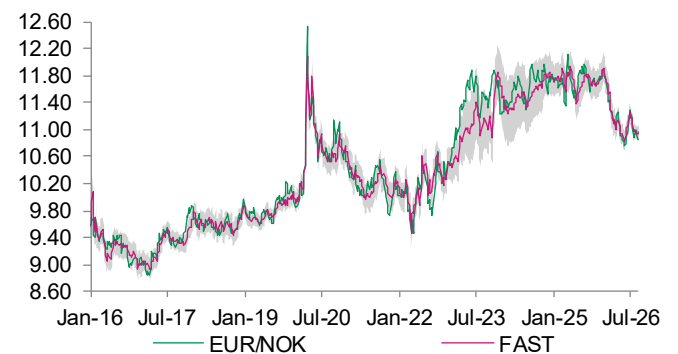
For a stable regime – the primary model is used whereby trades are triggered when the z-score is greater than 1.5 or less than -1.5; while for an unstable regime – the secondary model is used and the trigger level is +/-2 for the z-score.

Source: Bloomberg, Crédit Agricole CIB

## Short-term fair value charts

**FAST FX Model performance since 2017**

**Annual Return since 2018**

**EUR/USD**

**USD/JPY**

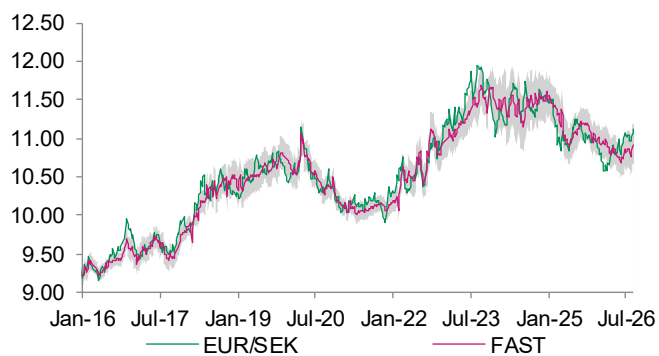
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**EUR/NOK**


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## EUR/SEK



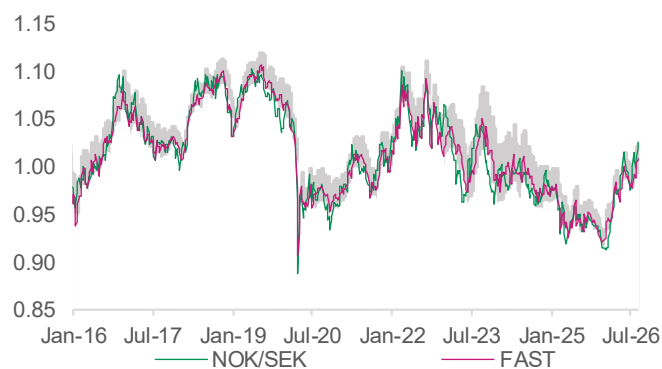
## NZD/USD



## EUR/JPY



## NOK/SEK



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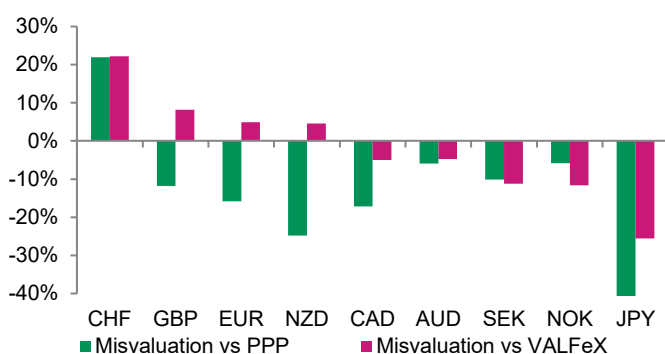
# FX Fair Value Model Update

This is our latest update published 02 June 2026

For more information please refer to the FX Focus – [Introducing CACIB's FX fair value model: G10 VALFeX](#)

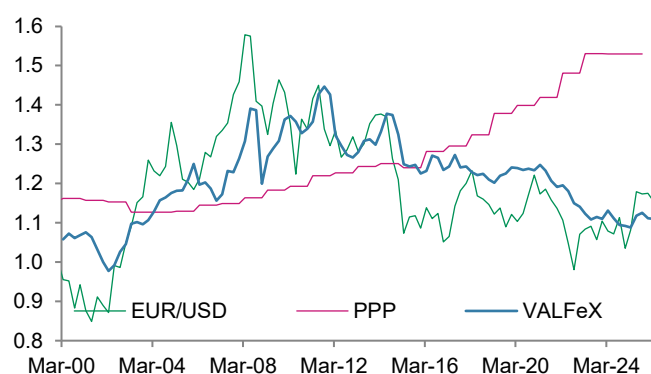
- The war in Iran had a complex impact on the fundamental drivers of our long-term FX fair value estimates: (1) it improved the commodity terms-of-trade and external imbalances of energy exporters and had the opposite effect in the case of energy importers; (2) it boosted central bank rate hike expectations and thus real rates & yields for most G10 currencies relative to the USD; and (3) it supported the productivity of most G10 currencies relative to the USD, in part due to the design of our Balassa-Samuelson-inspired productivity measure.
- According to our G10 VALFeX model, the USD's long-term fair value fell vs the AUD, CAD, NOK, NZD, CHF & GBP and was broadly stable to slightly stronger vs the EUR, JPY & SEK in Q126. The USD's fair value suffered from worsening relative real rate and yield advantage as well as weaker relative productivity. The currency's fair value was further propped up by improving US relative commodity terms of trade and external imbalances vs the G10 currencies of energy importers, but the same drivers proved to be a big drag vs the AUD, CAD and NOK in Q126.
- As a result of these developments, the USD's long-term fair value fell by -1.01% on average in Q126 while the currency gained by 0.32% on average in FX spot over the same period. At present, the USD looks (1) overvalued vs the JPY, NOK, AUD, CAD and SEK; and (2) cheap vs the CHF, GBP, NZD and EUR.
- AUD/USD, GBP/USD and NZD/USD saw their fair values climb to 0.7467, 1.2445 and 0.5671 in Q126 from 0.7333, 1.2296 and 0.5579 in Q425. In addition, the fair values of USD/CHF, USD/CAD and USD/NOK fell to 0.960, 1.322 and 8.19 in Q126 from 0.971, 1.346 and 8.34 in the previous quarter. Elsewhere, in Q126, EUR/USD saw its fair value slip to 1.1099 from 1.1113 in Q425 while the fair values of USD/JPY and USD/SEK were broadly stable coming in at 118.89 and 8.24 vs 118.86 and 8.24 in Q425.

The USD looking expensive vs the JPY, NOK, SEK, AUD & CAD but looks cheap vs the CHF, GBP, NZD & EUR



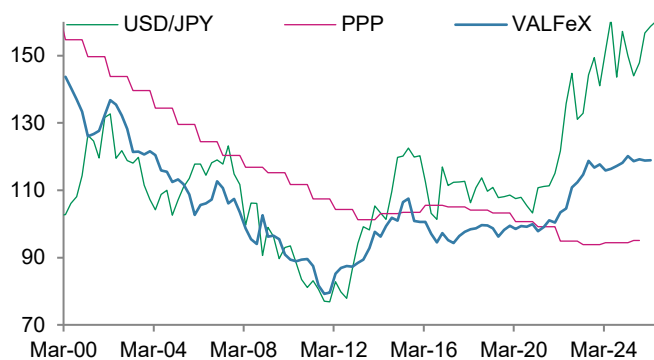
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EUR/USD looks expensive relative to VALFeX but looks undervalued relative to PPP



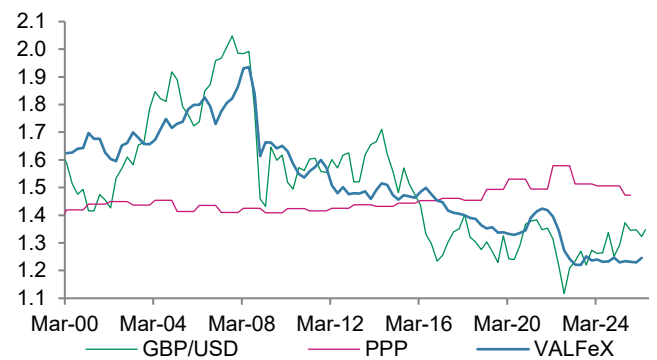
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### The JPY still looks very undervalued relative to VALFeX and PPP



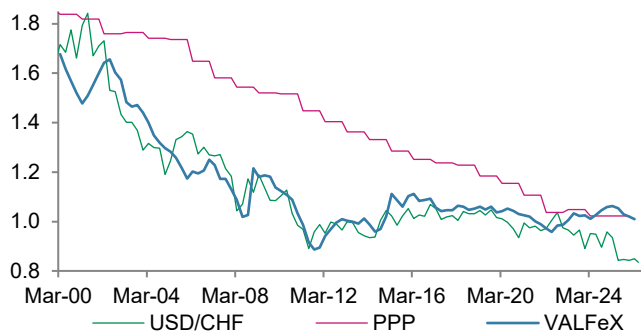
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### GBP/USD looks expensive relative to VALFeX but looks cheap relative to PPP



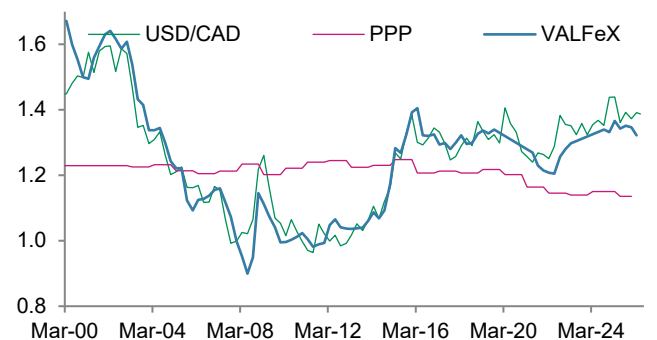
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### The CHF looks very overvalued relative to PPP and VALFeX



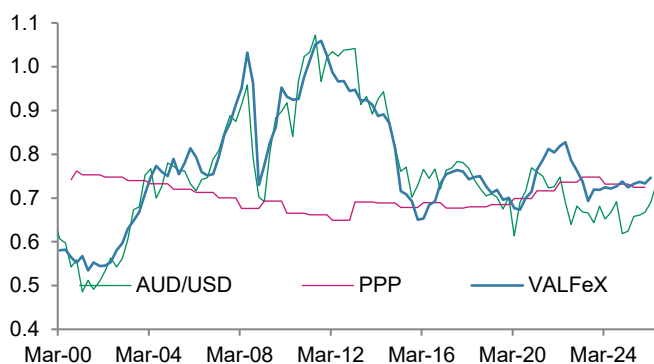
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### The CAD looks modestly undervalued relative to VALFeX and outright cheap vs PPP



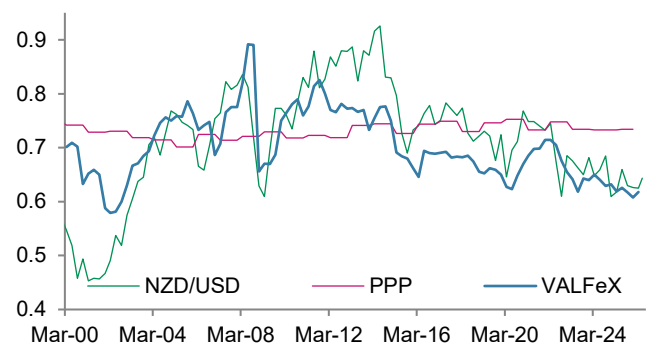
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### The AUD looks undervalued relative to VALFeX and PPP



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### The NZD looks undervalued relative to PPP but looks expensive relative to VALFeX



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# FX Risk Index

This is our weekly update published 02 September 2026

- 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.

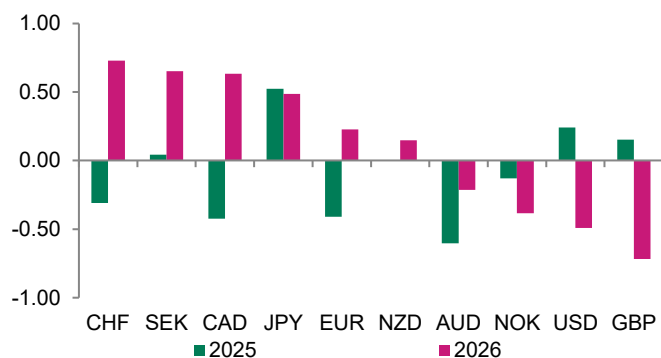
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## CACIB FX Risk Index



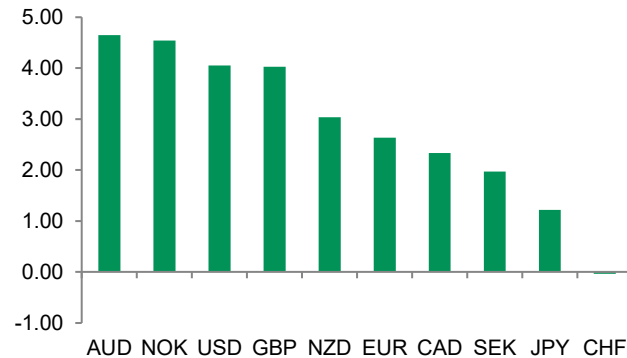
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## Currency sensitivity



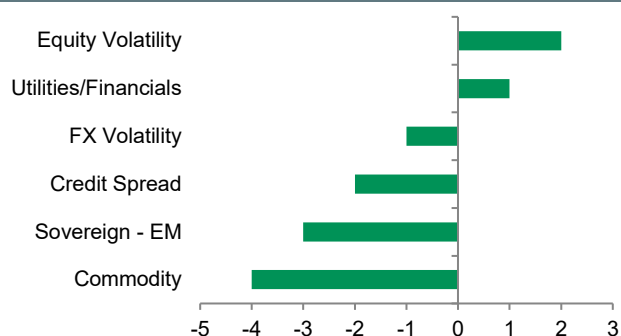
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## Yield advantage



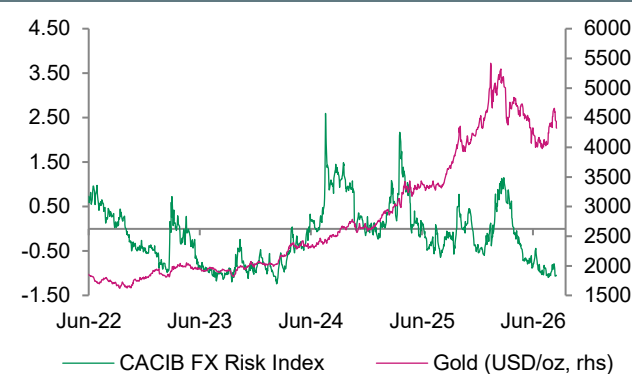
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## Contribution of components



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## Gold &amp; Risk Index



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## Key releases in the week ahead

| GMT                    | Indicator/Event |                                                        | For | Cons.   | Prev.    | Comment |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------|----------|---------|
| Monday 07 September    |                 |                                                        |     |         |          |         |
| 02:30                  | AU              | ANZ Job Advertisements                                 | Aug |         | 0.80%    |         |
| 06:00                  | JN              | Leading Index                                          | Jul |         | 116.50   |         |
| 07:00                  | GE              | Industrial Prod. YoY                                   | Jul |         | -0.10%   |         |
| 07:00                  | NO              | Industrial Production                                  | Jul |         | 9.10%    |         |
| 07:00                  | SW              | Budget                                                 | Aug |         | -9.25 B  |         |
| 07:00                  | SW              | CPIF YoY                                               | Aug |         | 0.70%    |         |
| 07:30                  | AU              | Reserves                                               | Aug |         | 106.65 B |         |
| 08:00                  | SZ              | Unemployment                                           | Aug |         | 3.10%    |         |
| 08:00                  | SZ              | FX Reserves                                            | Aug |         | 768 B    |         |
| 09:30                  | EZ              | Investor Confidence                                    | Sep |         | 0.92     |         |
| 10:00                  | EZ              | GDP YoY                                                | 2Q  |         | 1.00%    |         |
| Tuesday 08 September   |                 |                                                        |     |         |          |         |
| 00:00                  | CH              | Trade Balance                                          | Aug |         | 112.34 B |         |
| 00:30                  | JN              | Earnings                                               | Jul |         | 4.00%    |         |
| 00:50                  | JN              | Current Account Balance                                | Jul |         | -¥92 B   |         |
| 00:50                  | JN              | Trade Balance BoP                                      | Jul |         | -¥135 B  |         |
| 00:50                  | JN              | GDP YoY                                                | 2Q  |         | 1.10%    |         |
| 01:30                  | AU              | Westpac Consumer Confidence                            | Sep |         | 88.95    |         |
| 02:30                  | AU              | Business Confidence                                    | Aug |         | -6.50    |         |
| 04:20                  | AU              | RBA's Hunter-Fireside Chat                             |     |         |          |         |
| 07:45                  | FR              | Trade Balance                                          | Jul |         | -5847 M  |         |
| 10:30                  | AU              | RBA's Hauser-ABC interview                             |     |         |          |         |
| 11:00                  | US              | NFIB                                                   | Aug |         | 99.80    |         |
| 20:00                  | US              | Consumer Credit                                        | Jul | 13.00 B | 14.17 B  |         |
| Wednesday 09 September |                 |                                                        |     |         |          |         |
| 00:50                  | JN              | Money Stock M2 YoY                                     | Aug |         | 2.20%    |         |
| 00:50                  | NZ              | RBNZ Governor Karen speaks                             |     |         |          |         |
| 02:30                  | CH              | CPI YoY                                                | Aug |         | 0.50%    |         |
| 02:30                  | CH              | PPI YoY                                                | Aug |         | 3.50%    |         |
| 07:00                  | JN              | Machine Tool Orders YoY                                | Aug |         | 50.40%   |         |
| 07:00                  | NO              | PPI YoY                                                | Aug |         | 23.40%   |         |
| 07:45                  | FR              | Industrial Production YoY                              | Jul |         | -0.10%   |         |
| 07:45                  | FR              | Manufacturing Prod. YoY                                | Jul |         | -1.70%   |         |
| 17:00                  | SW              | Riksbank's Seim speaks in Stockholm                    |     |         |          |         |
| 18:00                  | EC              | ECB's Nagel speaks in Berlin                           |     |         |          |         |
| Thursday 10 September  |                 |                                                        |     |         |          |         |
| 00:01                  | UK              | RICS House Price Balance                               | Aug |         | -29.90%  |         |
|                        | JN              | BOJ Board member Masu speaks in Fukui                  |     |         |          |         |
| 00:40                  | NZ              | RBNZ Assistant Governor Karen Silk speaks              |     |         |          |         |
| 07:00                  | GE              | CPI YoY                                                | Aug | 3.10%   | 2.90%    |         |
| 07:00                  | SW              | Industrial Orders YoY                                  | Jul |         | 29.90%   |         |
| 07:00                  | NO              | CPI YoY                                                | Aug |         | 3.00%    |         |
| 09:00                  | IT              | Industrial Production MoM                              | Jul |         | -1.00%   |         |
| 13:15                  | EZ              | ECB                                                    | Sep |         | 2.40%    |         |
| 13:30                  | US              | PPI final Demand YoY                                   | Aug |         | 4.70%    |         |
| 13:45                  | EZ              | ECB President Christian Lagarde holds Press Conference |     |         |          |         |
| 15:00                  | US              | Wholesale Inventories                                  | Jul |         | 1.30%    |         |
| 15:00                  | US              | Existing Homes Sales MoM                               | Aug | -1.60%  | -1.69%   |         |
| 23:30                  | NZ              | BNZ Manufacturing PMI                                  | Aug |         | 54.30    |         |
| Friday 11 September    |                 |                                                        |     |         |          |         |
| 00:50                  | JN              | PPI YoY                                                | Aug |         | 7.20%    |         |
| 07:00                  | UK              | Construction Output                                    | Jul |         | -2.30%   |         |
| 07:00                  | UK              | Industrial Production YoY                              | Jul |         | -0.20%   |         |

| GMT   | Indicator/Event |                              | For | Cons. | Prev.   | Comment |
|-------|-----------------|------------------------------|-----|-------|---------|---------|
| 07:00 | UK              | Manufacturing Prod. YoY      | Jul |       | 0.50%   |         |
| 07:00 | UK              | <b>GDP</b>                   | Jul |       | 0.30%   |         |
| 07:00 | UK              | Trade Balance                | Jul |       | -5537 M |         |
| 13:30 | US              | <b>CPI YoY</b>               | Aug | 3.40% | 3.40%   |         |
| 15:00 | US              | U. of Mich. Sentiment        | Sep |       | 51.70   |         |
| 18:00 | EZ              | ECB's Lane speaks in Ireland |     |       |         |         |
| 19:00 | US              | Budget Statement             | Aug |       | -432 B  |         |

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## Exchange rate forecasts

|                                 |         | 2-Sep   | Dec-26  | Mar-27  | Jun-27  | Sep-27  | Dec-27  |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>USD Exchange rate</b>        |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Industrialised countries</b> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Euro                            | EUR/USD | 1.16    | 1.13    | 1.13    | 1.14    | 1.16    | 1.17    |
| Japan                           | USD/JPY | 158.7   | 163.0   | 162.0   | 161.0   | 158.0   | 156.0   |
| United Kingdom                  | GBP/USD | 1.35    | 1.31    | 1.32    | 1.34    | 1.37    | 1.39    |
| Switzerland                     | USD/CHF | 0.81    | 0.84    | 0.84    | 0.83    | 0.81    | 0.80    |
| Canada                          | USD/CAD | 1.38    | 1.38    | 1.36    | 1.34    | 1.33    | 1.32    |
| Australia                       | AUD/USD | 0.72    | 0.69    | 0.70    | 0.70    | 0.72    | 0.73    |
| New Zealand                     | NZD/USD | 0.58    | 0.58    | 0.60    | 0.61    | 0.62    | 0.63    |
| <b>Euro Cross rates</b>         |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Industrialised countries</b> |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Australia                       | EUR/AUD | 1.62    | 1.64    | 1.61    | 1.63    | 1.61    | 1.60    |
| Canada                          | EUR/CAD | 1.6     | 1.559   | 1.537   | 1.528   | 1.543   | 1.544   |
| Japan                           | EUR/JPY | 183.92  | 184.19  | 183.06  | 183.54  | 183.28  | 182.52  |
| New Zealand                     | EUR/NZD | 2.0     | 1.948   | 1.883   | 1.869   | 1.871   | 1.857   |
| Norway                          | EUR/NOK | 10.79   | 10.70   | 10.50   | 10.40   | 10.30   | 10.20   |
| Singapore                       | EUR/SGD | 1.5     | 1.435   | 1.435   | 1.436   | 1.462   | 1.463   |
| Sweden                          | EUR/SEK | 11.15   | 10.60   | 10.50   | 10.60   | 10.50   | 10.40   |
| Switzerland                     | EUR/CHF | 0.94    | 0.95    | 0.95    | 0.95    | 0.94    | 0.94    |
| United Kingdom                  | EUR/GBP | 0.86    | 0.86    | 0.86    | 0.85    | 0.84    | 0.84    |
| <b>Asia</b>                     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| China                           | USD/CNY | 6.72    | 6.62    | 6.60    | 6.60    | 6.55    | 6.50    |
| Hong Kong                       | USD/HKD | 7.84    | 7.81    | 7.82    | 7.82    | 7.82    | 7.80    |
| India                           | USD/INR | 94.97   | 96.00   | 94.00   | 94.00   | 92.00   | 92.00   |
| Indonesia                       | USD/IDR | 17750   | 17600   | 17500   | 17500   | 17250   | 17250   |
| Malaysia                        | USD/MYR | 4.04    | 4.02    | 4.00    | 3.98    | 3.96    | 3.95    |
| Philippines                     | USD/PHP | 62.5    | 61.2    | 61.0    | 60.8    | 60.5    | 60.0    |
| Singapore                       | USD/SGD | 1.27    | 1.27    | 1.27    | 1.26    | 1.26    | 1.25    |
| South Korea                     | USD/KRW | 1358    | 1385    | 1400    | 1390    | 1380    | 1360    |
| Taiwan                          | USD/TWD | 31.7    | 31.6    | 31.5    | 31.5    | 31.4    | 31.2    |
| Thailand                        | USD/THB | 33.2    | 33.0    | 33.0    | 32.8    | 32.5    | 32.0    |
| Vietnam                         | USD/VND | 26070   | 26250   | 26200   | 26200   | 26100   | 26000   |
| <b>Latin America</b>            |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Brazil                          | USD/BRL | 5.09    | 5.25    | 5.30    | 5.35    | 5.40    | 5.45    |
| Chile                           | USD/CLP | 936.77  | 920.00  | 910.00  | 900.00  | 890.00  | 880.00  |
| Colombia                        | USD/COP | 3152.50 | 3550.00 | 3600.00 | 3650.00 | 3700.00 | 3750.00 |
| Mexico                          | USD/MXN | 16.96   | 18.00   | 18.25   | 18.50   | 18.75   | 19.00   |
| Peru                            | USD/PEN | 3.36    | 3.45    | 3.50    | 3.55    | 3.60    | 3.65    |
| <b>Africa</b>                   |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| South Africa                    | USD/ZAR | 16.05   | 15.50   | 15.50   | 15.50   | 15.50   | 15.50   |
| <b>Emerging Europe</b>          |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Poland                          | USD/PLN | 3.73    | 3.76    | 3.74    | 3.69    | 3.61    | 3.56    |
| Russia                          | USD/RUB | 87.20   | 77.00   | 80.00   | 81.00   | 82.00   | 83.00   |
| Turkey                          | USD/TRY | 48.28   | 51.50   | 52.50   | 53.50   | 54.10   | 55.00   |
| <b>Central Europe</b>           |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Czech Rep.                      | EUR/CZK | 24.17   | 23.60   | 23.40   | 23.10   | 22.80   | 22.60   |
| Hungary                         | EUR/HUF | 366     | 346     | 345     | 344     | 342     | 340     |
| Poland                          | EUR/PLN | 4.32    | 4.25    | 4.23    | 4.21    | 4.19    | 4.17    |
| Romania                         | EUR/RON | 5.25    | 5.23    | 5.23    | 5.28    | 5.28    | 5.28    |
| <b>Gold</b>                     |         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Gold                            | USD/oz  | 4474    | 5000    | 5200    | 5300    | 5400    | 5500    |

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# Economic forecasts

|                                  | Real GDP (YoY. %) |       |      | CPI (YoY. %) |      |      | Current Account (% GDP) |      |      |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------|------|--------------|------|------|-------------------------|------|------|
|                                  | 25                | 26    | 27   | 25           | 26   | 27   | 25                      | 26   | 27   |
| <b>USA</b>                       | 2.1               | 2.1   | 2.0  | 2.7          | 3.4  | 2.5  | -3.8                    | -3.5 | -3.4 |
| <b>JAPAN</b>                     | 1.1               | 0.3   | 0.5  | 3.0          | 2.0  | 0.9  | 4.0                     | 3.0  | 2.0  |
| <b>EUROZONE</b>                  | 1.5               | 0.2   | 0.9  | 2.1          | 2.7  | 2.2  | 1.7                     | 1.3  | 1.3  |
| Belgium                          | 1.0               | 0.7   | 0.7  | 3.0          | 2.7  | 1.9  | -0.4                    | -1.9 | -2.1 |
| France                           | 0.9               | 0.6   | 0.8  | 0.9          | 1.9  | 1.5  | 0.1                     | -0.3 | 0.1  |
| Germany                          | 0.3               | 0.6   | 0.9  | 2.3          | 2.6  | 2.3  | 5.8                     | 4.5  | 3.9  |
| Italy                            | 0.7               | 0.5   | 0.6  | 1.6          | 2.6  | 1.7  | 1.1                     | 1.1  | 1.0  |
| Netherlands                      | 1.8               | 1.0   | 1.0  | 3.0          | 2.7  | 2.6  | 9.1                     | 7.9  | 7.7  |
| Spain                            | 2.8               | 2.1   | 1.6  | 2.7          | 3.6  | 3.1  | 3.2                     | 2.9  | 1.7  |
| <b>Other developed countries</b> |                   |       |      |              |      |      |                         |      |      |
| Australia                        | 2.1               | 2.2   | 2.3  | 3.3          | 3.0  | 2.6  | -2.1                    | -2.3 | -2.6 |
| Canada                           | 1.1               | 1.5   | 1.8  | 2.0          | 2.1  | 2.0  | -0.8                    | -1.0 | -1.7 |
| New Zealand                      | 1.9               | 2.4   | 2.6  | 2.2          | 2.1  | 2.1  | -3.6                    | -3.4 | -3.4 |
| Norway                           | 1.7               | 1.2   | 1.5  | 3.0          | 3.3  | 2.5  | 13.8                    | 16.5 | 11.5 |
| Sweden                           | 1.7               | 1.8   | 2.3  | 2.6          | 0.9  | 2.7  | 6.1                     | 4.4  | 4.8  |
| Switzerland                      | 1.0               | 1.3   | 1.1  | 0.1          | 0.6  | 0.7  | 7.0                     | 7.0  | 7.1  |
| United Kingdom                   | 1.4               | 1.1   | 1.1  | 3.4          | 3.1  | 2.6  | -2.4                    | -4.1 | -3.8 |
| <b>Asia</b>                      | 5.2               | 5.1   | 4.8  | 1.0          | 2.5  | 2.3  | 3.2                     | 2.9  | 3.0  |
| China                            | 5.0               | 4.5   | 4.5  | 0.0          | 1.0  | 1.2  | 3.7                     | 4.0  | 3.9  |
| Hong Kong                        | 3.2               | 3.1   | 3.0  | 1.5          | 1.8  | 2.0  | 13.5                    | 11.2 | 9.5  |
| India                            | 7.0               | 6.5   | 6.7  | 2.6          | 5.2  | 4.5  | -1.0                    | -2.9 | -2.1 |
| Indonesia                        | 5.0               | 5.2   | 5.0  | 2.0          | 3.2  | 2.8  | -0.1                    | -1.9 | -1.7 |
| Korea                            | 1.0               | 3.5   | 2.7  | 2.1          | 2.9  | 2.3  | 6.6                     | 12.0 | 11.8 |
| Malaysia                         | 4.2               | 4.5   | 4.3  | 2.0          | 2.2  | 2.0  | 1.9                     | 1.8  | 1.8  |
| Philippines                      | 4.7               | 4.7   | 6.0  | 1.7          | 6.3  | 4.1  | -2.3                    | -1.3 | -2.3 |
| Singapore                        | 5.0               | 4.3   | 2.7  | 0.9          | 2.2  | 2.0  | 16.7                    | 17.2 | 17.0 |
| Taiwan                           | 8.4               | 11.3  | 3.8  | 1.7          | 2.2  | 1.8  | 20.0                    | 23.6 | 22.5 |
| Thailand                         | 2.0               | 2.1   | 2.0  | -0.1         | 2.6  | 2.4  | 2.8                     | -4.5 | -3.5 |
| Vietnam                          | 6.9               | 6.9   | 6.6  | 3.3          | 3.5  | 3.3  | 5.1                     | 5.3  | 6.0  |
| <b>Latin America</b>             | 2.5               | 2.0   | 2.0  | 3.5          | 3.2  | 3.2  | -0.5                    | -0.7 | -0.9 |
| Brazil                           | 2.3               | 1.9   | 2.0  | 5.2          | 4.5  | 4.1  | -3.0                    | -2.1 | -2.2 |
| Chile                            | 2.3               | 1.8   | 2.1  | 4.2          | 3.4  | 3.4  | -2.3                    | -1.6 | -1.5 |
| Colombia                         | 2.6               | 2.8   | 1.9  | 5.1          | 4.8  | 4.6  | -2.4                    | -2.5 | -2.2 |
| Mexico                           | 0.6               | 0.9   | 1.2  | 3.7          | 3.9  | 3.5  | -0.5                    | -0.5 | -0.6 |
| Peru                             | 3.4               | 2.4   | 2.2  | 1.5          | 2.0  | 2.2  | 3.1                     | 1.2  | 0.5  |
| <b>Emerging Europe</b>           | 1.5               | 1.8   | 1.8  | 7.0          | 5.3  | 4.9  | 0.4                     | 0.2  | 0.2  |
| Czech Republic                   | 2.6               | 2.4   | 2.3  | 2.5          | 2.5  | 2.5  | 0.7                     | 0.3  | 0.2  |
| Hungary                          | 0.4               | 2.0   | 2.3  | 4.4          | 3.8  | 3.4  | 1.5                     | 0.3  | 0.5  |
| Poland                           | 3.6               | 3.7   | 3.0  | 3.6          | 3.3  | 3.7  | -0.8                    | -1.3 | -1.3 |
| Romania                          | 0.7               | 0.1   | 1.8  | 7.3          | 7.5  | 3.9  | -8.0                    | -7.5 | -7.0 |
| Russia                           | 1.0               | 1.4   | 1.4  | 8.7          | 6.0  | 5.8  | 1.8                     | 1.7  | 1.6  |
| Turkey                           | 3.4               | 3.4   | 3.7  | 36.0         | 24.0 | 19.0 | -1.5                    | -1.5 | -2.0 |
| <b>Africa &amp; Middle East</b>  | 3.3               | 0.8   | 3.5  | 4.9          | 4.5  | 4.1  | 1.0                     | 0.1  | 0.2  |
| Algeria                          | 3.8               | 3.1   | 2.9  | 1.5          | 6.0  | 5.5  | -3.0                    | -3.0 | -3.8 |
| Egypt                            | 4.4               | 4.6   | 4.0  | 20.9         | 13.3 | 12.0 | -4.4                    | -5.0 | -3.9 |
| Iran                             | -                 | -     | -    | -            | -    | -    | -                       | -    | -    |
| Kuwait                           | 2.5               | -8.5  | 9.0  | 2.3          | 2.4  | 2.3  | 22.6                    | 18.0 | 19.0 |
| Morocco                          | 4.6               | 4.1   | 4.2  | 0.7          | 3.5  | 2.0  | -2.5                    | -2.6 | -2.6 |
| Qatar                            | 2.9               | -14.5 | 11.0 | 0.6          | 2.6  | 2.9  | 15.5                    | 8.0  | 8.0  |
| Saudi Arabia                     | 4.5               | 1.4   | 4.2  | 2.1          | 2.3  | 2.4  | -2.6                    | -0.8 | -1.4 |
| South Africa                     | 1.1               | 1.0   | 1.2  | 3.2          | 4.4  | 4.2  | -0.5                    | -0.9 | -1.2 |
| Tunisia                          | 2.5               | 1.8   | 1.6  | 5.4          | 7.5  | 6.0  | -2.8                    | -3.5 | -3.2 |
| United Arab Emirates             | 6.2               | -0.9  | 6.0  | 1.3          | 3.0  | 1.8  | 15.3                    | 7.5  | 9.0  |
| <b>Total</b>                     | 3.1               | 2.7   | 2.9  | 3.1          | 3.4  | 2.9  | 0.9                     | 0.7  | 0.6  |
| <b>Industrialised countries</b>  | 1.7               | 1.2   | 1.4  | 2.6          | 2.9  | 2.2  | -0.6                    | -0.8 | -0.9 |
| <b>Emerging countries</b>        | 4.3               | 3.9   | 4.0  | 3.6          | 3.8  | 3.4  | 2.0                     | 1.8  | 1.8  |

Notes:

(1) CPI – for UK: HICP; for Brazil: IPCA

(2) India – fiscal year ending in March

Source: Crédit Agricole CIB

## Interest rate forecasts – developed countries

|                  | 03-Sep | Dec-26 | Mar-27 | Jun-27 | Sep-27 | Dec-27 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>EUR</b>       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Refi rate        | 2.40   | 2.90   | 2.90   | 2.90   | 2.65   | 2.65   |
| Depo rate        | 2.25   | 2.75   | 2.75   | 2.75   | 2.50   | 2.50   |
| ESTR             | 2.19   | 2.70   | 2.70   | 2.70   | 2.45   | 2.45   |
| 3M Euribor       | 2.66   | 2.85   | 2.85   | 2.65   | 2.50   | 2.30   |
| <b>Germany</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               | 2.95   | 2.79   | 2.73   | 2.59   | 2.55   | 2.52   |
| 5Y               | 3.07   | 2.93   | 2.91   | 2.80   | 2.77   | 2.76   |
| 10Y              | 3.35   | 3.21   | 3.23   | 3.19   | 3.22   | 3.27   |
| 30Y              | 3.83   | 3.71   | 3.83   | 3.83   | 3.85   | 3.91   |
| <b>France</b>    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               | 3.15   | 2.96   | 2.89   | 2.69   | 2.65   | 2.60   |
| 5Y               | 3.56   | 3.32   | 3.30   | 3.05   | 3.01   | 2.97   |
| 10Y              | 4.21   | 3.95   | 3.99   | 3.78   | 3.80   | 3.83   |
| 30Y              | 4.96   | 4.75   | 4.89   | 4.75   | 4.77   | 4.81   |
| <b>Italy</b>     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               | 3.18   | 2.95   | 2.87   | 2.71   | 2.66   | 2.61   |
| 5Y               | 3.58   | 3.34   | 3.27   | 3.12   | 3.08   | 3.02   |
| 10Y              | 4.18   | 3.96   | 3.93   | 3.85   | 3.92   | 3.88   |
| 30Y              | 4.93   | 4.74   | 4.82   | 4.79   | 4.84   | 4.83   |
| <b>Spain</b>     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               | 3.00   | 2.85   | 2.78   | 2.64   | 2.60   | 2.56   |
| 5Y               | 3.27   | 3.14   | 3.10   | 2.97   | 2.94   | 2.91   |
| 10Y              | 3.80   | 3.65   | 3.65   | 3.59   | 3.62   | 3.66   |
| 30Y              | 4.46   | 4.35   | 4.45   | 4.43   | 4.44   | 4.48   |
| <b>Belgium</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 10Y              | 3.89   | 3.80   | 3.77   | 3.72   | 3.75   | 3.79   |
| <b>Ireland</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 10Y              | 3.48   | 3.40   | 3.42   | 3.38   | 3.40   | 3.45   |
| <b>Portugal</b>  |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 10Y              | 3.70   | 3.59   | 3.59   | 3.54   | 3.56   | 3.60   |
| <b>Finland</b>   |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 10Y              | 3.67   | 3.60   | 3.61   | 3.56   | 3.58   | 3.62   |
| <b>Greece</b>    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 10Y              | 4.04   | 3.95   | 3.93   | 3.85   | 3.88   | 3.90   |
| <b>Sweden</b>    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Repo             |        | 1.75   | 2.00   | 2.00   | 2.00   | 2.00   |
| <b>Norway</b>    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Deposit          | 4.25   | 4.25   | 4.25   | 4.25   | 4.00   | 4.00   |
| <b>EUR swaps</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               |        | 2.93   | 2.85   | 2.70   | 2.65   | 2.60   |
| 5Y               |        | 3.02   | 2.97   | 2.85   | 2.80   | 2.78   |
| 10Y              |        | 3.18   | 3.16   | 3.08   | 3.10   | 3.13   |
| 30Y              |        | 3.30   | 3.35   | 3.30   | 3.30   | 3.35   |
| <b>GBP</b>       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Bank Rate        | 0.00   | 3.75   | 3.75   | 3.75   | 3.50   | 3.25   |
| Sonia            | 0.00   | 3.50   | 3.50   | 3.50   | 3.50   | 3.50   |

Note: 3M rates are interbank, 2Y and 10Y rates are government bond yields

Source: Crédit Agricole CIB

## Interest rate forecasts – developed countries (cont.)

|                  | 02-Sep | Dec-26 | Mar-27 | Jun-27 | Sep-27 | Dec-27 |
|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| <b>USD</b>       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| FF target        | 3.75   | 3.75   | 3.75   | 3.50   | 3.50   | 3.50   |
| FF effective     | 3.63   | 3.61   | 3.61   | 3.36   | 3.36   | 3.36   |
| SOFR             | 3.66   | 3.63   | 3.63   | 3.38   | 3.38   | 3.38   |
| <b>USTs</b>      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               | 4.39   | 4.05   | 4.00   | 3.85   | 3.95   | 4.00   |
| 5Y               | 4.56   | 4.20   | 4.15   | 4.05   | 4.15   | 4.20   |
| 10Y              | 4.80   | 4.55   | 4.55   | 4.45   | 4.50   | 4.50   |
| 30Y              | 5.27   | 5.10   | 5.10   | 5.05   | 5.05   | 5.00   |
| <b>USD swaps</b> |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               |        | 3.92   | 3.87   | 3.72   | 3.82   | 3.87   |
| 5Y               |        | 3.94   | 3.89   | 3.80   | 3.90   | 3.96   |
| 10Y              |        | 4.16   | 4.17   | 4.08   | 4.14   | 4.15   |
| 30Y              |        | 4.39   | 4.40   | 4.36   | 4.37   | 4.33   |
| <b>JPY</b>       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Call rate        | 0.00   | 1.00   | 1.25   | 1.25   | 1.50   | 1.50   |
| <b>JGBs</b>      |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| 2Y               | 1.87   | 1.65   | 1.75   | 1.75   | 1.90   | 1.90   |
| 5Y               | 2.31   | 2.10   | 2.15   | 2.20   | 2.35   | 2.40   |
| 10Y              | 3.01   | 2.70   | 2.75   | 2.75   | 2.75   | 2.75   |
| 30Y              | 4.17   | 3.95   | 4.00   | 4.00   | 4.00   | 4.00   |
| <b>Canada</b>    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Overnight        | 0.00   | 2.25   | 2.25   | 2.25   | 2.25   | 2.25   |

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