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A decisive CPI this week



MARKET LINES

The hotter than expected payrolls of last Friday dominated the session and reignited Fed rate hike bets, with an implied probability of around 60% of a hike in September. Because most policymakers already viewed the labor market as being in equilibrium, today's print doesn't necessarily add to the hawkish argument, but it certainly does take away from the dovish one. With the labor market solid, inflation will remain the driver of near-term policy with Thursday's PPI and Friday's CPI to be decisive. **[August Jobs Recap: Bouncing Back; Fed on razor's edge for September.](#)**

The ECB rate decision this Thursday is the other major event of the week. We expect a pre-emptive hike accompanied by a neutral, data-dependent tone from President Lagarde, and followed by a pause until the end of 2027 conditional to easing geopolitical tensions. **[ECB September Preview: Another Pre-Emptive Hike](#)**

Rates

- ▶ EGBs fluctuated but ended a bit stronger today, supported by lower oil prices and weak economic data. Meanwhile, peripheral markets like Italy and Spain slightly outperformed German Bunds.
- ▶ The 10-year Bund yield initially jumped after a strong US jobs report but quickly resumed its downward trend. Consequently, the yield curve flattened before stabilizing, with the 10-year yield closing near 3.34% and 10-30y slope close to unchanged today at 6.5bp.
- ▶ Treasuries sold off at the front end following the payrolls beat, though the move partially unwound into the close as attention shifted to inflation data. The 2-year yield rose ~3bps to 4.37% and the 10-year added ~1bp to 4.78%,

FX

- ▶ The DXY rose +0.18% to 99.09, in a selective move: the dollar appreciated against most G10 currencies while several Asian emerging market currencies held firm.
- ▶ EUR/USD traded in a narrow range throughout the session at 1.1618.
- ▶ The CAD was the weakest G10 currency: USD/CAD rose +0.29% to 1.3831, EUR/CAD +0.24% to 1.6069.
- ▶ The Swedish krona also underperformed, with USD/SEK up +0.33% to 9.5649 and EUR/SEK up +0.23% to 11.1141.

Equities

- ▶ US equities closed in the red, but European markets were more resilient — DAX and Euro Stoxx 50 edged up ~+0.16%, while the CAC 40 slipped marginally (-0.09%) and the FTSE 100 was essentially flat.



- ▶ Broad sector weakness in the US, with eight of 11 S&P 500 sectors declining on the day. Communication Services was the clear laggard, followed by Health Care, Financials, and Energy. Only Industrials, Information Technology, and Utilities managed to close positive.
- ▶ VIX ticked higher but remains subdued. The VIX closed at 14.5, up 0.2pts on the day — reflecting a modest uptick in near-term uncertainty but still well within a low-volatility regime.

Credit

- ▶ Slight easing on the credit markets this Friday (-0.4 bps for the iTraxx Main, -2.2 bps for the X-Over), with a marked outperformance from Volkswagen. The restructuring plan, which projects the cut of approximately 50,000 additional jobs by the end of 2029, was approved by the supervisory board, triggering a 2.4 bps narrowing of VW's 5-year CDS and a 5-10 bps tightening of its hybrid debt spreads.
- ▶ Also of note was a slight easing in the Tech sector, with a 5bps narrowing of Oracle's 5-year CDS, returning to the 200bps level, while the 5-year CDS of Amazon and Broadcom also tightened by 2.5 and 3.5 bps respectively.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ **US** : Payrolls bounced back in a huge way in August, rising 162k, with upward revisions to July's number. The three-month moving average of job gains now stands at 71k, up from 38 in July as payrolls this year continue to swing wildly around the consensus estimates. Participation rose a touch which increased the unemployment rate by 5bps, but still rounding to 4.1%.
 - Payrolls: 162k (consensus: 55k), Two-month revisions: 55k
 - Unemployment Rate: 4.1% (consensus: 4.1%)
 - Average hourly earnings: 0.3% (consensus: 0.3%)

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- ▶ **Germany**: Manufacturing orders rose again in July (+2.5% m/m after 3.7% in June), led by a surge in 'other transport equipment' orders (+126.4% m/m). Industrial production significantly missed in July (released this morning at -1.1% MoM). The June reading was revised down to 0.0% from the initially reported +0.2%. Automotive the main drag, construction is a bright spot.
- ▶ **Germany** : The highly anticipated election in Saxony-Anhalt has delivered a historic result for the AfD, which won comfortably nearly 43.8% of the vote, slightly outperforming the final opinion polls. The CDU, for its part, finished second, far behind the far-right party with 18.5%, while the SPD, Greens and the Linke party secured around 9% of the votes. For the federal coalition, this is—as anticipated—a bruising defeat. Lars Klingbeil, co-leader of the SPD, has already branded the result a 'turning point', while CDU/CSU opposition leader Friedrich Merz is scheduled to speak this morning. As we flagged in our preview ([Germany: Hot September Elections](#)), these results are unlikely to alter the trajectory of Germany's macroeconomic policy. Nevertheless, they must be read for what they genuinely represent: a political earthquake on a national scale.

DAY AHEAD

- ▶ US markets closed for Labor Day
- ▶ EZ : Sentix [10:30]
- ▶ EZ : Q2 GDP (3d estimation)

MARKET RECAP



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	Last	Yest. move	vs Close -5D
10Y-UST (%,*)	4.78	1.4	3.2
10Y-Bund (%,*)	3.35	-0.4	2.9
10Y OAT-Bund spread (bp,*)	86	-0.4	0.9
10Y BTP-Bund spread (bp,*)	82	-0.5	-1.1
10Y US inflation B/E (%,*)	2.35	-0.1	3.3
iTraxx Europe Main 5Y (bp,*)	51	-0.4	0.4
iTraxx Europe XO 5Y (bp,*)	250	-2.1	2.7
iTraxx Europe Fin. Senior 5Y (bp,*)	54	-0.4	-0.2
VIX Futures†	16.3	0.1	-0.3
S&P 500 Mini Futures	7722	-0.4	0.3
Euro Stoxx 50 Futures	6394	0.2	-0.7
Nikkei 225	66400	1.3	0.1
Hang Seng Index	25441	1.7	-0.5
US Dollar DXY	99.08	0.3	-0.4
EUR / USD	1.162	-0.2	0.0
GBP / USD	1.353	-0.2	-0.1
USD / JPY	155.75	0.6	-2.5
Gold	4397.7	-1.3	-0.8
Brent Futures	97.5	0.8	7.7

Variations expressed in %, except for *: variations in bps or for †: variations in index points.

Source: Bloomberg.



INDUSTRY NEWS

Immobilier / Real Estate

- **VGP (BBB-/NR/BBB-) held its Capital Markets Day on Wednesday to outline its transition into a new growth phase** driven by 1) structural changes in tenant demand (automation, defense, and advanced manufacturing) activating eleven landmark, representing 1.2M m² within the next 12 month, 2) scaling its solar capacity toward 300+ MWp and 3) establishing a new data centre pillar through a JV with a DC operator (c.225 MW IT power identified pipeline).

Transition énergétique / Energy Transition

- **The German government has adopted legislative provisions allowing for an annual subsidy of €5.5bn to be granted to the four main transmission system operators** (Amprion, 50Hertz, TenneT, and TransnetBW) over the 2027-29 period. The scheme, funded by the Climate and Transformation Fund, aims to limit the increase in grid fees and reduce electricity costs for households and businesses. This measure follows a €6.5bn aid package granted for the year 2026. According to the German government, grid support, combined with the abolition of the gas storage levy and the reduction of certain electricity taxes, represents a reduction in energy costs of approximately €10bn per year since the beginning of 2026. From 2027 onwards, this relief could reach €13bn per year thanks to the introduction of a specific electricity tariff for energy-intensive industrial companies.



- In a press release published on Friday morning, **Engie (BBB+/Baa1/BBB+)** announced that it has **increased its global electricity storage portfolio under operation and construction to 10.7 GW**. This 10.7 GW is split between battery energy storage systems and pumped storage hydropower plants. These developments are part of Engie's ambition to reach 95 GW of installed renewable and storage capacity by 2030.

Transport & Mobilité / Transportation & Mobility

- Talks around **Volkswagen's (BBB+ Negative/Baa1/A- Negative) second wave of restructuring** have turned into a reality, adding another 50k job cuts to the ongoing 50k planned. The unanimously approved plan also includes a closure or repurposing of four plants in Germany. Both credit and equity markets responded quite positively to the news, with 5-year CDS tightening by about ~2bps. Such measures could face strong opposition from unions – the first restructuring programme resulted in a month and a half of strikes in 2024. If VW were to be downgraded, its hybrids would fall into high yield territory – VW' hybrids' spreads were wider by 5-10bps.

Autres / Others

- By late 2026, Italy's **Leonardo** will test its "Michelangelo Dome" air-defense system in Ukraine, focusing initially on its crucial counter-drone component. Supported by a newly established Ukrainian R&D subsidiary, CEO Lorenzo Mariani has urged the use of the EU's €150 billion SAFE loans to unite Europe's fragmented defense sector, while continuing to expand Leonardo's US presence and its drone joint venture with Turkey's Baykar.
- This move highlights Ukraine's role as a vital combat laboratory, driving rapid innovation. While Leonardo uses this live environment to validate its digital shield and challenge **Thales's** market-leading, combat-proven air-defense systems (like For SkyDefender), the wider European defense landscape is rapidly consolidating. This is exemplified by the upcoming **KNDS IPO**; whereas the Franco-German giant is leveraging private capital markets to scale up land defense production, Leonardo is relying on EU public funding and agile bilateral joint ventures. Ultimately, Leonardo's battlefield-tested innovation and KNDS's financial mobilization represent two divergent yet complementary paths for European strategic autonomy, showcasing an industry accelerating rapidly.



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- [Financial Forecasts - September 2026: Back to school 26: Rates back to 2007 - ECB new scenario 25Pbs in September](#) - PREVISION FIN
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