Nordic Alert

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Long rates continue higher – despite oil below USD 100

Global key stories

US long rates continued higher yesterday. The 10-year yield is now very close to breaking above its highest level since the financial crisis, a milestone the 30-year yield already passed on Tuesday. The rise came despite inflation, as measured by the Fed's preferred gauge, PCE, coming in below expectations and the market subsequently pricing a slightly lower probability of a rate hike in October. Long rates instead took greater cue from growth data that reinforced the picture of surprisingly resilient US growth in the first half of the year.

Equity markets were somewhat mixed, with tech-heavy Nasdaq edging higher while the S&P 500 declined. In Europe, country-level inflation data suggest that the 2.5% core inflation forecast may hold, although there is some risk of an upside surprise. Attention therefore shifts to growth, with PMIs for many countries and the US ISM on today's agenda.

In Asia, equity markets that are open are generally higher, but note that Chinese markets are closed today and will remain closed until next Thursday owing to the National Day holiday. Equity futures point to a lower open in Europe but a higher open in the US.

Oil prices fell sharply overnight to USD 97 per barrel, without yet generating major headlines. According to Bloomberg, attention has shifted towards oil flows out of the Middle East approaching pre-war levels, although it remains unclear whether quarterly effects may also be affecting the price.

Will the US ISM manufacturing index confirm last week's strong PMI? Last week's surprise rise in September PMI readings, to their highest levels in several years, was interpreted as further evidence of the surprisingly strong resilience of the US economy. However, we do not expect today's ISM manufacturing index, released at 16:00 CET, to show a similar increase. Instead, the index is expected to be broadly unchanged, albeit at still solid levels. A decline in several regional manufacturing surveys in September also poses a downside risk. Beyond the headline figure, the ISM will be closely scrutinised for signs of renewed bottlenecks in prices and delivery times, in line with signals from both the PMI and several regional indices.

September and Q3 market wrap. With both September and the third quarter now behind us, both periods were characterised by higher oil prices and rates, a stronger dollar and a weaker krona. US equities, however, rose over the third quarter, even though they declined in September (see table below). One possible explanation is that the bulk of the move in rates did not occur until September, which also pushed yields to levels that are more challenging for equities.

In FX (charts below), high-yielding currencies outperformed in the third quarter while low-yielding currencies underperformed – a clear sign that carry trades dominated. One exception was the low-yielding JPY, which was supported by repeated interventions.

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Riksbank minutes confirm the hawkish shift. The minutes confirm the hawkish shift from last week's rate decision, but also show that views on the balance of risks still differ within the Executive Board. A rate hike in November looks highly likely, with further hikes expected next year. However, board members remain vague on the pace and extent of additional increases. The global outlook will be crucial, and energy prices remain an important factor for the rate outlook. We still expect rate hikes in November, February and May. Read more here.

Recovery in Swedish manufacturing PMI. The September PMI is released at 08:30 CET, and we expect the index to show a recovery. This would see the PMI continue to reverse part of July's unexpected decline, when the index fell after an upward trend since 2023.

Today's key events

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Time	Country	Event	Period	SEB forecast	Consensus	Last
8:30	**SWE**	**Swedbank/SILF PMI manufacturing**	**Sep**	**57.0**	**---**	**56.1**
8:30	SZ	CPI | EU harmonised	Sep		0.0/1.0 | ---/---	0.4/0.8 | 0.1/0.9
9:15	SP	S&P Global PMI manufacturing	Sep		50.2	49.5
9:45	IT	S&P Global PMI manufacturing	Sep		50.0	49.6
10:00	EA	S&P Global PMI manufacturing	Sep F		52.7	52.7
10:30	UK	S&P Global PMI manufacturing	Sep F		52	52
11:00	EA	Unemployment rate	Aug		6.4	6.4
11:30	US	Challenger job cuts total	Sep		---	52881
14:30	US	Initial jobless claims | continuing claims (Sep 19)	Sep 26		200k | 1725k	197k | 1719k
16:00	**US**	**ISM manufacturing | prices paid | new orders | employ.**	**Sep**	**54.5 | --- | --- | ---**	**55.0 | 73.0 | 54.2 | 52.2**	**54.6 | 71.1 | 53.7 51.2**
16:00	US	Construction spending mom	Aug		0	-0.5

Auctions: US to sell bills (17:30). **Speeches:** Fed's Kashkari/Barkin, Collins & Schmid/Cook & Williams (00:00/15:05/21:30), BoE's Bailey/Mann (10:00/14:00), ECB's Cipollone/Makhlouf/Nagel/Lagarde/Sleijpen/Schnabel (10:20/10:45/12:35/15:30/16:00/17:30), Riksbank's Jansson (12:30), SNB's Schlegel (17:30). **Other:** US manufacturing PMI Sep. final (15:45), BoJ Summary of Opinions (Sep. MPM), Chinese stock exchanges closed due to National day.

Market data

Equities	Index	Future	FX		Commodities	
S&P 500	-0.3%	0.5%	EUR/USD	1.13	Brent fut $/bl	96.9
Nasdaq comp	0.2%	0.9%	EUR/SEK	11.35	Gold fut $/oz	4182
Eurostoxx 50	-0.8%	-0.5%	USD/SEK	10.03	**Government bonds yields**	
OMX Stockholm 30	-0.5%		EUR/NOK	10.92	US 10 year	5.27%
OBX Oslo	0.0%		USD/NOK	9.65	US 2 year	4.88%
OMX Copenhagen 25	-0.5%		NOK/SEK	1.04	Germany 10 year	3.58%
OMX Helsinki 25	-0.5%		USD/DKK	6.61	Germany 2 year	3.21%
Nikkei225	2.9%		USD/JPY	158	Sweden 10 year	3.23%
Shanghai Comp	0.3%		USD/CNY	6.71	Sweden 2 year	2.74%

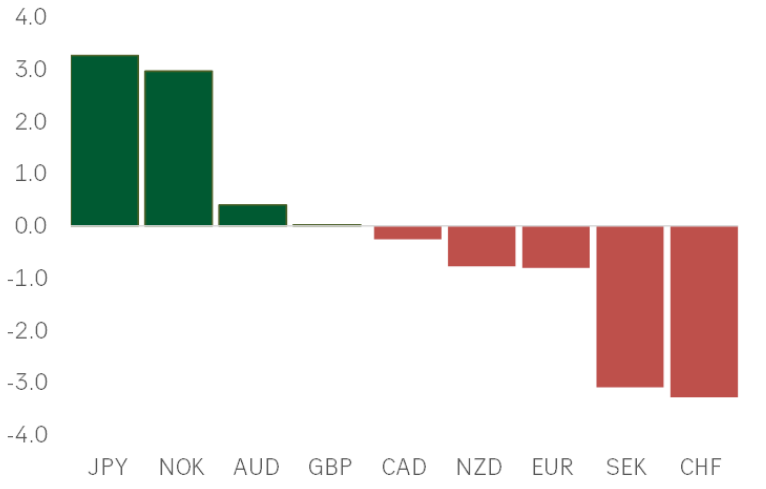
US and Europe indices indicate change at yesterday's close

Development of assets in the third quarter and September

Asset	Q3	September	Measure
EUR/USD	-0.8	-2.5	percent
EUR/SEK	2.3	1.9	percent
USD/SEK	3.1	4.4	percent
S&P 500	2.0	-0.5	percent
Eurostoxx	-0.9	-2.4	percent
OMX Sthlm	2.0	-1.2	percent
OBX Oslo	7.6	-2.8	percent
OMX Cop	0.3	-4.7	percent
OMX Hel	3.0	-0.2	percent
Crude oil	35.0	13.5	percent
US 10y	82.0	53.5	bps
US 2y	71.5	54.6	bps

Source: Bloomberg, SEB

Foreign exchange against USD in Q3, %



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