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Stocks rose, calm Warsh appearance and conflicts pressure energy markets

Global key stories

In the US, stocks ecovered slightly yesterday (S&P 500 +0.3%; Nasdaq +0.1%) after the AI wobbles that have characterized markets lately. However, the stock market in Europe ended in the red (Euro Stoxx 50 -0.4%). US yields fell, the euro strengthened while crude oil prices look set to end the week in positive territory after increased Middle East prices. In Asia, stocks open higher this Friday morning and US futures point to a continued rise ahead of the opening later today.

No new hawkish signals from Warsh. During Kevin Warsh's appearance at the IMF this morning, he avoided commenting on current monetary policy, thus not changing the picture of the Fed leaving interest rates unchanged in October. Otherwise, he announced that there will be a hearing led by his working group and other experts on productivity and employment in San Francisco on November 16.

New statecraft measures for the EU. EU leaders have called on the European Commission to prepare a proposal by the end of the year on powers that could be used in an extreme case where a rival, such as China, is considered to be attacking the EU economy. This could make it possible to completely exclude a country from the single market.

Conflict pressure in the energy market. Ukraine has resumed attacks on Russian energy infrastructure, despite US pressure for an "energy ceasefire". The US is considering measures to ease sanctions on tankers in the so-called "shadow fleet" linked to Russia and Iran, in an attempt to bring down soaring diesel prices ahead of the midterm elections in November. In Yemen, the fighting continues, and yesterday a government headquarters in Aden was attacked by the Houthi movement. Recently, the airport in Saudi Arabia's capital and Saudi Aramco's headquarters were also attacked. (This week's Iran Chartpack focuses especially on Yemen).

Major Indonesian stock market fall after MSCI announcement. The Indonesian stock market has plummeted 11% this morning, its biggest drop in nearly three decades, after MSCI announced that the country no longer meets the requirements to be classified as an emerging market. Thus, the country risks being excluded from the company's global index, which has raised concerns about capital outflows.

Today's statistics focus is on US industrial production. Manufacturing output declined in August after rising for seven consecutive months, and we believe the monthly pace will be positive again in September.

Worth reading: In today's SEB FI & FX Strategy , we ask the question of how the ECB will react to the spillover effects of the turbulence in France, and Veckans Tanke, which was published yesterday, is also about France.

Updated credit ratings are expected for the Netherlands (S&P), Latvia (Fitch), Lithuania (Moody's) and Turkey (S&P).

Nordic key stories

The krona strengthened slightly and the OMX30 index fell 0.6% yesterday.

Today, labour market data for September are published. We expect both employment and unemployment to fall back slightly, and as we note in Week Ahead, we see downside risks to the Riksbank's relatively optimistic labour market forecast.

Yesterday, the **Riksbank submitted a letter to the Riksdag regarding the issue of a digital krona.** Although the Riksbank does not take a position on whether a digital krona should be issued, it urges the Riksdag to appoint a public inquiry into the legislative changes that would be required right now. The reason is long lead times: implementation is expected to take at least five years, and in addition there is legislative work.

Today's key events

For graphs and analysis of the week's most important data, click here

Time	Country	Event	Period	SEB	Consensus	Last
08:00	**SWE**	**Unemployment rate | trend | sa**	**Sep**	**--- | 8.8 | 8.7**	**--- | --- | ---**	**8.5 | 8.7 | 8.9**
11:00	EA	CPI | core yoy	Sep F		0.6/3.8 | 2.5	0.6/3.8 | 2.5
11:00	IT	CPI EU harmonised	Sep F		2.0/4.1	2.0/4.1
14:30	US	New York Fed services business activity	Oct		---	-8.7
14:30	US	Import price index | ex petroleum mom	Sep		0.6/--- | ---	0.7/7.0 | 0.8
14:30	US	Export price index	Sep		1.0/---	0.6/8.6
15:15	**US**	**Industrial production mom | manufacturing prod. mom**	**Sep**		**0.4 | 0.3**	**0.0 | -0.3**
15:15	US	Capacity utilization	Sep		76.5	76.3
22:00	US	Total net tic flows | net long-term tic flows	Aug		--- | ---	83.7bn | -27.9bn

Speeches: BoE's Bailey (04:00), ECB's Nagel (04:30), Fed's Warsh (05:30), BoC's Macklem/Alexopoulos (06:15/14:00), ECB's Nagel & Rehn (17 Oct), BoE's Bailey (17 Oct), RBA's Kent (18 Oct), BoJ's Uchida (TBA). **Reports**: Investor. **Other**: European Council meeting (15 - 16 Oct).

Market data

Equities	Index	Future	FX		Commodities	
S&P 500	0.3%	0.0%	EUR/USD	1.12	Brent fut $/bl	105.4
Nasdaq comp	0.1%	-0.1%	EUR/SEK	11.16	Gold fut $/oz	4173
Eurostoxx 50	-0.4%	0.7%	USD/SEK	9.95	**Government bonds yields**	
OMX Stockholm 30	-0.6%		EUR/NOK	10.62	US 10 year	5.08%
OBX Oslo	-0.4%		USD/NOK	9.47	US 2 year	4.77%
OMX Copenhagen 25	1.0%		NOK/SEK	1.05	Germany 10 year	3.41%
OMX Helsinki 25	-1.7%		USD/DKK	6.66	Germany 2 year	3.10%
Nikkei225	1.7%		USD/JPY	158	Sweden 10 year	3.10%
Shanghai Comp	1.0%		USD/CNY	6.69	Sweden 2 year	2.69%

US and Europe indices indicate change at yesterday's close

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