

# Market Comment | Market awaits hints from Yellen

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- **After Friday's disappointing US payrolls data, which wiped out the market's implied probability of a rate hike in June, markets will focus on today's speech by Janet Yellen** (18:30 GMT), the last before the communications blackout period for the June 14-15 FOMC meeting starts. In the meantime, other factors such as Brexit odds and the commodity rally have driven the market today. Brexit polls over the weekend showed Brexit odds gathering moment - polls showed "Leave" ahead of "Remain", YouGov by 4.6 points and ICM by 5.6 points. FX markets reflected this uncertainty, with the 1M implied volatility of the British pound surging to 22% against the USD and to 20% against euro. Moreover, the 1M risk-reversal - the spread between the implied volatility of out-of-the-money call and put options - also jumped, reflecting increasing expectations of a British pound depreciation against both the US and the euro. In the spot market, the British pound depreciated -0.36% against the euro and -0.34% against the US. On the other hand, the US dollar halted last Friday's depreciation ahead of today's speech by Yellen. The USD appreciated against its major peers (EUR: -0.04%, JPY: -0.71%). However, the EM currencies showed mixed performances against the US dollar (RUB: -0.1%, BRL: +0.6%, CLP: +0.6%, MXN: 0%, COP: 0%), despite the improvement in commodity prices (Brent: +1.9%, Wtx: +2.2%, Copper: +0.9%). Oil prices surged as another episode of supply disruptions has taken place, this time in Nigeria due to new attacks on its infrastructure, driving oil prices back up above US\$50 pb after they ended last week below this threshold.
- **US and German yields inched up ahead of Yellen's speech** (US 10Y: +3bps, GER 10Y: +2bps), after last week's sharp decline that brought the 5Y German yield below -0.4% - below the ECB deposit facility. However, peripheral yields rose (ITA 10Y: +6 bps, SPA 10Y: +6 bps, POR 10Y: +4 bps, GRE 10Y: +11 bps). Among factors that might be dragging peripheral bond markets down are i) the agreement with the Eurogroup is still pending, the Working Group having apparently given Greece a 48-hour deadline to comply with bailout prior actions ii) the first round of Italy's local elections, which show that the Five Star Movement won the first round of elections in Rome, slightly increasing political uncertainty, although in cities such as Milan and Turin the government party's candidates showed strong support and iii) the recapitalisation needs of the Bremer LB (€700m) may also have weighed on peripheral yields.
- **On equity markets, European indices increase slightly** (Euro Stoxx: +0.2%, IBEX: +0.3%, DAX: +0.2%, MIB: +0.7%) underpinned by the energy and basic resources sectors, in a day without significant macroeconomic data, only the worse-than-expected factory orders in Germany. In the same vein, the US equity markets rose (Dow: +0.7%, S&P: +0.5%) waiting for Janet Yellen's speech, while the implied probability of a Fed rate hike in June has continued near to zero since last Friday.

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Table 1







\*CDS, EMBI & MSCI indices with one day delay

\*\*Credit spread (BAA) with two days delay

\*\*\*S&P GSCI with one day delay

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