

Market Comment | Oil prices drove financial markets on expectations of OPEC deal

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- **Sharp rebound in oil prices mainly drove financial markets on hopes of coordinated measures to control world supply.** Optimistic comments from Iran's oil minister about a potential agreement among OPEC members at the official OPEC meeting in Vienna next week and the Russian president's comments on this issue underpinned the rebound. Meanwhile, inflation expectations in Europe climbed to an 11-month high.
- **The FOMC's Fischer said that more fiscal stimulus in the US economy would alleviate the pressure on the Federal Reserve in supporting the economy.** "Macroeconomic policy does not have to be confined to monetary policy", said Mr Fischer. Meanwhile, the Fed is widely expected to raise interest rates in December (probabilities stand at 100%).
- **Financial markets remained broadly flat.** The oil and gas sector outperformed in equity markets on the back of increasing oil prices. In bond markets, the recent upward trend in sovereign bond yields eased somewhat, especially in those countries where they had risen the most, such as Portugal. No big changes in developed countries' currencies, while emerging market currencies appreciated slightly against the USD in a context of higher oil prices.

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