

Market Comment | Global markets rebound despite new plunge in China's equity market

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- **In the US, mixed data is released in several fronts.** June's FHFA house-price index rose less than expected (by 0.2% MoM; consensus: 0.4%) while July's rise in new-home sales also disappointed (+26K to 507K; consensus: 510K). More recently, August's Markit composite PMI index decreased by 0.7 points (to 55.0) with the services PMI falling slightly less than anticipated (to 55.2; consensus: 55.1 points). Moreover, the consumer confidence index rose significantly more than expected (by 10.6 points to 101.5; consensus: 93.4 points), yet the fall in the Richmond Fed manufacturing index disappointed most analysts (-13 point to 0; consensus: 10 points).
- **In the eurozone, German data surprises to the upside.** German GDP rose as expected in 2Q15 (by 1.6% YoY (NSA), BBVAe and consensus: 1.6%). More recently, August's German IFO business climate index rose unexpectedly (by 0.3 points to 108.3; BBVAe: 107.9 points, consensus: 107.6 points). The IFO current assessment index also surprised to the upside (rising by 0.9 points to 114.8; BBVAe and consensus: 113.9) while IFO expectations fell less than expected (by only 0.2 points to 102.2; BBVAe: 102.1, consensus: 102.0).
- **In China, the PBoC increases liquidity in an attempt to halt the sell-off spiral.** After two consecutive plunges in its stock markets, the People's Bank of China cut both its policy rates (by 25bp, taking the lending rate to 4.60% and the deposit rate to 1.75%) and the required reserve ratio (by 50bp), thus giving banks more scope to lend. "The central bank doesn't want a panic caused by the stock rout to spread," said Shen Jianguang, chief Asia economist at Mizuho Securities Asia Ltd. in Hong Kong. "That would lead to financial instability." ([see](#))
- **Global markets rebound despite new plunge in China's equity market.** Global equity markets bounced back, opening mostly in the positive and recovering part of yesterday's losses. In line with yesterday's drops, European indices led the gains (Euro Stoxx: +4.4%, CAC: +4.0%, DAX: +4.7%, IBEX: +3.4%) followed by both US indices (S&P 500: +2.1% and Dow Jones: +1.8% at the time of writing) and some EM indices (Ibovespa: +2.1%; Mexbol: +2.0%). On the other hand, Asian equity markets continued to fall today (Nikkei: -4.0%, TOPIX: -3.26%) as China's equity indices collapsed once again (Shanghai: -7.63% and Shenzhen: -7.09%). Bond markets tracked the rebound in global equity markets. Despite European core yields having barely moved on Monday, today they led the rise in core curves (German and French 10Y: +13bp) while US yields have recovered from yesterday's drop (US 10Y: +8bp at 2.08% at the time of writing). On FX markets, those currencies most punished during Monday's session were the ones to strengthen the most today. The USD rallied against the other major currencies (EUR: -1.74%, JPY: -1.28%, GBP: -0.44%) while EM currencies partially recovered with respect to the USD (BRL: +0.5%, RUB: +2.6%, COP: +1.5%, CLP: +0.1%) as did most commodity prices (Brent: +2.0%).

Table1

*CDS, EMBI & MSCI indices with one day delay

**Credit spread (BAA) with two days delay

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