

# Market Comment| Financial markets cautious as growth concerns linger

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- **Confidence improves in the US.** The US consumer confidence index rose, against consensus expectations (by 1.7 points to 103.0; consensus: 96.8).
- **Mixed data in the eurozone.** Eurozone economic confidence improved in September against our estimate of a decrease (by 1.5 points to 105.6; BBVAe: 103.8 consensus: 104.1), services confidence increased unexpectedly (by 2.3 points to 12.4; BBVAe: 9.8, consensus: 10.0), while consumer confidence remain unchanged at -7.1 points in line with estimations, and industrial confidence rose unexpectedly (by 1.5 to -2.2 points, BBVAe and consensus: -3.8). On another front, German CPI dropped more than expected in September (by 0.2% MoM; consensus: 0.1% MoM), while in annual terms CPI was also lower than expected (0% YoY, consensus 0.1% YoY). In Spain the CPI flash estimate points to a decline in headline inflation in September due to downward pressure on energy prices, as expected. Our estimates suggest that core inflation will have remained stable at around 0.7% YoY ([see](#)).
- **RBI eases interest rates by 50bp.** The Reserve Bank of India has decided to cut the repo rate by 50bp to 6.75%. This decision was taken in against a background of inflation risks derived from an unfavorable base effect starting September. ([see](#))
- **Financial markets cautious as growth concerns linger.** High volatility in the main equity indices today. European indices opened with significant falls (close to 1%) on the back of widespread losses of Asian indices (Nikkei: -4.05% and Shanghai: -2.02%), still dragged down by the ongoing concerns about the global economic outlook. Nonetheless, European equity indices recovered some ground during the session, closing almost flat Euro Stoxx: -0.1% (auto sector: -0.3%). Meanwhile, the US equity markets is currently inching up (S&P: +0.6% Dow: +0.3%). On bond markets, US treasury yields and European safe-haven yields remained flat today. In the periphery, yields decreased slightly, led by Portugal and with the exception of Greece (ITA 10Y: -1bp, SPA 10Y: -3bp, POR 10Y: -7bp, GRE 10Y: +7bp), narrowing the peripheral risk premia slightly. As risk assets pared loses today both in Europe and US, the investment currencies appreciated. Against this background the USD appreciated against major currencies (EUR: -0.24%, GBP -0.24%), While EM currencies appreciated against USD (RUB: +1.0%, TRY: +0.6%, BRL: +0.2%) helped by rising commodity prices (Brent: +2.1%, WTx: +2.0%, Copper: +0.2%). Glencore is recovering some of the losses of the past few days (+16.5%) after claiming that the company is "operationally and financially robust".

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Table1











































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

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

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