

Market Comment | China's better than expected 3Q GDP had no impact on global markets.

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- **China's GDP moderated less than expected in 3Q15**, allaying fears of a hard-landing (6.9% YoY, BBVA Research 6.5% YoY, consensus 6.8% YoY, previous 7.0% YoY). Nonetheless, the 3Q GDP figure could be affected by statistical factor, underpinned by changes in the GDP methodology. This is the first time that the GDP growth has been below 7% since the first quarter of 2009. Nevertheless, in sequential terms, the pace of growth picked up modestly (1.8% QoQ sa in 3Q15, 1.7% QoQ in 2Q15). Moreover, the GDP components, along with a number of September activity indicators are suggesting that China's economy is undergoing a rebalancing towards consumption and the service sector at a pace faster than we envisaged. ([see](#))
- **Greek parliament approved the economic reform package, that paves the way for the disbursement of a EUR2bn loan from the EU to Greece.** There were 154 votes for and 140 against "prior actions", which included fiscal and structural reforms. Next Month, the Greek parliament needs to approve an additional package in order to release EUR15bn-25bn of funding needed to recapitalise the banks. Tomorrow, Greece's lenders will visit Athens to supervise the approved reforms.
- **China's better than expected 3Q GDP had no relevant impact on global markets.** Despite the positive surprise in China's growth prints, the data showed the slowest rate since 2009. This fact is evidence that the Chinese economic slowdown is maintaining concerns about the global economic outlook. Against this backdrop, even the Asian indices did not react to the news in China (Nikkei: -0.9%, Shanghai: -0.14%). European indices showed mixed trading (Euro Stoxx: +0.2%, DAX: +0.6%, IBEX-35: -0.3%, CAC: 0.0%), while the US indices opened with a negative bias (S&P 500: -0.2%), dragged down by (among other factors) some negative 3Q results from the banking sector. On bond markets, US treasury yields remained unchanged and the probabilities of a hike-rate this year remain close to 30%. In the same line, European core yields stayed flattened, while periphery yields showed a mixed performance. On the back of the news concerning the new reform package, the Greek 10Y yield reached its lowest level since December (-35 bp to 7.58%), while other peripherals countries remained unchanged, with the exception of Portugal's yield which partially corrected last week's rise (ITA 10Y: -1bp, SPA 10Y: -1bp, POR 10Y: -5bp). On FX markets, the USD appreciated against the euro, despite dovish statements by William Dudley (FOMC member) that pointed out that turbulence on financial markets, modest global growth, energy prices and macro-prudential imbalances could slow down the process of tightening the monetary conditions (EUR: -0.33%). Meanwhile, EM currencies depreciated against USD (RUB: -1.7%, COP: -0.8%, CLP: -0.6%, MXN:-0.4%), above all those most linked to commodity prices, which continued last week's negative trend despite the positive surprise in China (Brent: -3.1%, WTI: -2.2%, copper: -1.6%).

ECB Thursday meeting

- **At its 22 October meeting, we expect no change to the ECB's monetary policy stance. However, the central bank will reiterate its commitment to the full implementation of its measures and its readiness to do more, if needed, but it will also stress the need not to take premature decisions.**
- Economic indicators in the eurozone over the last month have deteriorated somewhat, although we expect the euro area's recovery to have continued in the third quarter of the year at 0.4% QoQ. Inflation was -0.1% YoY in September, after +0.1% in August, due to heavier falls in energy prices for the fourth month in succession, whereas core inflation held stable at 0.9% YoY. Going forward, we continue to expect inflation to return towards the target level in the next two years, as does the ECB. Moreover, in the last few weeks, medium- to long-term inflation expectations have continued to improve, i.e. measured by the 5Y5Y swap, recovering levels close to 1.7%.
- Against this background, a large percentage of analysts expect that the ECB will signal another phase of quantitative easing before the end of the year. Until now, the ECB has signalled that it prefers not to take premature decisions. Moreover, several ECB governing council members have stated that it is too early to fully judge whether more easing is needed. Nevertheless, the central bank has continued to underline that the PSPP is flexible enough to be adapted if needed, emphasising that appropriate communication of monetary policy remains essential. In this context, while uncertainty is high and risks remain on the downside, and assuming that growth in China and major emerging markets stabilises (our baseline scenario) as does the turbulence in financial markets, we are standing by our central scenario of there being no changes to the ECB purchasing programme.

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Table1

Current level and changes at daily, weekly, monthly and annual frequencies

Debt markets (changes in bp)

US 2yr 0.4 (0) (17) (4)
 US 5yr 1.36 (0) (14) (12) (20)
 US 10yr 2.94 (0) (4) (15) (13)

Japan 10yr 1.33 (1) (1) (1) (0) (0)
 GER 5yr 0.26 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 GER 5yr 0.34 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 GER 10yr 1.55 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Brazil 10yr 8.87 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 France 10yr 0.93 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Greece 10yr 1.24 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Hungary 10yr 1.46 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 India 10yr 7.11 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Italy 10yr 1.41 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Netherlands 10yr 1.41 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Portugal 10yr 2.98 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Spain 10yr 1.70 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Finland 10yr 2.7 (2) (2) (1) (1) (1)
 Russia 10yr 10.28 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Turkey 10yr 8.84 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 India 10yr 7.57 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Indonesia 10yr 8.88 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Country risk (changes in bp)

10yr sovereign spreads (against Germany)
 Belgium 31 (0) (1) (1) (1)
 France 37 (0) (1) (1) (1)
 Greece 102 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Ireland 80 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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 Greece 100 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Ireland 24 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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 Eur CDS Korea 167 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Eur CDS Indonesia 211 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Credit risk

10yr CDS index (changes in percentage points for CAA spread, bp)
 UK 14.87 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 US 17.00 (2) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 EU EFT equity index 21 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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 EFT F equity index 11 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Credit spread (BAA) 325 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 US tech equity index 7 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Bank CDS changes in bp
 US banks CDS 91 (2) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 EUR banks CDS 59 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 UK banks CDS 81 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Large Spanish banks CDS 124 (4) (2) (1) (1) (1)
 Medium Spanish banks CDS 163 (2) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Greek banks CDS 240 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Russian banks CDS 429 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Corporate risk (changes in bp)
 UK Non-financial CDS 5 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 EU Non-financial CDS 5 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 UK Non-financial CDS 5 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Interbank markets (changes in bp)

EUR CDS spread 10 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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 US CDS spread 3m 15 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 US CDS spread 12m 33 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 US CDS spread 24m 32 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)

Spain Fed Spread 3m 13 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 EONIA Index 4.14 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 London 3m 4.8 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Eurobor 12m 4.13 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Libor 3m 4.32 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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Stock markets (Change in percentage)

10yr equity index
 S&P500 100 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Dow Jones 117 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 Nikkei 100 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 FTSE 100 104 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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 CAC40 101 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 IBEX 101 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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Bank stocks
 US banks 83 (1) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 EUR banks 53 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
 CH banks 52 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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 BR 16 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)

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 Turkey 45 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1)
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Commodities (in percentage, positive for dollar depreciation)

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