

# Market Comment | European equity indices lead today's gains

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- Mixed data in the US. US CPI rose 0.2% in October and was a positive surprise against the consensus forecasts (consensus: +0.1% YoY), while ex-food and energy it rose in line with estimates (by 1.9% YoY; consensus: 1.9%). On another front, industrial production showed a slight downturn in October and decreased 0.2% MoM (consensus: 0.1% MoM).
- Improving expectations in Germany. Germany's ZEW survey expectations surged in November more than estimated (by 10.4 points to 1.9; BBVAe: +3.0, consensus: +6.0 points), while the ZEW survey current situation figure dropped more than consensus expectations but less than ours (by 54.4 points to 55.2; BBVAe 50.0; consensus: 55.2 points). According to the poll, the further easing measures hinted at by the ECB at the October meeting could have underpinned the analysts' and economists' expectations for the next six months, caused (among other factors) by the euro's depreciation.
- ECB's Praet sees a possible de-anchoring of inflation expectations. Executive Board member Peter Praet said, "There are risks and this is why we're considering further action. A possible de-anchoring of inflation expectations together with a lot of slack is a dangerous cocktail." On a possible further reduction of the deposit rate, he said, "There is no decision which has been taken but it is true that, given the experience that we have seen, we thought in the Governing Council that there was the case to re-discuss the lower bound." On further policy action, he said, "The Governing Council will discuss whether there is a case for further action in the context of heightened uncertainty. This is a key issue."
- Greece unblocks the scheduled tranche of the bailout funds. Greece's finance minister announced early today that it had reached an agreement with its lenders. The agreement will allow the disbursements of the €2 billion sub-tranche linked to the first set of milestones (the first tranche of 86€ Bn bailout) and the unlock of 10€ Bn to banking recapitalization. The cash will be available once the legislation will be adopted in the Greek parliament on Thursday. The main discrepancies arose from the level of protection for primary residences of homeowners unable to pay their mortgages, among others issues.
- European equity indices lead today's gains. Yesterday's doubts because of the global uncertainty due to the terrorist attacks in Paris appeared to have been diluted today on the financial markets, judging by the turnaround in some financial variables (e.g. the gold price dropped by 0.7%). The macroeconomic figures released especially the better than expected inflation prints in the US and UK had an impact on some markets (FX and bonds). On equity markets, European equity indices surged strongly today (Euro Stoxx: +2.2%, IBEX-35: +2.1%, CAC: +2.3%, DAX: +2.0%). The partial recovery of the Tourism sector and stocks linked to commodity prices (despite a renewed fall in oil prices) encouraged the movement. On another front, despite Greece's agreement with its creditors, Greek banks reversed their earlier gains and have fallen by 7%, but this effect was not spread among the rest of the European banking sector. Meanwhile, the US indices remained broadly unchanged (S&P 500: +0.3%) On bond markets, core yields



rose today across the board. The US and UK yields increased (US10Y: +4bp, UK10Y: +4bp) on the back of the better-than-expected inflation figures, while European core yields remained flat. There was a mixed performance among peripheral yields; Greece's and Portugal's yields dropped sharply while the Spanish and Italian yields remained broadly unchanged (GRE 10Y: -18bp, POR 10Y: -11bp, SPA 10Y: -2bp, ITA 10Y: -0bp). On FX markets, the USD appreciated against other major currencies (EUR: -0.36%, JPY: -0.24%), and the only exception was GBP (+0.15%) on the back of unexpected inflation prints. EM currencies showed a mild recovery against USD (BRL: +0.5%, RUB: +0.1%, TRY: +0.5%, CLP: +0.6%), while most commodity prices continued last week's downwards trend, caused mainly by the US oil stocks being larger than expected (Brent: -1.0%, WTI: -1.1%) while the copper price was +0.1%.

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

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