

Market Comment | Concerns about global economic outlook hit risk assets

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- China's foreign currency dropped again in January reaching a new low since 2012 (by USD99.1bn to USD3,230.9bn). Despite the abrupt decline, it was less than had been expected (USD3,210bn).
- · Concerns about global economic outlook hit risk assets. In the absence of relevant macroeconomic releases from Europe and the US, the extended falls in China's reserves increased market concerns. The rebalancing process between safe-haven assets and risk assets increased during the session. The safehaven assets attracted fresh flows, with bond yields decreasing (GER 10Y: -9bp, US 10Y: -8bp, UK: -15bp), although peripheral bonds were heavily punished today, with their yields surging (ITA 10Y: +13bp, SPA 10Y: +12bp, POR 10Y: +26bp). As a result of this divergence in Europe, peripheral risk premia increased sharply, led by Portugal (ITA: +21bp, SPA: +20bp, POR: +34bp). On the other hand, risk assets suffered abrupt falls today. European indices were especially affected (Euro Stoxx: -3.2%, IBEX: -4.5%, DAX: -3.3%, CAC: -3.2%) hampered by the banking sector, with the Italian and the Greek banks leading the falls. European cyclical sectors were underperforming the defensive sectors, suggesting an increase in the cyclical risk premium. Meanwhile, US equity markets also dropped (S&P: -2.2%, Dow: -2.3%), similarly dragged mainly by the cyclical sectors. Consequently, commodity prices dropped across the board (Brent: -1.0%, WTI: -1.2%) while gold rose sharply (+1.8%), benefiting from the safe-haven flows. On FX markets, the USD depreciated against the euro and Japanese yen - which behaved like safe-haven currencies - (EUR: +0.19%, JPY: +1.21%, GBP: -0.65%). EM currencies depreciated against the US dollar (RUB: -1.2%, COP: -0.9%, CLP: -0.7%, MXN: -1.4%, TRY: -1.0%), due to the falls in commodity prices and also because of the global economic outlook.

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