

## Market Comment | Risk aversion increases ahead of the FOMC meeting

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- Downward revision of January's retail sales in the US. US retail sales dropped in February less than expected (by -0.1% MoM; consensus: -0.2%), whereas ex auto and gas increased 0.3% MoM while the consensus expected just 0.2%. Nonetheless, the negative note is the downward revision of January's published figures for both indicators (to -0.4% MoM from 0.2% in total and to -0.1% from +0.3% in ex auto and gas). Meanwhile, PPI final demand remained unchanged while the consensus had forecast a slight increase (-0.0%YoY; consensus: +0.1%). On another front, Empire Manufacturing registered an unexpectedly sharp rebound in March (to 0.62 from -16.64 points; consensus: -10.50)
- Bank of Japan, as expected, maintained the current measures unchanged. However it downgraded its economic outlook. BoJ maintained the pace of purchases at ¥80 trillion per year and the interest rate remained at -0.1% following last month's unexpected decision. Kuroda's dovish tone could be an indication of further easing within this year, driven by (i) the effectiveness of the current measures ("Since we brought in negative rates, short- and long-term bond yields have fallen and that has clearly fed through to falls in mortgage and lending rates so on the interest rate side the effects are already clear (...) from here, I anticipate the effects will spread to prices and the real economy") and (ii) the downgrading of the current and expected economic situation shown in today's statement. (see)
- Risk aversion increases promoted by falling oil prices ahead of the FOMC meeting. Oil prices one of the main factors that have been contributing to the recent market rebound - are becoming a significant drag this week. Doubts about the agreement to curb the oil supply glut and uncertainty about the global economic outlook re-fuelled a high volatility environment that drove Brent below the US\$40 per barrel threshold (Brent: -2.4% and Wtx: -2.7% today). The downgrading of Japan's economic outlook by the Bank of Japan coupled with the disappointing US macroeconomic figures were also significant factors affecting market confidence ahead of the FOMC meeting. Against this backdrop, European equity markets continued this week's falls after last week's rally (Eurostoxx: -0.8% IBEX: -1.7% DAX: -0.5% CAC:-0.7% MIB: -1.1%) dragged mainly by cyclical sectors (banking sector and to a lesser degree the energy sector). In the same line, US indices dropped (S&P:-0.4 % Dow:-0.2%), as did Asian markets, which halted yesterday's recovery in reaction to the BoJ's announcing no further easing and its negative economic outlook (Nikkei: -0.7%). On bond markets, US treasury yields remained unchanged (2Y: +1 bps 10Y: +0 bps) ahead of the FOMC meeting, while European yields increased, on both the peripheral and the core curves (GER 10Y: +4 bps FRA 10Y: +2 bps ITA 10Y: +6 bps SPA 10Y:+5 bps POR 10Y:+5 bps). On FX markets, the USD registered a mixed performance against major currencies: EURUSD was hovering around 1.11 (-0.05%), the JPY appreciated helped by the BoJ's announcing no further easing (+0.76%), and the GBP was the worst performer, due to renewed fears about Brexit (-1.02%). EM currencies continue the negative trend against the USD, dragged by oil prices (RUB: -1.7% CLP:-0.9% COP: -0.6% MXN: -1.0%)



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