

Market Comment | "The case for a rate hike has strengthened", Yellen said

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- Yellen's opening remarks at Jackson Hole closed a calm week characterised by low volatility and sparse economic data. While Yellen's speech was mainly dedicated to the Fed's monetary policy toolkit to address the new challenges, the Fed's Chair also made some remarks on the current economic situation. In this regard, she signalled that "the U.S. economy is now nearing the Federal Reserve's statutory goals", "the US economy continues to expand" and "the solid performance of the labour market" has continued. Thus, she believes that "the case for an increase in the federal funds rate has strengthened in recent months". While she did not specify the timing of the normalisation process (repeating that "our decisions always depend on incoming data"), the implied probability of an interest rate hike in the coming months has further increased. Moreover, Vice President Fischer states that "Yellen's comments consistent with possible September hike". As a result, during the week, the probability of a rate hike by September has increased by 12 pp (from 22% to 34%), and so the probability of a rate hike by December 9 pp (from 51% to 60%). Next week's US employment data will be closely monitored by markets ahead of the next FOMC meeting on September 21. Markets' reaction to Yellen has been volatile, as the positive reaction reversed rapidly: at closure of this report, the S&P had decreased by 0.2%, bond yields had increased by 2 bps, the USD had appreciated by 0.4% vs the EUR and volatility increased by 3% (VIX still below 15, but well above 11, August's minimum level)
- All in all, during the week, equities markets showed no big movements, especially US equities, which
 ended up almost flat. Nonetheless, European indices went higher (Dax +0.4%, Euro Stoxx +1.4%) due
 to positive European PMI data and led by the banking sector (EMU, 6.3%). The stability was felt the
 most in bond markets with no significant changes in government bond yields during the week, ending
 almost flat.
- Against this backdrop, higher volatility was perceived in oil markets, ending the week with lower (-1.8%) prices, after the recent oil rebound and amid higher-than-expected crude oil inventories data. The hopes that the next OPEC meeting could shore up oil prices weakened during the week. In this context, EM currencies depreciated across the board (CLP -0.5%, COP -0.7%, MXN -0.3%, TRY -0.3%).

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