## Market Comment | The delay in FOMC rate hike expectations supports markets

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- Investors continued reassessing the path of the Fed's interest rate increase, after yesterday's disappointing US service sector activity data, despite the hawkish comments made yesterday by the Fed's Williams ("An increase is on the table", he said). The probability of an interest rate hike fell once again (from 24% to 22% for September), providing some support to risk assets and emerging USD-denominated sovereign bonds. Gold prices also rose significantly as markets quelled expectations of an early Fed rate hike (1.24% since yesterday).
- European equities markets climbed (Eurostoxx50 +0.7%, Dax +0.6%), shored up by lower US interest rate expectations and yesterday's rise in US equities. Meanwhile, US equities remained flat (S&P500 -0.2%), hovering around historical high levels.
- In this environment, sovereign bond yields mainly inched down (10YGER -1 bps, 10YFRA -1 bps), dragged down by the fact that the interest rate hike prospect cooled once again, and ahead of tomorrow's ECB meeting. The markets are focused on whether the ECB will extend the current purchase programme which is more likely due to lower inflation expectations (5Y5Y inflation swap: 1.28%) and fine tuning changes are also on the table. On the other hand, EM's sovereign bonds, denominated in USD showed significant drops in yields (10YMexico -4 bps, 10YBrazil -7 bps, 10YColombia -9 bps), although local currency EM bonds remained stable.
- Against this backdrop, steady USD (DXY, -0.2%) and EUR (Euro Index, -0.12%), while the GBP (-0.8%) depreciated, halting the recent upward trend, having shown Brexit resilience. The BoE's Governor Mark Carney said he was "absolutely serene" about the way the central bank prepared for a possible Brexit hit to Britain's economy. On the other hand, oil prices inched rose (+1.3%) as focus shifted to US supply data, to be published tomorrow. In this environment, EM currencies showed mixed performance (TRY -0.6%, COP +0.9%, MXN -0.5%, PLN +0.1%, CLP +0.2%).

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