

Market Comment | Higher volatility after technology sell-off

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- **Volatility increased in financial markets.** Technology sell-off related to data misuse ([see](#)) reverberated across the global markets with a significant increase in equity volatility and falling stocks across the board. The VIX index remained hovering around the 19 level.
- **Sovereign bond yields remained little changed across the board**, with a slight decline in European risk premiums. The main exception was the UK, which rose after Brexit uncertainty declined after the **EU agreed on the Brexit transition** ([see](#)). The GBP also appreciated due to the better outlook for EU-UK relations.
- The USD inched down amid trade policy uncertainty in the **US** ([see](#)) and higher volatility in the US technological sectors. Investors will also be waiting for this week's Fed monetary policy meeting ([see](#)).
- **Commodities also declined across the board**, adding downward pressure to global stocks, including oil prices. As a result, EM currencies declined across the board, including the RUB following the landslide victory of Putin in Russian elections ([see](#)).

Table 1

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