

Market Comment | Global equity markets continue to recover across the board.

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- **In the US, 2Q15 GDP is unexpectedly revised upwards** (to 3.7% QoQ; consensus: 3.2%). The GDP price index was also raised more than expected (by 2.1%; consensus: 2.0%), while core PDI and personal consumption in 2Q15 were kept unchanged in line with expectations (1.8% QoQ and 3.1% respectively). On labour markets, jobless claims fell more than expected in the week ended 22 August (by 6K to 271K, consensus: 274K), yet continuing claims for the week ended 15 August rose unexpectedly (by 13K to 2,269K, consensus: 2,248K).
- **Dovish signal from the Fed.** William Dudley, the head of the New York branch of the Fed, said late yesterday that tightening monetary policy as early as September seemed “less compelling to me than it was a few weeks ago”, but he hopes that the Fed will raise interest rates this year. On China’s problems, he added that “this is very different to the financial crisis. The financial crisis was very much about us. This isn’t about us.” Treasury secretary Larry Summers and the hedge fund manager Ray Dalio have been calling for the Fed to restart its quantitative easing programme, but Dudley responded that “I’m way far away from thinking about quantitative easing”.
- **In the eurozone, data are mostly in line with expectations.** French manufacturing confidence has risen in August (by only 1 point, to 103. Consensus: 102 points) while business confidence rose less than expected (also by 1 point to 100; BBVAe: 103, consensus: 99). Spanish GDP in 2Q15 rose in line with expectations (by 1.0% QoQ and 3.1% YoY). M3 money supply surged in July, slightly more than expected (M3 rose by 5.3%, BBVAe: 5.0% consensus: 4.9%).
- **Global equity markets continue to recover across the board.** Fueled by Dudley’s comments, interest rate futures discount only a 24% probability of a September lift-off and a more dovish Fed in the medium term. As a result, US equity markets surged yesterday evening, with global equity markets following suit today (Euro Stoxx: 3.6%, DAX: 3.4% IBEX: 3.2% S&P 500:1.6% Dow Jones: 1.8%). China’s equity markets also rose, helped by the intervention of the Chinese authorities (Shanghai: 5.34%, Shenzhen: 3.3%). On bond markets, both US Treasury yields (10Y:+1bp, 2Y:+3bp) and European core yields rose slightly (GER 10Y: +3bp, FRA 10Y: +2bp, UK 10Y: +2bp) while the periphery’s yields dropped, led by Greece (SPA 10Y: -6bp, ITA 10Y: -5bp, POR 10Y: -8bp, GRE 10Y: -19bp). On FX markets, the USD continues to rebound after Monday’s slump. The positive revision of US 2Q GDP accelerated its appreciation against other major currencies (EUR: -0.75%, GBP: -0.51%, JPY: -0.63%). EM currencies are also rebounding (RUB: +4.0%, MXN: +1.0%, BRL +1.3%, COP: +2.1%), especially those linked to commodity prices that are on the rise (Brent: +6.0% WTI: +6.2%, copper: +2.5%).

Table1

*CDS, EMBI & MSCI indices with one day delay

**Credit spread (BAA) with two days delay

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