

Market Comment | Weak activity and inflation data weigh on financial markets

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- **Negative data in the US.** US retail sales rose less than expected in September (by 0.1% MoM; consensus: +0.2% MoM), whereas ex autos they dropped more than estimated (by -0.3% MoM; consensus: -0.1% MoM) and ex auto and gas remained unchanged unexpectedly (consensus: 0.3% MoM). On another front, PPI decreased in September more than expectations (by -1.1% YoY; consensus: -0.8%). Meanwhile, PPI ex food and energy increased less than estimated (by 0.8% YoY; consensus: +1.2%).
- **Disappointing price data in China.** Chinese inflation rose in September less than expected (by 1.6% YoY; consensus: 1.8% YoY, previous month 2.0% YoY), indicating that inflation has returned to the low range after its temporary jump last month. Meanwhile, the PPI dropped in line with estimates (by -5.9% YoY), suggesting that the sluggish commodity prices and lacklustre demand continued to put pressure on the PPI figures.
- **Eurozone industrial production dropped in August in line with expectations** (by -0.5% MoM, BBVAe -0.6% MoM, consensus -0.5% MoM, while July was upwardly revised to 0.8% MoM). The fall in industrial production confirmed the slowdown in exports and the moderation in industrial confidence. On another front, French CPI EU harmonised rose in September in line with expectations (by 0.1% YoY). In Spain, the final CPI EU harmonised fell less than expected (by 1.1% YoY; consensus: -1.2%). In addition, Italian CPI EU harmonised was confirmed to have risen in line with estimates (by 0.2% YoY).
- **Worse than expected data from the US and China maintained the risk-off mood on financial markets** across the board and re-fuelled the market's worries about a potential deflationary scenario. Disappointing price data coupled with the worsening of some activity monitors (retail sales in the US and the poor quarterly results released so far in the US) added concerns about global growth and deterred any recovery by risk assets today. Against this backdrop, equity markets dropped slightly across the board, driven again by European and Asian indices that extended their weekly losses (Euro Stoxx: -0.7%, DAX: -0.9%, IBEX-35: -0.6%, CAC: -0.6%, Nikkei: -1.9%, Shanghai: -0.93%). The US indices were also hampered by unexpectedly poor macroeconomic data (S&P 500: -0.3%). On bond markets, worries about the global economic outlook driven by China's uncertainties - on the back of the release of the prices data - were priced into yields globally. Moreover, the probability of a rate hike in December 2015, as implied in the Fed fund futures, fell again below 30% (29.8%). US yields dropped (2Y: -5bp, 10Y: -4bp). European core yields dropped today (GER 10Y: -4bp, FRA 10Y: -4bp), while periphery yields showed a mixed performance (ITA 10Y: -3bp, SPA 10Y: -1bp, POR 10Y: +3bp). The peripheral risk premium rose today, led by Portugal (POR: +7bp, SPA: +3bp, ITA: +1bp). On FX markets, the USD depreciated against other major currencies (EUR: +0.49%, JPY: +0.39%, GBP: +1.23%), while EM currencies appreciated against the USD (BRL: +1.0%, TRY: +1.1%, MXN: +0.4%, RUB: +0.2%, CLP: +0.3%) and partially recouped the accumulated weekly falls, despite most commodities prices dropping

slightly (Brent: -0.8%, WTI:-1.2%, copper:+0.7%).

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Table1

*CDS, EMBI & MSCI indices with one day delay

**Credit spread (BAA) with two days delay

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