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Euro wrap-up

Overview

- Despite a much stronger German business sentiment survey, Bunds made gains as concerns about Deutsche Bank weighed on risk appetite.
- Gilts also made gains while data suggested that new UK mortgage lending remained relatively subdued.
- Tuesday brings euro area bank lending figures along with a UK retail survey, while the BoE will commence its new corporate bond purchase scheme.

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Daily bond market movements				
Bond	Yield	Change*		
BKO 0 09/18	-0.677	-0.005		
OBL 0 10/21	-0.565	-0.018		
DBR 0 08/26	-0.110	-0.028		
UKT 1¼ 07/18	0.088	-0.013		
UKT 3¾ 09/21	0.192	-0.020		
UKT 1½ 07/26	0.707	-0.023		

*Change from close as at 4.30pm BST. Source: Bloomberg

Euro area

German Ifo Institute anticipates a 'golden autumn'

After Friday's flash German PMIs for September suggested that the services sector was the weakest in three years and that overall growth might have slowed to the softest pace in two years, today's Ifo business survey was closely watched for further evidence of a sudden loss of momentum in the euro area's largest member state. However, the opposite was the case as the main indices surprised significantly on the upside. Strikingly, the headline business climate index rose from August's six-month low and by more than three points, the most in more than six years, to the highest level since May 2014 (109.5). Firms reported an improvement in September and greater optimism regarding the economic outlook too, with the current conditions index reaching the second-highest level of the past twelve months and the expectations index rising the most in more than seven years to the highest level since last autumn. At the sectoral level, the reported improvement was widespread, with wholesale and retail sentiment rebounding following weakness the previous month, manufacturers the most upbeat in seventeen months, and confidence among construction firms at a series high. Based on these results, the Ifo Institute judged that the 'German economy is expecting a golden autumn'. But that is probably overdoing it. Looking through the recent monthly volatility, and following the weaker August, on a three-month average the Ifo business climate indicator remained well within the range of the past year or so. And with the PMIs typically no less reliable a predictor of German economic growth than the Ifo indices, their September flash readings are not to be dismissed out of hand. So, judging from the full body of recent evidence, we continue to think that German GDP growth in Q3 and Q4 will on average, as in Q2, prove to be close to the 0.4%Q/Q average rate of the past three years.

The day ahead in the euro area and US

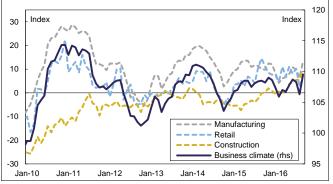
Tuesday's most notable new data from the euro area will be the August bank lending figures, which seem likely to show continued steady growth in loans to households and non-financial corporations. In addition, Italy will sell zero-coupon and inflation-linked bonds. In the US, the Case-Shiller home price figures for July are due for release along with the Conference Board's consumer confidence survey results for September. In addition, the US Treasury will sell 5Y Notes.

UK

Mortgage lending failed to gather momentum in August

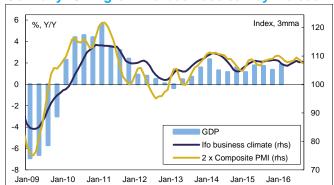
The latest BBA lending data from the major UK retail banks suggested that momentum in the housing market remained on the downside in August. New mortgage lending was little changed for a fifth consecutive month following a surge in activity ahead of stamp duty tax change in April to leave the stock of mortgage lending growing at 2.7%Y/Y, the slowest pace since February.

Germany: Ifo business climate indices



Source: Thomson Reuters and Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Ltd.

Germany: GDP growth & business survey indices



Source: Thomson Reuters, Markit and Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Ltd.

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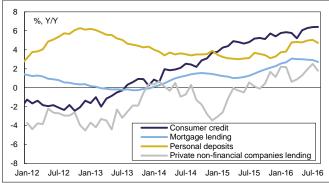


Meanwhile, the number of approved mortgages for house purchase inched down to a level about 20% lower than at the start of the year. However, unsecured lending growth remained much stronger, with the stock of lending up in August by an unchanged 6.4%Y/Y, the highest pace since the pre-crisis years. It is worth noting that the data were collected in early August and therefore do not reflect borrowers' reactions to the MPC decision to that month. Indeed, the decline in mortgage interest rates following the announcement of the BoE's monetary easing measures might well have helped to inject greater optimism into the housing market, with the latest RICS survey suggesting a small pick-up in house price growth in August.

The day ahead in the UK

The latest CBI Distributive Trades survey, due tomorrow, is expected to suggest that retail sales growth moderated in September following a strong end to the summer, when the relevant survey indicator reached a six-month high. In addition, the BoE will commence its new corporate bond purchase scheme.

UK: BBA High Street banking statistics



Source: BBA

UK: BBA mortgage lending indicators



*2M lead. The figures include loans for house purchase, remortgaging and other secured lending.

Source: BBA, Thomson Reuters and Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Ltd.

European calendar

Today's res	sults						
Economic d	lata						
Country		Release	Period	Actual	Market consensus/ <u>Daiwa forecast</u>	Previous	Revised
EMU	403	ECB public sector asset purchases €bn	Weekly	15.4	<u>16.5</u>	16.0	-
Germany		Ifo business climate index	Sep	109.5	106.3	106.2	106.3
		Ifo current assessment balance (expectations)	Sep	114.7 (104.5)	112.9 (100.1)	112.8 (100.1)	112.9 (-)
Italy		Retail sales M/M% (Y/Y%)	Jul	-0.3 (-0.2)	0.0 (0.3)	0.2 (0.8)	0.3 (-)
UK		BBA loans for house purchase 000s	Aug	37.0	37.1	37.7	-
Auctions							
Country		Auction					
UK	36	BoE APF operation purchased £1.17bn of 3-7Y Gilts (3.69 cover ratio)			

Source: Bloomberg and Daiwa Capital Markets Europe Ltd.

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Tomorrow	's data	releas	es			
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EMU	$= \left\langle \left\langle \left\langle \left\langle \right\rangle \right\rangle \right\rangle \right\rangle$	09:00	M3 money supply Y/Y%	Aug	4.9	4.8
Italy		09:00	Industrial sales M/M% (Y/Y%)	Jul	-	-1.1 (-2.7)
		09:00	Industrial orders M/M% (Y/Y%)	Jul	-	-2.8 (-4.2)
UK	\geq	11:00	CBI Distributive Trades survey, retail sales	Sep	5	9
Auctions a	nd even	ts				
Country		BST	Auction / Event			
Italy		10:00	Auction: To sell up to €2.5bn of 2018 zero-coupon bonds (28-Mar-2018)			
		10:00	Auction: To sell up to €1bn of 1.25% 2032 index-linked bonds (15-Sep-2032)			
UK		10:30	Auction: To sell up to £400mn of 0.25% 2052 index-linked bonds (22-Mar-2052))		
		14:50	BoE APF operation: To purchase 15Y+ Gilts			

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