Market Connect

Week Ending Jul 23, 2021



Top things to know for the week ahead

Risk for EUR looks tilted towards the downside this week

The European Central Bank (ECB) looks more likely to revise its monetary policy to be more accommodative given its recent changes to its policy framework. This was signalled by ECB President Christine Lagarde during an interview last week with Bloomberg News. Note that the adjustment to its framework was from a target inflation rate of "close to but below 2%" to a symmetrical 2%, potentially with allowance for slight overshoots. This does suggest that risk for EUR is tilted towards the downside this week as the ECB adjusts its language. This may come in the form of an indication for an expansion to one of its asset purchase programs at its September meeting where the ECB will review the size of its Pandemic Emergency Purchases Programme (PEPP). We expect an expansion to the PEPP, if any, over the Public Sector Purchases Programme (PSPP) due to its flexibility. In addition, the ECB may transition the PEPP into being recovery-focused, which does coincide with an expansion to better cater to its new framework to accommodate a transitory period in which inflation is moderately above its target rate of 2%.

Further downward pressure on EUR/USD may as a result see the currency pair dip further this month to retest a previous low of 1.1715 seen in April. Most technical indicators don't suggest that selling in the currency pair has been exhausted, and it looks more likely that there is still some added room for downward pressure. In addition, the currency pair is approaching the 23.6% retracement from the post-November US presidential elections surge at 1.1780, signalling that a large move downwards may be due if that support breaks down.

Crude Oil sees downward pressure on Monday morning in Asia

While this is mainly due to expectations for the supply hike in August after OPEC+'s agreement over the weekend, we expect downward pressure to be limited given that expectations for production hikes before May 2022 should be unchanged. Instead, downside pressure should stem from the impact of the delta variant. As a result, we expect to see some upside pressure in USOIL over the week, possibly to rebound back closer to the middle of its current trading range of about US\$73.

Commodities Against DXY (Rebased to 100)

4-week chart

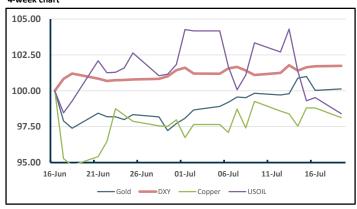


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Data Watch

Day	Time (GMT +8:00)	Related Currency	Events/Indicators		
	07:30	JPY	Japan Natl CPI YoY		
	09:30	CNY	China 1-Year Loan Prime Rate		
Tue	09:30	CNY	China 5-Year Loan Prime Rate		
	09:30	AUD	Australia RBA Minutes of July Policy Meeting		
	20:30	USD	United States Housing Starts		
Wed	09:30	AUD	Australia Retail Sales MoM		
vvea	19:00	USD	United States MBA Mortgage Applications		
	19:45	EUR	Eurozone ECB Monetary Policy Decision		
	20:30	EUR	Eurozone ECB President Lagarde's Post Meeting Press Conf.		
Thu	20:30	USD	United States Initial Jobless Claims		
	22:00	USD	United States Leading Index		
	22:00	USD	United States Existing Home Sales		
	14:00	GBP	United Kingdom Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel MoM		
	14:00	GBP	United Kingdom Retail Sales Inc Auto Fuel YoY		
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Fri	15:30	EUR	Germany Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI		
	16:00	EUR	Eurozone Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI		
	16:30	GBP	United Kingdom Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA		
	21:45	USD	United States Markit US Manufacturing PMI		

Weekly Market Snapshot

Index Returns	Latest Price	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Equities	Latest Frice	1 WEEK	IVIID	QID	110
S&P 500	4,327.16	-0.97%	0.69%	0.69%	15.20%
DJ Industrial Average	34,687.85	-0.52%	0.54%	0.54%	13.33%
Nasdaq	14,681.38	-0.98%	0.87%	0.87%	13.91%
Euro Stoxx 50	4,035.77	-0.79%	-0.70%	-0.70%	13.60%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	312.94	-0.47%	0.03%	0.03%	7.88%
FTSE 100	7,008.09	-1.60%	-0.42%	-0.42%	8.48%
DAX	15,540.31	-0.94%	0.06%	0.06%	13.28%
CAC 40	6,460.08	-1.06%	-0.73%	-0.73%	16.37%
Hang Seng	28,004.68	2.41%	-2.86%	-2.86%	2.84%
MSCI World	3,024.66	-0.93%	0.25%	0.25%	12.44%
ASX 200	7,348.12	1.03%	0.48%	0.48%	11.55%
NIKKEI	28,003.08	0.22%	-2.74%	-2.74%	2.049
CSI 300	5,091.86	0.35%	-2.68%	-2.68%	-1.91%
China A50	16,654.78	-0.16%	-4.75%	-4.75%	-5.57%
TWSE	17,845.75	1.04%	0.79%	0.79%	21.47%
Fixed Income					
Barclays Aggregate	544.22	0.16%	0.63%	0.63%	-2.60%
Barclays Euro Aggregate	271.60	0.44%	0.94%	0.94%	-1.37%
Barclays US High Yield	2,428.71	-0.15%	0.25%	0.25%	3.88%
Barclays Euro High Yield	436.04	0.13%	0.21%	0.21%	3.77%
Barclays TIPS	129.00	0.84%	0.77%	0.77%	1.06%
JPM EMBI Global Divers	993.42	0.27%	0.49%	0.49%	-0.17%
Other					
DJ US Real Estate	411.90	0.34%	3.78%	3.78%	22.99%
S&P GSCI	528.17	-0.67%	-1.46%	-1.46%	28.99%
US Dollar Index	92.69	0.60%	0.27%	0.27%	3.06%
VIX	18.45	14.03%	16.55%	16.55%	-18.90%

Commodities					
	Latest Price	30/6/21	31/5/21	30/4/21	31/12/20
Prices					
WTI Oil (\$/barrel)	71.81	73.47	66.32	63.58	48.52
Brent Oil (\$/barrel)	73.59	75.13	69.32	67.25	51.80
Gold (\$/oz)	1,812.05	1,770.11	1,906.87	1,769.13	1,898.36
Silver (\$/oz)	25.66	26.13	28.03	25.92	26.40
Copper	4.33	4.30	4.68	4.48	3.52
Corn	5.56	7.20	6.57	7.40	4.84
Coffee	1.61	1.59	1.62	1.40	1.28
Natural Gas	3.67	3.65	2.99	2.93	2.54
Currencies					
	Latest Price	30/6/21	31/5/21	30/4/21	31/12/20
Prices					
EURUSD	1.1806	1.1858	1.2227	1.2020	1.2216
GBPUSD	1.3767	1.3831	1.4212	1.3822	1.3670
USDJPY	110.07	111.11	109.58	109.31	103.25
USDCHF	0.9194	0.9250	0.8989	0.9131	0.8852
USDCAD	1.2613	1.2398	1.2064	1.2287	1.2725
AUDUSD	0.7401	0.7498	0.7734	0.7716	0.7694
NZDUSD	0.6999	0.6983	0.7270	0.7162	0.7184
USDCNH	6.4755	6.4683	6.3728	6.4735	6.5028
Crypto Currencies					
	Latest Price	30/6/21	31/5/21	30/4/21	31/12/20
Prices					
BTC/USD	31,842.51	34,585.00	36,690.9	56,814.4	28,996.3
XRP/USD	0.5960	0.6858	0.9928	1.5763	0.2249
LTC/USD	123.53	142.26	182.27	266.51	124.11
DSH/USD	117.15	144.16	189.58	317.44	99.30

Rates & Spreads					
	Latest Rate	30/6/21	31/5/21	30/4/21	31/12/20
Rates					
Fed Funds Target	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
ECB Depo Rate	-0.50%	-0.50%	-0.50%	-0.50%	-0.50%
3 Month US Dollar Libor	0.13%	0.15%	0.13%	0.18%	0.24%
US Treasuries 2 Year	0.22%	0.25%	0.14%	0.16%	0.12%
US Treasuries 10 Year	1.29%	1.47%	1.59%	1.63%	0.91%
German Bunds 2 Year	-0.69%	-0.67%	-0.67%	-0.69%	-0.72%
German Bunds 10 Year	-0.36%	-0.21%	-0.19%	-0.20%	-0.57%
Japan Gov't Bonds 10 Year	0.02%	0.05%	0.08%	0.09%	0.02%
UK Gilts 10 Year	0.63%	0.72%	0.80%	0.84%	0.20%
Swiss Gov't Bonds 10 Year	-0.34%	-0.25%	-0.20%	-0.22%	-0.58%

Global Equity Returns YTD 2021

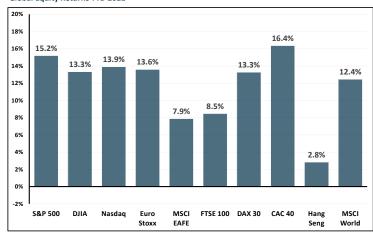


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Global Currency Returns (Weekly)

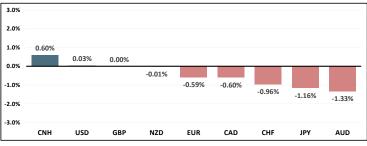


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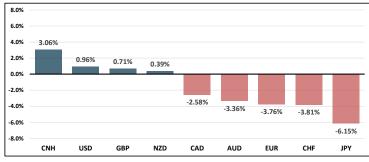
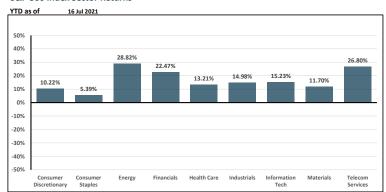


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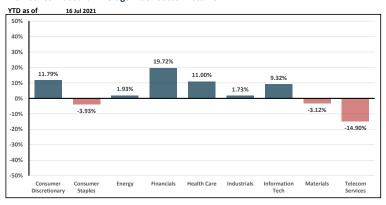
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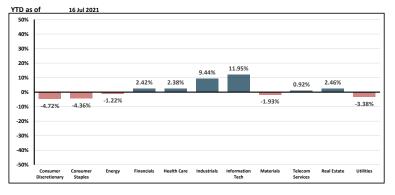
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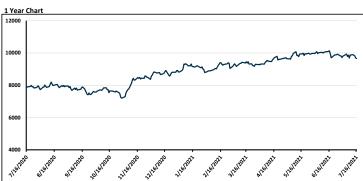
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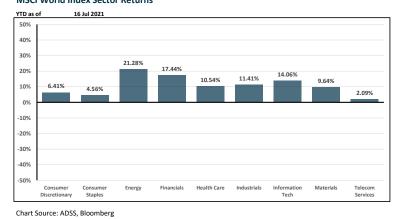
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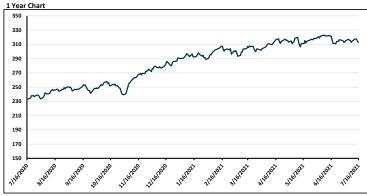


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