

## News highlights

- Most equity markets moved lower last week. Some flagship stocks like Netflix, SAP, Publicis and CSX reported disappointing earnings while other bellwethers like IBM and Microsoft were more exciting.
- Some dovish Fed comments raise expectations for a 50 basis-point cut at next week's FOMC meeting, while market participants are speculating that the ECB is reviewing its definition of price stability and its inflation target.
- The US retail sales publication demonstrated the strength of US consumer appetite, while industrial production numbers imply that investment is the Achilles' Heel of the US economy.
- Central banks in South Korea, Indonesia and South Africa all cut rates last week.
- Gold got support from hedge fund guru Ray Dalio, who argued that much of the investable debt in the world is so low yielding that it is basically "worthless" and that it was time for the smart money to pivot into assets like gold.
- This week, the ECB will hold its monetary meeting and it's expected it will signal further easing.

## EQUITIES (local currency, price change)

	Last Price	5 days	YTD		5 Years
			Local	EUR	
<b>US</b>					
S&P 500	2 977	-1.2%	18.7%	21.1%	50.5%
Nasdaq	8 146	-1.2%	22.8%	25.2%	83.8%
Dow Jones	27 154	-0.7%	16.4%	18.7%	58.8%
<b>Europe</b>					
Stoxx 50	3 480	-0.5%	16.0%	16.0%	10.0%
DAX	12 260	-0.5%	16.1%	16.1%	26.1%
CAC	5 552	-0.4%	17.4%	17.4%	28.1%
FTSE	7 509	0.0%	11.6%	11.6%	11.2%
AEX	572	0.8%	17.2%	17.2%	41.4%
BEL 20	3 652	2.1%	12.6%	12.6%	16.7%
SMI	9 937	1.8%	17.9%	20.5%	16.7%
<b>EM &amp; Asia</b>					
Nikkei 225	21 467	-1.0%	7.3%	12.0%	41.1%
Hang Seng	28 765	1.0%	11.3%	13.9%	22.6%
India	38 337	-1.0%	6.3%	9.7%	49.5%
Russia	2 701	-2.8%	14.0%	28.2%	89.8%
Brazil	103 452	-0.4%	17.7%	24.2%	81.5%

## FIXED INCOME (local currency, total return)

	Yield	5 days	YTD	5 Years
<b>US</b>				
Government	1.98	0.4%	4.9%	12.8%
Investment Grade	3.11	0.5%	9.4%	21.0%
High Yield	5.96	-0.1%	10.0%	26.7%
<b>Europe</b>				
Government	0.11	1.0%	6.6%	18.3%
Investment Grade	0.44	0.5%	6.1%	15.3%
High Yield	3.68	-0.2%	8.1%	23.5%
<b>EM</b>				
Global HC USD	4.43	0.3%	9.7%	26.2%

## EUR VERSUS MAJOR CURRENCIES

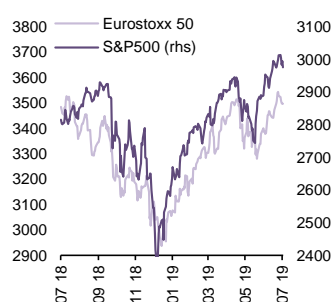
	Last	5 days	YTD	5 Years
USD	1.12	-0.4%	-2.1%	-13.2%
JPY	120.86	-0.6%	-3.9%	20.1%
CHF	1.10	-0.6%	-2.1%	-8.9%
GBP	0.90	0.1%	-0.2%	12.6%

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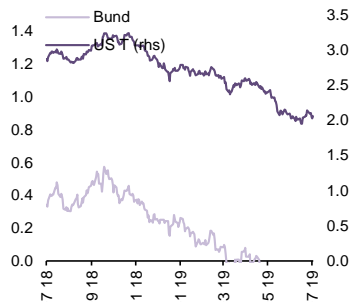
	Last	5 days	YTD		5 Years
			USD	EUR	
WTI	55.63	-7.6%	22.5%	24.9%	-39.5%
Gold	1 425.37	0.7%	11.1%	13.4%	-19.2%
Base Metals	183.37	2.1%	3.1%	3.1%	-17.0%

## Charts of the week

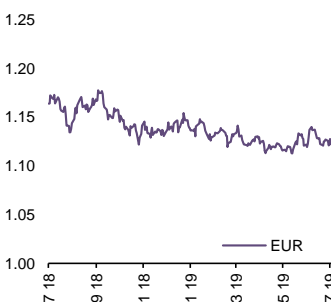
Equities (price, local currency)



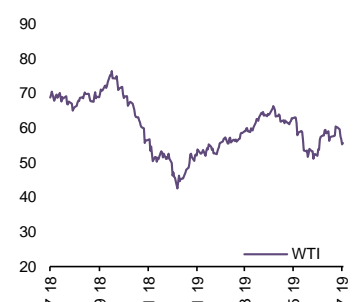
Bonds (Yield)



EUR vs. USD



Oil price (USD)



Source: Bloomberg, BIL, as at 19/07/19

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