

Weekly Market Snapshot

13th December 2019

News highlights

- Financial markets were supported by a cocktail of interim problem resolutions, from the UK election reducing the likelihood of a disorderly Brexit, to a preliminary agreement on 'phase one' of a trade deal between the US and China
- The British Conservative party, led by Boris Johnson, gained a thumping majority in the General Election, achieving the party's largest victory since 1987. Assuming the UK leaves the European Union (EU) on January 31st, the focus will be on the trade negotiations, which are still likely to be challenging.
- US and China reached a phase one trade deal. As part of the deal:
 - The US will half its 15% tariff on about \$120 billion worth of Chinese goods
 - It will also suspend indefinitely planned duties that were set to take effect on Dec 15th
 - US tariffs of 25% will remain on roughly \$250 billion worth of Chinese goods.
 - In exchange, officials in Washington said China agreed to increase American agricultural purchases by \$32 billion over the next two years, as well as adhering to some commitments on intellectual property protection.
 - It is expected that the deal will be signed early January. Any further tariff reductions by the US will be linked to the conclusion of future phases.
- This week focus should be on Nordic central banks, especially with Sweden's central bank set to exit negative rates after a five-year experiment with ultra-loose monetary policy

EQUITIES	local curre	ncv price	change)

,	Last Price	5 days	Ϋ́	ΓD	5 Years
US			Local	EUR	
S&P 500	3 169	0.7%	26.4%	30.2%	58.3%
Nasdaq	8 735	0.9%	31.6%	35.6%	87.7%
Dow Jones	28 135	0.4%	20.6%	24.3%	62.8%
Europe					
Stoxx 50	3 731	1.0%	24.3%	24.3%	21.6%
DAX	13 283	0.9%	25.8%	25.8%	38.4%
CAC	5 919	0.8%	25.1%	25.1%	44.1%
FTSE	7 353	1.6%	9.3%	17.7%	16.7%
AEX	603	0.1%	23.6%	23.6%	48.4%
BEL 20	3 936	0.2%	21.3%	21.3%	23.9%
SMI	10 429	-0.3%	23.7%	27.4%	17.2%
EM & Asia					
Nikkei 225	24 023	2.9%	20.0%	24.8%	38.3%
Hang Seng	27 688	4.5%	7.1%	10.9%	19.1%
India	41 010	1.4%	13.7%	15.4%	49.9%
Russia	2 997	2.3%	26.5%	44.0%	105.3%
Brazil	112 565	1.3%	28.1%	24.1%	134.5%

FIXED INCOME (local currency, total return)

	Yield	5 days	YTD	5 Years
US				
Government	1.78	0.2%	7.3%	12.5%
Investment Grade	2.80	0.5%	13.9%	24.1%
High Yield	5.24	0.8%	13.3%	35.7%
Europe				
Government	0.11	0.4%	7.1%	14.3%
Investment Grade	0.47	0.3%	6.5%	12.6%
High Yield	3.25	0.5%	11.0%	25.9%
EM				
Global HC USD	4.52	0.8%	12.0%	32.6%

EUR VERSUS MAJOR CURRENCIES

	Last	5 days	YTD	5 Years
USD	1.11	0.6%	-3.0%	-14.0%
JPY	121.56	1.1%	-3.4%	20.8%
CHF	1.09	-0.1%	-2.8%	-9.6%
GBP	0.83	-0.9%	-7.2%	4.7%

COMMODITIES

	Last	5 days	Υ	ΓD	5 Years
			USD	EUR	
WTI	60.07	1.5%	32.3%	36.3%	-34.7%
Gold	1 476.33	1.1%	15.1%	18.6%	-16.3%
Base Metals	179.00	1.6%	0.7%	0.7%	-19.0%

Charts of the week



Source: Bloomberg, BIL, as at 13/12/19

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