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Daily Market Highlights

14 Oct: US stocks rebounded amid softening trade tension

Strong China trade data could give China an upper hand in trade negotiation

MAS kept policy stance unchanged; advanced 3Q GDP estimate surprised on the upside

Today: RBA policy meeting minutes; corporate earnings season starting with big banks

- The US bond market was closed for Columbus Day, but in the equity space, tech shares led the rebound in stocks with the US and China signalling willingness to keep trade negotiations alive. The Dow closed up 1.3% d/d, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq climbed 1.6% d/d and 2.2% d/d respectively. The recovery was broad-based but despite this, the market is facing other concerns with the earnings season kicking off this week and major banks such as JP Morgan Chase and Goldman Sachs set to report 3Q results.
- In Europe, Stoxx 600 gained 0.4% d/d at close with mining stocks leading gains, while 10Y sovereign bond yields fell in tune to 1-5bps. Earlier in the day, Hang Seng (-1.5% d/d) and CSI 300 (-0.5% d/d) led declines in regional markets on the US-China trade spat, while Japan markets were closed for a holiday.
- In the forex space, the DXY recouped some of Friday's losses and rose 0.3% d/d to 99.27. Haven currencies CHF (-0.6% d/d) and JPY (-0.7% d/d to 152.28) led G10 losses amid the risk-on sentiment, while AUD outperformed, appreciating 0.6% d/d to 0.6515.
- Asian currencies traded mixed against the Dollar with CNH leading gains at 0.1% d/d to 7.1383 after its trade data beat. MYR and SGD, on the other hand, depreciated 0.1% d/d each to 4.2277 and 1.2986, the latter likely to strengthen given the upward surprise in Singapore's advanced 3Q GDP this morning.
- In the commodity space, crude oil prices recouped its losses and closed up between 0.9-1.0% d/d after Trump softened his tone on a China trade deal, while the ceasefire between Israel-Hamas kept a lid on prices. The WTI stayed just below the \$60/barrel level, while Brent settled at \$63.32/barrel.

Key Market Metrics

	Level	d/d (%)
Equities		
Dow Jones	46,067.58	1.29
S&P 500	6,654.72	1.56
NASDAQ	22,694.61	2.21
Stoxx Eur 600	566.63	0.44
FTSE 100	9,442.87	0.16
Nikkei 225	48,088.80	-1.01
CSI 300	4,593.98	-0.50
Hang Seng	25,889.48	-1.52
Straits Times	4,389.84	-0.84
KLCI 30	1,615.19	-0.44
FX		
Dollar Index	99.27	0.29
EUR/USD	1.1570	-0.42
GBP/USD	1.3333	-0.20
USD/JPY	152.28	0.72
AUD/USD	0.6515	0.63
USD/CNH	7.1383	-0.10
USD/MYR	4.2277	0.12
USD/SGD	1.2986	0.13
USD/KHR	4,019.25	-0.01
USD/THB	32.72	0.41
Commodities		
WTI (\$/bbl)	59.49	1.00
Brent (\$/bbl)	63.32	0.94
Gold (\$/oz)	4,108.60	3.34
Copper (\$/MT)	10,820.50	2.88
Aluminum(\$/MT)	2,763.00	0.55
CPO (RM/tonne)	4,505.50	0.31

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

* Closing as of 10 Oct for CPO, Nikkei 225 and USD/THB

MAS maintained policy stance; 3Q GDP eased less than expected amid softer growth across the board

- As expected, the MAS maintained the prevailing rate of appreciation of the S\$NEER policy band this morning, and there will be no change to its width and the level at which it is centred.

In the statement, MAS also said that Singapore's economic growth has turned out stronger than expected and the output gap will remain positive in 2025 and come in around 0% next year. MAS Core Inflation should trough in the near term and rise gradually over the course of 2026 as temporary factors dampening inflation fade.

- On a separate note, advanced 3Q GDP came above street forecast, decelerating less than expected to 1.3% q/q and 2.9% y/y (2Q: 1.5% q/q and 4.5% y/y). On a yearly basis, growth eased across the board led by manufacturing (0.0% vs 5.0% y/y). Construction and services also eased to 3.1% y/y and 3.5% y/y respectively. (The GDP growth forecasts for 2025 and 2026 will be announced in November by MTI).

China's trade numbers beat forecasts; non-US shipments offset the plunge in exports to the US

- September's exports (8.3% y/y vs 4.4% y/y) grew at the fastest in six months, exceeding forecasts in a sign of resilience that could give Beijing an upper hand in the latest trade negotiation with the US. While exports to the US (-27% y/y vs -33% y/y) plunged, this was offset by stronger growth to shipments outside the US (14.8% y/y vs 11.2% y/y), notably to the EU (YTD: 21.5% y/y) and ASEAN economies (YTD: 23.9% y/y). Imports also jumped 7.4% y/y after growing 1.3% y/y previously, sharply beating forecasts and its strongest April 2024 in a sign of stable, if not recovering domestic demand.

House View and Forecasts

FX	This Week	4Q-25	1Q-26	2Q-26	3Q-26
DXY	99-101	96.45	95.57	94.24	92.99
EUR/USD	1.14-1.17	1.19	1.20	1.22	1.24
GBP/USD	1.31-1.35	1.36	1.37	1.38	1.39
USD/CHF	0.78-0.82	0.78	0.78	0.77	0.76
USD/JPY	150-155	146	145	142	140
AUD/USD	0.64-0.67	0.67	0.67	0.68	0.68
NZD/USD	0.56-0.60	0.59	0.60	0.60	0.60
USD/CNY	7.10-7.15	7.08	7.06	6.99	6.94
USD/MYR	4.19-4.25	4.20	4.15	4.10	4.10
USD/SGD	1.28-1.32	1.28	1.26	1.24	1.23
USD/THB	31.55-33.10	32.25	32.30	32.20	32.00

Rates, %	Current	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26
Fed	4.00-4.25	3.50-3.75	3.25-3.50	3.00-3.25	3.00-3.25
ECB	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
BOE	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.50	3.50
SNB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOJ	0.50	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75
RBA	3.60	3.35	3.10	3.10	3.10
RBNZ	2.50	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25

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Source: HLBB Global Markets Research

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Date	Events	Prior
14-Oct	AU NAB Business Confidence (Sep)	4
	AU RBA Minutes of Sept. Policy Meeting	
	UK Average Weekly Earnings 3M/YoY (Aug)	4.70%
	UK ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths (Aug)	4.70%
	UK Payrolled Employees Monthly Change (Sep)	-8k
	EC ZEW Survey Expectations (Oct)	26.1
15-Oct	US NFIB Small Business Optimism (Sep)	100.8
	AU Westpac Leading Index MoM (Sep)	-0.04%
	CH PPI YoY (Sep)	-2.90%
	CH CPI YoY (Sep)	-0.40%
	EC Industrial Production SA MoM (Aug)	0.30%
	US MBA Mortgage Applications	-4.7%
	US Empire Manufacturing (Oct)	-8.7
	US Core CPI YoY (Sep)**	3.10%
	US Real Avg Weekly Earnings YoY (Sep)**	0.40%
	US Fed Releases Beige Book	

Source: Bloomberg

** Releases likely delayed by the US government shutdown

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