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## Global Markets Research

### Daily Market Highlights

# 15 June: US and Iran to sign peace deal this Friday

**US stocks closed higher with SpaceX soaring in debut and on easing oil prices  
Improved US consumer confidence; UK's economy shrank in April on services  
Still slow credit growth for China; better than expected IPI growth for Malaysia**

- US stocks closed Friday higher as SpaceX's positive IPO opening bolstered sentiment, and as oil prices fell with investors weighing the prospects of a potential peace deal between the US and Iran. At the point of writing, both the US and Iran said that a peace deal to end the war has been agreed, and that the memorandum would be signed and go into effect this Friday.
- WTI and Brent fell more than 3% d/d each to \$84.88/barrel and \$87.33/barrel respectively. SpaceX closed the day at \$160.95, 19% d/d above its IPO price, resulting in a market value of around \$2.1tn. The 3 major US equity indices closed up 0.3-0.7% d/d and all sectors with the broad index closed in green except for healthcare. With SpaceX IPO behind us, attention will now turn to the FOMC meeting this week, the first under new Fed Chair Kevin Warsh.
- Elsewhere, European stocks (Stoxx 600: 1.9% d/d) ended the week near its record high with oil prices easing and banking stocks being the notable gainers again following ECB's rate hike the day before. KOSPI and Nikkei 225 led the rally in regional markets with a 4.6% and 2.8% d/d jump.
- In the bond space, UST yields were just a tinge 1-2bps higher across the curve and the benchmark 2Y and 10Y yields closed the day at 4.08% and 4.48%. 10Y European bond yields fell 0-7bps, while yields to the gilts plunged 4-11bps across the curve after UK's economy contracted for the first time in 8 months. As it is, consensus is expecting both the FOMC and BOE to maintain their policy rates unchanged this week.
- In the forex space, most G10 currencies weakened, while Asian FX traded mixed against the greenback. EUR, GBP, JPY and AUD depreciated between 0-0.2% d/d to 1.1568, 1.3406, 160.24 and 0.7047. On the regional front, SGD and CNH closed flattish at 6.7636 and 1.2842, while MYR strengthened 0.1% d/d to 4.0595.

#### Key Market Metrics

	Level	d/d (%)
<b>Equities</b>		
Dow Jones	51,202.26	0.70
S&P 500	7,431.46	0.50
NASDAQ	25,888.84	0.31
Stoxx Eur 600	633.21	1.88
FTSE 100	10,471.72	1.63
Nikkei 225	66,020.04	2.81
CSI 300	4,777.32	1.16
Hang Seng	24,718.10	1.93
Straits Times	5,025.80	0.76
KLCI 30	1,683.63	0.24
<b>FX</b>		
Dollar Index	99.75	-0.11
EUR/USD	1.1568	-0.09
GBP/USD	1.3406	-0.08
USD/JPY	160.24	0.19
AUD/USD	0.7047	-0.03
USD/CNH	6.7636	0.00
USD/MYR	4.0595	-0.14
USD/SGD	1.2842	0.02
USD/KHR	4,021.00	-0.16
USD/THB	32.66	-0.88
<b>Commodities</b>		
WTI (\$/bbl)	84.88	-3.23
Brent (\$/bbl)	87.33	-3.37
Gold (\$/oz)	4,215.00	3.05
Copper (\$/MT)	13,698.00	1.60
Aluminum(\$/MT)	3,535.00	0.94
CPO (RM/MT)	4,387.00	-1.66

Source: Bloomberg, HLBB Global Markets Research

### **Better than expected US consumer confidence**

- Spurred by some relief due to softer gasoline prices, the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment ticked up more than expected to 48.9 in June from 44.8 previously. Overall, current (48.4 vs 45.8) and expectations (49.3 vs 44.1) of personal finances improved but even so, views of the economy were still relatively sour and below levels prior to the war. Consumers felt that inflation will stay stubbornly elevated despite the pullback in June, and this is reflected in the 1Y and long run inflation expectations at 4.6% and 3.4% for the same month (prior: 4.8% and 3.9%).

### **UK's economy shrank for the first time in 8 months**

- Matching expectations, GDP fell 0.1% m/m in April following growths of 0.3% m/m in March and 0.4% m/m in February. This marks its first contraction in 8 months, driven by a 0.2% m/m decline in services (prior: +0.3% m/m), which was partially offset by a 0.1% increase in construction (prior: 1.5% m/m). Production, meanwhile, showed no growth, after declining 0.2% m/m previously.
- Overall outlook remains fragile even if the drag from higher fuel prices and tighter financing conditions have yet to be fully felt. Coupled with expectations of a softer labour market ahead, this slowdown will likely add pressure for the BOE to deliver a hawkish hold at the policy meeting this week.

### **Slow credit growth for China continues to flag weak demand for the private sectors**

- Slow credit growth continues to highlight controlled pace of stimulus rollout, and persistent sustained soft demand within the private sector despite ample liquidity and low financing costs in the economy. At 17.5tn yuan in Jan-May, aggregate financing was better than expected but below year ago levels weighed down by low household loans and issuance of government bonds, while corporate bond financing quickened during the month.

### **Stronger than expected IPI growth for Malaysia**

- Malaysia's Industrial Production Index (IPI) logged an upward surprise for the first time in 3 months, picking up momentum to 8.2% y/y in April after holding steady at 3.1% y/y previously. This marks its strongest since 2022, amid an acceleration in the manufacturing sector (8.3% y/y vs 5.5% y/y) and a sharp rebound in mining output (6.8% y/y vs -6.5% y/y), the latter due to a robust growth in natural gas output at 16.6% y/y (prior: -3.4%). In tandem with this, electricity also grew at a stronger pace of 10.5% y/y, doubling from 4.8% y/y

previously. Refer to Research Alert “Stronger than expected IPI growth in April” dated 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### House View and Forecasts

FX	This Week	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27
DXY	98-102	100.63	99.80	97.96	96.48
EUR/USD	1.14-1.17	1.14	1.15	1.17	1.19
GBP/USD	1.32-1.36	1.31	1.32	1.34	1.35
USD/CHF	0.7-0.81	0.79	0.78	0.76	0.75
USD/JPY	157-162	159	155	152	152
AUD/USD	0.69-0.72	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.71
NZD/USD	0.56-0.61	0.57	0.58	0.58	0.59
USD/CNY	6.75-6.80	6.93	6.88	6.84	6.77
USD/MYR	4.03-4.09	3.98	3.96	3.93	3.90
USD/SGD	1.27-1.30	1.29	1.28	1.27	1.25
USD/THB	32.40-33.10	31.60	31.80	31.80	31.40

  

FX	Last close	2Q-26	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27
EUR/MYR	4.7009	4.55	4.55	4.60	4.66
GBP/MYR	5.4481	5.23	5.23	5.26	5.28
AUD/MYR	2.8603	2.72	2.72	2.75	2.77
CNY/MYR	0.6004	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.58
SGD/MYR	3.1624	3.09	3.10	3.11	3.12

  

Rates, %	Current	2Q26	3Q26	4Q26	1Q27
Fed	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75
ECB	2.25	2.25	2.50	2.50	2.50
BOE	3.75	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
SNB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOJ	0.75	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
RBA	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35	4.35
RBNZ	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
BNM	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75	2.75

Source: HLBB Global Markets Research

### Up Next

Date	Events	Prior
15-June	EC Industrial Production SA MoM (Apr)	0.20%
	EC Trade Balance NSA (Apr)	7.8b
	US Empire Manufacturing (Jun)	19.6
	US Industrial Production MoM (May)	0.70%
	US NAHB Housing Market Index (Jun)	37
16-June	CH New Home Prices MoM (May)	-0.19%
	CH Used Home Prices MoM (May)	-0.23%
	CH Retail Sales YTD YoY (May)	1.90%
	CH Industrial Production YTD YoY (May)	5.60%
	CH Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY (May)	-1.60%
	CH Surveyed Jobless Rate (May)	5.20%
	AU RBA Cash Rate Target	4.35%
	EC ZEW Survey Expectations (Jun)	-9.1
	US Import Price Index YoY (May)	4.20%
	US New York Fed Services Business Activity (Jun)	-5.8
	US Housing Starts MoM (May)	-2.80%
JN BOJ Target Rate	0.75%	

Source: Bloomberg

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