

Key events in developed markets next week

It's another big week for central bankers. Expect a rate hike from the Bank of England, which also kick starts the process of 'quantitative tightening'. The European Central Bank faces a balancing act between sounding more hawkish on inflation and keeping rate hike expectations at bay



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US: PMIs and jobs data could cause some market caution

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell has indicated that the central bank will soon be raising interest rates and that the economy, and importantly the jobs market, can withstand significantly higher interest rates. The marked shift in the concern about inflation means a minimum of four interest rate hikes and potentially five should be the baseline for 2022. This week's data flow could cause some market caution though. It is clear that the Omicron wave hit the economy very hard in December based on consumer spending numbers and we don't expect much, if any, improvement in January. We therefore expect downside risk for the January ISM releases as higher costs and consumer caution weigh on activity readings.

The January jobs report is likely to be weak, with a payrolls gain of just 100k expected. The risks are likely to be to the downside given the sharp drop-off in activity and higher-than-expected

jobless claims since the Omicron wave hit. Admittedly there are more than 10 million job vacancies right now, but consumer and business caution has been heightened by the latest pandemic developments and hiring is set to have slowed.

Nonetheless, we remain hopeful that with Covid case numbers now falling in many states, we will start to see consumers re-engage with the economy. That should pave the way for much stronger activity and job readings in February and March.

✔ Eurozone: A bumper week of data ahead of Thursday's ECB meeting

It's a big week in the eurozone with both gross domestic product (GDP) and inflation data due ahead of the European Central Bank (ECB) meeting. The GDP figures for the fourth quarter will give us a sense of how big an impact the fourth wave of coronavirus on the Eurozone economy has been. The first bits of hard data have given some reason for optimism, but the largest impact will have come in December, for which little information is available so far.

We expect a substantial slowdown from the third quarter, but still positive growth. For inflation, January is likely to show a modest decline. The impact of gas prices is still likely to increase, which is the same for goods inflation. However the German VAT effect will drop out of the numbers and oil price base effects will also play in favourably.

When it comes to the ECB, we don't expect the central bank to give any hints on possible rate hikes. The time for this has not come, yet. Remember that the ECB and the eurozone economy are still lagging behind the Fed and the US economy in terms of the cycle, inflation, wages and labour market tightness. We don't expect any policy announcements at next week's meeting. Instead, the ECB's main challenge will be regarding communication – on the one hand, to confirm its more hawkish stance on inflation and on the other, to keep any speculation on premature rate hikes at bay. [Read more in our full preview](#)

✔ Bank of England to hike rates again and initiate quantitative tightening

It's becoming increasingly clear that Omicron's economic impact in the UK has been mild. That, combined with growing fears on the monetary policy committee about elevated headline inflation, suggests the Bank will increase rates by a further 25bp next Thursday. That also means the threshold to kick-start balance sheet reduction will also have been met, and we'd expect the Bank to end reinvestments of maturing bonds imminently.

Keep an eye open for what policymakers have to say on future rate hikes too. Markets, which are pricing roughly five rate rises this year, are likely overestimating what's to come. But we doubt policymakers will offer any material pushback at this stage. We expect a total of two or maybe three rate rises in total this year.

Developed Markets Economic Calendar

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 31 January					
US	1445	Jan Chicago PMI	60.5	62.5	63.1
Germany	1300	Jan CPI Flash (MoM%/YoY%)	-0.3/3.9		0.5/5.3
Italy	0900	Q4 GDP Flash (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-		2.6/3.9
Spain	0800	Jan CPI Flash (YoY%)	-		6.5
Eurozone	1000	Q4 GDP Flash (QoQ%/YoY%)	0.4/-	0.3/-	2.2/3.9
Tuesday 1 February					
US	1445	Jan Markit Manufacturing PMI Final	-		55.0
	1500	Jan ISM Manufacturing PMI	55.0	58.3	58.7
	1500	Jan ISM Manufacturing Prices Paid	69.0		68.2
	1500	Dec JOLTS job openings (mn)	10.3	-	10.6
Germany	0700	Dec Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-1,7/3,1		0.6/-2.9
	0855	Jan Markit/BME Manufacturing PMI	-		60.5
	0855	Jan Unemployment Rate SA	5.1		5.2
France	0745	60.5	-		0.2/3.4
	0930	Jan Markit/CIPS Manufacturing PMI Final	56.9		56.9
Canada	1330	Nov GDP (MoM%)	-		0.8
Eurozone	0900	Jan Markit Manufacturing Final PMI	59.0		59.0
	1000	Dec Unemployment Rate	7.2		7.2
Wednesday 2 February					
US	1315	Jan ADP National Employment	150	208	807
Italy	1000	Jan CPI Flash (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		0.5/4.2
Eurozone	1000	Jan CPI Flash (YoY%)	4.8		5.0
	1000	Jan Core CPI Flash (YoY%)	2.4		2.7
Thursday 3 February					
US	1445	Jan Markit Composite Final PMI	-		50.8
	1445	Jan Markit Services PMI Final	-		50.9
	1500	Dec Factory Orders (MoM%)	0.0	0.1	1.6
	1500	Jan ISM Non-Manufacturing PMI	58.0	59.8	62.0
	1330	Initial Jobless Claims	245	-	260
	1330	Cont Jobless Claims	1600	-	1675
Germany	0855	Jan Markit Services PMI	52.2		52.2
	0855	Jan Markit Composite Final PMI	54.3		54.3
France	0850	Jan Markit Composite PMI	-		52.7
UK	0930	Jan Markit/CIPS Services PMI Final	53.3		53.3
	0930	Jan Composite PMI Final	53.4	53.4	53.4
	1200	Feb BOE Bank Rate	0.5	0.5	0.25
	0845	Jan Composite PMI	-		54.7
Eurozone	0900	Jan Markit Services Final PMI	51.2		51.2
	0900	Jan Markit Composite Final PMI	52.4		52.4
	1245	Feb ECB Refinancing rate	0.0	0.0	0.0
	1245	Feb ECB Deposit rate	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Friday 4 February					
US	1330	Jan Non-Farm Payrolls	100	186	199
	1330	Jan Private Payrolls	100	172	211
	1330	Jan Unemployment Rate	3.9	3.9	3.9
Germany	0700	Dec Industrial Orders (MoM%)	-2		3.7
France	0745	Dec Industrial Output (MoM%)	-		-0.4
Canada	1330	Jan Unemployment Rate	-		5.9
Eurozone	1000	Dec Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		1.0/7.8

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