

Key events in EMEA and Latam next week

The weakness in German business surveys is a troubling sign for central and eastern Europe. PMI data from Poland and the Czech Republic next week will shed light on the depth of the slowdown in manufacturing while in Hungary, the focus turns to the central bank



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National Bank of Hungary: On hold for one more month

The National Bank of Hungary is expected to leave its policy rate unchanged for another month. We see the central bank waiting for February's inflation data (namely core CPI ex. tax) to overshoot the 3% target before starting monetary policy normalisation, which should be conducted via an adjustment in the FX swaps - providing HUF liquidity - and a hike in the overnight deposit rate.

The central bank might highlight in its press release (once again) that recent developments in the eurozone and the ECB's dovish communication warrants a cautious and gradual approach, but in our opinion, this won't cause a delay in the expected start of normalisation in March.

Other than that, we expect producer prices to increase significantly, which is another signal of inflation strengthening. The statistical office will also release the detailed 4Q18 GDP data, and we expect really strong figures in domestic factors such as consumption and investment activity.

Czech Republic: 4Q growth under scrutiny

The market and the Czech National Bank will scrutinise details of 4Q18 GDP growth, which surprised on the upside in the flash release (2.9. vs 2.3). Industrial production and services were relatively weak in 4Q18, but some one-off factors are likely, such as strong investment activity by the government.

Moreover, February's manufacturing PMI is likely to remain below the 50-point threshold given the weakness in the German PMI.

Poland: Recovery in manufacturing PMI? Not likely

The second GDP reading for 4Q18 should confirm growth of 4.9% year-on-year. We expect a moderation of both private consumption expenditure and investment. Revisions to the growth structure in 2018 seem likely - the annual reading suggested a neutral net export contribution, while quarterly indicators so far have signalled a negative drag.

The PMI is unlikely to recover further in February. We expect a reading of 48.4. The weak confidence of German manufacturing businesses suggests a significant downward risk to our forecasts.

EMEA and Latam Economic Calendar

| Country | Time | Data/event | ING | Survey | Prev. |
|------------------------------|------|--|---------|--------|----------|
| Sunday 24 February | | | | | |
| Israel | - | Jan Leading 'S' Indicator (MoM%) | - | - | 0.2 |
| Monday 25 February | | | | | |
| Poland | 0900 | Jan Unemployment Rate (%) | 6.1 | - | 5.8 |
| Czech Rep | 0800 | Feb Business Confidence | - | - | 15.0 |
| | 0800 | Feb Consumer & Business Confidence | - | - | 13.4 |
| | 0800 | Feb Consumer Confidence | - | - | 6.8 |
| | 0800 | Jan PPI (Industrial) (MoM/YoY%) | 0.0/1.9 | - | -1.1/2.4 |
| Hungary | 2300 | Feb Economic Sentiment | 5.9 | - | 7.1 |
| | 2300 | Feb Business Confidence | 12.5 | - | 13.9 |
| | 2300 | Feb Consumer Confidence | -13.0 | - | -12.1 |
| Kazakhstan | - | Jan M3 Money Supply (MoM%) | - | - | 4.6 |
| Serbia | 1100 | Jan HPPI (MoM/YoY%) | -/- | -/- | -1.1/0.5 |
| | 1100 | Dec Real Wages (YoY%) | - | - | 4.5 |
| Israel | 1100 | Jan Monthly Unemployment Rate (%) | - | - | 4.3 |
| Brazil | 1330 | Jan C/A Balance (\$mn) | -5800.0 | - | -815.2 |
| Mexico | 1400 | 4Q F GDP (YoY%) | 1.8 | - | 1.8 |
| Tuesday 26 February | | | | | |
| Hungary | 1300 | Policy Rate (%) | 0.9 | - | 0.9 |
| | 1300 | Overnight Deposit Rate (%) | -0.15 | - | -0.15 |
| Croatia | 1000 | Dec Real Wages (YoY%) | - | - | -0.3 |
| | 1000 | Jan PPI (MoM/YoY%) | -/- | -/- | -1.1/0.2 |
| | 1000 | Jan Unemployment Rate (%) | - | - | 9.6 |
| South Africa | 0700 | Dec Leading Indicator | - | - | 105.5 |
| Mexico | 1400 | Dec Retail Sales (YoY%) | 2.8 | - | 3.4 |
| Wednesday 27 February | | | | | |
| Croatia | 1000 | 4Q P GDP (YoY%) | - | - | 2.8 |
| Brazil | 1200 | Jan Unemployment Rate (%) | 11.9 | - | 11.6 |
| Mexico | 1400 | Jan Unemployment Rate, SA (%) | 3.6 | - | 3.6 |
| | 1800 | Mexican Central Bank Releases Inflation Report | | | |
| Thursday 28 February | | | | | |
| Turkey | 0700 | Jan Trade Balance (US\$m) | -2.5 | - | -2.7 |
| Poland | 0900 | 4Q F GDP (QoQ/YoY%) | 0.5/4.9 | -/- | 0.5/4.9 |
| Hungary | 0800 | Jan PPI (MoM/YoY%) | 0.6/5.3 | -/- | -0.4/4.7 |
| Serbia | 1100 | Jan Industrial Production (YoY%) | - | - | -6.3 |
| | 1100 | 4Q F GDP (YoY%) | - | - | 3.5 |
| | 1100 | Jan Retail Sales (YoY%) | - | - | 3.3 |
| Croatia | - | Jan M1 Money Supply (HRKmn) | - | - | 119994.8 |
| South Africa | 0600 | Jan M3 Money Supply (YoY%) | - | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| | 0600 | Jan Private Sector Credit (YoY%) | - | 5.4 | 5.1 |
| | 0930 | Jan PPI (MoM/YoY%) | -/- | -/- | -0.9/5.2 |
| | 1200 | Jan Trade Balance (ZARbn) | - | - | 17.2 |
| | 1200 | Jan National Budget Balance (ZARbn) | - | - | 14.5 |
| Brazil | 1200 | 4Q GDP (QoQ/YoY%) | 0.2/1.4 | -/- | 0.8/1.3 |
| Friday 1 March | | | | | |
| Russia | 0600 | Feb Markit Manufacturing PMI | - | - | 50.9 |
| Turkey | 0700 | Feb Markit/ISO Manufacturing PMI | - | - | 44.2 |
| Poland | 0800 | Feb Markit Manufacturing PMI | 48.4 | - | 48.2 |
| Czech Rep | 0800 | 4Q P GDP (QoQ/YoY%) | 0.9/2.8 | -/- | 1.0/2.9 |
| | 0830 | Feb Markit Manufacturing PMI | 48.7 | - | 49.0 |
| | 1300 | Feb Budget Balance (CZKbn) | - | - | 8.8 |
| Hungary | 0800 | Feb Manufacturing PMI | 53.5 | - | 54.0 |
| | 0800 | 4Q F GDP (QoQ, SWDA/YoY%) | 1.1/5.0 | -/- | 1.1/5.0 |
| Romania | 0700 | Jan Unemployment Rate, 15 - 74 Yrs Old, SA | - | - | 3.8 |
| | - | Feb FX Reserves (€bn, Net) | - | - | 35764.8 |
| Kazakhstan | - | Feb CPI (MoM/YoY%) | -/- | -/- | 0.5/5.2 |
| | - | Feb PPI (MoM/YoY%) | -/- | -/- | -1.2/9.6 |
| South Africa | 0900 | Feb Kagiso PMI | - | - | 49.9 |

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