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## Key events in developed markets and EMEA next week

The BoE is set for yet another 'on hold' decision in December – barring any enormous data surprises, that is. Over in Poland, we expect third-quarter GDP growth to come in positive, while in Hungary we should see the country's technical recession coming to an end



### US: CPI and PPI expected to come in flat on the month

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell again acknowledged last week that monetary policy is “restrictive”, but remains unsure as to whether it's restrictive enough for inflation to return sustainably to 2%. We think it is, and we do not expect any further Federal Reserve interest rate hikes from here on out. This view should receive some support from upcoming data, including both consumer and producer price inflation along with retail sales and industrial production data for October.

The steep plunge in gasoline prices will have a major influence and could allow headline CPI and PPI to come in flat on the month, while also depressing the values of retail sales to the extent that we get a negative month-on-month reading. We already know that vehicle sales were down on the month and that credit card spending has also been subdued, pointing to a soft spending number. Industrial production is also subject to downside risk given that the ISM manufacturing index is in deep contraction territory. Meanwhile, housing starts look set to fall based on the long-run relationship with home builder sentiment. This has been damaged recently by mortgage rates hitting 8%, which appears to have been a catalyst for a big slowdown in prospective buyer traffic.

Core inflation readings may come in a bit higher with 0.3% MoM increases, though. This may keep markets on edge to some extent, but over the coming months, we expect to see slowing housing rents exert a greater influence – and this should lead to US consumer price inflation slowing to 2% by next summer. See our latest note on [the outlook for US inflation](#) for all the details.

## **UK: Bank of England set for another ‘on hold’ decision in December, barring any enormous data surprises**

The messaging coming from the Bank of England suggests that the recent tightening cycle has indeed finished, not least because policymakers have now kept rates on hold at two consecutive meetings. We agree, and we think the next move in rates is likely to be down, with cuts starting next summer. But next week's data is important, especially given that the inflation release will be the only one before the December meeting (although we'll get one more set of wage figures, in addition to the ones on Tuesday). Headline inflation is set to take a big leap downwards, and that means Prime Minister Rishi Sunak can claim he's been able to 'half inflation' as targeted earlier this year. That's an artefact of electricity prices, and the fact that last year's 25% increase in energy bills drops out of the annual comparison – and on top of that, prices fell by roughly 10% at the start of October.

By contrast, services inflation is likely to stay unchanged at 6.9%, and this is the area the Bank is most wary about. However, we expect more noticeable progress here next year as the lagged impact of lower gas prices and weaker demand reduce pressure on firms to raise prices. Private sector wage growth is likely to ease off fractionally in next week's numbers, but we'd expect this to fall back to the 4% area by next summer. The jobs market does appear to be cooling, but issues with data collection mean that it's hard to reliably say how quickly.

Barring any enormous upside surprises in both the services inflation and wage figures next week, we think the Bank will be comfortable with keeping rates unchanged again in December.

## **Poland: GDP expected to turn positive again in the third quarter**

**Current account (Sep): €-8 million**

Poland's foreign trade balance has been running positive since the beginning of 2023 as the most acute phase of energy shock abated and import prices started moderating. We forecast that in September the current account was broadly balanced, with surpluses in trade in goods and services covering negative gaps of primary and secondary income accounts. We estimate that in September exports fell 3.9% year-on-year, while imports nose-dived 12.7% YoY. In such a scenario, the 12-month cumulative current account surplus likely improved to 0.6% of GDP vs. 0.3% of GDP after August.

**Flash GDP (3Q23): 0.7% YoY**

According to our forecast, GDP turned positive again in the third quarter of 2023, expanding by 0.7% YoY after two consecutive quarters of annual declines. The biggest improvement is expected in household consumption, which we expect fell by only 0.2% in the third quarter, while fixed investment expanded by 7.5% YoY. The drag from change in inventories should be substantially lower than in the recent quarters. At the same time, a positive contribution from net exports was

probably smaller than it had been previously. For 2023, we estimate economic growth at 0.4% before an acceleration to at least 2.5% in 2024.

#### **CPI (Oct): 6.5% YoY**

We expect the flash estimate of October CPI inflation at 6.5% YoY to be confirmed. The composition of price developments is likely to confirm that core inflation rose by 0.6% MoM after a decline of 0.1% MoM in September. It should still bring core inflation down to 7.9-8.0% YoY from 8.4% YoY in the previous month. At the end of 2023, headline inflation should be at levels close to those seen in October, with visibly lower core inflation. In 2024 we see annual average inflation around 5%.

### **Hungary: In our view the technical recession is coming to an end**

The highlight of the week in Hungary will be the third-quarter GDP data. We expect a turnaround after four quarters of negative GDP growth on a quarterly basis. In our view, the technical recession is coming to an end. And it won't be a small improvement. The incoming high-frequency data points to strong growth (1.1%) on a quarter-on-quarter basis. Industrial production has improved compared to the second quarter, while a massive increase in August could turn the construction sector into a positive contributor to GDP growth. The services sector was boosted by a strong tourism season. Last but not least, agriculture could surge due to favourable weather conditions this year. This solid quarterly growth brings the year-on-year GDP index close to, but still below zero.

### **Romania: Inflation expected to decelerate further to 7.9%**

Next week, we expect to learn that inflation decelerated further to 7.9%, mainly on the back of lower price pressures for food items. We also expect preliminary GDP data for the third quarter to show that the economy decelerated into an almost-stagnating state in quarter-on-quarter terms, but should still post a relatively decent 1.9% annual growth. This will be mostly due to a deterioration in private consumption, which robust investment activity and better data from the trade balance may find tricky to offset. A big unknown which could tilt the balance towards a positive surprise comes from the agriculture sector.

## Key events in developed markets next week

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
<b>Tuesday 14 November</b>					
US	1330 Oct	Core CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	0.3/4.1	0.3/4.1	0.3/4.1
	1330 Oct	CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	0.0/3.3	0.1/3.3	0.4/3.7
UK	0700 Sep	Avg. Weekly Earnings (3M/YoY%)	7.4		8.1
	0700 Sep	Weekly Earnings (ex bonus, 3M/YoY%)	7.7		7.8
	0700 Sep	Experimental Employment Data	-		-
Spain	0800 Oct	CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	/	0.3/3.5
Sweden	0700 Oct	CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	/	0.4/4
Netherlands	0830 Q3	GDP Prelim SA (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-	/	-0.2/-0.2
	0830 Sep	Trade Balance	-		10.881
Eurozone	1000 Q3	GDP Flash Estimate (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-	/	-0.1/0.1
<b>Wednesday 15 November</b>					
US	1330 Oct	Retail Sales (MoM%)	-0.5	-0.3	0.7
	1330 Oct	PPI (MoM%/YoY%)	0.0/2.0	0.1	0.5/2.2
France	0745 Oct	CPI (YoY%) NSA	-		4
	0745 Oct	CPI (MoM%) NSA	-		0.1
UK	0700 Oct	Core CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	0.3/5.9	/	0.5/6.1
	0700 Oct	CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	0.0/4.6	/	0.5/6.7
Eurozone	1000 Sep	Total Trade Balance SA	-		11.9
	1000 Sep	Industrial Production (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	/	0.6/-5.1
	1100 Oct	Reserve Assets Total	-		1113.49
<b>Thursday 16 November</b>					
US	1415 Oct	Industrial Production (MoM%)	-0.3	-0.4	0.3
	1330	Continuing Jobless Claims (000)	1840	-	1834
	1330	Initial Jobless Claims (000)	225	-	217
Italy	0900 Sep	Global Trade Balance	-		2.07
<b>Friday 17 November</b>					
US	1330 Oct	housing starts (000)	1340	1350	1358
UK	0700 Oct	Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	1.1/1.1	/	-0.9/-1
Sweden	0700 Oct	Unemployment Rate	-		7.7
Eurozone	0900 Sep	Current Account SA, EUR	-		27.7
	1000 Oct	CPI (YoY%)	-		4.2

Source: Refinitiv, ING

## Key events in EMEA next week

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
<b>Monday 13 November</b>					
Turkey	0700 Sep	Current Account Balance	1.2	1.37	-0.619
Poland	1300 Sep	Current Account	-8		-202
Czech Rep	0900 Sep	Current Account Balance	-		-26.3
Romania	0700 Oct	CPI (YoY%)	7.9	8.15	8.83
Kazakhstan	- Q3	GDP (YoY%)	5.0		5.3
Serbia	1100 Oct	CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	8.7	/	0.3/10.2
<b>Tuesday 14 November</b>					
Poland	0900 Q3	GDP (YoY%) Flash	0.7		-0.6
	0900 Q3	GDP (QoQ%) Flash	-		-2.2
Hungary	0730 Q3	GDP (YoY%) Prelim	-0.2	-0.2	-2.4
	0730 Q3	GDP (QoQ%) Prelim	1.1		-0.3
Ukraine	- Sep	Trade Balance YTD	-		-16.67
Romania	0700 Q3	GDP Flash (YoY%)	1.9	2.5	1
Kazakhstan	1200 Oct	Industrial Production (MoM%)	-		3.1
<b>Wednesday 15 November</b>					
Turkey	0800 Oct	Budget Balance	-		-129.2
Poland	0900 Oct	CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	/	0.2/6.5
South Africa	1100 Sep	Retail Sales (YoY%)	-		-0.5
<b>Thursday 16 November</b>					
Poland	1300 Oct	Net Inflation (YoY%)	8.0		8.4
Croatia	1000 Oct	CPI (YoY%) NSA	5.8		6.7
	1000 Oct	CPI (MoM%) NSA	0.4		0.5

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# Asia week ahead: China activity data plus growth from Japan

Next week features China's data deluge with retail sales and industrial output as well as inflation data for India. Meanwhile, Japan reports GDP and Australia releases jobs numbers



## Onion prices leading India's inflation

India releases inflation data next week. October is the beginning of the festive and wedding season, and food inflation is expected to accelerate due to strong demand. Onion prices in particular have increased for six consecutive months, and last month surged by 60% month-on-month according to India's Department of Consumer Affairs. As such, we expect inflation to push up to 5.3% year-on-year.

## China's industrial output growth to slow while retail sales growth pick up

China will see a raft of activity and other data in the coming week. Industrial output is likely to slow to 4.3% YoY due to base effects, and the official manufacturing PMI also hinted at a contraction in manufacturing activity, contributing to the slowdown.

Retail sales, on the other hand, are likely to accelerate to 7.5% YoY due to Covid-19 lockdowns last year. The first 'Golden Week' Holiday following the pandemic should also do retail sales a favour. Lastly, China is unlikely to cut the MLF rates as the yuan is still facing downward pressure amid expectations of "higher for longer" US rates.

## Australian unemployment could edge lower

Last month we saw full-time employment decline by 39.9k and part-time employment increase by 46.5k. We are expecting some of the full-time workers who lost their jobs to take on part-time jobs temporarily, and some part-time workers to convert to full-time positions.

The net employment change could well be slightly negative, but with unemployment still rising slower than the labour force, the unemployment rate could still edge lower to 3.5% YoY.

## Japan third-quarter GDP release and October trade data

Japan will be releasing third-quarter GDP data and we expect it to contract -0.1% quarter-on-quarter sa. This is largely due to a technical payback from the solid gain in the second quarter. Weak manufacturing activity is likely the main cause for the contraction, though this could be partially offset by the continued recovery in service activity. Private consumption rebounded despite inflation staying relatively high. Investment, on the other hand, probably shed growth. The net exports contribution should remain positive to growth. Core machinery orders are expected to rebound after having fallen for two months along with a recovery in semiconductor cycles.

For trade balance, Japan is likely to record a deficit in October. The deficit will likely be due to the weak JPY and higher commodity prices, but exports still are expected to make a small gain of 1% YoY in October.

## Korea unemployment rate to edge slightly

Korea's unemployment report will be out next week, and we are expecting the numbers to rise after two consecutive months of decline. While the unemployment rate might edge higher, it should still fall below 3%.

## BSP to hike again next week? Hawkish comments suggest so

The Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas hiked rates at an off-cycle policy meeting last month in a bid to safeguard the 2024 inflation path. BSP Governor Eli Remolona indicated that he is open to hiking rates further if needed, or if data points to inflation breaching their target again next year. The latest BSP inflation forecast indicated that prices would average 4.7% YoY – well above the upper end of the BSP's inflation target band.

We believe Remolona could hike again next week, especially if the BSP expects all the risks to the inflation outlook to materialise over the next few months.



## Key events in Asia next week

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
<b>Monday 13 November</b>					
India	1200	Oct CPI Inflation (YoY%)	-		5.02
<b>Tuesday 14 November</b>					
Japan	2350	Q3 GDP (QoQ%)	-0.1	-0.1	1.2
India	0630	Oct WPI Inflation (YoY%)	-		-0.26
South Korea	2300	Oct Unemployment Rate	2.7		2.6
<b>Wednesday 15 November</b>					
Japan	2350	Sep Core Machine Orders (MoM %)	3.0		-0.5
	2350	Oct Exports (YoY%)	1		4.3
	2350	Oct Imports (YoY%)	-17		-16.4
	2350	Oct Trade Balance Total Yen	-200		72.1
China	0200	Oct Industrial Output (YoY%)	4.3	4.6	4.5
	0200	Oct Retail Sales (YoY%)	7.5	7.0	5.5
	0200	Oct Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	2.5	2.5	2.5
	0200	Oct 1-Yr MLF Rate	3.1	3.1	3.2
Indonesia	0400	Oct Trade Balance (Bln of \$)	3.5		3.42
	0400	Oct Exports Growth (YoY%)	-15.6		-16.17
	0400	Oct Imports Growth (YoY%)	-10.2		-12.45
<b>Thursday 16 November</b>					
Australia	0030	Oct Unemployment Rate	3.5		3.6
		Oct Employment Change	-5	6.7	64.9
Philippines	0700	Policy Interest Rate	6.75		6.5

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