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## **US: Vaccine optimism may be overshadowed by political tension, and will the Fed step in?**

There is clearly optimism that a vaccine is firmly on the horizon, but that leaves potentially quite a long window before there is an inoculation programme and the economy can be fully reopened. Moreover, with Covid cases spiking higher in the US there is a sense that it won't be long before stricter containment measures are re-introduced – most likely soon after Thanksgiving. At the same time, the political backdrop remains a source of uncertainty with vote recounts, legal cases and claims of fraud bubbling away in the background. This is fueling political animosity and we are concerned that any fiscal support to help mitigate some of the economic damage from restrictions may be slow in coming as a result. As such, the Federal Reserve could yet be forced to step in and shore up confidence with more asset purchases.

Data wise, industrial production and retail sales numbers for October should post decent gains. However the clear risk is that both reverse again in December if we do see Covid containment return. We are now forecasting negative 1Q 2021 GDP growth.

## **Brexit: Could this be the week of a deal?**

We've been writing for weeks in our weekly calendar that things have been looking a bit bright for Brexit. But as another week of negotiations has come and gone, it's clear we're not there yet, and the same set of core issues that have divided talks for much of this year remain, for the time being, unresolved.

But the odds still appear stacked in favour of a deal being done, although there are no guarantees. As we wrote separately in more detail, the compromises involved in securing a free trade agreement will not be popular among some Conservative MPs.

Time is not on anyone's side either, and the feeling is a deal needs to come in days, not weeks, if it's going to be ratified in time by Parliaments in both London and Brussels.

## **Developed Markets Economic Calendar**

| Country                      | Time Data/event  | ING      | Survey | Prev.    |
|------------------------------|--|----------|--------|----------|
| <b>Sunday 15 November</b>    |  |          |        |          |
| Japan                        | 2350 3Q P GDP (Annualised, QoQ%)                               | 18.6     | 18.8   | -28.1    |
|                              | 2350 3Q P GDP deflator - advance (Q) (YoY%)                    | -        | 1.0    | 1.3      |
| <b>Monday 16 November</b>    |  |          |        |          |
| Japan                        | 0430 Sep F Industrial production - Prel (MoM/YoY%)             | -/-      | -/-    | 4.0/-9.0 |
| Italy                        | 0900 Oct F HICP (YoY%)   | -        | -      | -0.6     |
| Sweden                       | 1225 Riksbank's Skingsley Gives Speech                         |          |        |          |
| Portugal                     | 0940 Bank of Portugal's Centeno Speaks at Conference in Lisbon |          |        |          |
| Australia                    | 0840 RBA's Lowe Gives Speech in Sydney                         |          |        |          |
| <b>Tuesday 17 November</b>   |  |          |        |          |
| US                           | 1330 Oct Advance Retail Sales (MoM%)                           | 0.6      | 0.5    | 1.9      |
|                              | 1330 Oct Retail Sales ex. Auto and Gas (MoM%)                  | 0.8      | 0.7    | 1.5      |
|                              | 1415 Oct Industrial Production (MoM%)                          | 1.2      | 1.0    | -0.6     |
|                              | 2000 Four Fed Presidents Discuss Racism and the Economy        |          |        |          |
| Japan                        | 2350 Oct Imports (YoY%)  | -16.7    | -      | -17.4    |
|                              | 2350 Oct Exports (YoY%)  | -5.0     | -      | -4.9     |
|                              | 2350 Oct Adjusted trade balance (JPY bn)                       | 735.0    | -      | 475.8    |
| UK                           | 1400 BOE Governor Andrew Bailey speaks.                        |          |        |          |
|                              | 1700 BOE's Dave Ramsden speaks.                                |          |        |          |
| Australia                    | 2200 RBA's Lowe Participates in Panel                          |          |        |          |
| <b>Wednesday 18 November</b> |  |          |        |          |
| US                           | 1715 Fed's Williams Takes Part in Webinar Discussion           |          |        |          |
|                              | 1820 Fed's Bullard Discusses Economic Outlook                  |          |        |          |
|                              | 2300 Fed's Kaplan Moderates Panel Discussion                   |          |        |          |
| Eurozone                     | 1000 Oct F CPI (MoM/YoY%)                                      | 0.2/-0.3 | -/-    | 0.2/-0.3 |
|                              | 1000 Oct F Core CPI (YoY%)                                     | 0.2      | -      | 0.2      |
| UK                           | 0700 Oct CPI (MoM/YoY%)  | -0.1/0.6 | -/-    | 0.4/0.5  |
|                              | 0700 Oct Core CPI (YoY%)                                       | 1.1      | -      | 1.3      |
|                              | 1030 BOE's Andy Haldane speaks.                                |          |        |          |
| Canada                       | 1330 Oct CPI (MoM/YoY%)  | -/-      | -/-    | -0.1/0.5 |
| Sweden                       | 0500 Valueguard HOX Sweden Home-Price Index                    |          |        |          |
| <b>Thursday 19 November</b>  |  |          |        |          |
| US                           | 1500 Oct Existing Home Sales                                   | 6.4      | 6.5    | 6.5      |
|                              | 0000 Fed's Bostic Takes Part in Fed Education Event            |          |        |          |
| Japan                        | 2330 Oct National CPI (YoY%)                                   | -0.4     | -      | 0.0      |
|                              | 2330 Oct CPI ex-food, energy (YoY%)                            | -0.3     | -      | 0.0      |
| Canada                       | 1330 ADP Releases Payroll Data                                 |          |        |          |
| Australia                    | 0030 Oct Employment change ('000)                              | 19.0     | -      | -29.5    |
|                              | 0030 Oct Unemployment rate (%)                                 | 6.7      | -      | 6.9      |
|                              | 0030 Oct Participation rate (%)                                | 64.7     | -      | 64.8     |
| Sweden                       | 0830 Oct Unemployment Rate (%)                                 | -        | -      | 8.3      |
| <b>Friday 20 November</b>    |  |          |        |          |
| Eurozone                     | 1500 Nov A Consumer Confidence                                 | -19.0    | -      | -15.5    |
| UK                           | 0700 Oct Public Finances (PSNCR)                               | -        | -      | 31.5     |
|                              | 0700 Oct PSNB ex Banks (Ebn)                                   | -        | -      | 36.1     |
|                              | 0700 Oct Retail Sales ex Auto Fuel (MoM/YoY%)                  | 0.0/6.2  | -/-    | 1.6/6.4  |
|                              | 0700 Oct Retail Sales (MoM/YoY%)                               | 0.0/4.4  | -/-    | 1.5/4.7  |
| Australia                    | 0030 ABS Australia Preliminary October Retail Sales            |          |        |          |
| Sweden                       | 0830 Sweden 3Q Residential Construction                        |          |        |          |

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## Key events in EMEA and Latam next week

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### ✓ Russia: Activity data to stall, but will this prompt a rate cut?

Russian activity data for October will likely confirm the stalling recovery amid a second wave of Covid-19 infections and moderation in budget support. The weakness is likely to be more pronounced in the industrial data, which will be amplified by continued restrictions on oil output and the adverse calendar effect. Meanwhile, it remains unclear if this weakness will strengthen the case for additional key rate cuts, as the Central Bank of Russia will also be considering volatility on the financial markets and [accelerating CPI](#).

### ✓ Poland: Uncertainty over the longevity of the industrial downturn

We expect industrial growth to substantially slow in October. This reflects less supportive calendar effects than the month prior, but also somewhat weaker underlying momentum. The real question though is how strong the downturn will be going further into 4Q. Manufacturing should be substantially more resilient than services, but limitations imposed on mall activity pose a substantial risk.

Covid-19 has not impacted the labour market significantly so far. But this will start to change in October as the second wave of infections has already gained momentum. For this reason, we expect a modest deceleration in wage growth (from 5.6 to 4.6%YoY) and the recovery of employment in the enterprise sector to pause. These statistics will worsen further in November and December as the second lockdown (introduced on 4 November) takes its toll on economic activity.

### **Hungary: dovish move incoming?**

Inflation is well below the central bank's forecast and the forint is supported by better market sentiment. This opens the door for an early re-evaluation of monetary policy at the November rate setting meeting in Hungary. This could mean a change in tone and some new messages to lay the groundwork for a dovish step in the near future to help the economy amid a 'stop-start' recovery.

### **Turkey: Significant rate hike incoming**

In addition to changes in the economy management team towards more technocratic leaders at the Central Bank and the Finance Ministry, President Erdogan's comments that the new leadership at these institutions would be supported, even if it called for 'bitter-pill policies', have supported expectations of a sizeable policy rate hike and a simplification in the policy framework to provide more transparency and predictability. Accordingly, we expect the Central Bank of Turkey to adjust its policy rate to 15% from 10.25%, and start lending from 1-week repo auctions again.

## **EMEALatam Economic Calendar**

| Country                      | Time | Data/event                         | ING      | Survey     | Prev.       |
|------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|----------|------------|-------------|
| <b>Sunday 15 November</b>    |      |                                    |          |            |             |
| Israel                       | 1630 | Oct CPI (MoM/YoY%)                 | -/-      | 0.35/-0.80 | -0.10/-0.69 |
| <b>Monday 16 November</b>    |      |                                    |          |            |             |
| Poland                       | 1300 | Oct Core Inflation (MoM/YoY%)      | 4.2      | -/-        | 0.4/4.3     |
| Czech Rep                    | 0800 | Oct PPI (Industrial) (MoM/YoY%)    | -        | -          | 0.2/-0.4    |
| Ukraine                      | 1430 | 3Q P GDP (YoY%)                    | 7.7/-4.8 | -          | -11.4       |
| Kazakhstan                   | -    | Oct Industrial Production Yearly   | -        | -          | -3.5        |
|                              | -    | - 3Q P GDP YTD YoY                 | -        | -          | -1.8        |
| Bulgaria                     | 0900 | Oct CPI (MoM/YoY%)                 | 0.3/0.4  | -/-        | -0.6/0.9    |
| Israel                       | 1100 | 3Q A GDP (QoQ Annualised %)        | -        | -          | -28.8       |
| <b>Tuesday 17 November</b>   |      |                                    |          |            |             |
| Russia                       | 1600 | Oct Industrial Production (YoY%)   | -6.3     | -5.5       | -5.0        |
| Hungary                      | 1300 | Policy Rate (%)                    | 0.6      | -          | 0.6         |
|                              | 1300 | Overnight Deposit Rate (%)         | -0.05    | -          | -0.05       |
| <b>Wednesday 18 November</b> |      |                                    |          |            |             |
| Russia                       | 1600 | Oct PPI (MoM/YoY%)                 | -        | 0.1/-0.1   | -0.6/0.0    |
| South Africa                 | 1100 | Sep Retail Sales (MoM/YoY%)        | -        | -          | 4.0/-4.2    |
| Israel                       | -    | - Nov 12Mth Inflation Forecast (%) | -        | -          | 0.3         |
| <b>Thursday 19 November</b>  |      |                                    |          |            |             |
| Turkey                       | 1100 | Benchmark Repurchase Rate          | 15.00    | -          | 10.25       |
| Poland                       | 0900 | Oct Avg Gross Wages (YoY%)         | 4.6      | 4.5        | 5.6         |
|                              | 0900 | Oct Employment (YoY%)              | -1.1     | -1.1       | -1.2        |
| Serbia                       | -    | - Sep C/A (€mn)                    | -        | -          | -143.1      |
| South Africa                 | -    | - Repo rate (%)                    | -        | -          | 3.5         |
| <b>Friday 20 November</b>    |      |                                    |          |            |             |
| Russia                       | 1600 | Oct Retail Sales (YoY%)            | -2.5     | -3.6       | -3.0        |
|                              | 1600 | Sep Real wages (YoY%)              | 0.2      | 0.2        | 0.1         |
| Poland                       | 0900 | Oct Industrial Output (YoY%)       | -1.5     | 1          | 5.9         |
|                              | 0900 | Oct PPI (MoM/YoY%)                 | -0.6     | -0.9       | -1.6        |
| Serbia                       | 1100 | Oct Industrial Production (YoY%)   | -        | -          | 4.6         |
| Croatia                      | 1000 | Oct Unemployment Rate (%)          | -        | -          | 8.8         |
|                              | 1000 | Sep Real Wages (YoY%)              | -        | -          | 2.9         |

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# Asia week ahead: Four central bank meetings

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## ➔ Central bank meetings

Central banks of China, Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand are set to review their interest rate policies next week. All are likely to pass as non-events.

The People's Bank of China last changed its key lending rates in April when it cut the 1-year Prime Lending Rate by 20 basis point to 3.85% and 5-year PLR by 10bps to 4.65%. We think it will view these levels as accommodative enough for economic recovery going forward.



The lowest inflation in the last two decades and negative GDP growth make an argument for further easing by Bank Indonesia. Substantiating this argument is currency strength following the Covid-19 vaccine euphoria recently. However, BI is likely to see through these factors and leave rate policy on hold.

We also expect the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Philippines central bank, to keep its powder dry. The BSP paused easing after a 25bps policy rate cut to 2.25% in June. As inflation has crept up in recent months -- 2.5% in October, it has nudged the real policy rate into negative territory. But the data earlier this week, showing an 11.5% YoY GDP plunge in 3Q, is still the worst in Asia and tips the balance of risk for a BSP rate cut.

At 0.5% currently, the Bank of Thailand's policy rate is one of the lowest in Asia. Hopes for the Thai economy's recovery rest on the revival of tourism rather than any additional macro-policy support. Unfortunately, those hopes too are misplaced in an unabating global pandemic.

### ➔ Third quarter GDP releases

Japan, Singapore and Thailand will report 3Q GDP growth. A big quarter-on-quarter GDP bounce seems to be in order everywhere after a record 2Q crash induced by Covid-19 lockdowns. However, that still won't be sufficient to pull year-on-year GDP growth back into positive territory in any of these economies.

Thailand continued to be an Asian underperformer in terms of GDP growth in 3Q as tourism, the main driver of that economy, was still missing in action. Singapore was an outperformer, with the second print of 3Q GDP likely to get a further upward boost from strong manufacturing growth in September. Japan is somewhere in the middle, with weak investment spending holding back the recovery.

### ➔ Where in the fourth quarter?

A slew of October data from around the region will provide a glimpse into where Asian economies are headed in the final quarter of the year.

China's industrial production growth should see some softening in October due to the National Day holiday, while retail sales should get an extra boost for the same reason. Hong Kong SAR is likely to see deeper negative CPI inflation as unemployment continued to grind higher.

Taiwan's export order growth for October will serve as a leading indicator for the rest of Asia's exports, as the electronics-led export recovery has gained momentum lately. October exports figures from Japan and Singapore will also be under scrutiny for the same reason.

Finally, Australia's labour report should reinforce an increase in activity amidst an improved Covid-19 situation.

## Asia Economic Calendar

| Country                      | Time Data/event                                 | ING       | Survey | Prev.      |
|------------------------------|---|-----------|--------|------------|
| <b>Monday 16 November</b>    |   |           |        |            |
| China                        | 0130 Oct New home prices (YoY%)                 | 4.6       | -      | 4.5        |
|                              | 0200 Oct Industrial Production (YoY%)           | 6.7       | 6.7    | 6.9        |
|                              | 0200 Oct Retail Sales (YoY%)                    | 2.2       | 5.0    | 3.3        |
|                              | 0200 Oct Fixed asset investment (YTD, YoY%)     | 1.1       | 1.6    | 0.8        |
| India                        | 0630 Oct WPI (YoY%)                             | 1.5       | 1.5    | 1.3        |
| Philippines                  | - Sep OCW remittances (YoY%)                    | -         | -      | -4.1       |
| Thailand                     | 0230 3Q GDP (QoQ/YoY%)                          | 4.6/-8.2  | -/-    | -9.7/-12.2 |
| <b>Tuesday 17 November</b>   |   |           |        |            |
| Hong Kong                    | 0830 Oct Unemployment rate (%)                  | 6.5       | -      | 6.4        |
| Singapore                    | 0030 Oct Non-oil domestic exports (MoM/YoY%)    | 4.9/6.5   | -      | -11.3/5.9  |
| <b>Wednesday 18 November</b> |   |           |        |            |
| Singapore                    | - 3Q F GDP (QoQ SAAR/YoY%)                      | 44.9/-5.4 | -      | 35.5/-7.0  |
| Thailand                     | 0705 Benchmark Interest Rate                    | 0.50      | -      | 0.50       |
| <b>Thursday 19 November</b>  |   |           |        |            |
| Indonesia                    | 0720 BI policy decision (7-day reverse repo, %) | 4.00      | -      | 4.00       |
| Philippines                  | 0800 Overnight Borrowing Rate                   | 2.25      | -      | 2.25       |
| South Korea                  | 2100 Oct PPI (YoY%)                             | -0.1      | -      | -0.4       |
| <b>Friday 20 November</b>    |   |           |        |            |
| China                        | 0130 1-year Loan Prime Rate (%)                 | 3.85      | -      | 3.85       |
|                              | 0130 5-year Loan Prime Rate (%)                 | 4.65      | -      | 4.65       |
| Hong Kong                    | 0830 Oct Composite CPI (% YoY)                  | -2.3      | -      | -2.2       |
| Malaysia                     | 0700 Nov 13 Forex reserves- Month end (US\$bn)  | -         | -      | 104.6      |
| Taiwan                       | 0800 Oct Export orders (YoY%)                   | -         | -      | 9.9        |
|                              | 0820 3Q Current account balance (US\$bn)        | -         | -      | 21769.0    |

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