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Key events in developed markets and EMEA next week

US inflation has moved lower, but as the jobs market remains tight and activity holds up, another 25bp hike still looks to be the most likely course of action for the Fed next week. In the EMEA region, all eyes will be on the Bank of Hungary's upcoming rate decision, where we're expecting the base rate to be kept at 13%



US: The Fed starts slowing the pace of rate hikes as inflation moves lower

After ten consecutive interest rate hikes over the last 15 months, the Federal Reserve left the Fed Funds target rate unchanged at 5-5.25% in June. However, the central bank has characterised this as a slowing in the pace of rate hikes rather than an actual pause, with two further hikes signalled for the second half of 2023 in their individual forecast projections. Since then, inflation has moved lower, but the jobs market remains tight and activity has held up well. As such, commentary from officials has broadly indicated that they feel the need to hike again on July 26th, which would bring the Fed funds to range up to 5.25-5.5%. We suspect that the accompanying press conference will acknowledge encouraging signs on inflation, but also a desire not to take any chances that could allow it to re-accelerate. We expect the door to be kept open for further policy tightening later in the year.

In terms of data, the highlight will be second quarter GDP. The first quarter posted a firm 2% annualised growth rate, led by consumer spending. We suspect that the second quarter will be

slower at around 1.5%, with inventories as the main contributor to growth. Meanwhile, durable goods orders should be lifted by very strong figures from Boeing, which received 304 aircraft orders in June, up from 69 in May. Outside of transportation, the data will be softer given that the ISM manufacturing new orders series has been in contraction territory for the last ten months. We will also get the June reading of the Fed's favoured inflation measure, the core personal consumer expenditure deflator. As with the CPI report, we expect it to slow quite markedly with broadening signs of disinflation in more categories.

Hungary: National Bank of Hungary expected to keep the base rate at 13%

The highlight over the next week in the EMEA region will be the upcoming rate decision by the National Bank of Hungary. With the central bank keeping the market and price stability issues separated, we don't see any reason for the Monetary Council to change its mindset regarding the base rate. While inflation's direction of travel has been favourable, it remains elevated and we therefore expect the NBH to keep the base rate at 13%, pushing the expected change into the not-too-distant future.

In contrast, the decision regarding the effective rate will be exciting. Should we see renewed weakening in the HUF, we can imagine the central bankers sitting on their hands and keeping the effective rate unchanged. However, with the forint strengthening since the June inflation data release, we're instead betting on the continuation of the 100bp rate cut cycle. As a result, we see the effective rate being lowered to 15%. Meanwhile, we're also expecting to see strong labour market data – much like the rest of the EU – as shortages keep wage growth elevated and deter companies from lay-offs despite the challenging economic environment.

Key events in developed markets next week

Country	Time	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 25 July					
Germany	0900	Jul Ifo Business Climate	91.4		92.3
	0900	Jul Ifo Current Conditions	98.0		99.3
	0900	Jul Ifo Expectations	85.0		85.8
Tuesday 26 July					
US	1400	May CaseShiller 20 (MoM%/YoY%)	1.5/20.8		1.8/21.2
	1500	Jul Consumer Confidence	96.5	97.0	98.7
	1500	Jun New Home Sales-Units	0.62	0.675	0.696
Wednesday 27 July					
US	1330	Jun Durable Goods	0.0	-0.3	0.8
	1900	Fed Funds Target Rate Top of range(%)	2.5	2.5	1.75
	1900	Fed Interest On Excess Reserves	2.4	2.4	1.65
Germany	0700	Aug GfK Consumer Sentiment	-28.0		-27.4
Italy	0900	Jul Consumer Confidence	-		98.3
Eurozone	0900	Jun Money-M3 Annual Grwth	5.5		5.6
	0900	Jun Broad Money	-		15732463
Thursday 28 July					
US	1330	2Q GDP (QoQ% annualised)	0.4	0.8	-1.6
	1330	Initial Jobless Claim	240		251
	1330	Continuous Jobless Claim	1340		1384
Germany	1300	Jul CPI Prelim (MoM%/YoY%)	0.7/7.6		0.1/7.6
Spain	0800	Jun Retail Sales (YoY%)	-		1.4
Sweden	0700	Q2 GDP (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-		-0.8/3
Eurozone	1000	Jul Business Climate	-		1.47
	1000	Jul Economic Sentiment	102		104
	1000	Jul Consumer Confidence Final	-27.0		-
Friday 29 July					
US	1330	Jun Personal Income (MoM%)	0.5	0.5	0.5
	1330	Jun Personal Consumption Real (MoM%)	1.0	0.9	-0.4
	1330	Jun real spending (MoM%)	0.0	0.0	-0.4
	1330	Jun Core PCE Price Index (MoM%/YoY%)	0.5/4.8	0.5/4.8	0,3/4,7
	1445	Jul Chicago PMI	55.0	56.5	56.0
	1500	Jul U Mich Sentiment Final	-	51.1	51.1
Germany	0700	Q2 GDP Flash QoQ% SA	-0.4		0.2
	0700	Q2 GDP Flash YoY% NSA	1.0		4.0
	0855	Jul Unemployment Rate SA	-		5.3
France	0630	Q2 GDP Preliminary (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-		-0.2/4.5
	0745	Jul CPI Prelim (MoM%/YoY%)	-		0.9/6.5
Italy	0900	Q2 GDP Prelim (QoQ%/YoY%)	-/-		0.1/6.2
	1000	Jul CPI Prelim (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		1.2/8.5
Spain	0800	Jul CPI (MoM%/YoY%) Flash NSA	-		1.9/10.2
Canada	1330	May GDP (MoM%)	-		0.3
Sweden	0700	Jun Unemployment Rate	-		8.5
Portugal	0930	Jul CPI Flash (YoY%)	-		8.7
Eurozone	1000	Jul CPI Flash (YoY%)	8.8	8.8	8.6
	1000	Jul Core CPI Flash (YoY%)	3.8		4.6
	1000	Q2 GDP Flash Prelim (QoQ%/YoY%)	0.2		0.6/5.4

Source: Refinitiv, ING

Key events in EMEA next week

Country	Time Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 24 July				
Poland	1300 Jun M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	7.5	7.8	7.1
	1300 Jul 1st Half-Month Infl (MoM%)	-		0.02
Tuesday 25 July				
Poland	0900 Jun Unemployment Rate	5	5	5.1
Hungary	0730 May Average Gross Wages (YoY%)	16.7		15.5
	1300 Jul Hungary Base Rate	13		13
Brazil	1300 Jul IPCA-15 Mid-Month CPI	-		0.04
	1300 Jul IPCA-15 Mid-Month CPI (YoY%)	-		3.4
Wednesday 26 July				
Russia	1700 Jun Industrial Output	6.7	6.7	7.1
Brazil	- Jun Current Account	-		0.649
	- Jun Foreign Direct Investment	-		5.38
Thursday 27 July				
Ukraine	1200 Central bank interest rate	-		25
South Africa	1000 Jun PPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-	/	0.6/7.3
Brazil	1830 Jun Central Government Balance	-		-45.014
	1300 Jun Jobless Rate	-		2.9
Friday 28 July				
Turkey	0800 Jun Trade Balance	-		-12.53
Hungary	0730 Jun Unemployment Rate 3M	3.8		3.9
Brazil	1200 Jul IGP-M Inflation Index	-		-1.93

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Asia week ahead: Key central bank meetings in Japan and Indonesia

The Bank of Japan meeting could be a close call, while Bank Indonesia is likely to extend its pause. Meanwhile, Korea reports GDP figures and Singapore reports inflation



Australia's second quarter CPI data are a key variable for the central bank

The highlight for the week will be the second quarter CPI release in Australia on Wednesday. The inflation outlook will help determine whether the Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) hikes rates again in the second half of the year. The unemployment data released earlier today showed that the unemployment in June stood at 3.5%, slightly lower than the consensus of 3.6%. The improvement in the labour market could point to solid economic activity despite the recent string of tightening. As such, CPI for the second quarter is likely to remain elevated but lower compared to the first quarter.

Taiwan's industrial output to continue decline

Given the poor performance of China's second-quarter data, industrial output in export-reliant Taiwan is likely to have remained in contraction last month. Semiconductor production plays an integral role in Taiwan's industrial output. A report released by TrendForce recently showed that global foundry sales will decrease by 4% year-on-year in 2023, with many major firms suggesting no significant rebound in orders.

Korea's GDP to pickup

Korea's GDP growth in the second quarter is expected to accelerate to 0.5% quarter-on-quarter seasonally-adjusted compared to the first quarter's 0.3%. The improvement in net export contributions is likely to have driven overall growth on the back of a sharp decline in imports, while private consumption growth will probably remain flat. Monthly activity data should stay soft with construction and service activity declining in June.

BoJ meeting to be a close call?

The Bank of Japan (BoJ) will meet on Friday and we believe that recent swings in the FX and Japanese government bond markets reflect market expectations for policy adjustment. It is a close call, but we still think yield curve control (YCC) tweaks are possible, given that recent data support steady inflation growth and a sustained economic recovery.

BI expected to pause

Bank Indonesia (BI) is set to extend its pause, keeping policy rates at 5.75%. Inflation has returned to target but pressure on the Indonesian rupiah (IDR) of late may give Governor Perry Warjiyo reason to keep rates steady. We expect BI to stay on hold for a couple more meetings and only consider a potential rate cut once the IDR stabilises.

Singapore inflation to slow

Favourable base effects and moderating commodity prices could help both headline and core inflation dip in Singapore. Headline inflation may edge lower to 4.6% YoY with core inflation also expected to slow. The Monetary Authority of Singapore will be weighing the upside GDP growth surprise alongside the improving price outlook for its meeting later this year.

Key events in Asia next week

Country	Time (GMT+8)	Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
Monday 24 July					
Japan	0130	Jul Manufacturing PMI Flash	50		49.8
	0130	Jul Services PMI Flash	54.5		54.0
	0130	Jul Composite PMI Flash	52.5		52.1
Singapore	0600	Jun Core CPI (YoY%)	4.6		4.7
	0600	Jun CPI (YoY%)	4.6		5.1
Taiwan	0900	Jun Industrial Output (YoY%)	-		-15.73
	0900	Jun Unemployment rate (%)	-		3.5
	0920	Jun Money Supply - M2 (YoY%)	-		6.63
Australia	0000	Jul Manufacturing PMI Flash	-		48.2
	0000	Jul Services PMI Flash	-		50.3
	0000	Jul Composite PMI Flash	-		50.1
Tuesday 25 July					
Indonesia	0800	Jul 7-Day Reverse Repo	5.75		5.75
	0500	Jun M2 Money Supply (YoY%)	-		6.1
South Korea	0000	Q2 GDP Growth (QoQ%/YoY%)	0.5/0.7	/	0.3/0.9
	2200	Jul BoK Consumer Sentiment Index	101		100.7
Wednesday 26 July					
Japan	0600	May Leading Indicator Revised	-		1.4
Australia	0230	Q2 CPI (QoQ%/YoY%)	-16.0	/	1.4/7
Philippines	-	Jun Budget Balance	-		-122.2
Singapore	0600	Jun Manufacturing Output (MoM%/YoY%)	5,0/-9,2	/	-3.9/-10.8
Thursday 27 July					
Singapore	0330	Q2 Unemployment Rate Prelim SA	1.9		1.8
South Korea	2200	Aug BOK Manufacturing BSI	74		72
Friday 28 July					
Japan	-	JP BOJ Rate Decision	-0.1		-0.1
	0030	Tokyo CPI (YoY %)	3.0		3.1
Taiwan	0900	Q2 GDP (YoY%) Prelim	-		-2.87
	0000	Jun Industrial Output (YoY%)	-6.5		-7.3
	0000	Jun Industrial Output Growth	-1.0		3.2

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