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US: Growing hawkishness among Fed members as key milestones expected in GDP recovery

After a very quiet week for US macro news we are back with a bang with the release of 2Q GDP and the Federal Reserve's July FOMC policy decision together with several other data points of note.

In terms of the Federal Reserve, Jerome Powell made it clear in his recent testimony to Congress that he continues to believe inflation pressures will be largely transitory and there isn't any pressing need to signal an imminent shift in policy given the fact that employment levels remain 6 million lower than before the pandemic started. Consequently, we are not expecting any change in the Fed funds target rate range of 0-0.25%, nor do we expect the Fed to lower its monthly asset QE asset purchases, which are currently running at \$120bn per month

Nonetheless, there is a growing hawkishness creeping into the viewpoints expressed by other FOMC members and given the strong economy with inflation that is running at more than double its target we continue to believe that the August Jackson Hole Conference will see Fed officials starting to lay the groundwork for a QE taper with this fleshed out in more detail at the September FOMC meeting before being formally announced in December.

We see the risks to this time frame being skewed to a slightly swifter path since we see labour market supply issues being more sustained than the Fed is currently suggesting. There is growing evidence that an acceleration in early retirements are the biggest factor behind weaker labour supply and this is a permanent loss rather than the other factors often highlighted as constraints on worker supply such as extended unemployment benefits, childcare issues and Covid wariness.

2Q GDP is the main data release of note and while expectations have been pared back over recent weeks it is still expected to be strong – we are forecasting growth of around 9.5% annualised. This would mark the return of all the lost output caused by the pandemic and is a key milestone in the recovery process.

The reason for lower expectations is that supply chain bottlenecks and labour market shortages have meant that supply has not been able to keep pace with demand and that means output is lower than it could have been. This also has consequences for inflation with rising corporate pricing power set to mean inflation at high levels is going to be long lasting. This will again be evident in the Fed's favoured measure of inflation – the core personal consumer expenditure deflator.

Other data releases include house prices, which should hit new highs as a lack of properties amidst vibrant demand adds to upside pressures. Elsewhere, Boeing experienced a huge jump in aircraft orders in June – 219 versus 73 in May - and this will lift durable goods orders more broadly while the ex-aircraft numbers will still be good based on the ISM report.

Eurozone: Rebound in GDP and higher inflation expected as recovery gets underway

With all of continental Europe on vacation, Eurostat staff will be working extra hours this week with inflation, GDP and unemployment released next Friday.

Expect a sharp rebound for eurozone GDP growth in 2Q as the recovery gets underway. The figure may be slightly underwhelming due to supply chain problems hitting manufacturing and closed shops earlier in the quarter. Nevertheless, a big number can be expected as the economy was open for far longer on average than it was in 1Q.

Inflation will also be key with expectations of a higher reading thanks to German VAT effects, higher goods inflation and perhaps some reopening effects in services.

Developed Markets Economic Calendar

Country	Time Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
US	Monday 26 July 1500 Jun New Home Sales-Units (000s)	820.0	800.0	769.0
Germany		101.0	000.0	101.8
dermang	0900 Jul Ifo Current Conditions	100.0		99.6
	0900 Jul Ifo Expectations	103.0		104.0
	Tuesday 27 July			
US	1330 Jun Durable Goods	3.5	18	2.3
	1400 May CaseShiller 20 (MoM/YoY%)	1.8/16.5	1.5/-	1.6/14.9
	1500 Jul Consumer Confidence	124.5	124	127.3
Sweden	0830 Jun Trade Balance	-		5.1
Euro Zone	0900 Jun Money-M3 Annual Growth	8.2		8.4
	0900 Jun Broad Money	-		14847000
	Wednesday 28 July			
US	,	0-0.25		0-0.25
_	1900 Fed Interest On Excess Reserves	0.15	0.15	0.15
Germany	0700 Aug GfK Consumer Sentiment	-0.7		-0.3
France	0745 Jul Consumer Confidence	4455		102
_	0900 Jul Consumer Confidence	115.5		115.1
Canada	1330 Jun CPI (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		0.5/3.6 0.4/2.8
Sweden	1330 Jun Core CPI (MoM/YoY%) 0830 Jun Retail Sales (MoM%/YoY%)	-/-		2.3/10.3
	0900 Jul Purchasing Managers Index	-/-		67.0
Austriu	Thursday 29 July			07.0
US	1330 Initial Jobless Claims	-		-
	1330 Cont Jobless Claims	_		_
	1330 2Q GDP (QoQ% annualised)	9.5	8.0	6.4
Germany	0855 Jul Unemployment Rate SA	5.9		5.9
,	1300 Jul CPI Prelim (MoM/YoY%)	0.8/3.0		0.4/2.3
Spain	0800 Jul CPI (YoY%) Flash	-		2.7
	0800 Jul CPI (MoM%) Flash	-		0.5
	0800 Q2 Unemployment Rate	-		16.0
Sweden	0830 Q2 GDP (QoQ/YoY%)	0.7		1.1
	0830 Jun Unemployment Rate	-		9.8
Euro Zone	1000 Jul Business Climate	-		1.7
	1000 Jul Economic Sentiment	119.3		117.9
	1000 Jul Consumer Confidence Final	-		-
	Friday 30 July			
US	1330 Jun Personal Income (MoM%)	0.2	0.2	-2.0
	1330 Jun Personal Consumption Real (MoM%)	0.2	0.7	-0.4
	1330 Jun Core PCE Price Index (MoM%)	0.7	0.7	0.5
	1330 2Q Employment Cost Index (QoQ%) 1445 Jul Chicago PMI	1 67	0.9	0.9 66.1
	1500 Jul U Mich Sentiment Final	81.5	813	80.8
Germany		2/9.6	013	-1.8/-3.4
France	0630 Jun Consumer Spending (MoM%)	2/3.0		10.4
Trairec	0630 Q2 GDP Preliminary (QoQ/YoY%)	-/-		-0.1/1.2
	0745 Jul (PI Flash (MoM/YoY%)	-		0.2/1.9
Italy		10.6		10.5
	0900 Q2 GDP Flash (QoQ/YoY%)	0.9/15.1		0.1/-0.8
	1000 Jul CPI Flash (MoM/YoY%)	-0.25		0.2/1.3
Spain	0800 Jun Retail Sales (YoY%)	-		19.6
Canada	1330 May GDP (MoM%)	-		-0.3
Switzerland	0800 Jul KOF Indicator	-		133.4
	0800 Jun Official Reserves Assets CHF	-		966285.42
Portugal	0930 Jul CPI Flash (MoM/YoY%)	-/-		0.2/0.5
Euro Zone	1000 Jul CPI Flash (YoY%)	2.1		1.9
	1000 Jul Core CPI Flash (YoY%)	1		0.9
	1000 Q2 GDP Flash (QoQ/YoY%)	1.5/13.2		-0.3/-1.3
	1000 Jun Unemployment Rate	7.9		7.9

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2Q GDP and inflation reports

Korea and Taiwan are next in line to unveil their 2Q GDP performance next week. Based on our house forecasts, the quarter-on-quarter growth rates of both economies moderated in the last quarter, though close to 6% YoY growth is still a decent performance considering their ongoing plight with Covid-19.

We expect a slowdown in Korean 2Q GDP growth to 0.6% quarter-on-quarter in 2Q from 1.7% QoQ in 1Q, though the year-on-year growth rate accelerates to 5.8% from 1.9% over the same period. The strong surge in exports (up 7% QoQ and 42% YoY), thanks to the global semiconductor upswing, may have softened the impact of weaker domestic demand due to rising Covid cases and

tighter movement restrictions.

In Taiwan, 2Q GDP growth likely eased to 6.1% YoY in 2Q from 8.9% in the previous period. The main factors at work here, besides Covid-19, are water and electricity shortages in June, which were particularly detrimental to the semiconductor sector. The water shortages may have eased now thanks to recent rainfall, but power cuts remain a drag on production, while the semiconductor industry has also been operating close to full capacity and new orders continue to pile up amid the global chip shortage.

Down under, a spike in Australian 2Q CPI to 3.5% from 1.1% in 1Q will likely be brushed off by the Reserve Bank of Australia as transitory and base-driven. There could be some market response from a surprise on either side, as higher inflation is now being interpreted by markets as a force for slower future growth via tighter monetary policy, causing bond yields to fall and FX to sell-off.

Other June activity data

The rest of the calendar is filled with the usual end-of-the-month data releases from around the region. Most of these will be for June, capping the economic picture for 2Q.

Strong export growth augurs well for June's industrial production figures from Japan, Korea and Singapore. However, the already-released 2Q GDP figures make June IP prints from Korea and Singapore almost redundant. Their importance is reduced to what they say about any likely GDP revisions – and are unlikely to be big market movers.

Instead, the forward-looking sentiment indicators will be worth a look. This puts the focus on Korean consumer and business confidence indicators. Likewise, China's industrial profits data will shed light on the prospect of capex spending by companies.

Asia Economic Calendar

Country	Time Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
	Monday 26 July			
Singapore	0600 Jun Manufacturing Output (MoM/YoY%)	-4.7/27.5		7.2/30.0
South Korea	0000 Q2 GDP Growth (QoQ/YoY%)	0.6/5.8		1.7/1.9
	Tuesday 27 July			
China	0230 Jun Industrial Profit (YoY%)	33.5		36.4
South Korea	2200 Jul BoK Consumer Sentiment Index	109.7		110.3
	Wednesday 28 July			
Australia	0230 Q2 CPI (QoQ/YoY%)	0.7/3.5		0.6/1.1
Malaysia	0500 Jun Trade Balance (MYR bn)	20.9		13.7
	0500 Jun Exports (YoY%)	15		47.3
	0500 Jun Imports (YoY%)	20		50.3
	Thursday 29 July			
Japan	0030 Jun Unemployment Rate	3.1		3
	0050 Jun Industrial O/P Prelim (MoM%/YoY%)	6.0/11		-6.5/21.1
Singapore	0330 Q2 Unemployment Rate Prelim SA	3.1		2.9
South Korea	2200 Aug BOK Manufacturing BSI	98		101.0
	0000 Jun Industrial Output (MoM/YoY%)	0.7/9.3		-0.7/15.6
	Friday 30 July			
Malaysia	0800 Jun Money Supply (YoY%)	-		3.8
Thailand	0830 Jun Industrial Output Growth (YoY%)	17		25.8
Indonesia	0500 Jun M2 Money Supply (YoY%)	-		8.1
Taiwan	0900 Q2 GDP (YoY%) Prelim	6.1		8.9
Thailand	0830 Jun Current Account (\$bn)	-2.3		-2.6

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Russia: Annual growth rates expected to decelerate

Russian activity data for June is likely to show moderation in the annual growth rates, primarily due to the base effect. But growth in retail trade should remain in double-digit territory. For the second half of the year, we are more cautious, as in addition to the statistical effects, consumption should become more constrained by the reopening of mass outward tourism while accelerating inflation will eat into real incomes. Still, the recovery trend could be supported by fiscal policy, if additional non-oil revenues collected from this year's budget are redistributed in favour of current spending, ahead of September's parliamentary elections.

Hungary: Rising inflation will strengthen the hawkish tone

In Hungary, the highlight of the coming week is the July rate setting meeting. After a significant upside surprise in inflation in June, we see the central bank continuing its hiking cycle with a 30bp effective move. This will put both the base rate and the one-week deposit rate at 1.20%. The National Bank of Hungary could also strengthen its hawkish message by moving the whole interest rate corridor upwards. With such a shift, the overnight deposit rate would move back to positive territory for the first time since early 2016. When it comes to the forward guidance, we see no change to the hawkish tone. Later in the week, incoming labour market data will be proinflationary, with strong wage growth and a further drop in the unemployment rate (increasing the

labour shortage) in Hungary.

EMEA Economic Calendar

Country	Time Data/event	ING	Survey	Prev.
	Monday 26 July			
Turkey	1230 Weekly Gross FX Reserves	-		62.6
Kazakhstan	1000 Jul Base Interest Rate	-		9.0
Mexico	1200 Jun Jobless Rate	-		4.0
	Tuesday 27 July			
Hungary	1300 Jul Hungary Base Rate	1.20		0.9
	1300 Jul O/N Deposit Rate	0.20		-0.05
Brazil	1100 Jun Current Account	-		3.8
	1100 Jun Foreign Direct Investment	-		1.2
Mexico	1200 May IGAE Economic Activity (YoY%)	-		22.3
	1200 Jun Trade Balance SA	-		-0.91
	Wednesday 28 July			
Russia	2000 Jun Retail Sales (YoY%)	12.0	12.0	27.2
	2000 Jun Unemployment Rate	4.9	5.0	4.9
Hungary	0800 Jun Unemployment Rate 3M	4.0		4.1
	Thursday 29 July			
South Africa	0700 Jun M3 Money Supply (YoY%)	-		1.8
	0700 Jun Private Sector Credit Extension	-		-0.42
	1030 Jun PPI (MoMYoY%)	-/-		0.4/7.4
Brazil	1200 Jul IGP-M Inflation Index	-		0.6
	1300 Jun Central Government Balance	-		-20.95
	Friday 30 July			
Turkey	0800 Jun Trade Balance	-		-4.13
Czech Rep	0800 Q2 Flash GDP (QoQ/YoY%)	-	-	0.3/-2.4
Hungary	0800 May Trade Balance Final	97.0		97.0
	0800 May Average Gross Wages (YoY%)	8.5		10.3
South Africa Source: Refinitiv, IN	1300 Jun Trade Balance (Incl. Region) G, *GMT	-		54.6

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