

# GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

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## Global markets

Sovereign bond yields rose on both sides of the Atlantic yesterday mainly driven by the release of strong US retail sales data for September. The headline measure rose more than expected by 0.7%MoM, and the prior month's data was revised upwards to 0.8%MoM from 0.6%MoM. This marked the sixth consecutive monthly increase, while retail sales excl. autos and gas were up by 0.6%MoM in September after an upwardly revised 0.3%MoM increase in August. Besides, US industrial production also came in above expectations, rising by 0.3%MoM in September from an albeit downwardly revised 0.0%MoM in August. In reaction, the 10yr UST yield reached 4.87% earlier today, slightly below the recent multi-year intra-day high of 4.89%, and the 10yr Bund yield reached 2.91% earlier today, the highest intra-day yield since October 6. Meanwhile, oil prices rose, with Brent crude reaching 92.18\$/bbl earlier today, more than 2\$/bbl higher from yesterday's close after a renewed escalation in geopolitical tensions in the Middle East.

## Greece

According to the press, the leadership of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transportation estimates to 18 months the time needed for a full restoration of the damages in the railway network caused by storm Daniel in early Sep-23. Out of the €600mn to be spent in the region of Thessaly for infrastructure restoration works, €185mn (30.8%) will be directed to the railway network. Moreover, an amount of €14mn will be used shortly to restore, at least temporarily, the railway line of Domokos-Larissa (Larissa is the capital of Thessaly), making operational again the vital commercial transport route between Athens and Thessaloniki, Greece's two primary metropolitan areas. In other news, according to the Public Debt Management Agency (PDMA), today the Hellenic Republic will reopen a 5-year and 10-year GGB, with the amounts to be auctioned standing up to €150mn and €250mn respectively.

## EM

China's Q3 GDP growth print came in at 4.9%YoY beating market expectations over a 4.5%YoY growth rate to the upside. With the GDP expanding by 4.5%YoY and 6.3%YoY in Q1 and Q2 respectively, growth rate averaged at 5.2%YoY for the first nine months, requiring a growth rate of no less than 4.4%YoY in Q4-2023 so as for the official target of around 5.0% to be achieved. Sequential growth rate picked up to 1.3%QoQ in Q3 from 0.5%QoQ in Q2, with hard data from both the supply and demand side (industrial production and retail sales growth) for August and September suggesting that the economy has regained momentum in Q3. Along these lines, President Xi Jinping met yesterday with Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić who is attending the third Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation in China with the two countries signing several economic agreements and routing, thus, investments, primarily, in infrastructure, as well as a free-trade agreement.

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