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# DAILY OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL MARKETS & THE SEE REGION

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### **KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK**

#### **GLOBAL**

• Jan 17-20: World Economic Forum in Davos

#### US

- Jan 17: Emire State Survey (Jan)
- Jan 18
  - o CPI (Dec)
  - Industrial production (Dec)
  - o NAHB index (Jan)
- Jan 19
  - o Initial claims (weekly)
  - Philly Fed (Jan)
  - Housing starts (Dec)
  - o Housing permits (Dec)
- Jan 20
  - President elect Trump's inauguration
  - o Fed Chair Yellen speaks

#### IJK

 Jan 17: PM May to speak on Brexit

#### **EUROZONE**

- Jan 17
  - o DE: ZEW index (Jan)
  - ECB Bank lending survey
- Jan 18: HICP (Dec)
- Jan 19: ECB meeting decision

#### GREECE

- Jan 16: Building Activity (Oct)
- Jan 17: Turnover Index in Industry (Nov)
- Jan 20
  - o Current account (Nov)
  - o Rating review by S&P

#### **SEE**

#### BULGARIA

- Jan 19: Current account (Nov)
- Jan 20: Rating review by Moody's

#### **ROMANIA**

- Jan 16: T-Bonds auction
- Jan 20: Rating review by Fitch

#### **SERBIA**

• Jan 20: Current account (Nov)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS**

**GLOBAL MARKETS:** Major European equity markets moved lower in early trade on market woes that UK Prime Minister Theresa May will likely point at a keynote speech later today (11:45 GMT) that the UK is set for hard Brexit in order to regain control of immigration and end the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice for UK law. Major government bonds gained with UK sovereign paper outperforming. In FX markets, JPY was among the main outperformers favored by its safe-haven appeal.

GREECE: Both German FinMin Wolfgang Shaueble and ESM Managing Director Klaus Regling stated in separate interviews that if the IMF were to depart from Greece's bailout programme, a new programme would have to be designed which would require the approval of the Bundestag. Following the green light by the Court of Audit yesterday, the sale agreement of the 100% stake of the state-run Trainose to Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane S.p.A. for €45mn is expected to be signed tomorrow.

#### **SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE**

**BULGARIA:** Inflation entered in December in a positive territory for the first time since September 2015. In more detail, consumer prices rose by 0.6% MoM/0.1% YoY from 0.0% MoM/-0.5% YoY in November.

**CESEE MARKETS:** Most emerging market assets were modestly weaker earlier today as caution prevailed ahead of a speech by British Prime Minister Theresa May on Brexit. On the other hand, the Turkish lira received some respite following additional Central Bank action this week.

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### Latest world economic & market developments

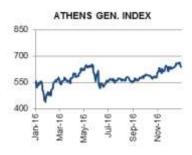
#### **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Taking their lead from the negative tone in the majority of Asian bourses, major European equity markets moved lower in early trade today on market woes that UK Prime Minister Theresa May will likely point at a keynote speech later today (11:45 GMT) that the UK is set for hard Brexit, in order to regain control of immigration and end the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice for UK law. According to international press reports, the UK Premier is expected to set out 12 negotiating priorities plan for upcoming Brexit discussions, seeking a deal that does not leave the country "half in and half out" from the EU, effectively ruling out maintaining access to the single market and customs unions. Against this background, major government bonds gained with UK sovereign paper outperforming. The 10-yr Gilt was yielding levels around 1.27% in European trade at the time of writing, the lowest in nearly two weeks with the spread against its German counterpart narrowing to levels around 97.5bps earlier today, the lowest in about three months. Lingering market uncertainty over the economic policies that will be adopted by the administration of US President-elect Donal Trump, also had an impact. Favored by increased risk aversion, gold also gained with the spot price rising to \$1,215 an ounce earlier today, the highest since mid-November. In FX markets, JPY was among the main outperformers favored by its safe-haven appeal. Awaiting Donald Trump's inauguration speech on Friday, USD/JPY remained under pressure marking an intraday session low near 113.00 earlier today, the lowest since early December. Elsewhere, GBP/USD gained some ground hovering around 1.2120/25 at the time of writing, around 0.7% higher on a daily basis compared to yesterday's three-month closing through with market participants eagerly awaiting whether the UK Premier will point to a preference for a transitional arrangement between the UK and the EU.

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Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

#### GREECE

German FinMin Wolfgang Schaeuble stated in an interview that if the IMF were to bow out of Greece's bailout programme then a new programme would have to be designed which the German parliament would have to approve. Given the pre-election period, such a process would be difficult and as a result he would not recommend this course of action to Greece. On the same wavelength, Klaus Regling, Managing Director of ESM, stated in a TV interview that the departure of the IMF from Greece's bailout programme would constitute a fundamental change to the programme which would consequently have to be approved by the Bundestag. He also spoke about the disagreement between the IMF and the European institutions regarding Greece's debt claiming that the debt level in terms of GDP is relatively high for Greece but the actual debt service payments are low and this is why there is no real debt servicing problem for Greece in the next decade or so. For this purpose, Europeans are willing to commit that more will be done regarding debt relief when it is needed whereas the IMF - in line with its traditional framework - wants decisions to be made earlier. On short term debt relief measures, ESM Head stated that they have been unfrozen and some of them will start being implemented in January while others will need more time - probably until the end of the year - to be fully implemented. In other news, following the green light by the Court of Audit yesterday, the sale agreement of the 100% stake of the state-run Trainose to Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane S.p.A. for €45mn is expected to be signed tomorrow.

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<b>BULGARIA: Indicators</b>	2015	2016e	2017f		
Real GDP growth %	3.6	3.5	3.0		
CPI (pa, yoy %)	-0.1	-0.7	0.6		
Budget Balance/GDP*	-2.9	-0.8	-1.4		
Current Account/GDP	0.4	3.0	1.5		
EUR/BGN (eop)		1.9558			
	2015	current	2016		
Policy Rate (eop)	N/A	N/A	N/A		

<sup>\*</sup> on a cash basis

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

CYPRUS: Indicators	2015	2016e	2017f
Real GDP growth %	1.7	2.8	3.0
HICP (pa, yoy %)	-1.5	-1.1	0.5
Budget Balance/GDP*	0.0	-0.3	-0.6
Current Account/GDP	-3.0	-2.8	-3.3

<sup>\*</sup> ESA 2010

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

ROMANIA: Indicators	2015	2016e	2017f
Real GDP growth %	3.7	5.0	3.5
CPI (pa, yoy %)	-0.6	-1.8	1.5
Budget Balance/GDP *	-1.9	-2.8	-3.7
Current Account/GDP	-1.1	-3.0	-3.2
EUR/RON (eop)	4.48	4.54	4.60
	2015	current	2016
Policy Rate (eop)	1.75	1.75	1.75

<sup>\*</sup> on a cash basis

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

SERBIA: Indicators	2015	2016e	2017f
Real GDP growth %	0.8	2.7	3.0
CPI (pa, yoy %)	1.4	1.0	2.1
Budget Balance/GDP	-3.7	-2.1	-1.7
Current Account/GDP	-4.7	-4.1	-3.9
EUR/RSD (eop)	121.38	123.40	125.5
	2015	current	2016
Policy Rate (eop)	4.25	4.00	4.00

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities



#### **Credit Ratings**

L-T ccy	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
SERBIA	B1	BB-	BB-
ROMANIA	Ваа3	BBB-	BBB-
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-
CYPRUS	B1	BB-	B+

Source: IMF, EC, Reuters, Bloomberg, National Authorities, Eurobank Research

### Latest economic & market developments in the CESEE region

#### **BULGARIA**

Inflation entered in December in a positive territory for the first time since September 2015. In more detail, consumer prices rose by 0.6% MoM/0.1% YoY from 0.0% MoM/-0.5% YoY in November and +0.2% MoM/-0.6% YoY in October. As a result, the average annual inflation came in at -0.8% YoY in 2016 compared to -0.1% YoY in 2015. Food prices, both the largest as well as the most volatile component of CPI, jumped to +0.9% MoM/+1.3% YoY in December up from -0.1% MoM/-0.2% YoY in November compared to -0.3% MoM/-0.3% YoY in October. The main upward driver was the rise in the prices of vegetables and fruits. Reflecting the normalization of global energy prices in Q4-2016, the deflation in transportation prices narrowed down to only +1.9% MoM/-0.6% YoY in December vs. -0.2% MoM/-1.3% YoY in November compared to a year low of +1.2% MoM/-11.5% YoY last May. Looking ahead, inflation is expected to continue its gradual recovery in the coming months reflecting the impact of rising energy prices and the recovering domestic demand dynamics.

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#### **CESEE MARKETS**

Most emerging market assets were modestly weaker earlier today as caution prevailed ahead of a speech by British Prime Minister Theresa May on Brexit. Market anxiety in view of US President-elect Trump's inauguration later in the week also continued to weigh on risk sentiment. On the other hand, Turkish assets broadly bucked the negative trend to stand firmer in European trade following additional Central Bank (CBRT) action to support the domestic currency. Adding to initial measures announced on January 10<sup>th</sup>, CBRT did not open earlier today a 1-week repo auction for the 4<sup>th</sup> session running and, as of yesterday, it lowered further banks' borrowing limits at the Central Bank Interbank Money Market to TRY 11bn. It also reduced this week the amount of funding provided through Borsa Istanbul repo market, compelling banks to meet additional liquidity needs via the more expensive late liquidity window (10.00% vs. 8.50% which is the o/n lending rate). Against this backdrop, the USD/TRY stood 0.6% lower at 3.7805 in European trade, having eased further from a record high just above 3.94 hit last week.

Recall that, the lira has faced significant downside pressures lately, having lost ca 10% of its value against the US dollar so far this year. The Turkish currency has been weighed down by the USD's appreciation over recent months as well as domestic political and economic worries. Security concerns have also mounted following a string of bombings last year, the July 2016 coup attempt and a mass shooting in a nightclub in Istanbul on New Year's Day. Meanwhile, government-backed constitutional changes, envisioning the transition to a presidential system that will effectively give the President executive powers, have stirred concerns over power concentration and weighed additionally on the lira. Consequently, these developments have taken a toll on sentiment. The tourism sector, one of the main pillars of the economy, has been hit hard. In this context, real GDP is now anticipated to have slowed down to 2.5% in 2016 from 4.0% a year earlier.

In the local currency debt markets, Romania sold on Monday RON 730mn in a re-tap of 2022 T-bonds, more than double an amount of RON 300mn initially planned. The tender's average accepted yield came in at 3.14%, nearly in line with 3.5% achieved at a prior auction of the same paper held in December last year. The issue bears a coupon of 3.5% and expires on December 19, 2022.

**GLOBAL MARKETS** 

FOREX

Government Bonds



ΔΥΤΟ

5.6%

-0.7%

5.7%

Commodities

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Stock markets

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120

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Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Economic Analysis and Financial Markets Research Data updated as of 11:50 EET

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Apr-16

Jul-16

Oct-16

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