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DAILY OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL MARKETS & THE SEE REGION Friday, June 26, 2015

KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK GLOBAL

US

- June 22
- Existing home sales (May)
- June 23
 - Durable goods (May)
 - New home sales (May)
 - PMI manufacturing (Jun, p)
- June 24: GDP (Q1, 3rd est.)
- June 25
 - Personal income (May)
 - Personal spend. (May)
 - Core PCE deflator (May)
 - Initial jobless claims (June 20)
 - PMI services & composite (Jun, p)
- June 26: UoM (Jun, f)

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- June 22: Consumer confidence (Jun, A)
- June 23: PMI (Jun, p)
- June 25-26: EU Summit

GREECE

- June 22
 - Eurogroup
 - Euro Summit
 - o CAD (Apr)

<u>SEE</u> BULGARIA

 June 26: Gross external debt (Apr)

ROMANIA

- June 22: 5.75% 2020 Tbonds auction
- June 25: 6.75% 2017 Tbonds auction

SERBIA

- June 22: June 17: Current account (Apr)
- June 24: Floating bonds auction
- June 25: Real gross wages (May)
- June 26: IMF to approve 1st review under SBA

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Global Markets Research

HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBAL MARKETS: Market uncertainty on Greece prevails with technical talks between the two sides continuing today, ahead of Saturday's extraordinary Eurogroup. Against this background, the majority of global equity markets were weaker on Friday and German government bonds firmed. In FX markets, both the JPY and the CHF were among the main outperformers as market uncertainty favors their safe-haven appeal.

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SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

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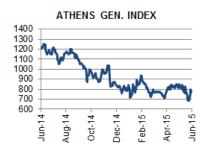
CESEE MARKETS: Emerging stock markets pared part of their weekly gains on Friday, with Chinese shares leading the way lower and investor caution prevailing amid mounting concerns over the Greek issue. Bourses in the CESEE region and government bonds were mixed in early European trade today, while regional currencies were little changed.

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Latest world economic & market developments

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GREECE

The extraordinary Eurogroup that took place yesterday did not reach a final deal on Greece. According to press reports, euro area finance ministers refused to assess in parallel the two different draft documents submitted by the Greek government and the institutions. Instead, they demanded that technical negotiations continue so as for the two sides to bridge their differences and submit a single staff-level agreement to another extraordinary Eurogroup that will be held on Saturday. Speaking to reporters late yesterday soon after the conclusion of the first day of the EU Summit, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, noted that Saturday's Eurogroup "is of decisive importance taking into account that time is very short and that a result must be worked on". Indeed, the time frame is very tight as parliaments of a number of EU countries including Germany, Finland, the Netherlands, Austria, Slovakia, Estonia and Greece must complete the necessary process for the ratification of the relevant prior actions before Greece's present Master Financial Assistance Facility Agreement (MFFA) expires on June 30th. Meanwhile, Greek PM Alexis Tsipras will reportedly convene today in Brussels with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande.

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BULGARIA: Indicators	2013	2014e	2015f
Real GDP growth %	1.1	1.7	1.8
CPI (pa, yoy %)	0.9	-1.4	-0.5
Budget Balance/GDP*	-1.8	-3.7	-3.0
Current Account/GDP	1.0	0.9	0.5
EUR/BGN (eop)	1.9558		
	current	2014	2015f
Policy Rate (eop)	N/A	N/A	N/A

* on a cash basis

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

ROMANIA: Indicators	2013	2014e	2015f
Real GDP growth %	3.4	2.9	3.1
CPI (pa, yoy %)	4.0	1.1	0.3
Budget Balance/GDP *	-2.2	-1.9	-1.9
Current Account/GDP	-0.8	-0.4	-1.0
EUR/RON (eop)	4.46	4.40	4.45
	2014	current	2015f
Policy Rate (eop)	2.75	1.75	1.75

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Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

SERBIA: Indicators	2013	2014e	2015f
Real GDP growth %	2.6	-1.8	0.0
CPI (pa, yoy %)	7.9	2.2	3.0
Budget Balance/GDP	-5.6	-7.5	-5.9
Current Account/GDP	-6.1	-6.1	-4.7
EUR/RSD (eop)	114.60	120.96	123.00
	2014	current	2015f
Policy Rate (eop)	8.00	6.00	5.50

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities



Credit Ratings

L-T ccy	Moody's	S&P	Fitch	
SERBIA	B1	BB-	B+	
ROMANIA	Ваа3	BBB-	BBB-	
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-	
CYPRUS	В3	B+	B-	

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

Latest world economic & market developments in the CESEE region

ROMANIA

According to media reports quoting Finance Minister Eugen Teodorovici the government failed to reach an agreement with the European Commission on the country's programme review due to disagreement over the new fiscal code. The latter, which was endorsed by parliament on Wednesday, envisions tax cuts planned for 2016, having stirred concerns about a potential deterioration in government finances in the coming years. According to the same reports, Ecofin will decide in July on whether the programme is "ended earlier or later". Meanwhile, an IMF mission review that was tentatively planned for July has been suspended. In other news, the ministry of finance sold at an auction on Thursday the planned RON300mn (equivalent to €67mn) in June 11, 2017 Treasury bonds at an average accepted yield of 1.86%, well below 2.92% achieved at a prior auction of the same paper held in October 2014. The issue bears a coupon of 6.75% and the auction's bid-to-cover ratio stood at 3.9%.

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CESEE MARKETS

Emerging stock markets pared part of their weekly gains on Friday, with Chinese shares leading the way lower and investor caution prevailing amid mounting concerns over the Greek issue. Bourses in the CESEE region were mixed in early European trade today, with Serbia's main Belex15 index underperforming its regional peers. The aforementioned index fell for the third session running on Friday, recording a daily drop of 0.95% at the time of writing and hitting its lowest intraday level since late March. At the same time, main indices in Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria and Ukraine rose by ca 0.15-0.35% on the day. Elsewhere, regional currencies were little changed and government bonds were mixed as negotiations between Greek officials and the institutions continue. In FX markets, the Romanian leu retained a firm tone in European trade on Friday, with the EUR/RON hovering around levels of 4.4515 at the time of writing, remaining within distance from a multi-week low of 4.4460 hit in the prior session. On the flipside, the Turkish lira led the losers' pack giving back a small part of its recent gains. In more detail, the USD/TRY stood ca 0.3% lower at the time of writing, hovering around levels of 2.6630, not far from a 3-week low of 2.6495 touched on Thursday, amid hopes that the winner of the June 7 elections, the ruling AKP party, will soon reach an agreement on a coalition government.

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GLOBAL MARKETS FOREX Government Bonds Stock markets Commodities ΔDbps ΔYTD bps ΔD ΔΥΤΟ ΔD ΔΥΤΟ Last Last ΔD ΔYTD (yields) Last Last S&P 500 2102.31 EUR/USD UST - 10yr GOLD -0.3% 2.1% 1.1207 0.0% -7.4% 2.40 -1 23 1178 0.4% -0.6% Nikkei 225 20706.15 -0.3% 18.7% GBP/USD 1.5749 0.0% 1.1% Bund-10yr 0.85 31 BRENT CRUDE 184 0.0% 5.3% STOXX 600 JGB - 10yr USD/JPY LMEX 393.39 -0.8% 14.8% 123.39 0.2% -3.0% 0.47 -1 14 2638 0.2% -9.59 **CESEE MARKETS**

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