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# DAILY OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL MARKETS & THE SEE REGION

**December 17, 2014** 

### KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK GLOBAL

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- December 15
  - Empire state index (Dec)
  - Industrial production (Nov)
  - o NAHB index (Dec)
- December 16
  - Housing starts & permits (Nov)
- December 17
  - o CPI (Nov)
  - o FOMC meeting
- December 18
  - Initial jobless claims (Dec. 13)
  - o Philly Fed (Dec)

#### **EUROZONE**

- December 16
  - o DE: ZEW index (Dec)
  - PMI manufacturing & services (Dec)
- December 17: HICP (Nov, f)
- December 18: DE: Ifo business climate (Dec)

#### SEE SERBIA

December 16: 2016 8%
 T-Bonds auction

#### **ROMANIA**

- December 15
  - Current account (Oct)
  - RON 1bn 364 day Tbills auction
- December 18: RON 500mn 4.75% 2019 T-Bonds auction

#### **BULGARIA**

- December 15
  - o Current account (Oct)
  - o CPI (Nov)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Global Markets Research

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

**GLOBAL MARKETS:** Taking their cue from the negative tone in Asia earlier today, major European stock markets stood in a negative territory in early trade on Wednesday pressured by persisting Russia jitters and the continued downtrend in oil prices amid oversupply concerns. The FOMC holds its final meeting of the year today. The policy announcement is scheduled for 20:00 CET and market focus is on whether the FOMC will drop its commitment "to maintain the 0 to 1/4 percent target range for the federal funds rate for a considerable time following the end of its asset purchase program".

GREECE: The first round of voting for the election of the new President of the Hellenic Republic in the 300-seat Parliament is scheduled to take place this evening at 19:00 Athens time (EET). As per Article 32 of the Constitution of Greece, a 2/3rd majority of the number of seats is required for the election of the new President *i.e.*, 200 in-favor votes. Recall that Greece's two-party coalition government currently enjoys the support of 155 lawmakers; center-right New Democracy controls 127 seats and PASOK 28. The coalition government has nominated former EU Commissioner Stavros Dimas for the presidential post.

#### SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

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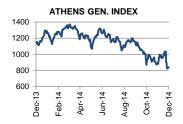
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Credit Ratings									
L-T ccy	Moody's	S&P	Fitch						
SERBIA	B1	BB-	B+						
ROMANIA	Ваа3	BBB-	BBB-						
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-						
CYPRUS	В3	B+	B-						

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### Latest world economic & market developments

#### **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Taking their cue from the negative tone in Asia earlier today, major European stock markets stood in a negative territory in early trade on Wednesday pressured by persisting Russia jitters and the continued downtrend in oil prices amid oversupply concerns. Indicatively, the crude oil brent price was hovering around \$59.57/br in early European trade, the lowest in near six years, having declined by around 48% since mid-June 2014. The latest bout of risk aversion favored the safe-haven appeal of the Japanese currency with the USD/JPY standing close to 117.30/35 at the time of writing, having retreated from levels slightly above 118.00 tested at some point in the prior session. Elsewhere, the EUR/USD was hovering around 1.2460/65 in early European trade, not far from a four-week peak of 1.2570 touched on Tuesday favored by a higher than expected increase in Germany's ZEW index for December. Yet, in view of lingering expectations that the ECB is likely to adopt a broad-based asset purchase programme in early 2015 due to subdued economic activity in the euro area and lingering deflation woes, there is little to suggest that the EUR/USD is poised for further significant and sustainable gains in the coming sessions. The FOMC holds its final meeting of the year today. The policy announcement is scheduled for 20:00 CET and market focus is on whether the FOMC will drop its commitment "to maintain the o to 1/4 percent target range for the federal funds rate for a considerable time". Updated FOMC staff macroeconomic projections are also due for release.

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#### **SERBIA: Indicators** 2013 2014f 2015f Real GDP growth $\,\%$ -1.5 -2.0 0.0 CPI (pa, yoy %) 7.8 2.0 3.5 Budget Balance/GDP -5.8 -7.2 -5.7 Current Account/GDP -5.0 -6.1 -4.7

 EUR/RSD (eop)
 114.57
 120.50
 124.50

 current
 2014f
 2015f

 Policy Rate (eop)
 8.00
 8.00
 7.00

 Source: EC Economic Forecasts, Reuters, Bloomberg,

Eurobank Global Markets Research, local authorities

#### **SERBIA**

(Belgrade 17/12/2014, 10:00 CET): Latest Political & Macro Developments: The National Bank of Serbia (NBS) announced y-day that an operating license was issued to Mirabank, owned by United Arab Emirates-based Royal Group. According to an official NBS statement, the said license is the first greenfield investment in Serbia's banking sector since 2008, a move that reportedly signals the country's commitment to further deepen its business relationships with Abu Dhabi. Market Developments: The EUR/RSD rose by 0.3% on Tuesday closing at 122.60/80 while, looking ahead on a multi-session basis, risks seem skewed for further appreciation amid mounting concerns about the growth prospects of the Serbian economy.

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#### **ROMANIA**

(Bucharest, 17/12/2014, 9:20 EET):. Market Developments: In spite of Russian's financial woes, the EUR/RON continued to consolidate within 4.4725/875 on Tuesday amid market worries over potential intervention in FX markets by the Central Bank. Yet, Russian jitters exerted an impact in money markets with RON interest rates moving broadly higher. Indicatively, the implied 1M rate from swaps rose by 70bps cumulatively over the first two sessions of the week to 1.75% while the 12M rate increased by 15bps to 2.00%. Separately, leu-denominated bonds were also affected with yields rising by 20-30 bps across the curve.

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ROMANIA: Indicators	2013	2014f	2015f
Real GDP growth %	3.5	2.5	3.0
CPI (pa, yoy %)	4.0	1.3	2.6
Budget Balance/GDP	-2.3	-2.2	-2.2
Current Account/GDP	-1.1	-1.2	-1.5
EUR/RON (eop)	4.46	4.40	
	current	2014f	2015f
Policy Rate (eop)	2.75	2.75	2.50

Source: EC Economic Forecasts, Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Global Markets Research, local authorities

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#### **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Stock markets FOREX					Government Bonds				Commodities						
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD	(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps		Last	ΔD	ΔΥΤΟ
S&P 500	1972.74	-0.8%	6.7%	EUR/USD	1.245	-0.5%	-9.4%	UST - 10yr	2.10	4	-93	GOLD	1198	0.1%	-0.7%
Nikkei 225	16819.73	0.4%	3.2%	GBP/USD	1.5708	-0.3%	-5.1%	Bund-10yr	0.60	0	-133	BRENT CRUDE	175	0.0%	4.8%
STOXX 600	327.67	-0.4%	-0.2%	USD/JPY	117.26	-0.7%	-10.2%	JGB - 10yr	0.36	0	-38	LMEX	2963	-1.0%	-6.2%

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SERBIA			ROMANIA				BULGARIA					
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1-week	6.95	4	-133	1-month	0.91	2	-97	1-month	0.23	0	-9	
1-month	7.25	2	-133	3-month	1.74	0	-70	3-month	0.43	0	-21	
3-month	7.75	1	-113	6-month	2.04	1	-95	6-month	0.79	0	-36	
6-month	8.05	0	-110	12-month	2.06	0	-109	12-month	1.51	0	-69	
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	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps		Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	
3Y RSD	9.05	-10	-91	3Y RON	2.00	6	-195	3Y BGN	0.80	-9	-29	
5Y RSD	10.18	0	-264	5Y RON	2.52	6	-213	5Y BGN	1.39	-2	-46	
7Y RSD	11.21	0	-259	10Y RON	3.58	-2	-172	10Y BGN	2.71	0	-78	
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USD Nov-17	5.15	-8	15	EUR Sep-20	1.98	7	-186	USD Jan-15	0.76	-91	-8	
USD Nov-24	4.66	-199	-225	USD Aug-23	3.90	3	-91	EUR Jul-17	1.43	-1	-37	
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5-year	306	14	-103	5-year	143	4	-26	5-year	193	6	86	
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DELEXID	633.2	-1.1270	10.1470	DEI	6326.5	-1.25%	0.30%	JUPIX	327.7	0.01%	7.5370	
FOREX				FOREX				FOREX				
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD	
EUR/RSD	122.62	-0.07%	-6.56%	EUR/RON	4.4744	0.15%	-0.03%	USD/BGN	1.571	-0.49%	-9.41%	
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