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KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK GLOBAL

US

- 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: In FX markets, the CHF remained under pressure in European trade on Friday following the SNB's unexpected decision y-day to impose negative rates on sight deposits for the first time since the 1970's in an attempt to avert safe-haven flows into Switzerland mainly on the back of persisting jitters over Russia.

GREECE: As expected, the German parliament endorsed on Thursday a 2-month extension to Greece's current EFSF program (i.e., to end February 2015) and provisionally approved an ESM precautionary credit line to be granted, provided that the present program review will have been completed on time. Meanwhile, Alexis Tsipras, leader of the main opposition party SYRIZA, was quoted as saying in an interview with Reuters y-day that his party is committed to keeping Greece in the Euro area adding that, if his party comes to power "we have no intention to make unilateral moves as regards the debt and the loan agreement".

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

SERBIA: The dinar moved higher against the euro on Thursday recovering some of its sharp losses recorded over the last few weeks.

ROMANIA: In spite of persisting domestic and global jitters, the EUR/RON remained trapped within a tight range on Thursday amid ongoing market talk of renewed intervention by the Central Bank.

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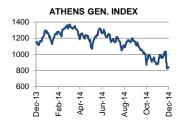


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Credit Ratings									
L-T ccy	Moody's	S&P	Fitch						
SERBIA	B1	BB-	B+						
ROMANIA	Ваа3	BBB-	BBB-						
BULGARIA	Baa2	BB+	BBB-						
CYPRUS	В3	B+	B-						

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Global Markets Research

Latest world economic & market developments

GLOBAL MARKETS

Tracking overnight gains on Wall Street, major European stock markets firmed in early trade on Friday assisted by the prevailing market view that the FOMC will not rush to embark on a rate tightening cycle even though it dropped at the December 17 policy statement the quidance that the federal funds rate will remain stable at current levels for "a considerable time". In FX markets, the CHF remained under pressure in early European trade following the SNB's unexpected decision y-day to impose negative rates on sight deposits for the first time since the 1970's in an attempt to avert safe-haven flows into Switzerland mainly on the back of persisting jitters over Russia. The CHF's losses were more pronounced against the USD with the USD/CHF hovering around 0.9803 at the time of writing, not far from a near 1 1/2 year high of 0.9847 hit in the prior session after falling to multi-session lows of 0.9550 earlier this week. According to the SNB policy announcement, the negative deposit rate is effective from January 22, 2015, the date of the next ECB monetary policy meeting raising market talk that the Swiss Central Bank's decision may act as a pre-emptive step for the possibility of an announcement of further monetary policy easing by the European Central Bank. Against this background, the CHF's losses against the EUR were relatively modest with the EUR/CHF hovering around 1.2035/40 at the time of writing compared to levels around 1.2010 earlier this week following a short-lived spike to 1.2095 on Thursday shortly after the SNB's announcement. Meanwhile, the global calendar is quiet today with scheduled speeches by FOMC policy committee members Evans and Lacker drawing market attention.

GREECE

As expected, the German parliament endorsed on Thursday a 2-month extension to Greece's current EFSF program (i.e., to end February 2015) and provisionally approved an ESM precautionary credit line to be granted, provided that the present program review will have been completed on time. Speaking to German lawmakers, Finance Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble reportedly said that "Greece still has a tough road ahead" adding that "it is in a better state than some people though, it is on the right track, but must continue with the implementation of structural reforms at a faster pace". In other news, a day after Greek Parliament failed to elect a new President of the Hellenic Parliament in the first ballot (i.e., 160 in favor votes vs. 200 required under the Constitution) former Prime Minister and New Democracy honorary chariman Constantinos Mitsotakis issued a statement urging political parties to find some common ground and avoid leading the country to early general elections. Meanwhile, Alexis Tsipras, the leader of the main opposition party SYRIZA, was quoted as saying in an interview with Reuters y-day that his party is committed to keeping Greece in the Euro area, adding that, if his party comes to power "we have no intention to make unilateral moves as regards the debt and the loan agreement". Separately, Panos Kammenos, the leader of the anti-bailout Independent Greeks party which controls 12 seats in the 300-seat Parliament reiterated y-day that his party will maintain its position and will not support the presidential nominee in the next two ballots scheduled for December 23rd and 29th, 2014.

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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 19/12/2014, 10:00 CET): Latest Political & Macro Developments: After a delay of four days, the 2015 Draft Budget was approved by the government on Thursday before being submitted to the Assembly where the debate is expected to start in the coming days. Among others, the Draft Budget targets a general government primary shortfall of RSD 191bn (EUR 1.57bn). Elsewhere, the Public Debt Agency sold on Thursday RSD 6.33bn (EUR 52m) in local currency seven year government bonds bearing a 10% coupon rate at a yield of 11.99%, 20bps higher compared to that achieved four months ago when paper of the same maturity was offered. Market Developments: The dinar moved higher against the euro on Thursday recovering some of its sharp losses marked over the last few weeks. In more detail, the EUR/RSD closed near session trough of 121.75/95, recording daily losses of ca 0.8%. Yet, on the back of persisting concerns about the growth prospects of the Serbian economy, it would be premature to conclude that the EUR/RSD is poised for further significant and sustainable losses in the coming sessions/weeks.

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ROMANIA

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,									

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

(*Bucharest*, 19/12/2014, 9:00 EET): Market Developments: In spite of persisting domestic and global jitters, the EUR/RON remained trapped within a tight range of 4.4700/800 on Thursday amid ongoing market talk of renewed intervention by the Central Bank. Elsewhere, the 1M implied money market rate from swaps stood close to 1.50% on Thursday, higher compared to levels around 0.75% seen early this month but still below a two month high of 1.70% hit a few sessions ago. In other news, the MoF cancelled the planned RON 500mn primary market auction for 5Y bonds. In response to the ministry's announcement, the 5Y bond moved higher with the corresponding yield falling by as much as 10 bps to 2.70% at some point in the secondary market before ending at 2.75%.

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock market	s			FOREX				Government	Bonds			Commodities			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD		Last	ΔD	ΔYTD	(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps		Last	ΔD	ΔΥΤΟ
S&P 500	2061.23	2.4%	11.5%	EUR/USD	1.2263	-0.2%	-10.8%	UST - 10yr	2.21	1	-81	GOLD	1197	-0.1%	-0.7%
Nikkei 225	17621.40	2.4%	8.2%	GBP/USD	1.5651	-0.1%	-5.5%	Bund-10yr	0.62	0	-131	BRENT CRUDE	175	0.0%	4.8%
STOXX 600	339.88	0.2%	3.5%	USD/JPY	119.43	-0.5%	-11.8%	JGB - 10yr	0.36	-1	-39	LMEX	2936	-0.7%	-7.1%

SEE MARKETS SERBIA ROMANIA **BULGARIA** Money Market Money Market Money Market BELIBOR ROBOR SOFIBOR ΔYTD bps ΔDbps ΔYTD bps ΔDbps ΔYTD bps ΔDbps Last Last Last T/N 159 125 O/N 0.46 -128 LEONIA 0 -6 on 1-week 9.37 155 109 1-month 0.92 0 1-month 0.23 0 1.72 -72 0.43 -21 1-month 9.35 131 77 3-month -1 3-month 0 3-month 9.56 115 68 6-month 2 -99 6-month 0.79 0 -36 9.76 6-month 110 61 12-month 2.03 -112 12-month 1.50 0 -69 RS Local Bonds RO Local Bonds **BG Local Bonds** ΔDbps ΔYTD bps ΔYTD bos ΔDbps ΔYTD bos ΔDbps Last Last (vields) Last 3Y RSD 9.13 3Y RON 2.01 0 -194 3Y BGN 0.99 0 -11 5Y RSD 10.18 0 -264 5Y RON 2.52 -213 5Y BGN 1.54 -31 7Y RSD 11.25 0 -256 10Y RON 3.56 -174 10Y BGN 2.73 RS Eurobonds RO Eurobonds **BG** Eurobonds Last ΔDbps ∆YTD bps Last ΔDbps ∆YTD bps Last ΔDbps ∆YTD bps USD Nov-17 EUR Sep-20 1.82 USD Jan-15 -61 -57 USD Nov-24 3.81 3.67 o EUR Jul-17 1.23 USD Aug-23 CDS CD5 CDS Last ΔDbps ΔYTD bps Last ΔDbps ∆YTD bps Last ΔDbps ∆YTD bps 143 5-year 306 14 -103 5-year 5-year 193 6 89 15 67 10-year 377 10-year 189 10-year 242 STOCKS STOCKS STOCKS Last ΔD ΔYTD Last ΔD ΔΥΤΟ Last ΔD ΔYTD BELEX15 652.0 0.37% 16.85% BET 6869.7 5.79% SOFIX 0.41% 6.21% 522.1 FOREX FOREX **FOREX** ΔD ΔΥΤΟ ΔD ΔYTD ΔD ΔYTD Last Last Last EUR/RSD 121.35 0.75% EUR/RON 4.476 USD/BGN 1.5949 BET Index BELEX15 Index SOFIX Index 8000 750 650 700 7000 600 650 550 600 6000 500 550 450 500 5000 400 450 400 350 4000 300 4 9 4 4 4 4 4 ტ 4 4 000 Dec Deo oe O 븝 Sep Mar ķε Ė Deo 늘 Deo Mar EUR/RON USD/BGN EUR/RSD 4.65 124 122 120 118 116 114 112 1.65 4.55 1.60 1.55 4.45 1.50 1.45 4.35 1.40 1.35 110 108 4.25 4 Jun 14 <u>m</u> 4 Dec 14 4 4 4 <u>ლ</u> 4 Mar Sep Sep Deo oe O 븝 Sep Dec 흨 ğΨ Mar

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