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HIGHLIGHTS

WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

GLOBAL MARKETS: Market focus this week turns to the ECB monetary policy meeting, scheduled for Thursday amid increased expectations for further monetary stimulus ahead on the back of persistently subdued euro area inflation pressures and mounting growth concerns. In the US, all eyes are on the non-farm payrolls data for August (Friday) and the ISM manufacturing report (Tuesday) which are both expected to point to solid economic growth in Q₃.

GREECE

Aiming to prepare the ground for the inception of the 5th review of Greece's adjustment program in the second half of this month, **domestic authorities and the troika heads will meet in Paris this week (2-4 September)** for an interim assessment on the progress made by the Greek side in implementing a range of agreed quantitative targets and structural benchmarks. On the data front, the year-on-year growth of the **retail trade volume index**, including automotive fuel, rose by 3.8%YoY in June, fully offsetting May's 3.6%YoY decline while **Greece's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)** rose in August, marking the first improvement in the last three months. The breakdown of the August report showed that new orders rose for the first time in the last three months, production advanced after dipping in July for the first time in nine months while output prices continued to fall at a solid rate.

SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

SERBIA: The EUR/RSD retained a firm tone on Friday; industrial production dropped by 13.0%YoY in July mainly due to a hefty decline in electricity and mining production.

ROMANIA: Rates in the money market were little changed while activity in government bond markets was rather subdued.

BULGARIA: According to data from the National Statistics Institute (NSI), pipeline inflation pressures remain subdued with the producer price index decreasing by 0.6%YoY in July.

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Global Markets Research

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KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK GLOBAL

US

- September 1 ISM manufacturing (Jul)
- September 2

 Fed's Beige Book
- September 4ADP report (Aug)
- Initial jobless claims (Aug 30)
- Trade balance (Jul)
- ISM non-
- Manufacturing (Aug)
 September 5
- Nono-farm payrolls (Aug)
- Unemployment rate (Aug)

EUROZONE

- September 3
 Q2 GDP (details)
- September 4 ECB policy meeting

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ROMANIA

- September 2 Retail sales (Jul)
- September 3
 Q2 GDP (p)

BULGARIA

• September 3 Q2 GDP (f) September 1, 2014

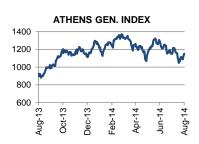




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| Credit Ratings | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------|------|------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| L-T ccy Moody's S&P Fitch | | | | | | | | | |
| SERBIA | B1 | BB- | B+ | | | | | | |
| ROMANIA | Ваа3 | BBB- | BBB- | | | | | | |
| BULGARIA | Baa2 | BBB- | BBB- | | | | | | |
| CYPRUS | Caa3 | В | В- | | | | | | |

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Latest world economic & market developments GLOBAL MARKETS

Market focus this week turns to the ECB monetary policy meeting, scheduled for Thursday amid increased expectations for further monetary stimulus ahead on the back of persistently subdued euro area inflation pressures and mounting growth concerns especially in view of lingering Ukraine jitters. The euro area flash August HICP report that was released on Friday showed that the headline remained in a downward trend falling to a new five-year low of 0.3%YoY from 0.4%YoY in July. Note that August was the 10th straight month that euro area inflation remained in what ECB President Mario Draghi has recently called as a "danger zone" of below 1.0%. Against this background, selling pressure on the EUR persisted in European trade on Monday while core and peripheral EMU sovereign bond markets retained a firm tone. The EUR/USD was hovering close to 1.3125/30 at the time of writing, not far from a new yearto-date low of 1.3117 marked earlier in the day. Technically, strong support stands at 1.3100 (June 9 2013 low) while only a sustainable move above the 1.3300 area could potentially negate its current downward trend. Though the prospect of a further cut in its key interest rates cannot be ruled out completely, the ECB will probably adopt a wait-and-see stance this week waiting the results of the targeted longer-term refinancing operations (TLTROs) before it acts again if needed. In the US, all eyes this week are on the non-farm payrolls data for August (Friday) and the ISM manufacturing report (Tuesday) which are both expected to point to solid economic growth in Q3.

GREECE

Aiming to prepare the ground for the inception of the 5th review of Greece's adjustment program in the second half of this month, domestic authorities and the troika heads will meet in Paris this week (2-4 September) for an interim assessment on the progress made by the Greek side in implementing a range of agreed quantitative targets and structural benchmarks. Issues that will reportedly dominate discussions include, among other: (i) the size of projected fiscal gap in FY-2015 and sources of funding for its coverage; (ii) public administration reform; (iii) domestic labor market conditions; (iv) new installment scheme for overdue tax payments and social security contributions; (v) new framework to deal with nonperforming corporate loans; and (vi) home foreclosures. According to the local press, the troika heads are reportedly expected to stay in Athens for 2-3 weeks while the Greek government's intention is to have the next program review completed by mid-October, i.e., ahead of the scheduled release of the EU-wide stress test results in the second half of that month. On the data front, the year-on-year growth of the retail trade volume index, including automotive fuel, rose by 3.8%YoY in June, fully offsetting May's 3.6%YoY decline and recording the fourth annual improvement in the last eight months. As a reminder, the retail trade volume index posted positive annual growth in November 2013 (by 2.9%YOY) for the first time in nearly four years. Separately, Greece's Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose in August coming in at 50.1 in August from 48.7 in July, marking the first improvement in the last three months. The breakdown of the August report showed that new orders rose for the first time in the last three months, production advanced after dipping in July for the first time in nine months while output prices continued to fall at a solid rate.

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| SERBIA: Indicators | 2012 | 2013e | 2014f |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------|
| Real GDP growth % | -1.5 | 2.5 | -0.4 |
| CPI (pa, yoy %) | 7.8 | 7.8 | 2.5 |
| Budget Balance/GDP | -7.5 | -5.8 | -8.0 |
| Current Account/GDP | -10.9 | -5.0 | -4.2 |
| EUR/RSD (eop) | 112.37 | 114.57 | 117.00 |
| | 2013 | current | 2014f |
| Policy Rate (eop) | 9.50 | 8.50 | 8.00 |
| Source: EC Economic Forec | asts, Reute | ers, Bloomb | oerą, |

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SERBIA

(Belgrade, 29/8/2014, 16:50 CET): **Market Developments:** The EUR/RSD retained a firm tone on Friday trading close to a 2-year high at 117.85/05. **Latest Political & Macro Developments:**. According to the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia, industrial production dropped by 13.0%YOY in July mainly due to a hefty decline in electricity and mining production. Elsewhere, custom-based data showed that exports declined by 10.9%YOY in July while imports rose by 1.8%YOY. For the first seven months of the year, exports have increased by a cumulative 7.7%YOY, while imports have advanced by 2.3%YOY. On a positive tone, the retail trade turnover index increased by 5.3% YOY in July.

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| ROMANIA: Indicators | 2012 | 2013e | 2014f |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------|-------|
| Real GDP growth % | 0.6 | 3.5 | 3.0 |
| СРІ (ра, уоу %) | 3.3 | 4.0 | 1.7 |
| Budget Balance/GDP | -3.0 | -2.3 | -2.2 |
| Current Account/GDP | -4.4 | -1.1 | -1.0 |
| EUR/RON (eop) | 4.44 | 4.46 | 4.40 |
| | 2013 | current | 2014f |
| Policy Rate (eop) | 4.00 | 3.25 | 3.00 |
| Source: EC Economic Forecast | s, Reuters, | Bloombe | rg, |

Eurobank Global Markets Research, local authorities

| BULGARIA: Indicators | 2012 | 2013e | 2014f |
|----------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| Real GDP growth % | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.8 |
| СРІ (ра, уоу %) | 3.0 | 0.9 | -0.9 |
| Budget Balance/GDP | -0.8 | -1.5 | -3.0 |
| Current Account/GDP | -0.9 | 1.9 | 1.0 |
| EUR/BGN (eop) | 1 | 1.95583 | |
| | current | 2013 | 2014f |
| Policy Rate (eop) | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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

ROMANIA

(Bucharest, 1/9/2014, 9:00 EET): **Market Developments:** After hitting an intraday high of 4.4160 at some point on Friday assisted by mounting Ukraine-Russia jitters, the EUR/RON closed lower at 4.4000. Rates in the money market were little changed while activity in government bond markets was rather subdued.

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BULGARIA

(*Sofia*, *28/8/2014*, *17:15 EET*): **Market Developments**: Domestic stock markets lost some ground on Friday with the BSE benchmark SOFIX index falling by 0.83% to 549.39 points. **Latest Political & Macro Developments**: According to data from the National Statistics Institute (NSI), pipeline inflation pressures remain subdued with the producer price index decreasing by 0.6%YoY in July, following 0.5%YoY drop a month earlier. Separately, manufacturing production rose in July for the second month in a row marking an increase of +0.5% YoY.

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| Stock markets FOREX | | | | | Government | Bonds | | | Commodities | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------|-------|-------|---------|------------|-------|-------|------------|-------------|-------|----------|-------------|------|------|------|
| | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD | | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD | (yields) | Last | ∆Dbps | ∆YTD bps | | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD |
| S&P 500 | 2003.37 | 0.3% | 8.4% | EUR/USD | 1.3141 | 0.1% | -4.4% | UST - 10yr | 2.34 | 0 | -69 | GOLD | 1289 | 0.1% | 6.9% |
| Nikkei 225 | 15476.60 | 0.3% | -5.0% | GBP/USD | 1.6624 | 0.2% | 0.4% | Bund-10yr | 0.88 | -1 | -105 | BRENT CRUDE | 181 | 0.0% | 8.0% |
| STOXX 600 | 341.58 | -0.1% | 4.1% | USD/JPY | 104.18 | -0.1% | 1.1% | JGB - 10yr | 0.50 | 0 | -25 | LMEX | 3280 | 0.7% | 3.8% |

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| SERBIA | | | ROMANIA | | | | BULGARIA | | | | |
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| Money Marke | t | | | Money Mark | et | | | Money Market | | | |
| BELIBOR | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | ROBOR | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | SOFIBOR | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps |
| T/N | 6.69 | -1 | -132 | O/N | 2.58 | 5 | 84 | LEONIA | 0.05 | 0 | -2 |
| 1-week | 6.90 | -2 | -138 | 1-month | 2.14 | 4 | 26 | 1-month | 0.23 | 0 | -9 |
| 1-week | 7.21 | -1 | -135 | 3-month | 2.28 | 0 | -16 | 3-month | 0.48 | 0 | -17 |
| 3-month | 7.69 | -2 | -119 | 6-month | 2.6 | 2 | -39 | 6-month | 0.85 | 0 | -30 |
| 6-month | 8.03 | -1 | -112 | 12-month | 2.71 | 1 | -44 | 12-month | 1.65 | 0 | -55 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |
| RS Local Bond | s | | | RO Local Bon | ds | | | BG Local Bon | | | |
| | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | (yields) | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps |
| 3Y RSD | 9.43 | 14 | -53 | 3Y RON | 2.66 | 1 | -129 | 3Y BGN | 1.31 | 2 | 22 |
| 5Y RSD | 10.27 | -2 | -255 | 5Y RON | 3.28 | 0 | -137 | 5Y BGN | 1.87 | -3 | 2 |
| 7YRSD | 11.28 | 3 | -253 | 10Y RON | 4.18 | 1 | -112 | 10Y BGN | 3.07 | 1 | -42 |
| RS Eurobonds | | | | RO Eurobond | s | | | BG Eurobond | s | | |
| | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps |
| USD Nov-17 | 3.82 | 0 | -119 | EUR Sep-20 | 2.06 | -1 | -178 | USD Jan-15 | 0.60 | 2 | 2 |
| USD Nov-24 | -1.83 | -840 | -874 | USD Aug-23 | 3.67 | -7 | -114 | EUR Jul-17 | 1.33 | 0 | -47 |
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| | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps | | Last | ΔDbps | ∆YTD bps |
| 5-year | 249 | -14 | -160 | 5-year | 135 | -4 | -49 | 5-year | 129 | -4 | 10 |
| 10-year | 299 | -11 | -148 | 10-year | 179 | -5 | -53 | 10-year | 177 | 0 | 2 |
| STOCKS | | | | STOCKS | | | | STOCKS | | | |
| | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD | | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD | | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD |
| BELEX15 | 631.9 | 0.31% | 13.24% | BET | 7121.6 | -0.34% | 9.67% | SOFIX | 550.1 | 0.12% | 11.91% |
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| FOREX | | | | FOREX | | | | FOREX | | | |
| | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD | | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD | | Last | ΔD | ΔYTD |
| EUR/RSD | 115.4 | -0.04% | -2.78% | EUR/RON | 4.3998 | -0.02% | 1.66% | USD/BGN | 1.4884 | 0.07% | -4.39% |
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