

# DAILY OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL MARKETS & THE SEE REGION

September 8, 2014

## KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK

### GLOBAL

#### US

- September 11  
Initial jobless claims  
(Sep 6)
- September 12
  - Retail sales (Aug)
  - UoM consumer  
confidence (Sep)

#### EUROZONE

- September 12  
Industrial production  
(Jul)

### SEE

#### SERBIA

- September 9
  - 7-year RSD bond  
auction
- September 11
  - MPC policy  
announcement
- September 12
  - HICP (Aug)

#### ROMANIA

- September 8
  - Industrial sales (Jul)
  - 2027 T-bonds auction
- September 9
  - Trade balance (Jul)
- September 12
  - CPI (Aug)
- September 11
  - Industrial production  
(Jul)
  - 2016 T-bonds auction

#### BULGARIA

- September 8
  - Unemployment rate  
(Aug)
- September 9
  - Industrial production  
(Jul)
  - Retail sales (Jul)
- September 12
  - Trade balance (Jul)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg,  
Eurobank Global Markets Research

## HIGHLIGHTS

### WORLD ECONOMIC & MARKET DEVELOPMENTS

**GLOBAL MARKETS:** In FX markets, the **GBP** was among the main underperformers in early European trade on Monday pressured by the results of a **YouGov survey** which revealed that, for the first time since the campaign began for the September 18<sup>th</sup> Scottish independence referendum, the "Yes" camp has taken a narrow lead scoring 51% vs. 49% for the "No" camp.

### GREECE

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### SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

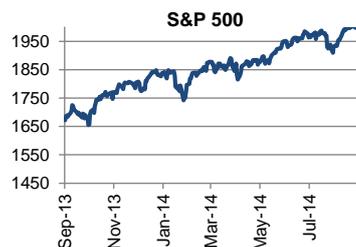
**SERBIA:** The dinar remained under pressure on Friday failing to capitalize much on renewed intervention by the National Bank of Serbia.

**ROMANIA:** The primary market auction of RON 100mn 2027 bonds, takes centre stage today.

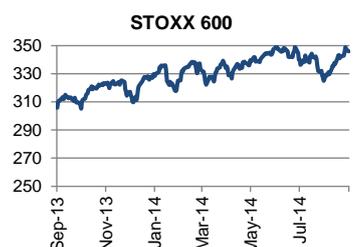
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Credit Ratings			
L-T ccy	Moody's	S&P	Fitch
SERBIA	B1	BB-	B+
ROMANIA	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-
BULGARIA	Baa2	BBB-	BBB-
CYPRUS	Caa3	B	B-

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## Latest world economic & market developments

### GLOBAL MARKETS

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### GREECE

In his keynote speech at the 79<sup>th</sup> Thessaloniki International Fair on Saturday, Greece's Prime Minister **Antonis Samaras** expressed his confidence that, after being mired in recession for six years in a row, the Greek economy will switch into positive year-on-year real GDP growth this year. He insisted that the government will be able to secure the backing of the required number of lawmakers for the upcoming election of the President of the Hellenic Republic warning that the likelihood of early national elections would threaten to destabilize the domestic economy risking "a return to chaos". On the tax front, the Greek Premier announced a 30% reduction of the special consumption tax on heating oil and pledged a cut in the solidarity tax and an increase in the maximum number of monthly settlements for overdue tax payments and social security contributions upon finalization of the 2015 Budget (expected to be submitted to Parliament on October 6, 2014).

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## Latest developments in the CESEE region

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
	<b>2013</b>	<b>current</b>	<b>2014f</b>
Policy Rate (eop)	9.50	8.50	8.00

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

### SERBIA

(Belgrade, 6/9/2014, 18:10 CET): **Market Developments:** The dinar remained under pressure on Friday, with the EUR/RSD closing at 118.95/119.15, within distance from an all-time high of 119.10/30 hit in mid-August 2012. Renewed intervention by the National Bank of Serbia (NBS) in the FX market in order to halt the domestic currency's depreciating momentum, where the NBS sold around €20-30mn, appeared to have a rather limited impact. Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the ECB's monetary policy easing announcement on Thursday, may eventually provide some support to the dinar in the coming sessions.

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ROMANIA: Indicators	2012	2013e	2014f
Real GDP growth %	0.6	3.5	3.0
CPI (pa, yoy %)	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
	<b>2013</b>	<b>current</b>	<b>2014f</b>
Policy Rate (eop)	4.00	3.25	3.00

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

### ROMANIA

(Bucharest, 8/9/2014, 9:30 EET): **Market Developments:** The EUR/RON remained bound within its recent tight range of 4.3985/4.4065 on Friday. Meanwhile, money market rates continued to ease, with 1-week to 1-month implied RON rates from swaps decreasing some 10bps on the day. Romanian government bonds gained in the wake of last week's ECB monetary policy easing decision and reports about a ceasefire agreement between Ukraine and pro-Russian rebels. Buying interest was evidenced across the curve, with paper of longer maturities (7-10 years) outperforming. Indicatively, the 2021 bond yield decreased to around 3.80% from 3.90% the previous day and the corresponding 2023 yield eased to 3.95% from 4.05% at the prior session's settlement. Today's primary market auction of RON 100mn 2027 bonds takes centre stage.

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BULGARIA: Indicators	2012	2013e	2014f
Real GDP growth %	0.6	0.9	1.8
CPI (pa, yoy %)	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)		1.95583	
	<b>current</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014f</b>
Policy Rate (eop)	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

### BULGARIA

(Sofia, 5/9/2014, 17:20 EET): **Latest Political & Macro Developments:** According to Finance Minister Rumen Porozhanov, the caretaker government intends to propose an increase in this year's State budget deficit target to ca 2.6%-2.8% on a cash basis from 1.8% initially planned, remaining though below the EU limit of 3.0% of GDP. The Finance Minister also announced that the domestic economy is expected to post a real GDP growth rate of 1.5%-1.6% this year, down from 1.8% projected earlier.

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**GLOBAL MARKETS**

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**SEE MARKETS**

**SERBIA**

Money Market			
BELIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
T/N	6.67	-1	-134
1-week	6.89	-2	-139
1-month	7.22	-2	-136
3-month	7.74	2	-114
6-month	8.04	1	-111

RS Local Bonds			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
3Y RSD	9.38	0	-58
5Y RSD	10.27	-2	-255
7Y RSD	11.27	2	-254

RS Eurobonds			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
USD Nov-17	3.82	1	-119
USD Nov-24	-3.08	-964	-999

CDS			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
5-year	252	0	-157
10-year	303	0	-144

STOCKS			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
BELEX15	630.5	-0.38%	13.00%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/RSD	115.4	-0.27%	-3.66%



**ROMANIA**

Money Market			
ROBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
O/N	2.5	-1	76
1-month	2.37	1	49
3-month	2.39	1	-5
6-month	2.66	0	-33
12-month	2.75	1	-40

RO Local Bonds			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
3Y RON	2.59	-1	-136
5Y RON	3.17	-3	-148
10Y RON	3.95	-3	-135

RO Eurobonds			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
EUR Sep-20	2.04	-1	-180
USD Aug-23	3.78	-2	-102

CDS			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
5-year	133	0	-50
10-year	176	-1	-56

STOCKS			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
BET	7139.5	0.21%	9.94%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/RON	4.4087	-0.15%	1.46%



**BULGARIA**

Money Market			
SOFIBOR	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
LEONIA	0.05	0	-2
1-month	0.22	0	-10
3-month	0.47	0	-18
6-month	0.85	0	-30
12-month	1.64	0	-55

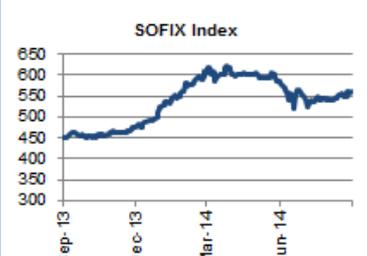
BG Local Bonds			
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
3Y BGN	1.28	10	19
5Y BGN	1.86	0	2
10Y BGN	3.13	0	-36

BG Eurobonds			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
USD Jan-15	0.62	2	3
EUR Jul-17	1.21	0	-59

CDS			
	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
5-year	130	0	8
10-year	178	0	3

STOCKS			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	559.1	0.43%	13.74%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
USD/BGN	1.5106	-0.02%	-5.79%



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