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Weekly Trading Information – Markets update

Global equities moved lower again as European politics have taken front stage and the US-China "soap opera" has become a daily obsession. Data from the world's biggest economies did not help the sentiment either, as the Q3 GDP growth both in Germany (-0.8%) and Japan (-1.2%) were negative, sparking fears again for a global recession looming. However, in both cases, negative growth was attributed to temporary factors (automobile market in Germany and natural disasters in Japan), which limited the damage in markets. In this environment, it should be noted that Emerging Market equities seem to have stabilized and in particular China, which managed to post a respectable gain for the week, showing that investors are finding value again in these battered markets. As we are moving closer to the G-20 meeting, which should provide the ground for a crucial meeting between Trump and Xi, one should expect increased public commentary and "tweets" from both sides and hence volatility. If one observes Presidents Trump's recent comments, one could conclude that the overall sentiment is that both sides are trying to come to a compromise rather than go into a full-blown trade war, although differences do remain.

In Europe, all eyes are on the U.K. and Italy with both regions having their own issues with the E.U. The Brexit deal between Prime Minister May and the E.U. has been met with significant revolt within the governing party, while the opposition parties have also expressed their dislike. Ministers have resigned and there is a growing feeling that there will be a no confidence vote against May in the coming days, although the number of such official letters needed (48) has not been met as of Sunday night. Italy did not back down from its budget and everyone is awaiting the EU's response, although their attention is probably on the Brexit situation at the moment.

The Communications Services sector moved higher again, against the overall negative sentiment. Vodafone (+7%) announced a 3% EBITDA growth, higher than expected, and reassured investors that the dividend is safe, thanks to the significant free cash flow generation and new targets for cost savings imposed by the new CEO. Overall, their strategy of "more for more" with which they have been able to hike prices in a very competitive environment seems to be working. Trading at a 9% dividend yield, shares should be able to move significantly higher in the coming months. Vivendi (+1%), also in the same sector, announced strong results helped by a 38% growth in its streaming business for its Universal Music unit, for which it seeks a strategic investor in the coming months. On the negative side, shares of UK Banks suffered (Lloyds -9%, Barclays -6%) after the turmoil in UK politics, which however should provide an excellent buying opportunity for investors who believe that in the end, there will be a positive solution.

Government bonds rallied hard, after turmoil in most developed equity markers gathered speed, but were given the final boost after comments by three senior FED officials (including Chairman Powell) who expressed concerns about global growth for the first time in recent memory. As a reminder the FED's last announcement did not even make a mention in growth concerns, and it will be interesting to wait for the minutes to be published in a couple of weeks. The 10 year US Treasury closed at 3.06%, down from 3.22% last week while the German equivalent closed at 0.38%

Gold touched the psychological level of 1'200\$, but bounced back quickly to 1"220. The FED officials' comments sparked a USD sell-off which helped the metal recover.

The EURUSD jumped from the 1.1200 levels seen at the start of the week to move all the way up to 1.1400 after positive comments by President Trump on the China-US situation, but primarily after the FED officials expressed their concern about global growth. It looks like the 1.1300 levels have been re-established as a "floor" for the pair, for now.

	Level	YTD %	Weekly %	52 week high	52 week low
DOW JONES	25413.2	2.8	-2.2	26951.8	23344.5
S&P500	2736.3	2.3	-1.6	2940.9	2532.7
NASDAQ	7247.9	5.0	-2.1	8133.3	6630.7
RUSSELL SMALL CAP	1527.5	-0.5	-1.4	1742.1	1436.4
EUROPE STOXX50	2914.7	-8.3	-2.0	3283.2	2839.3
EUROSTOXX 50	3180.7	-9.2	-1.5	3687.2	3090.9
GERMANY DAX	11341.0	-12.2	-1.6	13596.9	11051.0
FRANCE CAC40	5025.2	-5.4	-1.6	5657.4	4896.8
SWISS SMI	8907.4	-5.1	-1.8	9616.4	8372.9
UK FTSE 100	7013.9	-8.8	-1.3	7903.5	6851.6
ITALY FTSE 100 MIB	18878.3	-13.6	-2.0	24544.3	18411.4
ATHENS GENERAL	625.7	-22.0	-2.8	895.6	610.4
JAPAN TOPIX	1629.3	-10.4	-2.6	1911.3	1581.6
CHINA CSI300	3257.7	-19.2	2.8	4403.3	3009.5
HONG KONG	26183.5	-12.5	2.3	33484.1	24540.6
EMERGING MARKETS	986.3	-14.9	1.0	1273.1	934.8
WORLD	2031.8	-3.4	-1.5	2249.7	1958.3
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Certificates	Price	Weekly %	YTD
KENDRA HIGH CONVICTION	92.5	-2.3	-8.1%
KENDRA HIGH INCOME	91.7	-0.9	-4.4%

Currencies	Price
EURUSD	1.1420
EURCHF	1.1415
GBPUSD	1.2835
EURJPY	128.80
USDJPY	112.80

Commodities	Price
Gold USD	1'221
Gold EUR	1'069
Silver USD	14.40
Oil (Crude USD)	56.90
Oil (Brent USD)	66.8

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High Conviction Portfolio

Chart of the Week

	YTD %	Weekly %	CURRENCY	SECTOR	
Siemens	-12.8	-1.0	EUR	Industrials	
Carrefour SA	-3.0	-0.5	EUR	Consumer Staples	
IBM	-20.8	-1.6	USD	Information Technology	
Lloyds	-19.9	-9.1	GBp	Financials	
BHP Billition	5.5	1.3	GBp	Materials	
Vodafone	-34.7	6.6	GBp	Communication Services	
Deutsche Telekom	2.3	3.0	EUR	Communication Services	
Barclays	-18.8	-6.7	GBp	Financials	
UCB.SA	16.3	1.5	EUR	Health Care	
Walt Disney	8.1	-1.5	USD	Communication Services	
Credit Suisse	-28.9	-4.7	CHF	Financials	
AT&T	-22.1	-1.3	USD	Communication Services	
Societe Generale	-23.1	-1.8	EUR	Financials	
Vivendi	-3.3	1.2	EUR	Communication Services	
Telefonica	-7.7	0.4	EUR	Communication Services	
BNP Paribas	-27.4	-2.5	EUR	Financials	
Wacker Chemie	-47.9	-5.8	EUR	Materials	
Imperial Brands	-16.7	-4.1	GBp	Consumer Staples	
Valeo	-60.5	-5.4	EUR	Consumer Discretionary	
Dufry	-28.9	-3.1	CHF	Consumer Discretionary	
Altran Technologies	-37.2	-4.6	EUR	Information Technology	
Arkema	-10.1	-3.9	EUR	Materials	
AB Inbev	-26.4	4.3	EUR	Consumer Staples	
Travis Perkins	-35.9	-6.2	GBp	Industrials	
Eurofins Scientific	-23.0	-10.6	EUR	Health Care	
Straumann	-5.4	-5.4	CHF	Health Care	
Newmont Mining	-11.2	4.1	USD	Materials	
Biogen	1.7	-0.4	USD	Health Care	
Adient	-69.6	11.3	USD	Consumer Discretionary	

Chinese equities are now as cheap as they had been five years ago, at least according to their Price to Earnings ratio. From such levels, Chinese equities rallied by almost 100% in a matter of months in early 2015, as also shown by the P/E chart below which took them in very expensive territory.

Without hinting that a similar outcome should be expected, once can conclude that from a downside / upside perspective, current levels seem to favor buying the market rather than selling it.

Figure 16: Trailing PE for CSI 300 (ex. financials)



Source: Wind, UBS estimates



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