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AFTERNOON MARKET UPDATE

GLOBAL MARKET SNAPSHOT

Equity Markets:

The performance of global equities was mixed on Tuesday with emerging Asia and developed Europe leading, while Latin America and developed Asia lagged. In the U.S., the energy sector -2.4% got hit as crude oil prices plunged. Value reasserted its leadership position over momentum with financials 0.6% and industrials 0.5% seeing the strongest gains as a result.

| Developed | 1-Day Return | MTD Return | YTD Return | Emerging | 1-Day Return | MTD Return | YTD Return |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| AILD | 0.4% | 0.8% | 4.3% | Mexico IPC | 2 .1% | -3.2% | 12.5% |
| S&P 500 | 0.1% | 0.5% | 3.5% | Bovespa | 0.7% | -2.9% | 11.1% |
| Nasdaq | 0.0% | -1.4% | 5.3% | Chile IPSA | 0.4% | 0.5% | -7.8% |
| Russell 2000 | 0.3% | 0.3% | -0.3% | Colombia IGBC | 2.2% | -2.5% | 7.7% |
| EuroStoxx 50 | 1.0% | 0.9% | -5.0% | Warsaw WIG | 0.5% | 2.4% | 11.1% |
| DAX | 1.3% | 0.2% | 11.2% | MICEX | 0.8% | 0.9% | 18.7% |
| CAC | 0.8% | 0.2% | -1.2% | JSE Africa | 0.3% | -0.5% | -9.8% |
| FTSE 100 | 0.0% | -0.9% | -4.9% | Borsa Istanbul | 1.4% | 2.9% | 16.5% |
| FTSE MIB | 0.9% | 0.9% | -9.6% | | | | |
| IBEX | 0.8% | 3.0% | -5.9% | Hang Seng | 0.6% | 3.3% | 10.8% |
| PSI (Portugal) | 0.7% | -1.5% | -4.4% | Shanghai Comp | 0.9% | 2.0% | 17.8% |
| ASE | 1.4% | 0.6% | 18.5% | KOSPI | 0.4% | 2.0% | 15.6% |
| | · | | | Sensex | 1.0% | 2.1% | 4.5% |
| Nikkei | 2.1% | -0.5% | -2.5% | Jakarta Comp | 1.0% | 0.1% | -6.2% |
| ASX 300 | 1.5% | 0.9% | 1.4% | Thai SET | 0.3% | -0.6% | -2.6% |

Bond Markets:

Treasuries rallied as they caught up to gains implied during yesterday's session while the market was closed. Gilts dropped as U.K. and E.U. negotiations approached their culmination although the DUP, the lynchpin of Theresa May's government, said it would be a "tall order" for the parliament to agree on the deal.

| Bond | Yield (%) | ∆ 1-Day | | Δ MTD | | L | Δ YTD | |
|-----------|-----------|---------|----|--------------|----|---|--------------|--|
| bonu | | (bps) | | (bps) | | | (bps) | |
| UST 2yr | 2.89 | Ψ. | -3 | Ŷ | 2 | r | 101 | |
| UST 5yr | 2.98 | | -5 | Ŷ | 1 | T | 78 | |
| UST 10yr | 3.14 | | -4 | Ð | 0 | T | 73 | |
| UST 30yr | 3.36 | | -2 | | -3 | T | 62 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| UK 10 yr | 1.52 | Ŷ | 7 | Ŷ | 8 | r | 33 | |
| GER 10 yr | 0.41 | r | 1 | Ŷ | 2 | • | -2 | |
| FRF 10yr | 0.78 | Ð | 0 | Ŷ | 3 | Ð | 0 | |
| ITL 10yr | 3.44 | r | 1 | Ŷ | 2 | r | 144 | |
| ESP 10yr | 1.60 | Ŷ | 1 | Ŷ | 6 | T | 5 | |
| PTE 10yr | 1.94 | Ð | 0 | Ŷ | 8 | r | 4 | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| JPY 10yr | 0.11 | Ð | 0 | | -1 | T | 7 | |

Currency Markets:

The U.S. dollar index declined -0.4%, while British pound surged 1.3% on Brexit progress. Argentine peso weakened -1.4% after S&P lowered the country's credit rating by one notch to B.



Commodity Markets:

The highlight on Tuesday was energy as WTI and Brent plunged -7.1% and -6.8%, respectively, while natural gas surged 8.3%. WTI's drop was its largest one-day move in 3-years as selling pressure picked up despite the release of an OPEC report that made a case for a production cut. Weather and tight inventories pushed the price of natural gas over \$4 per mmbtu with the Dec18 contract now up 26% month-to-date.



MACRO OVERVIEW

The Federal Reserve's quarterly <u>Senior Loan Officer Survey</u> indicated that demand for loans to businesses and households weakened over the past three months despite easing their standards and terms for such loans. This would indicate that recent weakness in business investment and residential real estate should continue. The survey also asked about the effect of the flattening yield to which banks responded that while the year-to-date flattening has triggered a change to standards or terms, a prolonged moderate inversion of the yield curve would trigger tightening across every major loan category as it is "interpreted as a signal of deterioration in economic conditions."





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