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Global Markets Research

Daily Market Highlights

6 Oct: Dollar Index advanced to its highest in 18 months

Political and fiscal concerns weighed on the Euro; pushing DXY above 102s

Tech giants pushed Nasdaq to a record high; Treasury yields closed mixed

Still solid albeit softer ISM services for the US; Quicker PPI for the Eurozone

- Wall Street started the week with tech giants driving Nasdaq to a record high and traders looking past still elevated treasury yields and crude oil prices.
- Nasdaq jumped 1.1% d/d, with megacap tech stocks rallying, benefitting in part from Schneider's acquisition of software maker PTC, better-than-expected earnings from Hon Kai Precision Industry Co., and news that OpenAI is in talks with multiple investment funds to anchor a \$30bn round of financing. S&P 500 and the Dow also rose, albeit at a narrower pace of 0.7% d/d and 0.2% d/d.
- The benchmark 2Y UST yield, meanwhile, were 1bps lower at 4.81%, but the 10Y rose 3bps to 5.31%, backed by still strong services PMI and continued concerns over inflation. Investors now turn their attention on the Fed, which will release the minutes to its September FOMC meeting, potentially shedding light on its latest decision to hike rates as well as future moves.
- Crude oil prices tumbled with the release of oil stocks by the G7, and after Saudi Aramco lowered the price of Arab light to buyers in Asia over the weekend. Brent and the WTI were down 1.8-1.9% d/d to \$100.32/barrel and \$89.43/barrel.
- In Europe, Stoxx 600 gained 0.4% d/d with commodity stocks outperforming, while CAC 40 dropped 0.8% d/d as political uncertainty and soaring bond yields haunt sentiment. 10Y European sovereign bond yields rose another 1-6bps overnight.
- Nikkei 225 led gains in Asia, rising 2.4% d/d, while Hang Seng and CSI 300 rose 0.3% d/d. Asian equity markets are poised for another positive trading day following the rally in US tech stocks overnight.
- On the forex front, EUR (-0.3% d/d to 1.1223) underperformed and weakened to its lowest since May 2025 with investors'

Key Market Metrics

	Level	d/d (%)
Equities		
Dow Jones	51,267.90	0.18
S&P 500	7,773.95	0.66
NASDAQ	27,477.31	1.05
Stoxx Eur 600	633.62	0.36
FTSE 100	10,497.94	0.34
Nikkei 225	69,946.86	2.40
CSI 300	4,357.62	0.29
Hang Seng	24,040.34	0.28
Straits Times	5,664.33	0.52
KLCI 30	1,631.75	0.05
FX		
Dollar Index	102.17	0.23
EUR/USD	1.1223	-0.28
GBP/USD	1.3222	-0.14
USD/JPY	157.91	0.04
AUD/USD	0.6972	0.23
USD/CNH	6.7037	-0.03
USD/MYR	4.0855	0.03
USD/SGD	1.2793	0.09
USD/KHR	4,059.32	0.10
USD/THB	33.68	0.32
Commodities		
WTI (\$/bbl)	89.43	-1.84
Brent (\$/bbl)	100.32	-1.89
Gold (\$/oz)	4,128.40	-0.13
Copper (\$/MT)	14,420.00	1.13
Aluminum(\$/MT)	3,127.00	0.85
CPO (RM/MT)	4,390.00	0.83

Source: Bloomberg, HL Bank

confidence shaken by political and fiscal concerns. This, coupled with some haven bid and resilient services ISM pushed the DXY up 0.2% d/d to 102.17, its highest since Apr-25. GBP and JPY also depreciated 0-0.1% d/d to 1.3222 and 157.91, while AUD was the outlier, appreciating 0.2% d/d to 0.6972 against the greenback.

- Regional currencies closed mixed against the Dollar. CNH and MYR closed flattish at 6.7037 and 4.0855, while SGD depreciated 0.1% d/d to 1.2793 vs the USD.

Upwards revisions to services PMIs for most majors; Singapore PMI eased slightly but still solid

- The final September services PMIs were mostly revised higher, upwardly for the US (+0.1ppts to 58.8 vs 56.5), UK (+0.4ppts to 52.1 vs 52.5) and Australia (+5ppts to 51.9 vs Aug: 53.2), left unchanged for the Eurozone (53.0 vs 51.6) but revised lower for Japan (-0.3ppts to 51.3 vs 52.5).
- Fresh Singapore PMI (58.1 vs 59.4) showed that demand remained robust despite the softer print, driving another sharp rise in business activities to wrap up 3Q. Businesses also remained confident that output would continue to increase in the near-term, which is a positive sign for growth.

Softer but still solid services activity for the US

- Although softer, services activity in the US remained solid with the services ISM at 54.9 in September (prior: 55.4). Details showed that the new orders index remained above its 12-month average at 59.8 (prior: 60.9), while the employment index returned to expansion for the first time in 3 months at 50.1 (prior: 47.8) due to increasing backlogs, as well as high levels of business activity and new orders. With the prices index elevated at 74.0 (prior: 72.6), and fuel and tariff costs most frequently cited concerns impacting supply chain, there is no change in our view for another Fed rate hike later this year.

Eurozone's PPI quickened; investors' confidence fell

- Producer prices (PPI) rose more than expected by 8.2% y/y and 1.9% m/m in August (prior: 5.8% y/y and 1.6% y/y), with energy prices contributing to the bulk of the monthly gain at 5.6% m/m (prior: 5.8% m/m). Outside of energy, inflation for intermediate (0.4% m/m vs 0), durable consumer goods (0.4% m/m vs 0) and non-durable goods (0.1% m/m vs -0.2% m/m) accelerated in a potential sign of inflationary pressure

broadening, while those for capital goods held steady at 0.2% m/m.

- The Sentix investor confidence index deteriorated sharper than expected to 2.7 in October from 5.1 previously as restrictive central bank policy and the resulting headwinds for bonds weighed on the expectations sub-index (8.8 vs 13.8).

Japan's consumer confidence eased marginally

- Consumer confidence eased less than expected by 0.1ppts to 35.4 in September as declines for overall livelihood and willingness to buy durable goods offset upticks in income growth and employment growth sub-indices.
- With confidence and consumption largely steady, and with prices likely to stay firmly above the 2% handle supported by rising energy prices, wage-push and elevated inflation expectations, there is no change in our view that the BOJ will continue with its tightening cycle early next year.

Slower consumer spending for Singapore

- Retail sales surprised sharply on the downside with a 0.7% y/y growth in August, following the downwardly revised 1.3% y/y the previous month. Most categories recorded growth, notably for computer & telecommunications equipment as well as cosmetics, toiletries & medical goods, but these were offset by declines for of motor vehicles as well as watches & jewellery.

House View and Forecasts

FX	This Week	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27	2Q-27
DX	100-104	101.45	100.86	99.42	98.07
EUR/USD	1.11-1.14	1.1330	1.14	1.16	1.18
GBP/USD	1.30-1.34	1.3265	1.30	1.32	1.33
USD/CHF	0.81-0.85	0.8358	0.81	0.80	0.79
USD/JPY	156-160	157.41	159	155	153
AUD/USD	0.68-0.71	0.6947	0.70	0.71	0.72
NZD/USD	0.54-0.58	0.5634	0.56	0.57	0.57
USD/CNY	6.68-6.73	6.7060	6.78	6.72	6.65
USD/MYR	4.06-4.12	4.0798	4.11	4.07	4.03
USD/SGD	1.26-1.30	1.2772	1.30	1.28	1.27
USD/THB	33.10-34.00	33.56	32.30	32.0	32.0

FX	Last close	3Q-26	4Q-26	1Q-27	2Q-27
SGD/MYR	3.1924	3.1958	3.17	3.17	3.17
EUR/SGD	1.4357	1.4470	1.48	1.49	1.50
GBP/SGD	1.6917	1.6949	1.69	1.69	1.69
AUD/SGD	0.8919	0.8875	0.90	0.91	0.91



Rates, %	Current	3Q26	4Q26	1Q27	2Q27
Fed	3.75-4.00	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25
ECB	2.50	2.50	2.75	2.75	2.75
BOE	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
SNB	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
BOJ	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.50	1.50
RBA	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.60
RBNZ	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
BNM	2.75	2.75	2.75	3.00	3.00

Source: HL Bank

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Date	Events	
6-Oct	AU Westpac Consumer Conf SA MoM (Oct)	-5.20%
	HK S&P Global Hong Kong PMI (Sep)	49.5
	EC Retail Sales MoM (Aug)	-0.60%
	US Trade Balance (Aug)	-\$88.6b
7-Oct	JN Scheduled Full-Time Pay - Same Base YoY (Aug)	2.70%
	JN Leading Index CI (Aug P)	117.7
	MA Foreign Reserves	\$131.7b
	US MBA Mortgage Applications (2-Oct)	-6.0%
	US NY Fed 1-Yr Inflation Expectations (Sep)	3.58%

Source: Bloomberg



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