

Summary

- The Fed may raise interest rates slower than thought
- Friday's trading was optimistic on developed economies' stock markets
- The USD weakened after Jerome Powell's speech
- Oil prices have increased.

Speaking at central bankers' symposium in Jackson Hole on Friday, Jerome Powell made a number of important statements. The Fed's chairman stood up for the Fed's gradual interest rate hikes, in the face of President Trump's criticism earlier last week. Although the signs of an overheating economy shall be given special attention, the Fed should be moving cautiously, avoiding too fast rate hikes, Mr Powell said. The market interpreted the latter as a hint that the Fed may lift interest rates slower than it had been thought. As a result, the USD weakened. Yet the market prices in two more rate hikes before the end of this year: one in September and one in December.

Trading sentiment in European markets was mostly neutral. The major equity market inched somewhat higher: Paris's CAC40, London's FTSE 100, and Frankfurt's DAX added 0.2% each. Milan topped their performance: the FTSE MIB rallied 0.7%.

US stock markets had a rewarding session on Friday. The Dow upped 0.5%, while the S&P 500 climbed 0.6%. Marching 1.0% higher, the NASDAQ100 was the brightest star on Friday. The latter two indices closed at all-time highs. Nearly all market sectors fared well, with the tech sector being the strongest contributor to growth. Markets rallied despite a string of discouraging news reports on the failure of USA-China negotiations to fend off a fully-fledged trade war, and on Thursday the mutual import tariffs, amounting to USD 16 billion, took effect. Apparently, neither of these reports surprised investors.

Asia's markets were utterly upbeat in Monday's trading. In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng stood 2.1% higher ahead of the close, and mainland China's Shanghai Composite was seen gaining 1.6%. Japan's Nikkei picked up 0.9% this morning.

Jerome Powell's speech was followed by a 0.7% increase in the EUR/USD. The TRY lost 0.3% to the USD; the USD/TRY was relatively stable, hovering around the 6 mark last week. The yen firmed 0.1% against the USD. Argentine's peso extended its losing streak: the USD/ARS was up 1.9% on Friday; the pair has sky-rocketed more than 65% year to date.

Oil prices rose on Friday: the Brent upped 1.5% and the WTI closed 1.3% higher. Some of the increase can be attributed to the statistics released by Baker Hughes on Friday that the number of producing US oil wells fell from 869 to 860.

Trading with precious metals was brisk on Friday: gold upped 1.6% and silver surged 1.7%. Industrial metals also did well: copper's price grew by 1.4%, lead surged 3.3%, while zinc marched 2.9% higher.

In the USA the durable goods orders data surprised on the downside as orders contracted by 1.7% in July, short of the forecast of 0.8% decline. The reason for the discrepancy was the cancellation of orders for a large number of Boeing planes. Without the transportation sector, orders would have grown by 0.2% from the previous month.

Today Germany is to release the IFO economic sentiment index for August.

	Stocks				Bonds				Commodity & FX			
	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)	Product name	Yield	Daily change*	YTD	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)
Global	S&P500	2874,7	0,6	7,5	VIX	12,0	-3,4	9	WTI	68,7	1,3	13,7
	DOW	25790,4	0,5	4,3	US 2Y	2,63	2	74	Brent	75,82	1,5	13,4
	Nasdaq100	7485,4	1,0	17,0	US 10Y	2,83	0	42	Gold	1205,6	1,7	-7,4
	DAX	12394,5	0,2	-4,0	GER 2Y	-0,61	0	2	Silver	14,80	2,3	-12,7
	CAC40	5432,5	0,2	2,3	GER 10Y	0,34	0	-8	EUR/USD	1,16	0,7	-3,1
	FTSE 100	7577,5	0,2	-1,4	PT10Y	1,84	3	-9	EUR/GBP	0,90	0,4	1,8
	FTSE MIB	20742,0	0,6	-5,1	IT 10Y	3,15	4	115	EUR/NOK	9,68	0,0	-1,7
	Stoxx600	383,6	0,0	-1,4	SP 10	1,41	2	-16	USD/CAD	1,30	-0,4	3,6
	- Banks	136,3	0,4	-17,4	iTRAXX	65,9	-1,1	46	AUD/USD	0,73	1,1	-6,1
	Nikkei 225	22799,6	0,9	0,2	JPY 2Y	-0,11	0	2	USD/JPY	111,22	-0,1	-1,3
	SSEC	2772,6	1,6	-16,2	JPY 10Y	0,10	0	5	GBP/USD	1,28	0,3	-5,0
Regional	RTS	1064,5	2,0	-7,8	RUS10	8,7	-0,2	14	USD/RUB	67,049	-1,7	16,3
	WIG20	2312,7	-0,4	-6,0	POL 10	3,2	-0,6	-4	EUR/PLN	4,28	-0,3	2,4
	PX50	1072,9	-0,7	-0,5	CZ10	2,1	-0,3	40	EUR/RON	4,634	0,1	-0,9
Hungary	BUX	36192	0,0	-8,1	3M DKJ	0,20	0	16	EUR/HUF	323,45	-0,3	4,2
	OTP	9985	-0,4	-6,9	1Y	0,58	0	53	USD/HUF	278,19	-1,0	7,5
	MOL	2814	0,4	-6,4	3Y	1,71	5	116	CHF/HUF	283,05	-0,6	6,8
	MTelekom	403	0,6	-12,1	5Y	2,87	-1	170	PLN/HUF	75,57	-0,1	1,7
	Richter	5315	-0,1	-21,6	10Y	3,39	1	134	GBP/HUF	357,72	-0,6	2,4

* In the case of bond yields, the change is in basis points instead of percentage (VIX and ITRAXX not included).

Sources: Reuters, OTP Research

Data	Cd.	Event/Data	Period	Fact	Cons.	Prev.
2018 8. 27. 10 : 00	DE	IFO Economic sentiment index (points)	Aug		102,0	101,7
28. 15 : 00	US	Case-Shiller Home Price Index (yoy, %)	Jun		6,5	6,5
16 : 00	US	Consumer confidence (point)	Jun		126	127
29. 9 : 00	HU	Unemployment rate (%)	Jul		-	3,6
14 : 30	US	GDP (second estimate, annualized, yoy, %)	Q2		4,0	4,1*
16 : 00	US	Pending home sales (mom, %)	Jul		-	0,9
30. 9 : 00	HU	Investment (yoy, %)	Q2		-	17,0
11 : 00	EZ	EC Economic Sentiment Index (points)	Aug		112,2	112,1
14 : 00	DE	CPI (flash, yoy, %)	Aug		2,0	2,0
14 : 30	US	Personal income (mom, %)	Jul		0,3	0,4
14 : 30	US	Personal consumption (adjusted, mom, %)	Jul		0,4	0,4
31. 3 : 00	CN	NBS Manufacturing PMI (points)	Aug		51,0	51,2
3 : 00	CN	NBS non-Manufacturing PMI (points)	Aug		-	54,0
8 : 00	DE	Retail sales (mom, %)	Jul		0,0	1,2
9 : 00	HU	Industrial producer prices (yoy, %)	Jul		-	7,5
9 : 00	HU	Trade balance (detailed, monthly, EUR mn)	Jun		-	1070*
11 : 00	EZ	CPI (flash, yoy, %)	Aug		2,1	2,1
11 : 00	EZ	Core CPI (flash, yoy, %)	Aug		1,1	1,1
11 : 00	EZ	Unemployment rate (%)	Jul		8,2	8,3
15 : 45	US	Chicago PMI (points)	Aug		63,0	65,5

* preliminary data

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