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Three Take-Aways

- 1) US equities rebound after recent sell-off with UST yields edging up on the front end.
- 2) USD traction reflects cautious sentiments alongside languishing oil prices, China woes, weak UK jobs and geo-political threats.
- 3) Thailand's revived casino related entertainment complex plans may hold potentially large economic boost though structural productivity unlikely to be lifted.

MACRO THEME: Cyclical Bounce and Structural Woes?

- For now, the recovery in risk sentiments appears to be just a bounce. Even after the recovery last night, US equities are still ~2.7% down compared to the start of last week. Overnight, UST yields were slightly higher on the front end still more than 20bps lower than a week ago. Notably, the USD has retained traction even with just marginally higher UST yields being supportive.
- First, with an imminent Fed cut amid growth woes, it is unsurprising that growth soft spots elsewhere also invite easing bias as was the case for 2Y EZ yields which declined alongside worsening investor confidence. 2Y UK Gilt yields dropped 6.6bp accompanied by a weak jobs report.
- Second, growth woes in and of itself were also reflected by an uninspiring Brent crude recovery unable to surmount US\$72/barrel weighed by China growth worries.
- Lastly, reports of Donald Trump closing the gap on Kamala Harris' lead accentuates recent Trump threats of 100% tariffs for countries that leave the USD may also have dented currencies of various trading partners.

Yields (2Y: +2.3bps; 10Y: -0.8bps; 30Y: -1.8bps)

- UST yield curve flattened but retained its positive slope.

Equities (Nasdaq: +1.2%; S&P: +1.2%; Dow: +1.2%)

- US equities rebounded across broad sectors.

FX (DXY: +0.4%)

- The USD gained against most G10 peers. NOK led losses on continued impact from lower oil prices. Alongside low EZ yields, EUR sank below mid-1.10. AUD dropped towards mid-66 cents. In EM-Asia, THB continued its volatile nature, depreciating 1.3% as Thai Finance Minister warned against THB rally hurting exporters.

China: Yi Gang's Warning

- Former PBoC governor Yi Gang delivered an unusual speech in public addressing China's deflationary pressure amid sluggish domestic demand.

DATA/EVENTS

Yesterday/Overnight	Actual	Exp.	Prior
(JP) GDP SA QoQ (2Q F)	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
(JP) BoP Current Account balance (Jul)	¥3193b	¥2498.0b	¥1533.5b
(EZ) Sentix Investor Confidence (Sep)	-15.4	-11.0	-13.9
(CH) CPI/PPI YoY (Aug)	0.6%/-1.8%	0.7%/-1.5%	0.5%/-0.8%
(TH) Consumer Confidence Eco. (Aug)	124.4		51.3%
(TW) Exports/Imports YoY (Aug)	16.8%/11.8%	9.0%/19.6%	3.1%/16.2%

Today

(CH) Exports/Imports YoY (Aug)	6.6%/2.5%	7.0%/7.2%
(MY) Industrial Production (Jul)	5.3%	5.0%
(PH) Exports/Imports YoY (Jul)	-3.2%/2.6%	-17.3%/-7.5%



- He urged policymakers to adopt both fiscal and monetary measures to bring GDP deflators back to positive territory. However, concerns remain that China's ongoing property slump could strain local government revenues, limiting their ability to stimulate domestic demand, thereby adding downside risks to growth.

Thailand: Uneasy Bets

- With Paetongtarn Shinawatra as the Prime Minister, the draft of the Entertainment Complex Act approved earlier this month sets the stage for **establishment of casinos** in Thailand to be featured in her policy plans. To be upfront, the **inflows from enlarged tourism receipts will bolster the THB's medium term prospects** and increase in fiscal revenue collections from both gaming duties and associated consumption and income taxes can **also alleviate pressures from a precarious fiscal trajectory.**
- As for the details, inadvertently, there are similarities with Singapore such as entry levies for locals and requirements to incorporate tourism elements such as departmental store, hotels and amusement park.
- In terms of the licence, the draft details indicate that it is valid for up to 30 years and the applicant is required to pay 5bn THB (~US\$141m) to register and 1bn THB (~US\$28m) to operate a year. In Singapore, the licence is valid for 3 years, and the operation fee also stands at hefty S\$24m (~US\$18m). Given that tourist arrivals in Thailand is about twice that of Singapore's, differences in operating fees are not surprising. As for taxes on Gross Gaming Revenue, the reported 17% rate for Thailand is slightly below Singapore top rate of 18% for 'other players' while much higher than the 8% for 'premium' players.
- Admittedly, abstracting from social costs, there is **huge potential for significant economic gains** given their comparative advantage in the hospitality industry and may also generate sizeable employment gains.
- Nonetheless, it is perhaps worth remembering that the labour intensive gaming sector and the associated services sector remains relatively low in the technological ladder and **will have limited productivity/learning by doing gains to exploit.** As such, while the economic boost is substantial, the enlarged services sector further entrenches the difficulty of escaping the Middle Income Trap to raise GDP per capita and resolving woes from underlying structural issues such as unfavorable population dynamics.
- Looking ahead, the legal and operational hurdles as well as contentious public reception imply that the journey to establish is unlikely to be smooth sailing especially given that previous attempts during the Thaksin administration was also unable to bring it to fruition.
- As for the BoT, they will likely be cautious of the potential increase in household debt from such plans given. That said, increasingly the current concerns are tightening of financial conditions amid decline in credit quality among households and SMES causing BoT Govenor Sethaput to strike dovish tones on the potential for monetary policy easing.

FX OUTLOOK

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FX	Close (NY)	Open*	Daily %∆	Fore	cast	t	
USDJPY	143.18	143.19	+0.62%	141.50	-	145.00	
EURUSD	1.1035	1.1035	▼ 0.44%	1.0980	-	1.1120	
GBPUSD	1.3074	1.3070	▼0.42%	1.3000		1.3200	
AUDUSD	0.6661	0.6658	▼0.15%	0.6600	-	0.6710	
DXY	101.6		+0.37%	100.0	-	102.0	
USDCNY	7.1137		+0.22%	7.0880	-	7.1400	
USDCNH	7.1202	7.1214	+0.36%	7.0880	-	7.1400	
USDHKD	7.7971	7.7969	+0.02%	7.7910	-	7.8060	
USDSGD	1.3058	1.3060	+0.24%	1.2990	-	1.3130	
USDKRW	1345	1341	+0.00%	1325	-	1350	
USDTWD	32.11		+0.55%	31.90		32.30	
USDINR	83.96		+0.01%	83.80	-	84.10	
USDIDR	15455		+0.59%	15300	-	15600	
USDMYR	4.372	4.369	+0.97%	4.340	-	4.380	
USDPHP	56.47		+0.99%	56.20	-	56.70	
USDTHB	33.95	33.87	+1.28%	33.70	-	34.30	
USDVND	24666	24666	+0.21%	24600	-	24900	

^{*}Open is as at 8am HKT/SGT.

MARKET MOVES

Bond Yields	2Y Close	10Y Close	2Y Δ (bps)	10Y Δ (bps)
UST (US)	3.670	3.701	2.2	-0.9
JGB (JP)	0.389	0.894	1.8	4.8
Bunds (GE)	2.210	2.167	-1.6	-0.3
Gilts (UK)	3.884	3.855	-6.6	-3.0
AGB (AU)	3.678	3.954	5.0	7.3
SGS (SG)	2.432	2.592	0.1	4.1
CGB (CN)	1.420	2.121	-2.1	-1.3
KGB (KR)	3.058	2.971	-1.8	2.2
SDL (IN)	6.854	6.736	1.2	1.8

Cross FX	Close (NY)	Open*	Daily %∆
EUR/JPY	157.99	158	+0.14%
GBP/JPY	187.179	187.143	+0.16%
JPY/SGD (100yen)	0.912	0.9121	▼0.36%
JPY/HKD (100yen)	5.4459	5.4453	▼0.59%
CNH/JPY	20.083	20.128	+0.13%
CNH/HKD	1.0961	1.096	▼0.20%
EUR/GBP	0.84403	0.8443	▼0.02%
AUD/NZD	1.084	1.084	+0.35%
EUR/CNH	7.8558	7.8585	▼0.09%
GBP/CNH	9.3087	9.3077	▼0.06%
*Open is as at Sam LIVT/CCT			

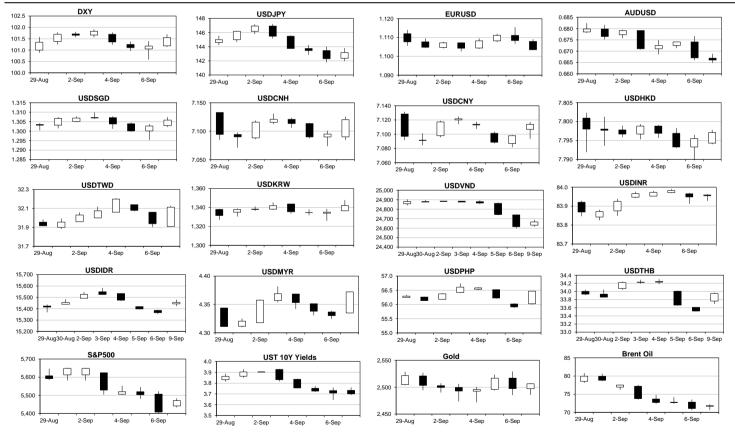
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G3 Equities	Close	Net Chg	Daily %∆
S&P500 (US)	5471.05	62.63	+1.16%
Nasdaq (US)	16884.6	193.77	+1.16%
DJIA (US)	40829.59	484.18	+1.20%
N225 (JP)	36215.75	-175.72	▼0.48%
STOXX50 (EU)	4778.66	40.60	+0.86%

Asia Equities	Close	Net Chg	Daily %∆
ASX (AU)	4513.72	46.25	+1.04%
STI (SG)	3496.53	42.06	+1.22%
SHCOMP (CN)	2736.488	-29.32	▼1.06%
SZCOMP (CN)	1496.229	-8.95	▼0.59%
HSI (HK)	17196.96	-247.34	▼ 1.42%
SENSEX (IN)	81559.54	375.61	+0.46%
JSE (ID)	7702.739	-19.11	▼0.25%
KLSE (MY)	1651.49	-1.63	▼0.10%
PSE (PH)	6984.25	48.16	+0.69%
SET (TH)	1431.13	3.49	+0.24%
VNINDEX (VN)	1267.73	0.00	▼0.49%

Commodity Close Net Chg Daily %∆ COPPER (LME) 8,972.42 96.90 +1.09% IRON ORE (CN) 91.77 -4.83 +0.00% GOLD 2,506.38 8.97 +0.36% SILVER 28.35 -0.11 **▼**4.62% OIL (BRENT) 71.84 0.78 +1.10% OIL (WTI) 68.71 1.04 +1.54% NATURAL GAS 0.41 2.17 +1.47%

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