

16 - 22 JULY: TAKE THE IMF'S VIEW WITH A PINCH OF SALT

THIS WEEK'S GLOBAL EQUITY MARKET MOVERS

DEVELOPED	Top 3:	Netherlands 2.46% , Switzerland 2.31% , Sweden 2.21%
	Bottom 3:	Luxembourg -2.99% , Ireland -1.27% , Norway -0.70%
EMERGING	Top 3:	Turkey 5.82% , Brazil 4.88% , Abu Dhabi 1.77%
	Bottom 3:	Russia -5.83% , Pakistan -2.91% , Egypt -2.62%
FRONTIER	Top 3:	Vietnam 2.58% , Argentina 2.45% , Bahrain 1.53%
	Bottom 3:	Nigeria -1.84% , Kazakhstan -1.42% , Bangladesh -1.22%

Topical:

Last week, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) updated its global macroeconomic assessment and kept the headline aggregate growth forecasts for 2018 and 2019 unchanged at 3.9%. Even though the headline global growth rates have not changed, growth projections for several economies have been revised due to the shifts in the balance of risks induced by trade tensions. Prospects for the Euro Area (2.2% and 1.9%), Japan (1% and 0.9%) and the United Kingdom (1.4% and 1.5%) were downgraded, while forecasts for the US (2.9% and 2.7%) and China (6.6% and 6.4%) have not changed. Overall, the outlook presented by the IMF is rather gloomy, as large weights are assigned to future events with a negative impact on EM growth, such as further and sustained increases in commodity prices and tighter financial conditions induced by the Fed.

We acknowledge that there are looming risks that could weigh on the global economic momentum, but we do not think that the Fed is heading towards a policy mistake that could trigger an unwanted downturn nor that commodity prices will soar. Furthermore, within the EM universe, some countries with insulated domestic economies can rely on their inherent structural growth potential that shields them from the impact of the trade wars, such as China and India, while others possess stable macroeconomic foundations to weather turbulent times, e.g. Peru, Chile and Morocco.

Both the Brent crude oil price for September delivery and WTI for August delivery fell more than 4% last Monday, to USD 72/bbl and USD 68/bbl, respectively. The collapse in crude oil prices were driven by speculations that Saudi Arabia intends to bring additional supplies to the market. Rumours citing that the US could increase the supply in the oil market by releasing its Strategic Petroleum Reserves amplified the extent of the price drop. Furthermore, US Treasury Secretary Mnuchin's statement weighed on oil prices as well. According to Mr Mnuchin, some crude importers may receive waivers to continue purchasing oil from Iran. Throughout the week both Brent and WTI prices went sideways, as they could not recover even after Saudi Arabia announced later that oil exports may decrease in August. Brent for September delivery closed the week at USD 73/bbl, while WTI for August delivery closed at USD 70/bbl.

UNITED STATES

S&P 2,802 +0.02%, 10yr Treasury 2.89% +6.60bps, HY Credit Index 339 +4bps, Vix 13.51 +.68Vol

US stock markets went sideways last week. Both the S&P500 and the NASDAQ rose only about 0.25%. Fixed income markets moved similarly, with a marginal increase in yields and steepening of the curve.

US: Fed Chair Jerome Powell's Senate testimony concluded that the US economy is in a good enough shape to withstand the impact of further interest rate hikes.

Markets continue to foresee greater than 50% probability of two additional 25bp hikes this year. As a result, the Fed funds rate may arrive at 2.00-2.25% in December.

Whilst the USD was broadly flat over the week, the currency was hit by President Trump's frenzy on Thursday on Twitter and on CNBC. **The POTUS tweeted that dollar strength hurts the US economy** and accused the Euro Area and China of "illegally" manipulating their currencies. The President openly opposed the Fed's rate hike cycle, he is "not thrilled" with the Fed's plan to carry on with the tightening cycle. President Trump's comments sent the EURUSD cross through the 1.17 mark.

It has become clear by now that the Trump administration prefers a weaker dollar to a stronger one, although Mr Trump argued in favour of a weaker dollar during the presidential campaign. It is, however, unusual that the US President openly comments on FX market movements and criticises the Governor of the Federal Reserve, who was actually appointed by the incumbent POTUS.

Retail sales grew at a solid pace, 0.5% MoM in June, matching Bloomberg consensus. Excluding auto sales, the monthly growth of sales volume was 0.4%. Figures in previous months were revised, lifting May sales growth by 0.5ppt to 1.3% MoM. Industrial production increased 0.6% MoM, manufacturing output rose 0.8% MoM, while capacity utilisation was 78%.

EUROPE

Eurostoxx 3,442 +0.46%, German Bund 0.39% +3.00bps, Xover Credit Index 296 -1bps, USDEUR .852 -0.30%

European stock indices delivered mixed performances last week. The Turkish index was the greatest outperformer, as the index rebounded and soared 5.89%, while Russia was the biggest underperformer, dropping 5.72% in USD terms mainly driven by oil prices.

EA: Eurozone core inflation slipped 0.2ppt to 0.9% YoY in June. Not only did the annual measure slow, but it was also revised down 0.1ppt compared to the flash estimate. The weakness in the core inflation rate was mainly caused by the subdued dynamics of services prices.

Inflationary pressure remains subdued in the Euro Area, which is at odds with the European Central Bank's outlook. Should the lacklustre trend in inflationary dynamics persist, the ECB will have to reconsider whether the termination of

its asset purchase programme in December is appropriate.

UK: The UK jobs report delivered decent labour market figures. The 3-month rolling average growth rate of nominal wages (excluding bonuses) eased to 2.7% YoY in May, due to base effects. In the same period, unemployment rate remained 4.2%.

Inflation figures were rather disappointing in June, as the headline CPI inflation rate was flat at 2.4% YoY, while core inflation faltered by 0.2ppt to 1.9% YoY. Both measures undershot expectations.

Labour market dynamics are solid enough to convince the Bank of England (BoE) that it is time for a rate hike, in our opinion. However, the unexpectedly slow inflation rate weakens the case for tightening. Although the general macro environment is strong enough to bear the impact of a rate hike in August, the noisy political scene might just scare the BoE to delay the long-awaited hike using the lack of convincing inflationary pressure as an excuse.

RU: Industrial production in Russia faltered, as output grew by only 2.2% in June, underwhelming expectations.

TR: The Turkish government significantly increased expenditures before the elections. Consequently, fiscal accounts deteriorated markedly. Both the headline and the primary deficit soared, lifting the 12-month rolling budget deficit to ca. 2% of GDP, slightly above the annual target for 2018.

Industrial production fell 1.6% MoM on a seasonally-adjusted basis, while the working-day adjusted annual figure reflected 6.4% growth in May. The rebound was driven by the good performance of the mining and quarrying sector and manufacturing.

PL: Polish high-frequency indicators indicated the inherent strength of the economy. Industrial production accelerated to 6.8% YoY in June. This was the second upside surprise in a row. On a seasonally-adjusted basis, annual growth moderated to 6.3% YoY. The automotive sector, construction and the energy sector contributed the most. June private sector wage growth accelerated to 7.5% YoY in Poland. The pace of nominal wage growth matches the forecast by the Polish central bank.

High-frequency macroeconomic indicators suggest that GDP growth could have remained above 5% YoY in 2018 Q2. As long as the transmission between wages to consumer prices remains weak, inflationary pressure will be limited. Consequently, the MPC is unlikely to give up its current dovish stance.

ASIA PACIFIC

HSCEI 10,752 -0.60%, Nikkei 22,396.99 + 1.12%, 10yr JGB 0.09% Obps, USDJPY 110.960 -0.67%

The MSCI Asia Pacific excluding Japan fell 1.34% last week, mostly led by the underperformance of Chinese, Hong Kong and Indian indices.

JP: **Japanese core inflation (excluding fresh food) edged up 0.1ppt to 0.8% YoY in June**, while the core measure that excludes both fresh food and energy slowed by 0.1ppt to 0.2% YoY.

IN: **June wholesale price inflation (WPI) in India accelerated from May's 4.43% to 5.77% YoY**, exceeding the Bloomberg consensus of 5.23% YoY. Details revealed that wholesale prices were significantly pushed up by higher oil, power and lighting prices.

The gap between expectations and the actual figure is not extraordinarily high and not a cause to be overly concerned about inflationary pressure in India, since WPI is a highly volatile indicator in general, which makes accurate forecasting difficult. Going forward, price pressure should ease in India due to the oil price drop.

CN: **Economic growth in China slowed by 0.1ppt to 6.7% YoY in 2018 Q2**, as expected. Details reveal that growth of fixed asset investments and industrial output moderately decelerated, as both expanded 6% YoY in 2018 H1. Output by the services sector rose 7.6% YoY in H1, **which indicated that domestic drivers, such as household demand revved up**. According to the official statistics, economic growth was primarily spurred by domestic demand, as final consumption contributed 78.5% to GDP in 2018 H1 vs. 58.8% in 2017 H1. The contribution of investments amounted to 31.4%, while the share of net exports was -9.9%.

Domestic drivers had a great role in the sustenance of Chinese economic growth. This idea was underpinned by the monthly retail sales statistics as well, which indicated that retail sales volumes rose 9% YoY in June. The available GDP data do not reflect the impact of the trade war yet, as the imposition of tariffs will exert its impact on growth in 2018 H2. In our opinion, the drag effect on economic momentum will not be severe, as the estimated impact will probably be in the range of -0.2 to -0.4ppt. Furthermore, China's total net exports and export exposure to the US are limited: total exports to GDP was 19% last year, while exports to the US amount to about 3.5% of GDP.

The People's Bank of China (PBOC) delivered monetary stimulus in an unconventional manner, as the central bank slashed the interest rate paid on the 3-month deposit facility instead of the primary policy rate on the 7-day deposit facility. The rate on the 3-month deposit was slashed from 4.73% to 3.7%.

In our view, the unusual monetary easing was triggered by the 2018 Q2 GDP figures. Should economic momentum fade, we believe policymakers stand ready to intervene by further easing monetary conditions via reserve requirement ratio cuts or carrying out fiscal measures of an expansive nature (e.g. investing into high-tech R&D or tax relief).

Movements of the Chinese currency came into focus by the end of last week, as the USDCNY crossed the 6.80 level temporarily and settled around 6.77 by the end of trading hours.

Even though the PBOC has not reacted to the currency depreciation yet, we remain of the view that the Chinese authorities will prevent any sudden and significant depreciation of the yuan, as it would be damaging to the

Chinese economy and financial markets.

MY: **Malaysian headline CPI inflation rate slowed to 0.8% YoY in June** (vs. 1.8% YoY in May), while in a monthly comparison prices decreased 1.2%. The core inflation rate virtually stagnated in June (0.1% YoY). The substantial deceleration was primarily driven by the phase-out of the 6% Goods and Services Tax (GST). In addition, discounts and price control measures during the Eid al-Fitr celebrations kept inflation at bay. The deceleration of inflation dynamics was broad-based, only those prices that are strongly linked to energy prices (e.g. transportation 5.5% YoY, or housing water, electricity, gas and other fuels 1.5% YoY) increased.

The communication by the MPC was slightly dovish on 11th July, citing that economic activity was solid and headline inflation might even dip into negative territory due to the termination of the GST in the coming months. The MPC is unlikely to hike this year.

Lim Guan Eng, Malaysian Finance Minister, scaled back expectations for GDP growth for this year to about 5%, as the export-oriented Malaysian economy might have to weather the effects of the trade war. "If the global economy slows, as a trading nation, definitely Malaysia will be impacted," Lim said in an interview with Bloomberg.

PH: **Overseas remittances to the Philippines rose 6.9% YoY** in May, amounting to USD 2.5bn. On a 12-month rolling basis, the total sum of remittances amounted to USD 28.5bn.

The favourable trend of cash remittances to the Philippines slightly improved. However, the amount observed in May was insufficient to cover the trade deficit of about USD 3.8bn. Should the trend of remittances persist, the whole-year amount may match the sum in 2017, ca. 10% of GDP.

BD: **In the period between July and April of FY2017-18, the current account deficit stood at USD 9.4bn** vs. USD 2.2bn a year earlier. By the end of the fiscal year, the current account deficit probably exceeded USD 10bn, which roughly equals 3.5-4% of Bangladeshi GDP.

ID: **The Indonesian foreign trade balance swung back to surplus**, which amounted to USD 1.74bn in June. The prevalence of the trade surplus was due to the slowing growth rate of imports (12.7% YoY). In contrast with imports, exports rose 11.2%, matching the pace seen in April and May.

After three hasty hikes for a total amount of 100bp, **the central bank of Indonesia took a pause and left the policy rate at 5.25% in July**. The MPC sent a rather hawkish message after the decision, signalling further rate increases going forward.

VN: According to local market rumours, **the Vietnamese central bank has been protecting the local currency by actively conducting open market operations**. The central bank allegedly offered USD 2bn out of its foreign exchange reserves to local banks. The actual demand was a few hundred million of USD.

TH: According to the comment released by the Bank of Thailand, a "more hawkish" monetary policy signal is

warranted, should the GDP growth rate exceed 4.5% YoY in 2018 Q2. In its last meeting the central bank left its policy rate at 1.5%.

External trade surplus in June amounted to USD 1.6bn, as exports grew 8.2% YoY, while imports rose 10.8% YoY. Exports were primarily bolstered by electronics and autos, while commodities drove imports.

PK: The central bank of Pakistan raised the policy rate by 100bp to 7.5%. According to the MPC, a rate hike was the appropriate step in response to the fiscal expansion and to counter the deteriorating inflation outlook.

LATIN AMERICA

MSCI Lat Am 2,649 +2.79%

While the Mexican and Colombian stock exchanges were dominated by sellers, the broad stock indices rose in Brazil, Chile and Argentina, being the greatest outperformer by heading north 1.89%.

PE: **The central bank of Peru kept the policy rate at 2.75% for the fourth consecutive month.** The MPC underlined in the statement, that members will keep monitoring inflation expectations and the wideness of the output gap.

Peruvian net international reserves amounted to USD 60.3bn on 10th July. Reserves in proportion of GDP reached 28% of GDP.

Economic activity was stronger-than-expected in May, as **Peruvian national production rose 6.43% YoY (0.18% MoM SA).** The expansion was broad-based, as all sectors experienced strong growth: mining increased 3.7% YoY, construction 9.92% YoY, manufacturing 10.5% YoY, retail sector 3.28% YoY.

The President of the Peruvian central bank said that internal demand and mining investment rose at 5% YoY in 2018 H1. **In President Velarde's view, the upswing in internal demand and mining investment are signs of a cyclical recovery.**

BR: **The monthly economic activity indicator reflected a substantial contraction of 2.9% YoY in May.**

Brazil's inflation rate accelerated to 4.53% YoY in the first two weeks of July. Headline CPI inflation broke through the mid-point of the central bank's target of 4.5% with a tolerance band of +/- 1.5ppt.

Details reflect that the upward pressure induced by the truckers' strike have begun to ease, such as prices of food items that had soared as a result of the strike.

Geraldo Alckmin, a business-friendly Brazilian presidential candidate got strong support for his campaign as a coalition of five centrist parties agreed to back him.

The group of centrist parties made up of the Progressive Party (PP), Democrats (DEM), Solidarity (SD), Brazilian Republican Party (PRB) and the Party of the Republic (PR). With the support of the bloc, Alckmin may be granted more than four minutes of airtime on TV for his campaign.

AR: **Argentine headline CPI inflation rate was 29.5% YoY in June** (vs. 26.3% in May). In a monthly comparison, inflation bounced to 3.7%. Monthly core inflation rate reflected even faster acceleration, as it was observed at 4.1%.

CO: Colombia's imports rose 21.1% YoY in May, to USD 4.5bn, while exports only grew by 5% YoY. As a result, the **trade deficit widened to USD 638.8mn in May**, lifting the 12-month rolling deficit to USD 5bn.

Imports of capital goods and construction materials (24.3% YoY) and raw materials for manufacturing (34.4% YoY) suggest that investments may accelerate after the slump in H1 (-3.9% YoY).

Carolina Soto will replace President Adolfo Meisel, who resigned from the Colombian central bank last year

and attended his last MPC meeting in June. Ms. Soto has substantial experience in policymaking, as she was Deputy Minister of Finance before she serves as High Councillor of Competitiveness and the Private Sector for President Santos.

Ms. Soto has a good reputation, as she is known for being orthodox and pragmatic and has strong experience and knowledge of public finances. Her appointment is unlikely to have a significant impact on the MPC's current stance.

AFRICA

MSCI Africa 870 -0.21%

African market sentiment was rather cloudy during the week, as the MSCI Africa index fell almost 2% led by Egypt and Nigeria.

EG: **Remittances from abroad to Egypt are expected to reach USD 26bn in FY2017-18**, according to the central bank. The surge in remittances represent a ca. 50% YoY increase.

ZA: **South Africa's Monetary Policy Committee unanimously kept the repurchase rate at 6.5%** for the second consecutive month and emphasised that there were upside risks to inflation. According to the central bank Governor, the weaker currency and higher oil-price assumptions will increase the inflation trajectory and weigh on growth prospects. Consequently, the central bank slashed its GDP projection from 1.7% to 1.2% for 2018.

South African annual headline CPI inflation was 4.6% YoY in June vs. 4.4% YoY in May. The pace of inflation was mainly spurred by fuel prices, as they rose 16.3% YoY. Core inflation indicated that underlying inflationary pressure eased, as it slowed 0.2ppt to 4.2% YoY.

Thus far, inflation has remained within the central bank's inflation target band of 3-6%. However, a weaker ZAR could imply faster inflation going forward.

Consumer confidence in South Africa slightly moderated in 2018 Q2, but remains "extraordinarily high," at 22 vs 26 in the previous quarter. Strong consumer confidence was also reflected in the May retail sales figures, as sales rose 1.9% YoY (vs. 0.5% in April) and 1.1% MoM.

MA: **The Moroccan Finance and Economy Ministry announced that new industrial companies will be exempted from corporate tax for five years.** According to the Ministry, the decision is will spur investments in 24 sectors, e.g. the automotive, aeronautical, textile, manufacturing, food and pharmaceutical, etc.

NG: **The Nigerian central bank issued yuan-denominated bonds for the first time** to boost the trade and commerce partnership between China and Nigeria, according to Bloomberg. By the help of this issuance, Nigeria wishes to reduce its dependence on USD-denominated funding, as about 45% of cross-border payments were carried out in USD, 29% in EUR, while the renminbi only accounted for 0.1% in 2017.

THE WEEK AHEAD

	Date	Consensus
UNITED STATES		
US manufacturing PMI (JUL)	Tue/24	55.1
US GDP (Q2) annualized QOQ	Fri/27	4.3
Michigan consumer sentiment (JUL)	Fri/27	97.1
EUROPE		
Eurozone consumer confidence	Mon/23	-0.7
Eurozone PMI (JUL)	Tue/24	54.8
Turkey interest rate %	Tue/24	18.8
ECB interest rate %	Thu/26	0.0
Russia interest rate %	Fri/27	7.3
France GDP (Q2) % YOY	Fri/27	1.9
ASIA PACIFIC		
South Korea GDP (Q2) % YOY	Thu/26	3.0
LATIN AMERICA		
Chile interest rate %	Tue/24	2.50
Colombia interest rate %	Fri/27	4.3
AFRICA		
Ghana interest rate %	Mon/23	17.00
Nigeria interest rate %	Tue/24	14.00

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GLOBAL MARKET DATA (CONTD.)

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Market Summary

Data:

Last Calendar Week

Equities			Return (USD)				YTD (Local)	Volume 1wk/3mo
Name	Country	Price	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1Y		
North America								
S&P 500 INDEX	US	2,718.37	-1.33%	0.48%	1.67%	12.34%		104%
RUSSELL 2000 INDEX	US	1,643.07	-2.52%	0.58%	7.00%	16.02%		103%
NASDAQ COMPOSITE INDEX	US	7,510.30	-2.37%	0.92%	8.79%	22.23%		106%
S&P/TSX COMPOSITE INDEX	Canada	16,277.73	0.26%	-0.11%	-4.30%	6.02%	0.42%	114%
S&P 500 CONS DISCRET IDX	US	870.23	-1.87%	3.50%	10.81%	22.55%		102%
S&P 500 CONS STAPLES IDX	US	529.08	-0.25%	4.15%	-9.93%	-6.46%		116%
S&P 500 FINANCIALS INDEX	US	441.15	-1.93%	-2.02%	-4.91%	7.64%		104%
S&P 500 HEALTH CARE IDX	US	965.78	-1.79%	1.51%	0.99%	5.21%		98%
S&P 500 INFO TECH INDEX	US	1,218.64	-2.19%	-0.39%	10.17%	29.46%		107%
S&P 500 ENERGY INDEX	US	561.54	1.03%	0.57%	5.27%	17.93%		88%
S&P 500 ECO SECTORS IDX	US	2,718.37	-1.33%	0.48%	1.67%	12.34%		104%
S&P 500 INDUSTRIALS IDX	US	602.10	-1.35%	-3.43%	-5.60%	4.08%		112%
S&P 500 MATERIALS INDEX	US	363.65	-0.80%	0.12%	-4.03%	8.27%		86%
S&P 500 REAL ESTATE IDX	US	201.90	1.06%	3.88%	-0.96%	1.42%		108%
S&P 500 TELECOM SERV IDX	US	148.12	1.18%	2.24%	-10.81%	-3.53%		101%
S&P 500 UTILITIES INDEX	US	263.30	2.25%	2.46%	-1.52%	-0.30%		105%
Europe								
Euro Stoxx 50 Pr	Europe	3,395.60	-1.09%	-0.27%	-5.87%	-0.07%	-3.09%	83%
CAC 40 INDEX	France	5,323.53	-0.94%	-1.34%	-2.67%	5.51%	0.21%	98%
DAX INDEX	Germany	12,306.00	-1.93%	-2.32%	-7.47%	1.25%	-4.73%	105%
Athex Composite Share Pr	Greece	757.57	-1.52%	0.28%	-8.29%	-5.58%	-5.58%	79%
FTSE MIB INDEX	Italy	21,626.27	-0.95%	-0.67%	-3.88%	6.71%	-1.04%	80%
AEX-Index	Netherlands	551.68	-1.30%	-0.16%	-1.60%	10.83%	1.30%	89%
PSI All-Share Index GR	Portugal	3,229.25	-0.08%	1.57%	5.62%	16.97%	8.75%	73%
MOEX Russia Index	Russia	2,293.20	2.42%	-0.93%	-0.14%	15.83%	8.83%	73%
IBEX 35 INDEX	Spain	9,622.70	-1.49%	1.71%	-6.94%	-6.65%	-4.19%	77%
OMX STOCKHOLM 30 INDEX	Sweden	1,539.38	0.03%	-0.90%	-9.68%	-8.50%	-1.15%	95%
SWISS MARKET INDEX	Switzerland	8,609.30	-0.39%	1.04%	-9.94%	-7.19%	-8.23%	107%
BIST 100 INDEX	Turkey	96,094.44	2.30%	-5.24%	-31.03%	-25.96%	-16.31%	115%
FTSE 100 INDEX	UK	7,636.93	-1.03%	-1.28%	-3.09%	5.54%	-0.66%	114%
Asia Pacific								
MSCI AC ASIA x JAPAN	MSCI Asia Ex	672.23	-2.39%	-5.20%	-5.78%	6.96%	-5.78%	161%
S&P/ASX 200 INDEX	Australia	6,177.79	-1.01%	0.70%	-3.33%	2.68%	2.14%	105%
DSE 30 Index	Bangladesh	1,932.36	-0.25%	-1.46%	-15.53%	-9.50%	-14.16%	
HANG SENG CHINA ENT INDX	China "H"	11,073.00	-2.34%	-7.58%	-5.84%	5.58%	-5.43%	126%
SHANGHAI SE COMPOSITE	China "A"	2,778.01	-3.12%	-10.98%	-15.43%	-8.38%	-13.90%	89%
HANG SENG INDEX	HK	28,955.11	-1.30%	-4.99%	-3.64%	10.92%	-3.22%	129%
Nifty 50	India	10,621.35	-1.86%	-1.74%	-5.13%	6.68%	1.74%	111%
JAKARTA COMPOSITE INDEX	Indonesia	5,774.88	-1.62%	-5.49%	-13.13%	-7.14%	-8.75%	97%
NIKKEI 225	Japan	21,811.93	-1.69%	-1.39%	-0.43%	11.49%	-2.02%	92%
KOSPI 200 INDEX	Korea	292.93	-1.41%	-6.35%	-11.21%	-1.37%	-7.72%	81%
Laos Composite Index	Laos	897.54	-0.86%	-2.56%	-10.97%	-13.16%	-9.50%	38%
FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI	Malaysia	1,681.58	-0.73%	-4.07%	-5.17%	1.91%	-5.86%	85%
KARACHI 100 INDEX	Pakistan	41,693.29	0.74%	-6.83%	-5.94%	-22.61%	3.56%	107%
PSEI - PHILIPPINE SE IDX	Philippines	7,222.07	1.69%	-5.36%	-21.26%	-12.37%	-15.95%	98%
STRAITS TIMES INDEX STI	Singapore	3,235.22	-0.89%	-6.31%	-5.80%	1.60%	-3.94%	97%
SRI LANKA COLOMB ALL SH	Sri Lanka	6,169.85	-0.14%	-3.26%	-5.69%	-10.39%	-2.74%	73%
TAIWAN TAIEX INDEX	Taiwan	10,777.94	-1.08%	-1.85%	-0.80%	4.05%	1.82%	91%
STOCK EXCH OF THAI INDEX	Thailand	1,596.80	-2.76%	-10.33%	-10.31%	4.02%	-9.02%	104%
HO CHI MINH STOCK INDEX	Vietnam	948.10	-2.67%	-1.78%	-3.44%	23.27%	-2.38%	81%
Rest of the World								
MSCI ACWI	MSCI World	505.20	-1.27%	-0.70%	-1.53%	8.43%	-1.53%	98%
MSCI EM	MSCI EM	1,069.52	-1.70%	-4.57%	-7.68%	5.47%	-7.68%	97%
MSCI Frontier Market Index	MSCI FM	2,649.82	-0.97%	-3.46%	-11.33%	-1.60%	-11.33%	89%
DFM GENERAL INDEX	Dubai	2,864.98	-3.66%	-4.83%	-16.29%	-16.83%	-16.29%	167%
MSCI EM LATIN AMERICA	Latin America	2,477.08	1.54%	-3.26%	-12.41%	-2.16%	-12.41%	89%
ARGENTINA MERVAL INDEX	Argentina	26,037.01	-19.66%	-21.52%	-44.36%	-30.94%	-13.40%	105%
MSCI BRAZIL	Brazil	1,647.27	0.83%	-8.45%	-18.57%	-2.64%	-18.57%	87%
Santiago Exchange IPSA	Chile	5,301.25	-3.83%	-6.01%	-10.23%	13.89%	-4.73%	98%
IGBC GENERAL INDEX	Colombia	12,499.63	3.72%	0.37%	11.17%	20.14%	8.90%	
S&P/BMV IPC	Mexico	47,663.20	3.21%	7.73%	-3.96%	-11.52%	-3.43%	92%
Bolsa de Panama General	Panama	483.55	0.94%	1.77%	9.17%	14.36%	9.17%	164%
S&P/BVLPeruGeneralTRPEN	Peru	19,800.26	-2.82%	-4.84%	-1.84%	22.75%	-0.87%	131%
MSCI EFM AFRICA	Africa	858.71	0.06%	-4.03%	-15.28%	3.41%	-15.28%	88%
EGYPT HERMES INDEX	Egypt	1,584.68	-0.15%	-1.02%	9.55%	31.66%	10.27%	70%
GSE Composite Index	Ghana	2,878.66	-0.83%	-11.25%	5.46%	36.07%	11.59%	102%
Nairobi SE 20 Share	Kenya	3,289.31	-0.58%	-0.89%	-9.42%	-6.02%	-11.39%	92%
MASI Free Float Index	Morocco	11,878.65	-2.62%	-3.57%	-5.68%	0.12%	-4.12%	444%
NIGERIA STCK EXC ALL SHR	Nigeria	38,278.55	0.82%	0.25%	-0.32%	0.33%	0.09%	97%
FTSE/JSE AFRICA TOP40 IX	South Africa	51,516.06	-0.76%	-4.60%	-11.67%	8.21%	-1.94%	162%
Global Style								
MSCI WORLD GROWTH INDEX	US	2,563.09	-1.46%	-0.02%	3.43%	15.10%	3.43%	97%
MSCI WORLD VALUE INDEX	US	2,736.37	-0.95%	-0.33%	-4.84%	2.64%	-4.84%	100%
MSCI World Large Cap	US	1,277.66	-1.14%	-0.08%	-0.68%	8.74%	-0.68%	100%
MSCI World Mid-Cap	US	1,375.12	-1.56%	-0.61%	-0.61%	9.32%	-0.61%	99%
Average			-1.04%	-2.29%	-5.44%	3.75%	-4.03%	106%
Top 25%			-0.03%	0.43%	-0.88%	11.21%	0.12%	107%
Bottom 25%			-1.83%	-4.71%	-10.08%	-4.56%	-8.82%	89%

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FX (vs USD)			Return +ive=USD Stronger			
Name	BBG Code	Price	1 Week	MTD	YTD	1Y
DOLLAR INDEX SPOT	DXY Index	94.76	-0.05%	0.52%	2.55%	-1.21%
USD-EUR X-RATE	USDEUR Curncy	0.86	-0.24%	-0.07%	2.95%	-2.11%
Russian Ruble SPOT (TOM)	USDRUB Curncy	63.12	-0.35%	0.64%	8.98%	5.38%
USD-TRY X-RATE	USDTRY Curncy	4.63	-1.57%	1.20%	21.34%	30.12%
USD-GBP X-RATE	USDGBP Curncy	0.76	0.44%	0.74%	2.49%	-1.55%
Bloomberg JPMorgan Asia Dollar	ADXY Index	106.70	-1.01%	-2.39%	-2.43%	1.04%
USD-AUD X-RATE	USDAUD Curncy	1.36	0.54%	2.31%	5.65%	3.69%
USD-CNY X-RATE	USDCNY Curncy	6.65	1.71%	3.33%	1.80%	-2.51%
USD-INR X-RATE	USDINR Curncy	68.64	0.89%	1.56%	7.24%	5.67%
USD-JPY X-RATE	USDJPY Curncy	110.67	0.75%	1.88%	-1.60%	-1.06%
USD-KRW X-RATE	USDKRW Curncy	1,119.23	0.09%	2.91%	4.31%	-2.80%
USD-TWD X-RATE	USDTRW Curncy	30.50	0.52%	1.53%	2.64%	-0.07%
USD-ARS X-RATE	USDARS Curncy	28.94	7.28%	16.17%	55.63%	75.69%
USD-BRL X-RATE	USBRL Curncy	3.88	2.66%	3.60%	16.64%	16.80%
USD-CLP X-RATE	USDCLP Curncy	653.58	2.55%	3.40%	6.12%	-1.60%
USD-MXN X-RATE	USDMXN Curncy	20.08	-1.19%	-0.94%	0.56%	9.49%
USD-EGP X-RATE	USDEGP Curncy	17.89	0.15%	0.01%	0.64%	-1.26%
USD-NGN X-RATE	USDNGN Curncy	361.50	0.28%	0.21%	0.42%	14.67%
USD-ZAR X-RATE	USDZAR Curncy	13.84	2.55%	8.47%	11.02%	5.30%
Commodities			Return (USD)			
WTI CRUDE FUTURE Aug18	CLA Comdty	73.70	8.12%	10.82%	24.79%	56.53%
BRENT CRUDE FUTR Sep18	COA Comdty	78.38	5.19%	2.56%	22.34%	57.67%
Baltic Dry Index	BDIY Comdty	1,385.00	3.28%	27.06%	1.39%	50.54%
Natural Gas Futures	NGI Comdty	2.90	-0.71%	-0.95%	-0.98%	-3.88%
Gold Spot \$/Oz	XAU Curncy	1,248.55	-1.05%	-3.57%	-3.89%	0.76%
Silver Spot \$/Oz	XAG Curncy	15.97	-1.55%	-2.13%	-5.33%	-3.26%
LME COPPER 3MO (\$)	LMCADSO3 Comdty	6,626.00	-2.40%	-3.30%	-8.57%	11.55%
Government Bond Yields %			Change (percentage points)			
US Generic Govt 2 Year Yield	USGG2YR Index	2.51	-0.01	0.10	0.65	1.16
US Generic Govt 5 Year Yield	USGG5YR Index	2.71	-0.03	0.04	0.53	0.89
US Generic Govt 10 Year Yield	USGG10YR Index	2.83	-0.03	0.00	0.45	0.59
Canadian Govt Bonds 10 Year No Mexico Generic 10 Year	GCAN10YR Index	2.17	0.04	-0.08	0.12	0.46
UK Govt Bonds 10 Year Note Gen	GMXN10YR Index	7.62	-0.15	-0.19	-0.04	0.87
Switzerland Govt Bonds 10 Year	GUKG10 Index	1.25	-0.04	0.05	0.09	0.03
German Government Bonds 2 Yr B	GSWISS10 Index	-0.07	-0.02	0.00	0.09	-0.02
German Government Bonds 5 Yr O	GDBR2 Index	-0.67	0.00	-0.01	-0.04	-0.10
Germany Generic Govt 10Y Yield	GDBR5 Index	-0.31	0.00	-0.03	-0.10	-0.07
French Generic Govt 10Y Yield	GDBR10 Index	0.29	-0.04	-0.04	-0.13	-0.15
Greece Generic Govt 10Y Yield	GTRFR10Y Govt	0.66	-0.04	0.00	-0.12	-0.14
Italy Generic Govt 10Y Yield	GTGRD10Y Govt	3.93	-0.18	-0.62	-0.14	-1.44
Spain Generic Govt 10Y Yield	GBTGR10 Index	2.72	-0.01	-0.11	0.66	0.53
Portugal Generic Govt 10Y Yield	GSPG10YR Index	1.34	-0.03	-0.18	-0.25	-0.21
Australia Govt Bonds Generic Y	GSPT10YR Index	1.80	-0.03	-0.19	-0.16	-1.25
India Govt Bond Generic Bid Yi	GACGB10 Index	2.60	-0.02	-0.04	0.00	0.13
KCMP South Korea Treasury Bond	GIND10YR Index	7.90	0.08	0.08	0.58	1.39
Japan Generic Govt 10Y Yield	GVSK10YR Index	2.56	-0.06	-0.14	0.09	0.36
South Africa Govt Bonds 10 Year	GJGB10 Index	0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.01	-0.03
	GSAB10YR Index	8.72				
Corporate Credit Indices			Change (Bps) +ive = Widening			
MARKIT ITRX EUR XOVER 06/23	ITRXEXE CBIL Curncy	327.27	15.74	16.31	89.41	77.30
MARKIT ITRX EUROPE 06/23	ITRXEBE CBIL Curncy	75.50	3.23	4.88	29.16	18.57
MARKIT ITRX EUR SNR FIN 06/23	ITRXESE CBIL Curncy	92.89	8.36	4.34	46.75	37.77
MARKIT ITRX EUR SUB FIN 06/23	ITRXEUE CBIL Curncy	184.12	13.50	-9.07	77.45	48.75
MARKIT CDX.NA.IG.30 06/23	IBOXUMAE CBIL Curncy	67.62	2.46	0.29	17.78	5.44
MARKIT CDX.NA.HY.30 06/23	IBOXHYE CBIL Curncy	361.69	15.66	4.19	50.59	13.92
Implied Volatility (Equity Index)			Change (Volatility Points) +ive = Volatility Rising			
Eurostoxx 3month ATM	SX5E Index	14.67	1.37	-0.30	1.01	-0.82
FTSE 100 500 3month ATM	UKX Index	12.27	1.33	0.47	2.88	0.79
Hang Seng 3month ATM	HSI Index	17.95	1.82	1.65	3.04	5.15
Nikkei 3month ATM	NKY Index	14.93	0.28	0.78	-0.60	2.32
S&P 500 3month ATM	SPX Index	13.61	1.67	0.93	3.69	2.98
Volatility (VIX)	VIX Index	16.09	2.32	0.66	5.05	4.65
Inflation (Long term inflation expectation proxy) %			Change (percentage points)			
US 5Y5YF Inflation Swap		2.41	-0.04	0.02	0.06	0.16
UK 5Y5YF Inflation Swap		3.41	0.01	0.02	-0.08	0.03
JPY 5Y5YF Inflation Swap		0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.08
EUR 5Y5YF Inflation Swap		1.74	-0.01	0.01	0.00	0.13
Economic Data Surprise (+ive/-ive = above/below expectations)						
Citi Economic Surprise Index	CESIAPAC Index	-9.10				
Citi Economic Surprise Index -	CESICNY Index	-46.40				
Citi Economic Surprise Index -	CESIEM Index	-11.70				
Citi Economic Surprise Index -	CESIEUR Index	-61.00				
Citi Economic Surprise Index -	CESIG10 Index	-25.70				
Citi Economic Surprise - Japan	CESIJPY Index	-11.40				
Citi Economic Surprise Index -	CESILTAM Index	-11.80				
Citi Economic Surprise - Unite	CESIUSD Index	-4.90				

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