

Global Overview

• US equities ended the holiday-shortened week lower with the S&P 500 at -0.6%, the Dow Jones at -0.9%, the Nasdaq at -1.2% and the Russell 2000 at -1.0%. Decline was mainly driven by cautious investor ahead of Hurricane Irma and amid geopolitical tensions with North Korea

• US Treasury yields closed lower as cautious investor sentiment drove safe haven demand and dovish Fed speak weakened inflation and rate hike expectations. US Dollar Index weakened on euro strength and reduced expectations of an additional Fed rate hike in 2017 which drove gold near a one year high. Greenback was also pressured by North Korea tensions although partly offset by an agreement in Congress to extend the debt limit by three months and approve emergency funding in the amount of USD 15 billion for Hurricane Harvey

• WTI crude oil closed higher supported by weaker US dollar, recovery in US demand as Gulf Coast refineries reopened after Hurricane Harvey and decline in US rig count. Gains were partly offset end of week on concerns that Hurricane Irma could reduce demand for energy

• European equities closed lower with the Stoxx 600 at -0.2% weighed by stronger EUR/USD, geopolitical fears and mixed Eurozone macro, mainly weaker-than-expected EU PMI composite. ECB maintained its benchmark interest rate unchanged while keeping the door open to an increase in asset purchases if needed “to gradually build up and support headline inflation”. Further details concerning the tapering of ECB’s stimulus program in 2018 were postponed till ECB’s October meeting which drove European government yields lower and EUR/USD higher despite Draghi’s comments about euro volatility representing a “source of uncertainty”. UK equities closed lower with the FTSE 100 at -0.8% as GBP/USD strengthened. Sentiment was weighed by geopolitics and report by British Chamber of Commerce which included cautious outlook for UK economic activity amid Brexit uncertainty

• Japanese equities closed lower with the Nikkei 225 at -2.1% on stronger safe-haven Yen and North Korea uncertainty. Q2/17 GDP was revised lower to 2.5% from an initial estimate of 4.0% on softer corporate capital spending growth

• Chinese equities closed roughly flat with the Shanghai Composite at -0.1% as Chinese trade data came in weaker-than-expected with disappointing exports growth. Emerging markets closed flat

• MENA equities ended the holiday-shortened week higher with the S&P Pan Arab Composite at +0.8% on gains in Saudi Arabia following higher oil prices and speculation that Crown Prince Mohammad Bin Salman might soon take the throne

Previous Week Macro Data

	Actual	Cons.
EU Markit PMI composite (Aug)	55.7	55.8
EU Retail sales (YoY) (Jul)	2.6%	2.5%
US Markit PMI composite (Aug)	55.3	-
US ISM non-manufacturing PMI (Aug)	55.3	55.8
CNY FX reserves (MoM)(Aug)	¥3.09T	¥3.10T
JPY Coincident index	115.6	115.8
EU GDP (YoY) (Q2)	2.3%	2.2%
EU ECB interest rate decision	0.0%	0.0%
US Initial jobless claims (Sep 1)	298K	241K
US EIA crude oil stocks change (Aug 28)	4.6M	4.0M
JPY GDP (Q2)	2.5%	2.9%
CNY Trade balance USD (Aug)	\$42.0B	\$48.6B
UK Industrial production (YoY) (Jul)	0.4%	0.4%
UK NIESR GDP estimate (3M) (Aug)	0.4%	-
US Wholesale inventories (Jul)	0.6%	0.4%
US Baker Hughes oil rig count	756	-

Date | **Upcoming Week Key Earnings**

13-Sep	Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, United Natural Foods
14-Sep	Oracle, China Life Insurance, Sun Hung Kai Properties
15-Sep	Biohaven Pharma

Date | **Upcoming Week Macro Data** | **Cons.** | **Prior**

12-Sep	CNY FDI (YTD) (YoY) (Aug)	-	-1.2%
12-Sep	UK Core CPI (YoY) (Aug)	2.3%	2.4%
12-Sep	US NFIB business optimism index (Aug)	105.0	105.2
12-Sep	US JOLTS job openings (Jul)	6.0M	6.2M
13-Sep	UK ILO unemployment rate (3M) (Jul)	4.4%	4.4%
13-Sep	EU Industrial production (YoY) (Jul)	3.4%	2.6%
13-Sep	US EIA crude oil stocks change (Sep 4)	-	4.6M
14-Sep	CNY Retail sales (YoY) (Aug)	10.5%	10.4%
14-Sep	CNY Industrial production (YoY) (Aug)	6.6%	6.4%
14-Sep	CNY Urban investment (YTD) (YoY) (Aug)	8.2%	8.3%
14-Sep	JPY Industrial production (YoY) (Jul)	-	4.7%
14-Sep	UK BoE interest rate decision	0.25%	0.25%
14-Sep	US Initial jobless claims (Sep 8)	300K	298K
14-Sep	US Core CPI (YoY) (Aug)	1.6%	1.7%
15-Sep	US Retail sales (MoM) (Aug)	0.1%	0.6%
15-Sep	US Industrial production (MoM) (Aug)	0.2%	0.2%
15-Sep	US Michigan consumer sent. Ind. (Sep)	95.1	96.8
15-Sep	US Business inventories (Jul)	0.3%	0.5%
15-Sep	US Baker Hughes oil rig count	-	756

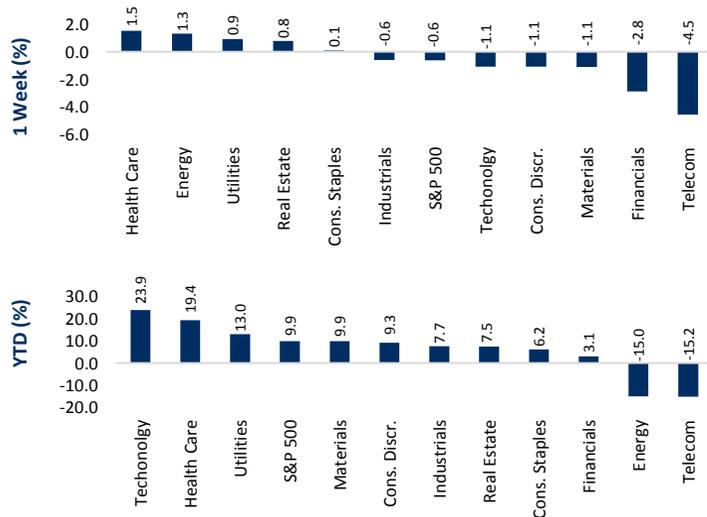
Date | **Upcoming Policy & Related Events**

11-Sep	EU ECB Cœuré
12-Sep	EU ECB Constâncio
14-Sep	UK BoE monetary policy summary, UK BoE minutes, EU ECB Mersch
15-Sep	UK BoE quarterly bulletin, EU ECB Mersch, Nouy, Lautenschläger, Draghi & Cœuré

Equities	Value	1 Day %	1 Week %	YTD %	P/E	Div. Yld. %
S&P 500	2,461.43	-0.15	▼ -0.61	▲ 9.94	20.64	2.01
Dow Jones	21,797.79	0.06	▼ -0.86	▲ 10.30	18.56	2.42
NASDAQ	6,360.19	-0.59	▼ -1.17	▲ 18.15	24.15	1.08
Russell 2000	1,399.43	0.05	▼ -1.00	▲ 3.12	20.32	1.23
STOXX 600	375.51	0.15	▼ -0.17	▲ 4.56	17.88	3.41
FTSE 100	7,377.60	-0.26	▼ -0.82	▲ 3.77	22.31	4.17
Nikkei 225	19,274.82	-0.63	▼ -2.12	▲ 2.26	17.07	1.94
Shanghai Comp.	3,365.24	-0.01	▼ -0.06	▲ 8.79	16.54	1.98
S&P Pan Arab	699.30	0.49	▲ 0.77	▲ 2.83	13.36	3.53
MSCI ACWI	1,953.56	0.24	▲ 0.78	▲ 16.01	17.51	3.23
MSCI EM	1,091.17	0.10	▼ -0.02	▲ 26.55	15.13	2.50

Credit	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	Yield %
Barclays Global Aggregate	489.24	▲ 1.00	▲ 8.39	1.47
Barclays Global Agg. – Corporate	251.32	▲ 0.34	▲ 4.93	2.38
Barclays Global High Yield	1,296.67	▲ 0.44	▲ 9.32	5.14
Markit CDX N.A. Investment Grade	60.24	▲ 5.42	NA	NA
Markit CDX N.A. High Yield (price)	106.81	▼ -0.56	NA	NA
Markit CDX EM (price)	96.62	▲ 0.04	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx ITX Crossover	110.42	▲ 0.01	NA	NA
Markit iTraxx Europe	23.65	▼ -1.74	NA	NA

S&P 500 Sector



Rates	Value	1 Week %	YTD %	Yield %
Treasuries 2-Yr	99.97	▲ 0.16	▼ -0.14	1.29
Treasuries 10-Yr	101.77	▲ 1.03	▲ 5.88	2.09
Treasuries 30-Yr	101.64	▲ 2.22	▲ 5.57	2.70
Gilts 10-Yr	131.68	▲ 0.54	▲ 1.56	1.01
Bunds 10-Yr	101.85	▲ 0.64	▲ 3.87	0.32
French 10-Yr	103.63	▲ 0.64	▲ 8.07	0.62
Italian 10-Yr	102.26	▲ 1.02	▲ 7.64	1.95
Spanish 10-Yr	99.26	▲ 0.59	▼ -0.01	1.52
JGBs 10-Yr	101.05	▲ 0.18	▲ 0.46	0.00

Volatility	Value	1 Week %	YTD %
S&P 500 VIX	12.12	▲ 19.64	▼ -13.68
Stoxx 50 VIX	15.20	▲ 3.28	▼ -16.13
EM VIX	17.77	▲ 15.02	▼ -20.42
Interest rate VIX	74.61	▲ 0.39	▼ -16.09
Deutsche Bank FX VIX	8.65	▲ 26.45	▼ -7.25
Crude Oil VIX	27.50	▼ -2.10	▼ -6.75

Investment Style

	Value	Blend	Growth
1 Week (%)			
Large	-0.9	-0.6	-0.4
Mid	-1.3	-1.1	-0.9
Small	-0.9	-1.0	-1.1
YTD (%)			
Large	2.7	9.9	16.3
Mid	0.0	3.5	6.8
Small	-2.1	0.1	2.2

Commodities	Value	1 Week %	YTD %
Oil-Brent	53.78	▲ 1.95	▼ -5.35
Oil-WTI	47.48	▲ 0.40	▼ -11.62
Natural Gas	2.89	▼ -5.86	▼ -22.40
Gold	1,351.20	▲ 1.56	▲ 17.32
Silver	18.12	▲ 1.72	▲ 13.35
Copper	304.15	▼ -2.45	▲ 21.39
S&P GSCI	387.18	▲ 0.21	▼ -2.77

Currencies	Value	1 Week %	YTD %
EUR-USD	1.2036	▲ 1.48	▲ 14.44
GBP-USD	1.3200	▲ 1.92	▲ 6.97
USD-JPY	107.8400	▼ -2.19	▼ -7.80
USD-CNY	6.4944	▼ -0.98	▼ -6.49
USD-CHF	0.9442	▼ -2.14	▼ -7.34
AUD-USD	0.8060	▲ 1.07	▲ 11.82
USD-CAD	1.2159	▼ -1.90	▼ -9.54
USD-SEK	7.9310	▼ -0.86	▼ -12.90
DXY Index	91.3520	▼ -1.58	▼ -10.62

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