



## The Fed is expected to increase interest rates to 2.25%, with US monetary policy coming out of accommodative territory for the first time in 10 years

- Investor attention in the week ahead will turn to: i) the US Federal Reserve bank meeting on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>; and ii) the Italian 2019 Budget proposal on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The Fed is expected to raise the federal funds rate target by 25 bps, to 2.0% - 2.25%. Investor focus will be on the FOMC participants' estimates ("dots") for the path of the federal funds rate. Currently, FOMC projections for future rate increases indicate 2 additional hikes by end 2018 to 2.50%, 3 hikes by end 2019 to 3.25% and 1 hike for end-2020 (3.50%). We see little room for the 2019 forecast to increase by 1 hike.
- The Fed will likely gradually move to a restrictive policy (unless there is a significant deterioration in global growth) on the back of: i) above-trend growth, with US real GDP at 2.7% in H1:2018 due to fiscal support; ii) increasing inflation, with PCE and core PCE at 2.3% and 2.0% yoy, respectively; and iii) the unemployment rate is at a multi-year low of 3.9% (and significantly below its natural rate of 4.6% according to the CBO).
- The Italian 2019 Budget is of significant importance, particularly for EUR-based investors. According to the previous Draft Budgetary Plan (DPB), the headline budget deficit was expected at -0.9% in 2019 and -0.2% in 2020. The Lega/M5S coalition agreement initially included significant fiscal expansion compared with the 2018 DPB, but we expect both parties to reduce their fiscal ambitions in order to not put at risk the goal of reducing the public debt (131% of GDP) and subsequently raise tensions with the EC.
- The 2019 government budget deficit target, according to sources, could be set at -1.5-2% of GDP in the updated Economic and Financial Document (DEF) on Thursday. Anything below -2% may likely cause a negative market reaction in view of the high negative correlation of BTP Government bond spreads with Italian bank equities (see graph page 3). Note, however, that the Italian Budget proposal to the EC is due on October 15<sup>th</sup>, while negotiations could last until end November.
- Global equity markets rose across the board, as the escalation in trade tensions between the US and China was less intense than feared. Indeed: i) the US set the tariff rate to be imposed (on \$200bn worth of Chinese imports) at 10%, at least initially (instead of 25%); and ii) China responded mildly (5% to 10% tariff on \$60bn worth of imports from the US) and reiterated its intention to cut average tariff rates on imports from most of its trading partners, supporting investors' risk appetite in the past week.
- Overall, the MSCI World index was up by 1.6% wow (+4.3% ytd), with emerging markets (+2.2% wow | -9.2% ytd) overperforming their developed market peers (+1.5% wow | +4.6% ytd). The Autos sector (which is highly sensitive to global trade conditions MSCI) overperformed (+3.8% wow | -11.0% ytd), as did Financials (+3.1% wow | -3.8% ytd) due to higher bond yields.
- On the other hand, China cancelled trade talks with the US over the weekend. We believe that it is unlikely that the trade tensions between the US and China will be resolved before the November US Congressional Elections.

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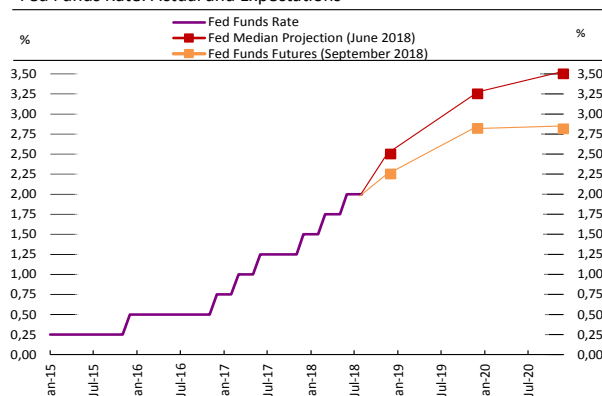
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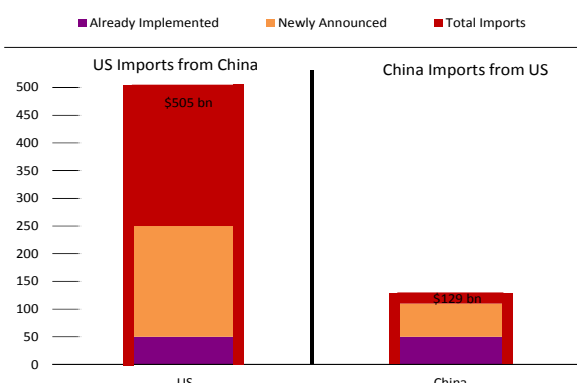
Charts of the week

Fed Funds Rate: Actual and Expectations



Source: NBG Research, Bloomberg, Fed

US-China Bilateral Trade



Source: NBG Research, Bloomberg

## US housing market momentum remains contained

- **The latest housing market data were mixed.** The NAHB survey index – that captures homebuilders' confidence for new home sales – was stable at a healthy 67 in September (consensus: 66). Housing starts rose by 9.2% mom (+9.4% yoy) in August, to 1282k, above consensus expectations for +5.7% mom. On the other hand, building permits declined by 5.7% mom (-5.5% yoy) in August, to 1229k, the lowest since May 2017. Finally, existing home sales were stable on a monthly basis (-1.5% yoy) at 5.34 mn in August, the lowest since February 2016 (consensus: +0.5% mom). According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), low supply remains a restraining factor. Note that existing home inventories stand at 1.92 mn, and despite having increased compared with a record low of 1.46 mn in December 2017, they remain low by historical standards (average of 2.5 mn since 1999). Furthermore, the robust upward trend in prices continues (median existing home price: +4.6% yoy in August). Overall, elevated valuations, combined with higher mortgage interest rates (30Yr fixed mortgage rate currently stand at 4.88%, the highest since April 2011, having risen by 85 bps since September 2017) appear to offset the positive effects from strong fundamentals (e.g. a solid labor market and signs of a rise in household formation). Indeed, residential investment is likely to provide a broadly neutral contribution to overall GDP growth in Q3:18. In the event, consensus estimates for US GDP growth for Q3:18 currently stand at +3.0% qoq saar, while GDPNowcast models (Atlanta Fed, New York Fed) indicate growth of 2.3% - 4.4% qoq saar.

## US labor market is strong

- **The latest Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) is consistent with a strong underlying pace of job creation and tightness in the US labor market.** Job openings stood at a record high (since the survey began in December 2000) of 6.94mn in July, compared with 6.82mn in June (consensus: 6.68mn). At the same time, in an implicit sign of labor market tightness leading to labor supply shortages, businesses appear to be struggling to recruit employees with the desired skills. Indeed, actual hires lagged job openings by a record high +1260k. Unsurprisingly, in view of, *inter alia*, the high availability of vacant job positions, mobility in the labor market as indicated by the "quits rate" (number of quits to total employment) was up by 0.1 pp to 2.4% in July, the highest since April 2001. Recall that the latter metric has been cited by the Fed, on several occasions, as an additional indicator to be monitored, in the context of assessing labor market slack (a higher "quits rate" indicating less slack).

## Euro area business confidence moderately below expectations in September

- **Business surveys modestly weakened at end Q3:18.** The euro area composite PMI decreased by 0.3 pts to 54.2 in September, below consensus estimates for an unchanged outcome. The decline was solely due to the manufacturing sector, which declined by 1.3 pts to a 2-year low of 53.3, while the services sector was up +0.3 pts to 54.7. Regarding the former, the deterioration was due to new export orders entering contractionary territory (below the 50 threshold), for the first time since June 2013, pointing to a continuation of the subdued momentum for euro area net exports. Recall that the latter subtracted 0.8 pps in both Q1:18 and Q2:18 from overall GDP growth of 1.6% qoq saar and 1.5% qoq saar, respectively, following an exceptional performance in 2017 (1.4 pps contribution to overall GDP growth of 2.5% yoy).

## UK inflation surprised to the upside in August

- **CPI considerably overshoot consensus estimates in August.** Specifically, CPI accelerated by 0.2 pps to 2.7% yoy, versus expectations by both consensus and the Bank of England (August Inflation Report) for 2.4% yoy. More importantly, core CPI growth (excluding food and energy) was 2.1% yoy, compared with 1.9% yoy in July, well above consensus estimates for 1.8% yoy. Note, however, that almost half of the aforementioned acceleration was due to the volatile clothing and footwear component and, thus, caution is warranted in over-interpreting the latest readings as indicative of the underlying trend.

## Inflation in Japan in line with expectations

- **Japanese inflation accelerated in August, as expected, although a more meaningful and convincing convergence towards the Bank of Japan's target (2%) remains out of sight.** Headline CPI accelerated by 0.4 pps to 1.3% yoy in August, with almost half of the acceleration due to a weather-induced increase in prices of fresh food (contributing 0.4 pps to the headline index compared with 0.2 pps previously). CPI ex-fresh food and energy, the Bank of Japan's preferred measure for underlying price pressures, was up by 0.1 pp to 0.4% yoy, in line with consensus estimates (average of 0.4% yoy so far in 2018 and 0.1% yoy overall in 2017). It should also be noted, however, that the latest data were, in part, distorted by a likely transitory increase in prices for recreation services (contributing 0.2 pps compared with 0.1 pp previously), due to CPI data being collected during a holiday season (the Obon festival), which pushed up accommodation fees.

## Chinese house price growth accelerated

- **House price growth picked up in most cities in August.** Overall, 96% of cities monitored by China's National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) reported a monthly increase in prices of new residential buildings, compared with 93% of cities in July. Annual growth stood at 8.2% yoy, on average, the highest since August 2017, compared with 6.6% yoy in July. Recall that the authorities' policy approach for the sector is two-pronged and region-specific, so as to address potential asset bubbles in the cities that witness the most profound overheating (mostly large cities), while continuing to encourage sales in those (mostly smaller) cities facing a high stock of unsold properties (e.g. cities should reduce land supply if housing inventory is high and vice versa). In the event, the monthly pace of increase for prices in the 15 large cities that the NBS has chosen to track the impact of the tightening measures (weighted by city population) has accelerated recently, to +0.7% mom in August, compared with +0.5% mom in July and +0.3% mom, on average, in 2018. As a result, on an annual basis, prices were up by 2.2% yoy, compared with +1.2% yoy in July (and a trough of -0.4% yoy in April 2018). The annual pace of growth in the remaining 55 cities stood at a sharp +10.5% yoy in August (trough of -7.1% yoy in April 2015). In that context, the recent price developments, including the acceleration, even modest, in large cities, has raised some questions regarding the authorities' commitment to the aforementioned policy approach, albeit it is reported that some cities have recently been urged by authorities to step up efforts to contain potential house market speculation.

## Equities

- Global equity markets rose in the past week, as the escalation in trade tensions between the US and China were less intense than expected.** Overall, the MSCI World index was up by 1.6% w/w, with emerging markets (+2.2% w/w) overperforming their developed market peers (+1.5% w/w). The Autos sector (+3.8% w/w) and Financials (+3.2% w/w) overperformed, the latter due to higher bond yields (and modestly steeper yield curves). In the US, the S&P500 rose by 0.8% w/w, to an all-time high, while on the other side of the Atlantic, the Eurostoxx increased by 2.1% w/w. Sentiment in the euro area was also lifted during the past week following signs that the Italian Government's fiscal plans may be less disruptive than previously feared (Italy's FTSE MIB: +3.1% w/w). On Monday, however, the EuroStoxx reversed course, declining by 0.6%, with the Autos sector down by 1.5%. In Japan, the Nikkei 225 rose substantially, by 3.4% w/w, finding further support from a weaker Yen during the past week. Finally, Chinese equities (CSI 300) posted a considerable positive correction, rising by 5.2% w/w (-15.4% ytd).

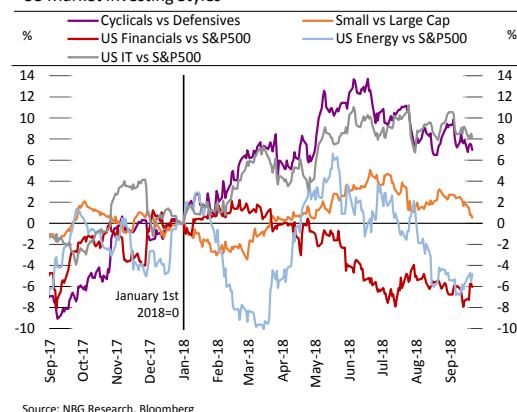
## Fixed Income

- Government bond yields increased, as "safe haven" demand slowed in the past week.** Specifically, US Treasury 10-year yields rose by 7 bps w/w to 3.06%, while the 2-year yield increased by 2 bps w/w to 2.80%, a 10-year high. In the UK, 10-year government bond yields rose by 2 bps to 1.55%, with stronger-than-expected inflation data offsetting the possibility of a "no-deal" Brexit gaining some ground during the past week. 10-Year Bund yields rose slightly by 1 bp to 0.46%, while pressure on the Italian 10-year yield spread over the Bund continued to recede, down by 16 bps w/w to 237 bps and having fallen by 54 bps during September compared with a 5-year high of 291 bps on August 31<sup>st</sup> (still +82 bps ytd though).
- Corporate bond spreads narrowed in the past week, on the back of investors' risk-on mode.** Specifically, US high yield spreads were down by 4 bps to 325 bps, close to the 11-year low recorded in January 2018, and euro area high yield spreads fell by 11 bps to 344 bps. In the investment grade spectrum, US spreads fell by 3 bps to 113 bps and their euro area counterparts by 4 bps, also to 113 bps.

## FX and Commodities

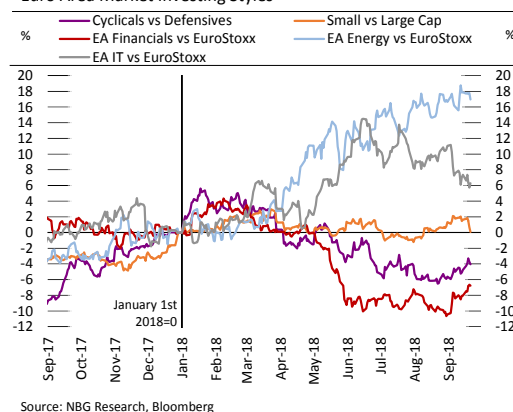
- In foreign exchange markets, the British pound lost ground, decreasing substantially on Friday, following PM May's address which pointed to an impasse in Brexit negotiations and an increased risk of a "no-deal" Brexit.** Overall, the British pound fell by 0.9% w/w against the euro (-1.2% on Friday) to €0.898. Against the US dollar, it declined by 1.4% on Friday to \$1.308, albeit overall during the past week it was broadly unchanged due to the US Dollar also losing ground on a weekly basis against most peers. Indeed, the USD declined by 1.1% w/w against the euro, to \$1.175. Finally, decreased "safe-haven" demand led the Japanese Yen lower in the past week, -1.0% w/w in NEER terms.
- In commodities, oil prices overall were up in the past week, especially for the WTI, in view of a further decline in US oil inventories.** US oil inventories decreased for a 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive week (-2.1 million barrels to 394 million barrels for the week ending September 14<sup>th</sup>). Overall, the WTI rose by 4.0% w/w to \$71.8/barrel, while Brent was broadly stable at \$78.2/barrel. They rose further on Monday (WTI: 1.8% to \$73.1/barrel | Brent: +3.3% to \$80.8/barrel) after officials from major oil producers (Saudi Arabia, Russia), signaled they were in no rush to increase supply, in order to stem the upward price dynamics.

US Market Investing Styles



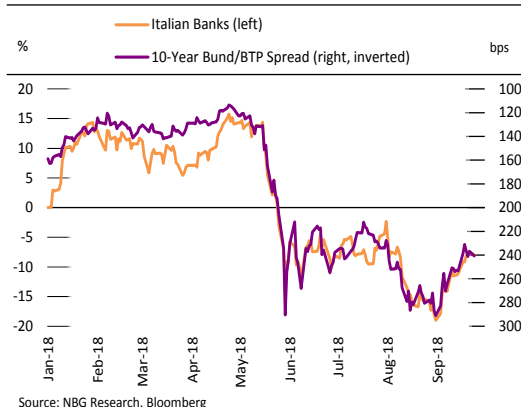
Graph 1.

Euro Area Market Investing Styles



Graph 2.

Italian Assets Performance Year-to-Date



Graph 3.

**Quote of the week:** "Looking forward, annual rates of HICP inflation are likely to hover around current levels in the coming months... This stable profile conceals a slowing contribution from the non-core components of the general index, and a relatively vigorous pick-up in underlying inflation", **ECB President, Mario Draghi**, September 24<sup>th</sup> 2018.

## Tactical Asset Allocation (3-month)

- **Equities:** We remain Neutral/Positive relative to a 55-40-5 portfolio. GDP growth and corporate earnings are strong (particularly in the US), albeit “trade concerns” and the peak of central bank (C/B) liquidity weighs. Volatility in returns will prevail in the rest of 2018 resulting in lower risk-adjusted returns. US tax-reform may continue to support equities despite S&P500 climbing to new highs. We also closed our O/W position in euro area banks recording losses as Italian concerns and low-for-longer interest rates by the ECB reduce our confidence in this trade.
- **Government Bonds:** Higher yields due to less aggressive C/Bs, reduced liquidity and stronger inflation data, albeit safe haven demand could support prices near-term. **Underweight Govies.** Steeper curves, particularly in Bunds.
- **Credit:** Credit spreads have less fuel to run. **Underweight position in credit** with a preference for banks.
- **Cash: OW position**, as a hedge, as well as a way of being tactical. 2018 is less likely to be as “risk on” as 2017.

## NBG Global Markets - Main Equity Sector Calls

US Sector	Position	View/Comment
Banks	<b>OW</b>	Rising rates from low levels and low deposit betas will support interest margins. Less regulation also positive. Valuations (relative to the market) still attractive.
Energy	<b>Neutral</b>	OPEC's deal extension until end of 2018 has supported oil prices. However, US oil production is increasing (at 2015 high levels) and expected RoE for Energy firms remains low. Light positioning and sizeable underperformance (2017) may present a buying opportunity. Oil backwardation a positive for the sector.
Defensives/ Cyclical	<b>Neutral</b>	We turn Neutral Defensives amid elevated volatility and favorable relative valuations. Underweight Consumer Discretionary (Cyclicals) as the sector is a major underperformer during Fed hiking cycles and has high wage expenses.

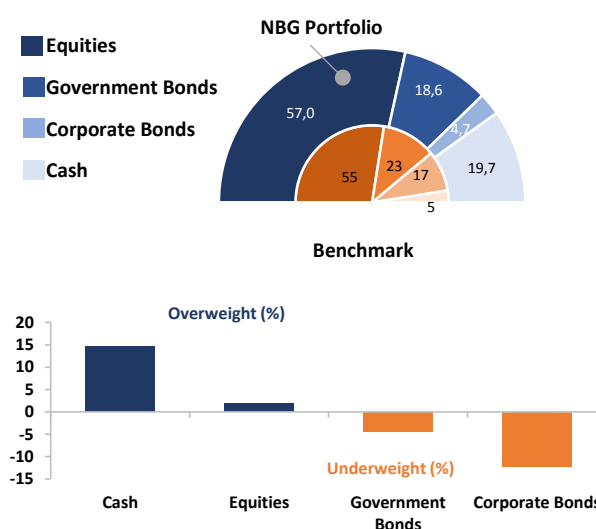
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\*Including Technology and Industrials  
 \*\*Including Healthcare, Utilities, Telecoms

### Notes:

- (1) The orange inner half-circle of the chart displays asset class weights for the benchmark portfolio. The blue-color representation (outside half-circle) shows asset class weights for the model portfolio.
- (2) All figures shown are in percentage points.
- (3) OW/UW: Overweight/Underweight relative to Benchmark.
- (4) Green (red) color arrows suggest an increase (decrease) in relative asset class weights (portfolio vs benchmark) over the last week.

## Total Portfolio Allocation



## Detailed Portfolio Breakdown

Equities	Portfolio	Benchmark	OW/UW
US	54	52	2,0
Euro area	10	10	-
UK	7	7	-
Rest of Dev. Europe	5	5	-
Japan	9	7	2,0
Rest of Dev. World	8	8	-
Emerging Markets	7	11	-4,0
EM Asia	64	64	-
EM Latin America	18	18	-
EMEA	18	18	-

Government Bonds	Portfolio	Benchmark	OW/UW
US	49	46	3,0
US TIPS	6	6	-
Germany	12	15	-3,0
UK	7	7	-
Japan	26	26	-

Corporate Bonds	Portfolio	Benchmark	OW/UW
US Industrials	22	32	-10,0
US Banks	22	12	10,0
US High Yield	12	12	-
EUR Industrials	5	9	-4,5
EUR Banks	14	9	4,5
EUR High Yield	4	4	-
UK Industrials	2	3	-1,5
UK Banks	5	3	1,5
Emerging Markets	16	16	-

	US	Euro Area	Japan	UK
Equity Markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Likely fiscal loosening will support the economy &amp; companies' earnings</li> <li>+ Solid EPS growth in H2:2017 &amp; 2018</li> <li>+ Cash-rich corporates will lead to share buybacks and higher dividends (de-equitization)</li> <li>- Demanding valuations</li> <li>- Peaking profit margins</li> <li>- Protectionism and trade wars</li> <li>- Aggressive Fed in 2018</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral/Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Still high equity risk premium, albeit declining</li> <li>+ Credit conditions gradual turn more favorable</li> <li>+ Small fiscal loosening</li> <li>- EPS estimates may turn pessimistic due to higher EUR and plateauing economic growth</li> <li>- Strong Euro in NEER terms (2017 vs 2016)</li> <li>- Political uncertainty (Spain, Italy) could re-emerge</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Still aggressive QE and "yield-curve" targeting by the BoJ</li> <li>+ Upward revisions in corporate earnings</li> <li>- Strong domestic recovery in H1:2017 will continue</li> <li>- Signs of policy fatigue regarding structural reforms and fiscal discipline</li> <li>- Strong appetite for foreign assets</li> <li>- If sustained, JPY appreciation hurts exporters companies</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ 65% of FTSE100 revenues from abroad</li> <li>+ Undemanding valuations in relative terms</li> <li>+ High UK exposure to the commodities sector assuming the oil rally continues</li> <li>- Elevated Policy uncertainty to remain due to the outcome of the Brexit negotiating process</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral/Negative</b></p>
Government Bonds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Valuations appear rich with term-premium close to 0%</li> <li>+ Underlying inflation pressures</li> <li>+ The Fed is expected to increase its policy rate towards 1.5% by end-2017 and 2%-2.25% by end-2018</li> <li>+ Balance sheet reduction, albeit well telegraphed may push term premia higher</li> <li>- Global search for yield by non-US investors continues</li> <li>- Safe haven demand</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Higher yields expected</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Upside risk in US benchmark yields</li> <li>+ Valuations appear excessive compared with long-term fundamentals</li> <li>- Political Risk</li> <li>- Fragile growth outlook</li> <li>- Medium-term inflation expectations remain low</li> <li>- Only slow ECB exit from accommodative monetary policy</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Higher yields expected</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Sizeable fiscal deficits</li> <li>+ Restructuring efforts to be financed by fiscal policy measures</li> <li>- Safe haven demand</li> <li>- Extremely dovish central bank</li> <li>- Yield-targeting of 10-Year JGB at around 0%</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Stable yields expected</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Elevated Policy uncertainty to remain due to the outcome of the Referendum and the negotiating process</li> <li>+ Rich valuations</li> <li>+ Inflation overshooting due to GBP weakness feeds through inflation expectations</li> <li>+ The BoE is expected to increase policy rates to 0.50%</li> <li>- Slowing economic growth post-Brexit</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Higher yields expected</b></p>
Foreign Exchange	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ The Fed is expected to increase its policy rate towards 1.5% in 2017 and 2%-2.25% by end-2018</li> <li>+ Tax cuts may boost growth, and interest rates through a more aggressive Fed</li> <li>- Mid-2014 rally probably out of steam</li> <li>- Protectionism and trade Wars</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Long USD against its major counterparts ex-EUR</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Reduced short-term tail risks</li> <li>+ Higher core bond yields</li> <li>+ Current account surplus</li> <li>- Sluggish growth</li> <li>- Deflation concerns</li> <li>- The ECB's monetary policy to remain extra loose (Targeted-LTROs, ABSs, covered bank bond purchases, Quantitative Easing)</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Broadly Flat EUR against the USD with upside risks towards \$1.20</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Safe haven demand</li> <li>+ More balanced economic growth recovery (long-term)</li> <li>+ Inflation is bottoming out</li> <li>- Additional Quantitative Easing by the Bank of Japan if inflation does not approach 2%</li> </ul> <p>▼ <b>Lower JPY against the USD</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Transitions phase negotiations</li> <li>- The BoE to retain rates at current levels</li> <li>- Slowing economic growth post-Brexit</li> <li>- Sizeable Current account deficit (-5.5% of GDP)</li> <li>- Elevated Policy uncertainty to remain due to the outcome of the Referendum and the negotiating process</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Flat GBP against the USD with upside risks short term</b></p>



	Turkey	Romania	Bulgaria	Serbia
<b>Equity Markets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Attractive valuations</li> <li>- Weak foreign investor appetite for emerging market assets</li> <li>- Persisting domestic financial crisis</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Neutral/Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Strong economic activity</li> <li>+ Attractive valuations</li> <li>- Weak foreign investor appetite for emerging market assets</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Neutral/Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Attractive valuations</li> <li>+ Low-yielding domestic debt and deposits</li> <li>- Weak foreign investor appetite for emerging market assets</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Neutral/Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Attractive valuations</li> <li>- Weak foreign investor appetite for emerging market assets</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Neutral/Positive</b></p>
<b>Domestic Debt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Low public debt-to-GDP ratio</li> <li>- Loosening fiscal stance</li> <li>- Stubbornly high inflation</li> <li>- Persisting domestic financial crisis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Low public debt-to-GDP ratio</li> <li>- Easing fiscal stance</li> <li>- Envisaged tightening in monetary policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Very low public debt-to-GDP ratio and large fiscal reserves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Positive inflation outlook</li> <li>+ Policy Coordination Instrument with the IMF</li> <li>+ Restored fiscal and public debt sustainability</li> <li>+ Acceleration in economic activity</li> <li>- Large public sector borrowing requirements</li> </ul>
<b>Foreign Debt</b>	<p>▼ <b>Stable to lower yields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ High foreign debt yields</li> <li>- Sizeable external financing requirements</li> <li>- Weak foreign investor appetite for emerging market assets</li> <li>- Persisting domestic financial crisis</li> </ul>	<p>▲ <b>Stable to higher yields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large external financing requirements</li> <li>- Heightened domestic political uncertainty</li> </ul>	<p>▼ <b>Stable to lower yields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Solidly-based currency board arrangement, with substantial buffers</li> <li>+ Current account surplus</li> <li>- Large external financing requirements</li> </ul>	<p>▼ <b>Stable to lower yields</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Ongoing EU membership negotiations</li> <li>+ Policy Coordination Instrument with the IMF</li> <li>- Sizeable external financing requirements</li> <li>- Reinvigorated progress in structural reforms</li> </ul>
<b>Foreign Exchange</b>	<p>▼ <b>Stable to narrowing spreads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ High domestic debt yields</li> <li>- Sizable external financing requirements</li> <li>- Weak foreign investor appetite for emerging market assets</li> <li>- Persisting geopolitical risks and domestic financial crisis</li> <li>- Escalating global trade war</li> </ul> <p>▼ <b>Weaker to stable TRY against the EUR</b></p>	<p>▲ <b>Stable to widening spreads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Large external financing requirements</li> <li>- Heightened domestic political uncertainty</li> </ul> <p>▼ <b>Weaker to stable RON against the EUR</b></p>	<p>▼ <b>Stable to narrowing spreads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Currency board arrangement</li> <li>+ Large foreign currency reserves and fiscal reserves</li> <li>+ Current account surplus</li> <li>- Sizable external financing requirements</li> <li>- Heightened domestic political uncertainty</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Stable BGN against the EUR</b></p>	<p>▼ <b>Stable to narrowing spreads</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Ongoing EU membership negotiations</li> <li>+ Policy Coordination Instrument with the IMF</li> <li>+ Large FDIs</li> <li>- Sizable external financing requirements</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Stable to stronger RSD against the EUR</b></p>

**Interest Rates & Foreign Exchange Forecasts**

10-Yr Gov. Bond Yield (%)	Sep 21st	3-month	6-month	12-month	Official Rate (%)	Sep 21st	3-month	6-month	12-month
Germany	0,46	0,70	0,90	1,10	Euro area	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
US	3,06	3,10	3,20	3,40	US	2,00	2,25	2,50	3,00
UK	1,56	1,56	1,65	1,81	UK	0,75	0,75	0,80	1,05
Japan	0,13	0,12	0,14	0,15	Japan	-0,10	-0,10	-0,10	-0,10

Currency	Sep 21st	3-month	6-month	12-month	Sep 21st	3-month	6-month	12-month	
EUR/USD	1,17	1,18	1,20	1,22	USD/JPY	113	110	110	108
EUR/GBP	0,90	0,88	0,88	0,88	GBP/USD	1,31	1,34	1,37	1,39
EUR/JPY	132	129	131	132					

Forecasts at end of period

**Economic Forecasts**

United States	2016a	Q1:17a	Q2:17a	Q3:17a	Q4:17a	2017a	Q1:18a	Q2:18a	Q3:18f	Q4:18f	2018f
Real GDP Growth (YoY) (1)	1,6	1,9	2,1	2,3	2,5	2,2	2,6	2,9	2,7	2,5	2,7
Real GDP Growth (QoQ saar) (2)	-	1,8	3,0	2,8	2,3	-	2,2	4,2	2,6	2,0	-
Private Consumption	2,7	1,8	2,9	2,2	3,9	2,5	0,5	3,8	2,6	2,4	2,4
Government Consumption	1,4	-0,8	0,1	-1,0	2,4	-0,1	1,5	2,4	3,1	3,0	1,8
Investment	1,7	9,9	4,3	2,6	6,2	4,8	8,0	6,2	4,2	1,7	4,6
Residential	6,5	11,1	-5,5	-0,5	11,2	3,3	-3,4	-1,6	2,6	2,7	2,2
Non-residential	0,5	9,6	7,3	3,4	4,9	5,3	11,5	8,5	4,6	1,5	5,4
Inventories Contribution	-0,6	-0,9	0,3	1,2	-1,1	0,0	0,3	-1,2	0,0	0,0	0,1
Net Exports Contribution	-0,3	-0,2	0,0	0,0	-1,2	-0,4	-0,1	1,3	-0,4	-0,5	-0,2
Exports	-0,1	5,0	3,6	3,5	6,6	3,0	3,6	9,1	1,3	1,8	4,4
Imports	1,9	4,8	2,5	2,8	11,8	4,6	3,0	-0,4	3,5	4,6	4,9
Inflation (3)	1,3	2,5	1,9	1,9	2,1	2,1	2,2	2,7	2,7	2,4	2,5

Euro Area	2016a	Q1:17a	Q2:17a	Q3:17a	Q4:17a	2017a	Q1:18a	Q2:18a	Q3:18f	Q4:18f	2018f
Real GDP Growth (YoY)	1,9	2,0	2,5	2,8	2,7	2,5	2,4	2,1	2,2	2,0	2,3
Real GDP Growth (QoQ saar)	-	2,7	2,8	2,7	2,6	-	1,6	1,5	2,0	2,1	-
Private Consumption	1,9	1,7	1,9	1,6	1,0	1,7	2,0	0,7	1,9	1,7	1,7
Government Consumption	1,9	0,8	1,5	1,7	0,8	1,2	0,4	1,5	1,8	1,3	1,3
Investment	3,8	-2,4	7,7	-0,6	5,8	2,8	1,1	5,0	3,4	3,1	3,7
Inventories Contribution	0,1	-0,3	-0,3	0,2	-1,0	0,0	1,0	0,6	0,1	0,1	0,0
Net Exports Contribution	-0,4	2,4	0,2	1,4	1,7	0,8	-0,8	-0,8	-0,3	0,2	0,3
Exports	2,9	7,6	4,5	5,3	8,5	5,5	-2,9	2,3	4,4	4,8	5,3
Imports	4,1	2,6	4,4	2,6	5,3	4,1	-1,3	4,4	5,4	4,8	5,0
Inflation	0,2	1,8	1,5	1,4	1,4	1,5	1,2	1,7	1,6	1,6	1,5

a: Actual, f: Forecasts, 1. Seasonally adjusted YoY growth rate, 2. Seasonally adjusted annualized QoQ growth rate, 3. Year-to-year average % change

**South Eastern Europe Economic Forecasts**
**Economic Indicators**

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018f	2019f
<b>Real GDP Growth (%)</b>						
Turkey	5,2	6,1	3,2	7,4	3,2	1,0
Romania	3,4	3,9	4,8	7,0	4,2	3,8
Bulgaria	1,3	3,6	3,9	3,6	3,6	3,4
Serbia	-1,8	0,8	2,8	1,9	4,3	4,0
<b>Headline Inflation (eop,%)</b>						
Turkey	8,2	8,8	8,5	11,9	19,0	15,2
Romania	0,8	-0,9	-0,5	3,3	3,7	3,4
Bulgaria	-0,9	-0,4	0,1	2,8	2,7	2,6
Serbia	1,7	1,5	1,6	3,0	2,5	2,8
<b>Current Account Balance (% of GDP)</b>						
Turkey	-4,7	-3,7	-3,8	-5,6	-5,8	-3,8
Romania	-0,7	-1,2	-2,1	-3,3	-3,7	-4,5
Bulgaria	0,1	0,0	2,3	4,5	2,7	1,4
Serbia	-6,0	-3,7	-3,1	-5,7	-5,4	-5,2
<b>Fiscal Balance (% of GDP)</b>						
Turkey	-1,1	-1,0	-1,1	-1,5	-2,0	-2,0
Romania	-1,7	-1,5	-2,4	-2,8	-3,6	-3,9
Bulgaria	-3,7	-2,8	1,6	0,9	0,0	0,2
Serbia	-6,6	-3,7	-1,3	1,2	0,6	0,4

f: NBG forecasts

**Stock Markets (in local currency)**

Country - Index	24/9/2018	Last week return (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	2-year change (%)
Turkey - ISE100	99.547	5,5	-13,7	24,8
Romania - BET-BK	1.611	0,7	-2,4	22,7
Bulgaria - SOFIX	623	-0,7	-8,0	28,6
Serbia - BELEX15	731	0,8	-3,8	14,2

Financial Markets	24/9/2018	3-month forecast	6-month forecast	12-month forecast
<b>1-m Money Market Rate (%)</b>				
Turkey	25,5	24,0	22,0	20,0
Romania	3,1	3,2	3,0	3,0
Bulgaria(*)	0,0	0,1	0,1	0,2
Serbia	2,6	2,9	3,1	3,5
<b>Currency</b>				
TRY/EUR	7,23	7,00	6,90	6,80
RON/EUR	4,65	4,64	4,65	4,68
BGN/EUR	1,96	1,96	1,96	1,96
RSD/EUR	118,1	117,9	117,6	117,4
<b>Sovereign Eurobond Spread (in bps)</b>				
Turkey (USD 2020)(**)	388	350	320	280
Romania (EUR 2024)	99	130	120	110
Bulgaria (EUR 2022)	28	44	42	40
Serbia (USD 2021)(*)	123	132	126	120

(\*) Base interest rate (\*\*) Spread over US Treasuries

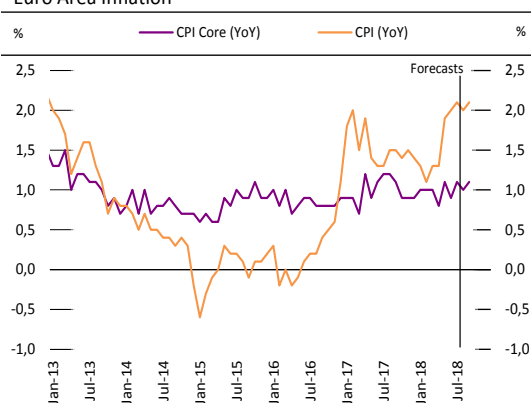
## Economic Calendar

In the US, the main event next week is the FOMC meeting. The Fed is expected to increase the federal funds rate by 25 bps to 2.00% - 2.25% on Wednesday. Regarding macro events, GDP final estimate for Q2:18 is released on Thursday. Real GDP is expected to remain unchanged at 4.2% qoq saar compared with the previous estimate.

In the Euro Area, markets will focus on the flash estimate for inflation in September. Although headline inflation is expected at 2.1% yoy in September (2.0% yoy in August), core CPI remains weak at 1.1% yoy.

In the UK, the final estimate for Q1:18 GDP is released on Friday, and it is expected unchanged at 0.4% qoq.

Euro Area Inflation



Source: NBG Research, Bloomberg

### Economic News Calendar for the period: September 18 - October 1, 2018

Tuesday 18				Wednesday 19				Thursday 20									
<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>			
NAHB housing market confidence index	September	66	+	67	67	Housing starts (k)	August	1240	+	1282	1174	Initial Jobless Claims (k)	September 15	210	+	201	204
Net Long-term TIC Flows (\$ bn)	July	..	-	-74.8	-36.5	Building permits (k)	August	1310	-	1229	1303	Continuing Claims (k)	September 8	1705	+	1645	1696
						<b>UK</b>						Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	September	18.0	+	22.9	11.9
						CPI (YoY)	August	2.4%	+	2.7%	2.5%	Existing home sales (mn)	August	5.37	-	5.34	5.34
						CPI Core (YoY)	August	1.8%	+	2.1%	1.9%	<b>UK</b>					
						<b>JAPAN</b>						Retail sales Ex Auto (MoM)	August	-0.2%	+	0.3%	1.1%
						Exports (YoY)	August	5.2%	+	6.6%	3.9%						
						Imports (YoY)	August	14.5%	+	15.4%	14.6%						
						Bank of Japan announces its intervention rate	September 19	-0.10%	-	-0.10%	-0.10%						
Friday 21				Monday 24													
<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>								
Markit US Manufacturing PMI	September	55.0	+	55.6	54.7	IFO- Business Climate Indicator	September	103.2	+	103.7	103.9						
<b>JAPAN</b>						IFO-Expectations	September	100.5	+	101.0	101.3						
CPI (YoY)	August	1.1%	+	1.3%	0.9%	IFO- Current Assessment	September	106.0	+	106.4	106.5						
Core CPI (YoY) - ex. Fresh Food	August	0.9%	+	0.9%	0.8%												
Core CPI (YoY) - ex. Fresh Food and Energy	August	0.4%		0.4%	0.3%												
Nikkei PMI Manufacturing	September	..		52.9	52.5												
<b>EURO AREA</b>																	
Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	September	54.5	-	53.3	54.6												
Markit Eurozone Services PMI	September	54.4	+	54.7	54.4												
Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	September	54.5	-	54.2	54.5												
Consumer Confidence Indicator	September	-2.0	-	-2.9	-1.9												
Tuesday 25				Wednesday 26				Thursday 27									
<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>			
S&P Case/Shiller house price index 20 (YoY)	July	6.20%	..	6.31%	New home sales (k)	August	630	..	627	Initial Jobless Claims (k)	September 22	210	..	201			
Conference board consumer confidence	September	132.0	..	133.4	Fed announces its intervention rate	September 26	2.25%	..	2.00%	Continuing Claims (k)	September 15	1675	..	1645			
										GDP (QoQ, annualized)	Q2:18 F	4.2%	..	4.2%			
										Personal consumption (QoQ, annualized)	Q2:18 F	3.8%	..	3.8%			
										Durable goods orders (MoM)	August	1.9%	..	-1.7%			
										Durable goods orders ex transportation (MoM)	August	0.4%	..	0.1%			
										Pending home sales (MoM)	August	-0.2%	..	-0.7%			
										<b>EURO AREA</b>							
										M3 money supply (YoY)	August	3.8%	..	4.0%			
										Economic confidence indicator	September	111.2	..	111.6			
										Business Climate Indicator	September	1.19	..	1.22			
Friday 28				Monday 1													
<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>EURO AREA</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>			
Personal income (MoM)	August	0.4%	..	0.3%	CPI Estimate (YoY)	September	2.1%	..	2.0%	Construction spending (MoM)	August	0.5%	..	0.1%			
Personal spending (MoM)	August	0.3%	..	0.4%	Core CPI (YoY)	September	1.1%	..	1.0%	ISM Manufacturing	September	60.3	..	61.3			
PCE Deflator (YoY)	August	2.2%	..	2.3%	<b>CHINA</b>					<b>UK</b>							
PCE Core Deflator (YoY)	August	2.0%	..	2.0%	Caixin PMI Manufacturing	September	50.5	..	50.6	Markit UK PMI Manufacturing	September	..	..	52.8			
<b>UK</b>										<b>SA</b>							
GDP (QoQ)	Q2:18 F	0.4%	..	0.4%						<b>JAPAN</b>							
GDP (YoY)	Q2:18 F	1.3%	..	1.3%						Tankan - large manufacturers current index	Q3:18	22	..	21			
										Tankan - large manufacturers outlook index	Q3:18	20	..	21			
										<b>EURO AREA</b>							
										Unemployment Rate	August	..	..	8.2%			
										<b>CHINA</b>							
										PMI manufacturing	September	51.2	..	51.3			

Source: NBG Research, Bloomberg

S: Bloomberg Consensus Analysts Survey, A: Actual Outcome, P: Previous Outcome



**Equity Markets** (in local currency)

Developed Markets						Emerging Markets						
	Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)	2-year change (%)		Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)	2-year change (%)	
US	<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2930	0,8	9,6	17,2	35,4	<b>MSCI Emerging Markets</b>	58314	1,6	-4,2	-0,9	19,3
Japan	<b>NIKKEI 225</b>	23870	3,4	4,9	17,3	42,0	<b>MSCI Asia</b>	877	1,5	-4,9	-1,6	21,2
UK	<b>FTSE 100</b>	7490	2,5	-2,6	3,1	9,6	<b>China</b>	81	3,4	-9,6	-5,2	25,3
Canada	<b>S&amp;P/TSX</b>	16224	1,3	0,1	5,0	10,3	<b>Korea</b>	701	1,5	-6,4	-4,1	23,6
Hong Kong	<b>Hang Seng</b>	27954	2,4	-6,6	-0,6	18,1	<b>MSCI Latin America</b>	86625	2,9	1,0	1,2	20,7
Euro area	<b>EuroStoxx</b>	383	2,1	-0,8	-0,3	18,3	<b>Brazil</b>	265029	4,9	3,0	3,2	28,4
Germany	<b>DAX 30</b>	12431	2,5	-3,8	-1,3	19,1	<b>Mexico</b>	45622	-0,6	-2,1	-4,0	3,4
France	<b>CAC 40</b>	5494	2,6	3,4	4,3	24,6	<b>MSCI Europe</b>	5428	2,1	0,8	5,2	21,1
Italy	<b>FTSE/MIB</b>	21537	3,1	-1,4	-4,2	31,7	<b>Russia</b>	1087	2,6	13,8	19,0	24,0
Spain	<b>IBEX-35</b>	9590	2,4	-4,5	-6,9	9,5	<b>Turkey</b>	1315201	3,2	-16,9	-9,2	19,1

**World Market Sectors** (MSCI Indices)

in US Dollar terms						in local currency					
	Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)	2-year change (%)		Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)	2-year change (%)
<b>Energy</b>	232,7	2,3	4,1	12,2	17,7	<b>Energy</b>	237,1	2,1	5,5	13,9	16,9
<b>Materials</b>	271,5	4,5	-3,2	3,9	28,0	<b>Materials</b>	257,2	4,0	-1,6	5,9	27,9
<b>Industrials</b>	267,6	2,0	2,3	7,7	29,1	<b>Industrials</b>	263,8	1,8	3,1	8,6	30,1
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	262,2	1,2	9,5	18,1	36,0	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>	252,8	1,1	10,0	18,7	37,1
<b>Consumer Staples</b>	228,3	1,2	-4,0	1,0	4,0	<b>Consumer Staples</b>	227,5	0,9	-3,0	2,1	4,1
<b>Healthcare</b>	252,7	1,1	11,0	12,0	22,3	<b>Healthcare</b>	248,8	1,0	11,5	12,5	22,3
<b>Financials</b>	124,1	3,2	-2,5	3,7	31,9	<b>Financials</b>	123,5	2,8	-1,2	5,2	31,7
<b>IT</b>	257,0	0,1	16,5	27,1	60,2	<b>IT</b>	248,9	0,0	16,7	27,3	60,8
<b>Telecoms</b>	67,6	1,3	-5,0	-3,6	-5,0	<b>Telecoms</b>	70,0	1,0	-4,0	-2,5	-4,4
<b>Utilities</b>	127,4	-0,1	0,2	-2,0	5,1	<b>Utilities</b>	129,7	-0,3	1,1	-1,1	4,8

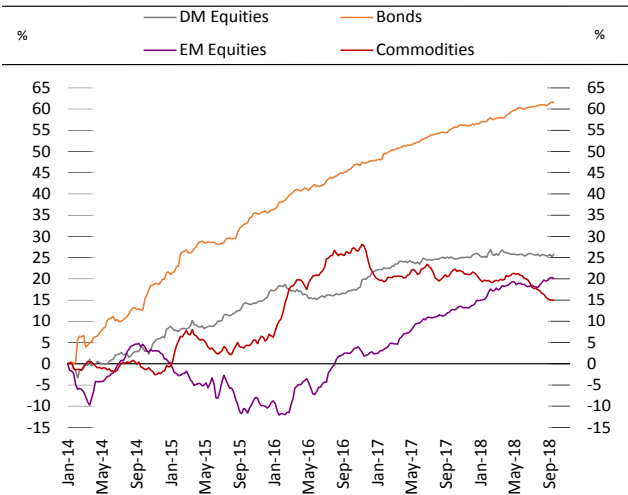
**Bond Markets (%)**

10-Year Government Bond Yields						Government Bond Yield Spreads (in bps)					
	Current	Last week	Year Start	One Year Back	10-year average		Current	Last week	Year Start	One Year Back	10-year average
US	3,06	3,00	2,41	2,28	2,51	<b>US Treasuries 10Y/2Y</b>	26	22	52	84	170
Germany	0,46	0,45	0,43	0,46	1,55	<b>US Treasuries 10Y/5Y</b>	12	9	20	39	86
Japan	0,13	0,12	0,05	0,04	0,66	<b>US Treasuries 10Y/2Y</b>	99	99	105	113	131
UK	1,55	1,53	1,19	1,37	2,32	<b>Bunds 10Y/5Y</b>	58	58	63	71	78
Greece	4,07	4,09	4,12	5,56	10,27	<b>Corporate Bond Spreads (in bps)</b>					
Ireland	0,96	0,94	0,67	0,75	4,03						
Italy	2,83	2,98	2,01	2,10	3,45	<b>EM Inv. Grade (IG)</b>	166	169	138	147	260
Spain	1,50	1,49	1,57	1,62	3,38	<b>EM High yield</b>	487	511	371	415	794
Portugal	1,87	1,86	1,94	2,43	5,15	<b>US IG</b>	113	116	98	111	188
<b>US Mortgage Market (1. Fixed-rate Mortgage)</b>						<b>US High yield</b>	325	329	358	362	612
<b>30-Year FRM<sup>1</sup> (%)</b>	4,9	4,9	4,2	4,0	4,3	<b>Euro area IG</b>	113	117	87	98	165
<b>vs 30Yr Treasury (bps)</b>	168	175	148	124	100	<b>Euro area High Yield</b>	344	355	272	259	632

**Foreign Exchange & Commodities**

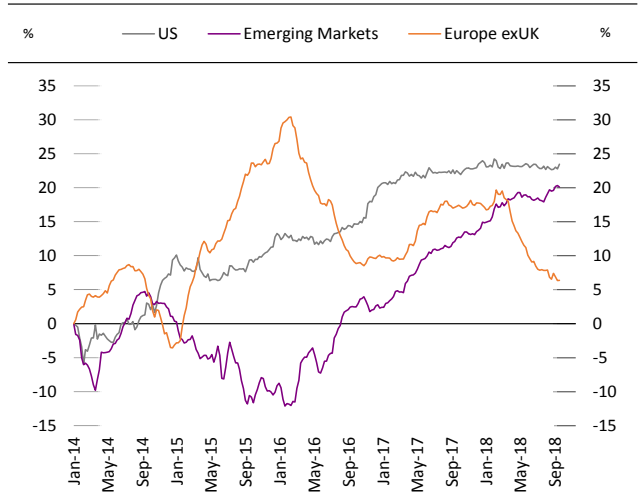
Foreign Exchange						Commodities					
	Current	1-week change (%)	1-month change (%)	1-Year change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)		Current	1-week change (%)	1-month change (%)	1-Year change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)
<b>Euro-based cross rates</b>						<b>Agricultural</b>	353	0,7	-2,4	-9,6	-7,1
EUR/USD	1,17	1,1	1,3	-1,6	-2,1	<b>Energy</b>	553	2,2	4,4	39,1	19,5
EUR/CHF	1,13	0,0	-1,3	-2,9	-3,8	<b>West Texas Oil (\$)</b>	72	4,0	3,9	43,0	18,8
EUR/GBP	0,90	0,9	0,0	2,2	1,1	<b>Crude Brent Oil (\$)</b>	78	0,0	5,2	39,8	17,0
EUR/JPY	131,68	1,1	2,7	-2,0	-2,6	<b>Industrial Metals</b>	1289	4,8	2,9	-4,0	-11,0
EUR/NOK	9,58	-0,2	-1,0	2,8	-2,8	<b>Precious Metals</b>	1422	0,2	-0,3	-8,9	-9,8
EUR/SEK	10,38	-1,3	-1,3	9,0	5,9	<b>Gold (\$)</b>	1199	0,5	0,3	-7,1	-8,0
EUR/AUD	1,61	-0,8	2,1	7,0	5,0	<b>Silver (\$)</b>	14	1,6	-3,2	-15,8	-15,7
EUR/CAD	1,52	0,2	0,7	3,1	0,6	<b>Baltic Dry Index</b>	1413	3,4	-18,6	-3,9	3,4
<b>USD-based cross rates</b>						<b>Baltic Dirty Tanker Index</b>	791	3,4	0,0	4,1	-4,4
USD/CAD	1,29	-0,9	-0,6	4,8	2,7						
USD/AUD	1,37	-1,8	0,9	8,8	7,2						
USD/JPY	112,58	0,5	1,8	0,1	-0,1						

Global Cross Asset ETFs: Flows as % of AUM



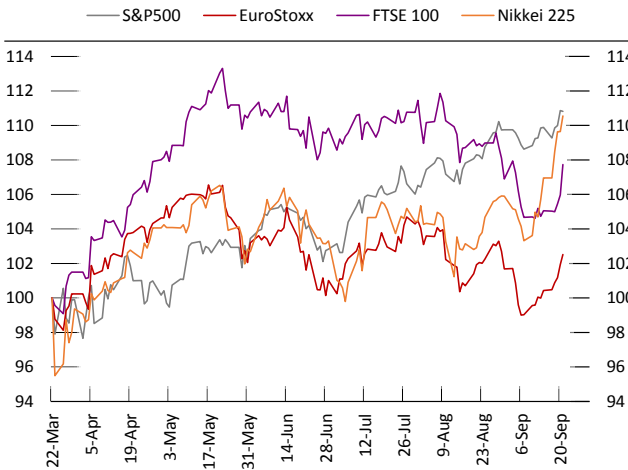
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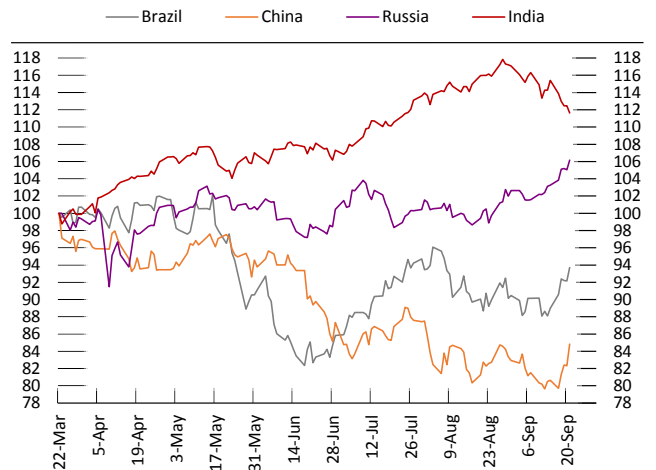
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Equity Market Performance - G4



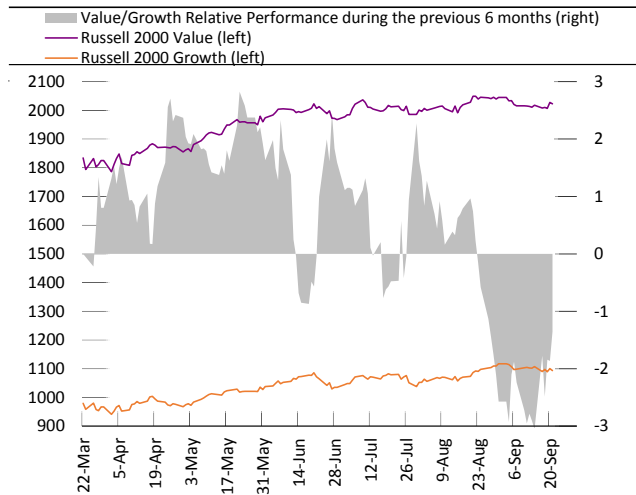
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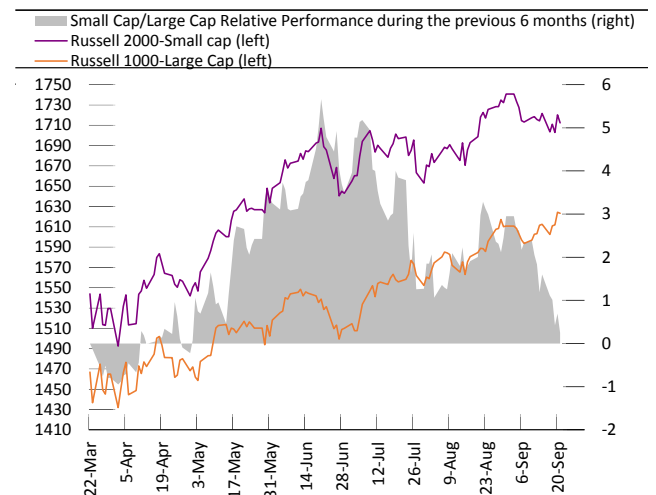
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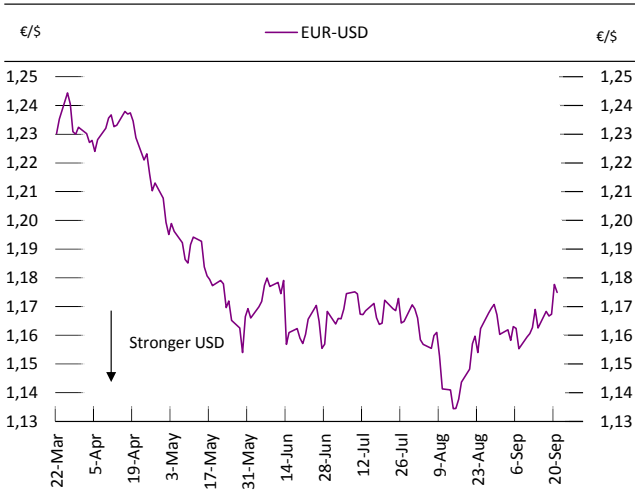
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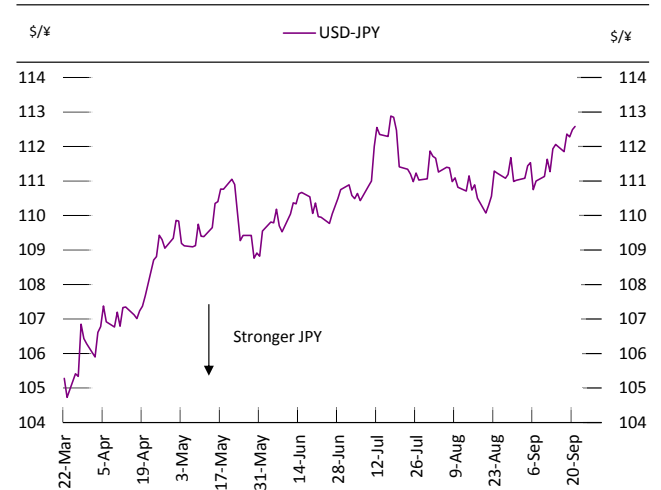
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EUR/USD



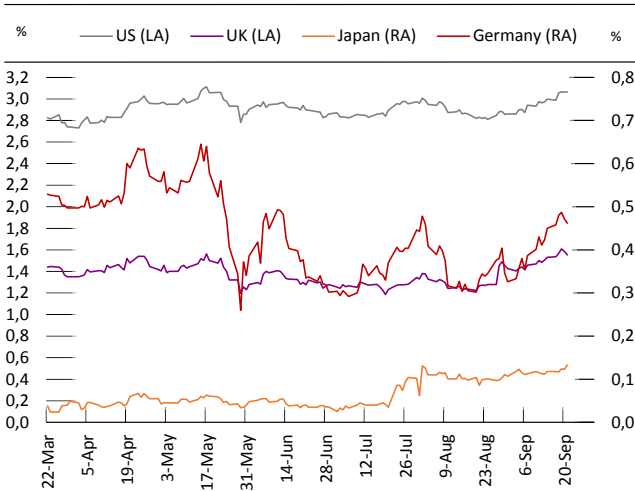
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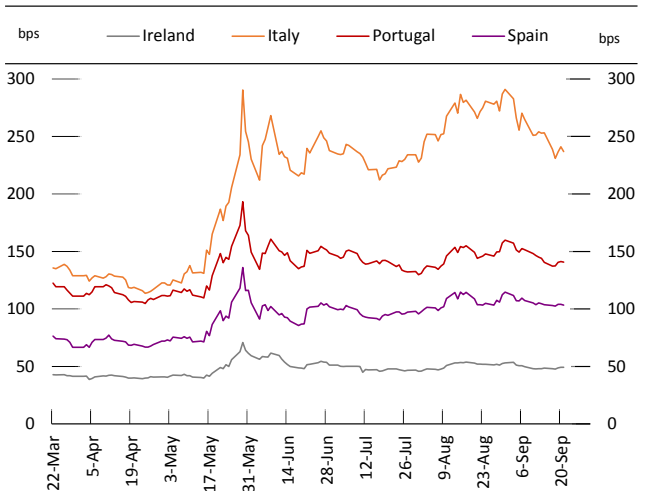
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10- Year Government Bond Yields



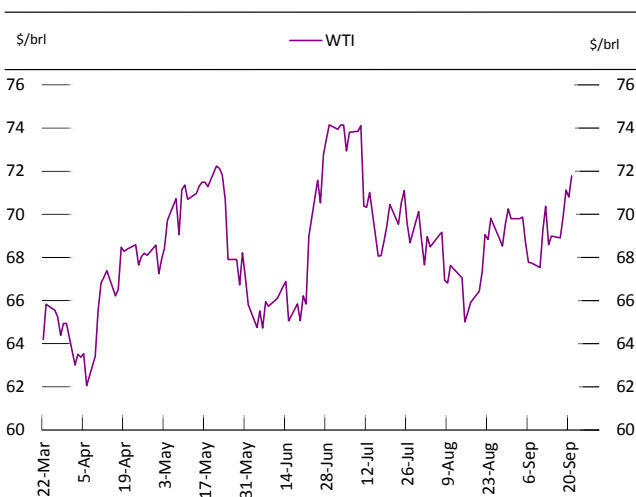
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10- Year Government Bond Spreads



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West Texas Intermediate (\$/bbl)



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Gold (\$/ounce)



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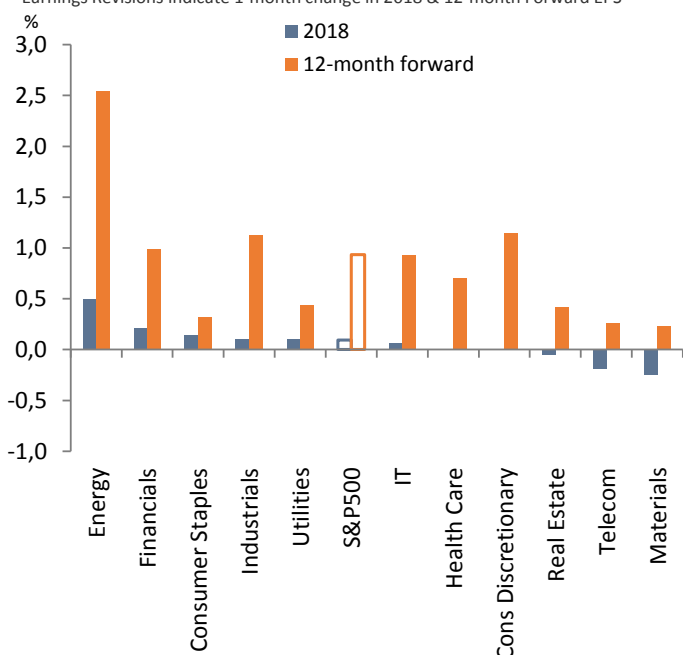
### US Sectors Valuation

	Price (\$)		EPS Growth (%)		Dividend Yield (%)		P/E Ratio				P/BV Ratio			
	21/9/2018	% Weekly Change	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	12m fwd	10Yr Avg	2017	2018	12m fwd	10Yr Avg
<b>S&amp;P500</b>	2930	0,8	11,5	21,8	1,8	1,8	20,5	18,2	17,0	14,5	3,4	3,4	3,2	2,3
<b>Energy</b>	556	1,9	247,5	96,9	2,9	2,8	34,0	19,6	16,9	19,8	1,8	2,0	1,9	1,8
<b>Materials</b>	380	2,3	8,0	29,5	1,9	2,0	20,8	16,4	15,6	14,5	2,8	2,6	2,5	2,5
<b>Financials</b>														
Diversified Financials	708	1,6	8,7	34,3	1,2	1,5	20,4	15,3	14,6	13,8	2,0	1,9	1,8	1,4
Banks	351	2,7	13,3	26,6	1,8	2,3	16,2	12,5	11,5	12,5	1,5	1,4	1,3	0,9
Insurance	404	2,7	5,1	32,9	2,0	2,2	16,1	12,4	11,7	10,2	1,4	1,4	1,3	1,0
Real Estate	205	-0,4	1,4	6,3	3,6	3,4	17,6	18,3	17,6	17,6	3,2	3,3	3,4	2,7
<b>Industrials</b>														
Capital Goods	706	1,7	7,1	19,5	2,1	2,0	22,1	18,6	17,2	15,0	5,0	5,0	4,7	3,0
Transportation	817	1,2	0,8	24,0	1,6	1,6	17,5	16,5	14,9	13,9	4,1	4,6	4,2	3,2
Commercial Services	288	-2,3	-2,6	12,6	1,4	1,4	25,0	24,5	22,7	18,6	4,2	4,3	4,1	3,0
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>														
Retailing	2393	-0,8	5,3	34,8	0,7	0,7	41,2	36,9	33,0	21,6	13,0	13,4	11,6	5,8
Media	567	1,8	8,4	20,4	1,3	1,4	19,2	17,0	15,9	15,5	2,9	2,7	2,6	2,4
Consumer Services	1068	2,4	13,9	17,8	1,7	2,0	24,2	20,9	19,4	18,2	8,8	9,7	10,4	5,0
Consumer Durables	354	1,2	-3,6	14,6	1,5	1,4	20,0	19,2	17,2	16,7	3,5	3,6	3,3	3,0
Automobiles and parts	121	3,0	2,9	-9,9	3,7	4,1	7,5	7,7	7,6	8,5	1,8	1,5	1,4	1,6
<b>IT</b>														
Technology	1308	-1,2	14,0	20,6	1,6	1,6	17,6	17,0	15,7	12,4	5,3	7,1	6,9	3,0
Software & Services	1855	0,2	15,8	16,6	0,8	0,8	27,1	25,8	23,6	16,2	6,9	7,0	6,2	3,9
Semiconductors	1012	0,7	45,2	28,2	1,6	1,9	17,1	13,3	13,0	16,3	4,8	4,5	4,3	2,8
<b>Consumer Staples</b>														
Food & Staples Retailing	433	1,5	-2,1	13,4	2,5	1,9	19,5	19,4	18,9	15,3	3,8	4,1	3,9	2,9
Food Beverage & Tobacco	668	0,7	8,8	11,0	3,1	3,4	20,6	18,3	17,5	16,8	5,1	4,8	4,7	4,8
Household Goods	567	2,1	4,8	8,0	3,0	2,9	21,2	20,9	20,1	18,0	5,3	6,0	6,0	4,4
<b>Health Care</b>														
Pharmaceuticals	925	1,5	5,6	12,2	2,0	2,0	16,5	16,2	15,4	14,0	4,6	4,9	4,5	3,2
Healthcare Equipment	1233	0,9	12,3	16,9	1,0	1,0	19,9	19,7	18,4	14,0	3,5	3,7	3,4	2,4
<b>Telecom</b>	159	0,2	0,8	17,9	5,5	5,4	12,2	10,8	10,6	12,7	2,1	1,9	1,8	2,3
<b>Utilities</b>	269	-1,5	0,1	8,6	3,7	3,5	17,0	17,1	16,6	14,5	1,8	1,8	1,8	1,5

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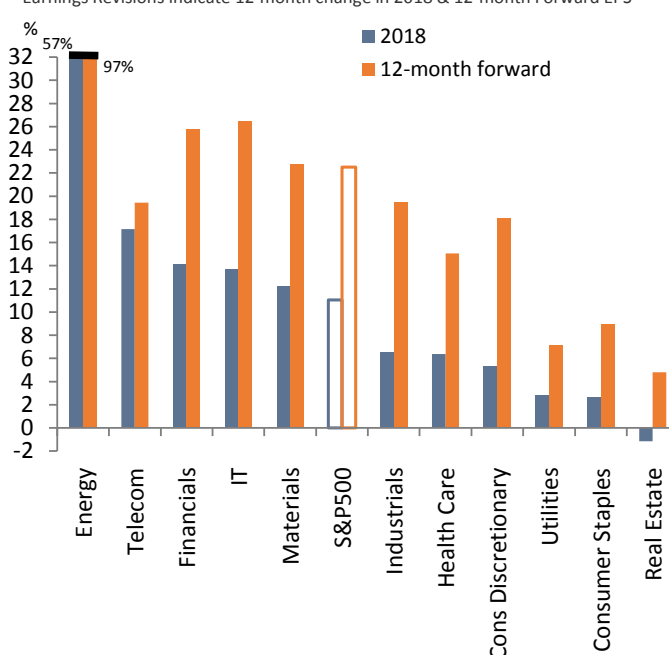
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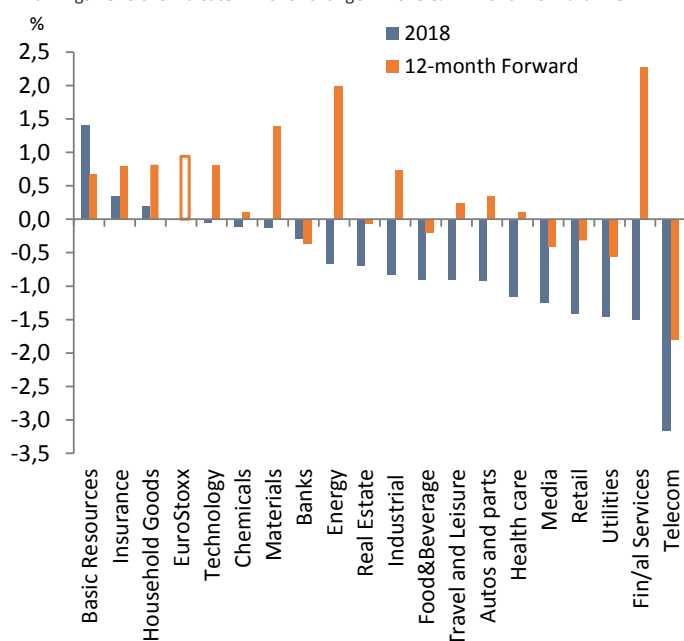
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	21/9/2018	% Weekly Change	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	12m fwd	10Yr Avg	2017	2018	12m fwd	10Yr Avg
<b>EuroStoxx</b>	383	2,1	19,0	6,0	3,1	3,3	15,9	15,0	13,9	12,8	1,7	1,7	1,6	1,4
<b>Energy</b>	360	1,3	27,3	31,7	4,5	4,3	14,6	12,8	11,8	11,2	1,2	1,3	1,3	1,2
<b>Materials</b>	435	3,2	16,4	6,6	2,9	3,2	16,8	15,6	14,0	13,8	1,8	1,7	1,7	1,4
<b>Basic Resources</b>	273	5,0	70,7	30,0	2,0	2,3	12,5	9,7	9,9	15,7	1,3	1,2	1,1	0,9
<b>Chemicals</b>	1114	4,1	22,0	4,9	2,7	2,7	16,8	16,3	15,7	14,2	2,4	2,4	2,2	2,0
<b>Financials</b>														
<b>Fin/al Services</b>	458	0,9	21,9	13,9	2,5	2,8	18,8	16,4	15,4	12,8	1,7	1,6	1,5	1,2
<b>Banks</b>	112	4,8	67,0	7,2	3,8	4,9	12,9	10,0	9,5	10,3	0,9	0,8	0,7	0,7
<b>Insurance</b>	275	3,6	-3,4	15,2	4,7	5,1	12,4	10,7	10,2	9,0	1,0	1,0	1,0	0,9
<b>Real Estate</b>	244	-1,3	-0,3	16,0	3,9	4,4	20,3	18,3	17,4	16,4	1,1	1,0	1,0	1,0
<b>Industrial</b>	868	1,1	12,3	5,5	2,4	2,4	20,4	20,3	18,2	14,7	3,0	3,1	2,9	2,1
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>														
<b>Media</b>	226	-0,3	11,9	0,6	3,2	4,0	17,8	17,8	16,6	14,7	2,4	2,3	2,2	1,9
<b>Retail</b>	498	0,2	5,4	7,1	2,5	2,7	22,3	21,7	19,9	17,6	2,9	3,2	3,0	2,6
<b>Automobiles and parts</b>	536	4,6	20,8	1,4	3,0	3,8	8,7	7,6	7,2	9,3	1,3	1,1	1,0	1,0
<b>Travel and Leisure</b>	200	1,2	21,9	-9,9	1,7	2,0	12,2	11,7	11,0	35,2	2,3	1,9	1,7	1,8
<b>Technology</b>	514	1,1	21,3	3,8	1,5	1,5	21,8	21,8	19,7	17,6	3,7	3,5	3,3	2,7
<b>Consumer Staples</b>														
<b>Food&amp;Beverage</b>	570	1,0	7,4	11,9	2,8	3,0	23,7	20,7	19,2	17,5	3,0	2,7	2,6	2,5
<b>Household Goods</b>	891	1,4	10,9	9,8	1,8	1,9	24,6	25,6	24,1	19,4	4,6	5,2	4,9	3,3
<b>Health care</b>	808	0,2	-5,1	-3,0	2,5	2,4	17,4	18,5	16,8	14,1	2,2	2,2	2,2	2,0
<b>Telecom</b>	278	1,9	40,3	-9,4	4,3	5,0	14,1	14,7	13,6	13,3	2,0	1,8	1,7	1,8
<b>Utilities</b>	282	1,8	3,5	-6,0	5,2	4,9	13,4	15,1	14,2	11,9	1,2	1,4	1,4	1,1

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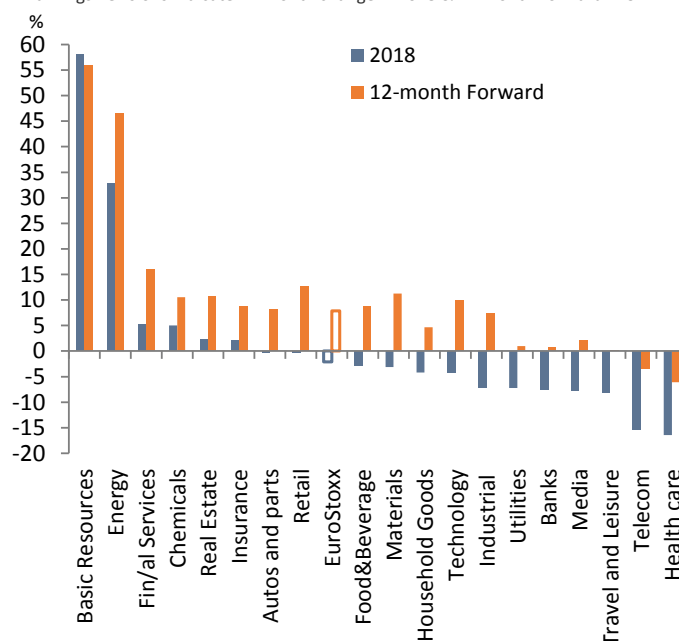
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