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A US CPI shock drove markets to price a much steeper policy path, and with it, the risk of an eventual hard landing. Regional production data were mixed but still pointed to slowing activity, while US IP also contracted. However, a hard landing does not look imminent in the States, where consumers are still spending and jobless claims continue to point to a robust labor market. Next week we'll see if that's how the Fed is reading it.

On central banks, the ECB hiked policy rates by 75 basis points last week in light of their own runaway inflation, while providing guidance for future aggressive tightening to combat a forecast of stubbornly high inflation. The near-term growth picture appears worse in Europe given the rapidly developing energy crisis. Indeed, the ECB expects growth to "stagnate later in the year and in the first quarter of 2023".

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Headlines

- The ECB hiked rates by 75bps for the first time in their history, taking the deposit rate to 0.75%. A number of details tilted in a hawkish direction too, as they said they expected to "raise interest rates further", and their 2024 inflation forecast of 2.3% is three-tenths above target.
- On growth, the ECB significantly downgraded their 2023 projections, now expecting 0.9% growth, and further said they expect the economy "to stagnate later in the year and in the first quarter of 2023."
- In Germany, the ZEW survey's expectations and current situation reading fell by more than expected in September. The expectations measure fell to -61.9, the lowest since October 2008 at the depths of the GFC.
- In the UK, the monthly GDP release showed that the economy was stagnant in the three months to July compared with the previous three months. However, unemployment fell to a post-1974 low of 3.6% over the same time period.
- US CPI surprised to the upside in August, dimensioned across YoY, MoM, headline, and core. Markets went from pricing just below 75bps of rate hikes at next week's FOMC meeting to pricing roughly 1/3 probability of a 100bp increase, while revising terminal rates closer to 4.5%.



Runaway inflation in the US and Europe led markets to price in much tighter financial conditions, slowing growth

Data

Figure 1: Data Table

US	Print	Expecations	Prior
Labor Market			
Initial Jobless Claims	213k	227k	218k
Continuing Jobless Claims	1403k	1478k	1401k
Inflation			
CPI YoY	8.3%	8.1%	8.5%
CPI MoM	0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%
Core CPI YoY	6.3%	6.1%	5.9%
Core CPI MoM	0.6%	0.3%	0.3%
PPI YoY	8.7%	8.8%	9.8%
PPI MoM	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.4%
Core PPI YoY	7.3%	7.0%	7.7%
Core PPI MoM	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Production			
Empire Manufacturing	-1.5	-12.9	-31.3
Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	-9.9	2.3	6.2
Industrial Production MoM	-0.2%	0.0%	0.5%
Housing			
MBA Mortgage Applications	-1.2%		-0.8%
Consumption			
Retail Sales	0.3%	-0.1%	-0.4%

Europe	Print	Expecations	Prior
Labour Market			
UK ILO Unemployment Rate 3 months	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%
Inflation			
German CPI YoY	7.9%	7.9%	7.9%
German CPI MoM	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
French CPI YoY	5.9%	5.8%	5.8%
French CPI MoM	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
UK CPI YoY	9.9%	10.0%	10.1%
UK CPI MoM	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%
Production			
French Industrial Production MoM	-1.6%	-0.5%	1.2%
Eurozone Industrial Production MoM	-2.3%	-1.1%	1.1%
UK Industrial Production MoM	-0.3%	0.3%	-0.9%
UK Manufacturing Production MoM	0.3%	0.1%	-1.6%
Survey			
German ZEW Survey Expectations	-61.9	-59.5	-55.3
German ZEW Survey Current Situation	-60.5	-52.1	-47.6
Europe ZEW Survey Expectations	-60.7		-54.9



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Figure 4: Price Table					
Equities	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$	FX	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$
S&P 500	3,946	-3.0%	Dollar Index	109.66	+0.6%
Dow Jones	31,135	-3.2%			
NASDAQ	11,720	-3.2%	Commodities	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$
			Brent Crude	94.10	+1.4%
Euro Stoxx 600	417.5	-0.7%	Copper	354.6	-1.0%
Dax Index	13,028	-0.5%	Gold	1,697	-1.1%
Year-end 2022 Policy Rate	Last	Δ 1w	10-Year Yields	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$
Fed	4.22	+34 bp	United States	3.40	+9 bp
ECB	2.01	+19 bp	Germany	1.72	+2 bp
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Near-term forward spread	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$			
3m-18m3m US Treasury	47 bp	+4 bp	Euro Periphery Spreads	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$
			Italy	229 bp	-3 bp
3m10s Yield Curve	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$	Spain	115 bp	-1 bp
US Treasury	19 bp	-6 bp			
German Bund	114 bp	-6 bp	Credit Default Swaps	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$
			CDX IG	85 bp	+4 bp
2s10s Yield Curve	Last	$\Delta 1\mathbf{w}$	CDX HY	498 bp	+28 bp
US Treasury	-39 bp	-14 bp	iTraxx Europe	107 bp	-1 bp
German Bund Source : Bloomberg Finance LP	29 bp	-8 bp	itraxx Crossover	524 bp	+0 bp



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