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GLOBAL MARKETS
TRUMP MAKES PROGRESS WITH TAX REFORM

This week, investors awaited the Kansas Fed's annual economic symposium held at Wyoming, where central bankers met to discuss long-term policy issues of mutual concern. However, Friday's speeches from Janet Yellen and Mario Draghi were a bit of an anti-climax, with Draghi apparently unconcerned about the recent appreciation in the Euro, and Yellen warning about dismantling some of the post-crisis financial regulation .

US: PROGRESS ON TRUMP'S TAX REFORM

President Trump seemed to make some progress on his tax reform agenda this week, with his team finding common ground on some of the ways to pay for personal and corporate tax cuts, such as capping mortgage interest deduction for home owners, scrapping state and local tax deductions, and eliminating businesses' ability to deduct interest while allowing the phase-in of full expensing for small businesses. However, Trump managed to squash some of the optimism that resulted, after threatening to shut down government if Congress did not fund the border wall he promised voters while campaigning. In other news, the federal government has until sometime between late-September and mid-October to raise the debt ceiling or else face a technical default. **Key officials appear confident that the debt ceiling will be raised without a hitch, as the US believes in paying its debts. August manufacturing PMI came in lower at 52.5 pts (vs. 53.5 pts expected), while the services PMI rose 2.2 pts to 56.9 pts (vs. 55.0 pts expected), the highest level since April 2015.**

EUROPE: FLASH PMI REMAINS STABLE

The Euro-area flash PMI remained mostly unchanged as gains in manufacturing offset a small drop in services. The composite PMI edged up slightly to 55.8 pts, implying that the economy is growing at an annual rate of 2.5% YoY. Despite recent appreciation of the euro, input prices were higher and not falling as some have suggested.

GERMANY: ECONOMY SET TO CONTINUE ROBUST GROWTH

In Germany, the ZEW expectations index was lower than forecast at 10 pts vs. 15.0 pts, on worries that the strengthening euro will put the economy under added strain after the widening diesel car scandal. The manufacturing PMI returned to 59.4 pts (vs. 57.6 pts expected), while the services PMI recovered slightly to 53.4 pts (vs. 53.3 pts expected), bringing the composite PMI to 55.7 pts. **The figures indicate that the German economy should continue to grow at a solid pace in the upcoming quarters, but at the same time reveal growing capacity pressures and increasing risk of overheating.**

UK: AUGUST DATA SHOWS SALES DECLINE

The UK's preliminary GDP data for the second quarter came in as expected, at 0.3% QoQ and 1.7% YoY. Private consumption rose 0.1% QoQ (vs. 0.3% expected), but capex rose more than forecast to 0.7% QoQ. On the consumer side, the UK's CBI Distributive Trades Survey revealed a net 10% of respondents reporting a decline in YoY sales in August.

INDONESIA: UNEXPECTED RATE CUT

Indonesia's central bank unexpectedly cut the reverse repo rate by 25 bps to 4.50% this week, to boost economic growth and the country's banking sector. The move was motivated by the fact that inflation has fallen to its lowest level since the current measuring system was in place last month, which gave the bank more leeway to cut.

DOMESTIC MARKETS

JSE AND CURRENCY END WEEK IN POSITIVE TERRITORY

It was a very quiet week for local markets. By Friday, the JSE had risen 2.53%, with 2.95% gains in resource shares boosting the index. The rand had strengthened by 1.03% to the US dollar by the end of the week, closing at R13.04 to the greenback. The MSCI global index climbed 0.73%, while the MSCI EM index gained 2.44% for the week.

SARB'S LEADING INDICATOR LOWER FOR JUNE

The SARB's leading indicator for June came in slightly lower than anticipated, at 95.7 pts (vs. 95.8 pts in the previous two months). The main positive contribution to the index was attributable to an increase in South Africa's major trading partners and an increase in new orders by manufacturers. The main negative contributions came from a drop in the number of building plans passed and a decrease in job advertisement space.

CPI FOR JULY LOWEST SINCE SEPTEMBER 2015

Headline CPI for July came in at 4.6% YoY, its lowest since September 2015, and down from 5.1% YoY in June. This means that the chances of further interest rate cuts are likely, in an effort to boost flailing economic growth. On average, prices increased by 0.3% between June 2017 and July 2017.

ESKOM: HIGHER ELECTRICITY TARIFFS ARE ON THEIR WAY

After a Constitutional Court judgement, Eskom may now claw back additional costs from the previous four years in the form of higher tariffs - over and above a NERSA-approved tariff. This is likely to have a serious impact on both consumers and producers. Electricity currently makes up 3.75% of the overall CPI basket, but if Eskom is granted the full 20% application and additional clawbacks for four years, electricity tariffs will push CPI higher in July next year.

BRENTHURST WAS VOTED TOP BOUTIQUE WEALTH MANAGER IN THE COUNTRY IN THE 2017 INTELLIDEX WEALTH MANAGER AND PRIVATE BANKS SURVEY.

In addition, Brenthurst ranked fifth in the over-all award for all participants, which included the larger well-established private banks and corporate financial services companies.

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WEEK AHEAD

DATE	EVENT	PERIOD	SURVEY	PRIOR
UNITED KINGDOM				
08/29/17	Nationwide House Px NSA	Aug	2.50%	2.90%
09/01/17	Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Aug	55	55.1
EURO AREA				
08/28/17	M3 Money Supply	Jul	4.90%	5.00%
08/30/17	Economic Confidence	Aug	111.3	111.2
08/31/17	CPI Core	Aug	1.20%	1.20%
09/01/17	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Aug	57.4	57.4
JAPAN				
08/25/17	Natl CPI	Jul	0.40%	0.40%
08/29/17	Job-To-Applicant Ratio	Jul	1.52	1.51
08/30/17	Retail Trade	Jul	1.00%	2.10%
08/31/17	Industrial Production	Jul	5.20%	5.50%
CHINA				
08/31/17	Manufacturing PMI	Aug	51.3	51.4
09/01/17	Caixin China PMI	Aug	51	51.1
UNITED STATES				
08/25/17	Durable Goods Orders	Jul	-6.00%	6.40%
08/29/17	S&P CoreLogic CS 20-City NSA	Jun	5.60%	5.69%
08/29/17	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Aug	120.4	121.1
08/30/17	GDP Annualized	2Q	2.70%	2.60%
08/31/17	Initial Jobless Claims	Aug	237k	234k
08/31/17	PCE Deflator	Jul	1.40%	1.40%
09/01/17	Unemployment Rate	Aug	4.30%	4.30%
09/01/17	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Aug	97.3	97.6
SOUTH AFRICA				
08/30/17	Money Supply M3	Jul	5.96%	5.96%
08/30/17	Private Sector Credit	Jul	6.13%	6.16%
08/31/17	PPI	Jul	3.50%	4.00%
08/31/17	Electricity Production	Jul		1.60%
09/01/17	Naamsa Vehicle Sales	Aug	3.20%	4.10%

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WEEKLY TICKER

CURRENCIES							
Description	Classification	Currency	Exchange Rate	Week	Month	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
ZAR/USD	ZAR/USD	ZAR	13.04	1.03%	-0.89%	1.09%	5.34%
ZAR/Pound	ZAR/GBP	ZAR	16.82	0.91%	0.90%	3.58%	0.72%
ZAR/Euro	ZAR/EUR	ZAR	15.57	-0.42%	-2.61%	0.32%	-7.15%
Dollar/Euro**	USD/EUR	USD	1.19	1.39%	-1.62%	0.77%	13.46%
Yen/Dollar	YEN/USD	YEN	109.06	-0.16%	1.64%	1.10%	7.24%

COMMODITIES							
Description	Classification	Currency	Commodity Price	Week	Month	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Gold	Gold Spot	USD	1298.33	0.56%	2.45%	2.28%	13.14%
Brent Crude Oil	ICE Brent Futures	USD	52.46	-0.59%	2.56%	-0.49%	-10.80%
Platinum	Platinum Spot	USD	982.18	-0.33%	4.63%	4.42%	8.76%
Copper	LME 3 month Copper	USD	6666.00	2.78%	5.32%	4.66%	20.42%
Silver	Silver Spot	USD	17.20	0.57%	2.50%	2.20%	7.97%

GLOBAL EQUITY INDEXES (TOTAL RETURN)							
Description	Index	Currency	Index Value	Week	Month	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Global	MSCI World*	USD	1944.56	0.73%	-0.88%	-0.61%	13.01%
United States	S&P 500	USD	4731.46	0.75%	-1.19%	-0.90%	10.58%
Europe	Euro Stoxx 50	EUR	6895.45	-0.22%	-1.42%	-0.23%	6.78%
Britain	FTSE 100	GBP	6224.28	1.09%	0.16%	1.22%	6.87%
Germany	DAX	EUR	12167.94	0.02%	-1.11%	0.41%	5.98%
Japan	Nikkei 225	JPY	29992.49	-0.09%	-2.97%	-2.37%	2.76%
Emerging Markets	MSCI Emerging Markets*	USD	1085.37	2.44%	2.17%	1.96%	28.20%

SOUTH AFRICAN EQUITY INDEXES (TOTAL RETURN)							
Description	Index	Currency	Index Value	Week	Month	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
All Share	JSE All Share	ZAR	7951.19	2.53%	3.56%	2.87%	13.81%
Top 40	JSE Top 40	ZAR	7032.25	2.65%	3.59%	2.93%	16.20%
Shareholder Weighted	JSE SWIX	ZAR	20484.65	2.27%	2.93%	2.85%	12.98%
Small Companies	JSE Small Cap*	ZAR	58871.32	0.95%	0.40%	0.35%	-2.37%
Resources	JSE Resource 20	ZAR	2185.81	2.95%	6.30%	2.56%	11.65%
Industrials	JSE Industrial 25	ZAR	14585.10	2.69%	2.73%	2.90%	21.01%
Financials	JSE Financial 15	ZAR	8441.21	2.66%	4.20%	4.19%	8.16%
SA Listed Property	JSE SA Listed Property	ZAR	2212.85	-1.76%	-0.97%	-0.81%	5.22%
Preference Shares	JSE Pref Shares	ZAR	1941.51	0.05%	-0.66%	-0.72%	1.45%
SA FIXED INTEREST							
Description	Index	Currency	Index Value	Week	Month	Month-to-Date	Year-to-Date
All Bond	BESA ALBI Index	ZAR	568.23	-0.32%	0.68%	0.91%	6.54%
Inflation Linked Bonds	BESA CILI	ZAR	248.23	0.11%	0.64%	0.48%	1.06%
Cash	STEFI Composite*	ZAR	373.67	0.14%	0.60%	0.50%	4.91%

*Price Index (not Total Return) ** Negative indicates Euro weakness