Investment Research - General Market Conditions

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# Danske Daily

# Market movers today

- The likelihood of a cut in either the refi rate or the deposit rate in connection with today's ECB meeting is, in our view, extremely low - not least after PMIs released across the euro area showed tentative signs of stabilisation across the board. The ECB might present an ABS purchasing programme to support lending to small- and medium-sized companies but we doubt it is ready to give details and the programme might underwhelm, see ECB Preview: The end of monetary easing.
- BoE is also unlikely to announce new stimulus today in connection with its last meeting with Mervin King as governor. Recent data including yesterday's service PMI suggests that growth is moving up a gear and for that reason it also looks increasing questionable whether Mark Carney will deliver additional easing when he assumes the BoE governorship.
- In the data calendar the most interesting release today is German factory orders. Following two months of strong gains in factory orders, it would be a surprise if there had been no payback in April. The weekly initial unemployment claims in the US will as usual also be interesting as an indicator for the strength of the labour market.
- We expect Nationalbanken to follow the ECB and keep rates on hold. March house prices for Denmark are likely to show further stabilisation. For more on Scandi markets see page 2.

# Selected market news

The US ADP report released yesterday showed a disappointing gain of 136,000 in private payrolls which is below our estimate for Friday's employment report. However, ADP has missed actual job growth several times on the downside lately and hence we take the numbers with a pinch of salt. More important is the employment index in the non-manufacturing ISM survey which declined despite an overall gain in the headline index. This leads us to adjust our above-consensus forecast for Friday's nonfarm payrolls to 180,000 from a previous 190,000.

The Fed's Beige Book released yesterday evening showed the economy growing at a 'modest to moderate' pace compared with a 'moderate' pace in the previous Beige Book. This is consistent with some slowing in growth in Q2 which is in line with our forecast. Interesting was the comments that the manufacturing sector expanded in most districts in May - this is not as downbeat as might have been expected following the weak manufacturing ISM survey released on Monday. Otherwise, residential real estate and construction stands out as strong which is in line with other data received lately.

In a WSJ article the IMF admits that it made mistakes when handling the Greek bailout.

In general, risk markets had a bad day yesterday and US and German yields moved lower. This morning the negative sentiment has carried over to Asian markets. JPY/USD is now trading below 100 again after a short spike yesterday while EUR/USD has remained broadly stable.

Market overvie	w			
			1 day +/-,%	
S&P500 (close) S&P500 fut (chng from close) Nikkei Hang Seng		1608.9 1612.4 12882.5 21814.7	<ul> <li>↓ -1.38</li> <li>↑ 0.27</li> <li>↓ -1.03</li> <li>↓ -1.15</li> </ul>	
	17:00	07:30		+/-, bp
US 2y gov US 10y gov iTraxx Europe (IG) iTraxx Xover (Non IG)	0.29 2.09 108 445	0.29 2.10 109 447	<b>↑ ↑ ↑</b>	0.0 0.9 0.6 1.4
EUR/USD USD/JPY EUR/CHF EUR/GBP EUR/SEK EUR/NOK	1.310 99.170 1.23 0.851 8.638 7.61	1.310 99.400 1.23 0.851 8.627 7.61	^ ^ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	+/-, % 0.06 0.23 0.14 -0.01 -0.13 0.04
Oil Brent, USD Gold, USD	103.7 1406.8	103.2 1398.3	<b>4</b>	USD -0.49 -0.60

Note:

\* The iTraxx Europe Index shows the spread development for the most liquid investment grade CDS contracts in the euro credit market.

\*\*The iTraxx Europe Crossover shows the spread development of the most liquid non-investment grade CDS contracts in the euro credit market.

\*\*\*The Markit CDX North America Investment Grade Index shows the spread development for the most liquid investment grade CDS contracts in the US credit market.

Source: Bloomberg

# Selected readings from Danske

- ECB preview
- Nationalbanken preview

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# Scandi markets today

In our *Nationalbanken Preview* we look at likely reactions from Danmarks Nationalbank (DN) in the unlikely event that the ECB cuts rates today. If the ECB remains on hold as expected, we expect DN to remain quiet today. EUR/DKK has been reasonably stable below the central rate since the 24 January rate hike and DN has not needed to intervene in the FX markets to support DKK in this period – an independent DN rate hike is therefore not imminent. March's property price figures will probably show that the fragile Danish property market has stabilised further.



Today's key event for EUR swap markets is the ECB meeting policy meeting and the following press conference. In our view risks are skewed for rates moving lower during these events. Draghi is unlikely to repeat the mistakes made in January, where a hawkish tone fuelled a sharp sell-off. Rather he will keep all options open, which will be perceived as dovish given the current pricing of the short end of the EUR curve. Spain and France are both coming to the markets today: Spain to sell 2.75% 2015, 3.3% 2016 and 4.4% 2023 bonds; France to sell 3.5% 2020, 1.75% 2023 and 2.75% 2027 bonds.

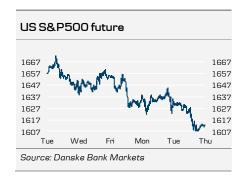
The push for higher rates in Europe from the US has faded with US Treasury markets stabilising. An oversold Treasury market increases the likelihood of US Treasury yields moving lower in the near term. We would not be surprised to see 10Y Treasury yields dipping below 2% again if the labour market reports disappoints on Friday.

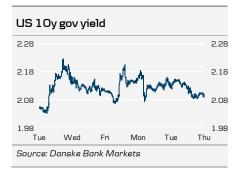
## **FX** markets

Which way for EUR/USD on ECB is today's million-dollar question. On the one hand, while a refi rate cut cannot be ruled out, it is the deposit rate that really matters for FX markets as this determines the level of EONIA rates – and we think the ECB is far from going negative. This coupled with stretched EUR short positioning speaks in favour of a positive EUR reaction. But, on the other hand, longer-end EONIA swaps have sold off in the past month, which suggests to us that there could be room for the FX-sensitive part of the curve to move lower today, if we are right that Draghi will be talking soft and no grand ABS programme is launched. On the whole, we thus see a chance of EUR/USD edging lower on today's meeting, likely testing the 1.30 level. Sterling is unlikely to see any significant reaction to Bank of England keeping things as they are; everyone is waiting for Carney and the August review of policy.

In the Scandi sphere, focus will also be on the ECB. Should the ECB cut the refi rate (contrary to our expectations), Nationalbanken will likely deliver another 10bp cut in the lending rate to 0.10% and a minor move lower in EUR/DKK could be the result. With Norges Bank very focused on relative rates and NOK moves, an ECB cut could fuel speculation of a Norwegian cut at the June policy meeting whereas Riksbanken is less likely to pay attention in this case; we could thus see NOK/SEK head lower again in the (unlikely) event of an ECB cut today.

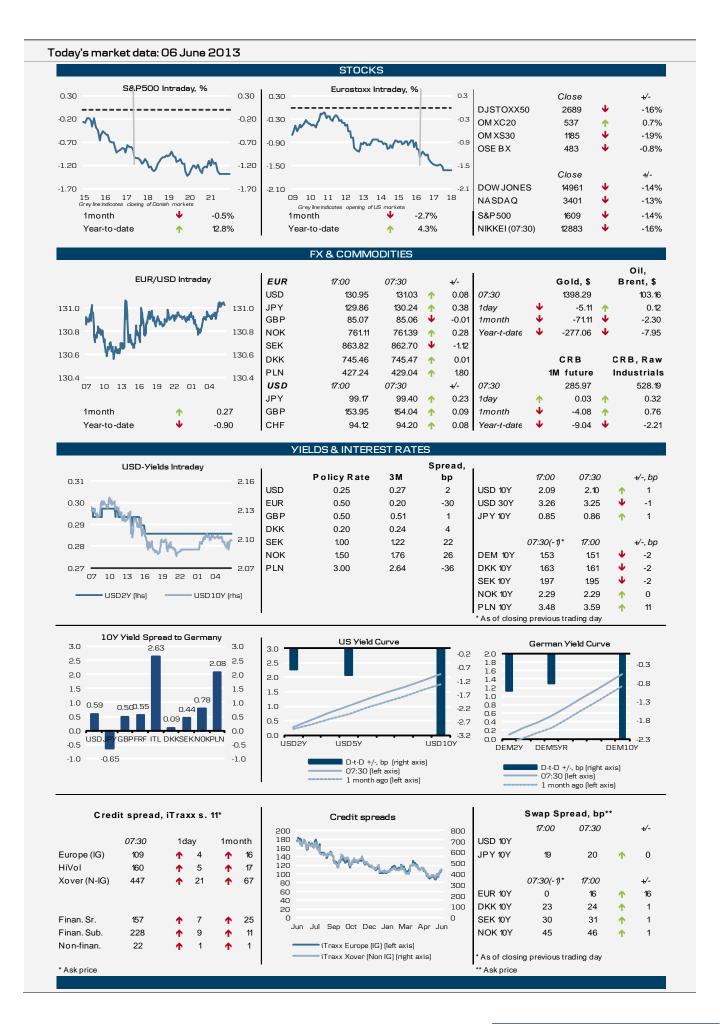
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7:30	FRF	Unemployment	96	1st quarter		10.5	10.6%
9:00	DKK	House price index	m/m y/y	Mar			1.8% 1.5%
9:15	CHF	CPI	m/m y/y	May			-0.1% -0.49
12:00	DEM	Factory orders	m/m y/y	Apr	-0.5%	-1.3% 0.2%	2.2% -0.49
13:00	GBP	BoE rate announcement	96		0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
13:00	GBP	BoE announces asset purchase target	GBP bn		375	375	375
13:45	EUR	ECB announces refi rate	96		0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
13:45	EUR	ECB announces deposit rate	96		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
14:00	USD	Fed's Plosser (non-voter, hawk) speaks					
14:30	USD	Initial jobless claims	1000			345	354
14:30	EUR	ECB press conference					













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