

GLOBAL ECONOMICS | DAILY POINTS

September 5, 2019 @ 8:00 EST

| ON DECK FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------|---------------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Country | <u>Date</u> | Time | <u>Indicator</u> | Period | BNS | Consensus | <u>Latest</u> | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 08:15 | ADP Employment Report (000s m/m) | Aug | 150 | 148 | 195 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 08:30 | Initial Jobless Claims (000s) | Aug 31 | 215 | 215 | 215 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 08:30 | Continuing Claims (000s) | Aug 24 | | 1688 | 1698 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 08:30 | Productivity (q/q a.r.) | 2Q F | | 2.2 | 2.3 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 08:30 | Unit Labor Costs (q/q a.r.) | 2Q F | | 2.4 | 2.4 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 10:00 | Durable Goods Orders (m/m) | Jul F | | 2.1 | 2.1 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 10:00 | Durable Goods Orders ex. Trans. (m/m) | Jul F | | -0.4 | -0.4 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 10:00 | Factory Orders (m/m) | Jul | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.6 | | | | |
| US | 09/05 | 10:00 | ISM Non-Manufacturing Composite | Aug | 54.0 | 54.0 | 53.7 | | | | |

KEY POINTS:

- · Risk-on may be driven by false trade hopes
- What I would ask the BoC's Schembri today
- German factory orders reverse prior rise...
- ...and remain on a weak trend in 2019
- US ADP surprises higher ahead of nonfarm
- US ISM-services, factory orders on tap
- Philippines CPI supports further CB easing
- Krona jumps on hawkish Riksbank...
- ...but the central bank has misjudged key risks before

INTERNATIONAL

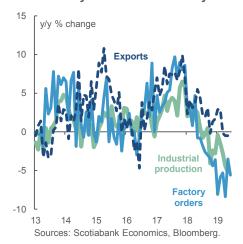
Markets are not doing a whole lot of questioning around vague trade-talk guidance from the US and China. The USTR guided that the countries are working toward trade talks in October, but no date has been set. That sounds like a re-run of the optimism into September that they might sit down and were working toward it, but clearly won't. Perhaps China is waiting to see if the Trump administration truly goes ahead with the jump in the 25% tariff rate on US\$250 billion of Chinese imports to 30% on October 1st, a culturally insensitive date that marks the birth of modern China. If so, I would think China has full justification to skip the talks and then October will look a lot like September by way of no progress if not potentially further escalation. Regardless, market manipulation with false hopes seems to be just a-o-k when public officials do it these days..

- The USD is broadly weaker except against a) safe havens like the yen and Swiss franc, and b) less so versus CAD following yesterday's BoC communications. The Swedish krona is beating all comers (Riksbank, see below) with sterling not far behind on continued optimism that PM Johnson's 'no-deal' exit is dead, at least for now...
- Sovereign bond yields are rising sharply across most major markets on the trade optimism. Ten year yields are up 8bps in each of the UK and Canada, 6bps in the US in a parallel upward curve shift, and 6–8bps across the Eurozone. German 10s are still negative at -0.62% with the ten year JGB up a little but still at -0.27%.

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Germany's Troubled Economy





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- Oil prices are gently higher ahead of US oil inventories (10:30amET).
- US equity futures are up by about 1% on average across exchanges with TSX futures up ½%. European cash markets are up by either side of 1% or so except for a ¾% drop in London as sterling appreciates and impedes export competiveness. Goods news on Brexit is bad news for exporters is the trade, without considering minor details like who they'd trade with in a post-Brexit world absent agreements. Meh.

Brexit risk is in limbo as tomorrow the House of Lords will take up the bill that Parliament passed yesterday and PM Johnson will deliver a speech calling for an election this afternoon, despite the fact that MPs voted against an election call yesterday. I might just yet hold out hope for democracy's checks and balances if the credibility continues to erode for the man who drove distorted facts that misled voters in the 2016 referendum and then proroqued parliament while sacking anyone who disagreed with him.

Expectations for Bankgo Sentral ng Pilipinas to cut its policy rate again got a shot in the arm with last evening's inflation reading. CPI fell to 1.7% y/y from 2.4% the prior month and a tick below consensus expectations. That's the weakest reading since September 2016. Core inflation fell to 2.9% y/y from 3.2% the prior month and is at its lowest since January of last year. The central bank targets inflation at 2–4% and so headline is beneath that and core is falling into the lower half of that range.

Sweden's Riksbank left its policy rate unchanged at -0.25% as expected but accompanied that with hawkish guidance. While the guided path of future rate hikes is shallower, Governor Ingves continues to guide that hikes will return toward year-end. The statement (here) noted unchanged guidance for the rate to be raised at the end of 2019 or the beginning of 2020. The krona rallied and is the strongest appreciating cross to the USD this morning. Sweden's central bank has misjudged the risks previously, including a famous spat with US economist Paul Krugman, so the jury is out on the path forward as the ECB probably eases this month in the context of sharp global risks.

German factory orders fell 2.7% m/m in July (-1.4% consensus) but this is an unwinding of an identical rise the prior month. That said, orders fell 2% in May, rose 2.7% in June and fell 2.7% in July which leaves behind a soft recent trend. In fact, orders have fallen in four of the seven months to date this year and the trend is weak (see chart).

CANADA

Bank of Canada Deputy Governor Schembri delivers the Economic Progress Report that follows non-MPR meetings. His speech will be released at 11:45amET and there will be a press conference at 1pmET. An obvious question following yesterday's statement (here) is whether the BoC deliberately meant to tighten financial conditions. Schembri might dodge the question, but it's perfectly legitimate to ask and there is risk around a response. CAD has appreciated by well over a cent to the USD since just before yesterday morning's statement and the two year Canada yield increased by 7bps and has since heavily underperformed US short term yields. It's unclear that the BoC would have understood the impact of its guidance upon market conditions and whether it feels it is appropriate to tighten conditions at this point in the outlook. I don't.

UNITED STATES

US markets face several macro reports this morning.

ADP private payrolls surpassed expectations at +195k for August (148k consensus). That might suggest that private nonfarm payrolls will face upside risk tomorrow, but bear in mind the 45k or so absolute value of monthly average differences between private ADP payrolls and private nonfarm payrolls on the initial first passes at both. The difference can be much larger at times.

Nevertheless, there are at least two competing forces here. One is the impact of Trump's August 1st tariff announcement and escalation since then. This hit into the nonfarm reference period (the pay period including the 12th of each month) and when happened in May, it dragged payrolls down to very little growth. That didn't impair ADP's hiring confidence in today's reading, but nonfarm remains to be seen.

Second, August was a challenge for seasonal adjustments to a variety of indicators because of the unusually high number of weekends (5) and because Labor Day activity mostly fell into August this year. That might be difficult to control against in retail



sales, consumer spending and housing indicators and was a factor artificially boosting yesterday's vehicle sales print (see Rebekah Young's recap of the US and Canadian vehicle sales figures here).

In addition:

- **1. ISM-services:** The non-manufacturing PMI for August is due out at 10amET. The reading has dropped from a peak of 60.8 a year ago to just under 54 in July that, being above 50, continues to signal expansion but at a decelerating pace. Consensus expects little change, but further downside would add to negative sentiment from ISM-manufacturing.
- **2. Factory orders:** They are expected to follow upward the large 2.1% m/m jump in durables but at a more muted pace that reveals growth in the roughly other half of the report that measures orders for nondurable goods.

| Fixed Income | Government Yield Curves (%): | | | | | | | | | | Central Banks | | | |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|--------------|-------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| | | 2-YEAR | | 5-YEAR | | | 10-YEAR | | | 30-YEAR | | | Current Rate | |
| | Last | 1-day | <u>1-wk</u> | Last | <u>1-day</u> | <u>1-wk</u> | Last | <u>1-day</u> | <u>1-wk</u> | Last | 1-day | <u>1-wk</u> | | |
| U.S. | 1.50 | 1.43 | 1.52 | 1.39 | 1.32 | 1.40 | 1.53 | 1.47 | 1.50 | 2.03 | 1.97 | 1.97 | Canada - BoC | 1.75 |
| CANADA | 1.40 | 1.34 | 1.34 | 1.23 | 1.15 | 1.18 | 1.22 | 1.13 | 1.15 | 1.48 | 1.41 | 1.40 | | |
| GERMANY | -0.88 | -0.89 | -0.91 | -0.86 | -0.90 | -0.91 | -0.61 | -0.67 | -0.69 | -0.04 | -0.15 | | US - Fed | 2.25 |
| JAPAN | -0.29 | -0.29 | -0.31 | -0.33 | -0.35 | -0.35 | -0.26 | -0.28 | -0.29 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.14 | | |
| U.K. | 0.43 | 0.36 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.34 | 0.29 | 0.58 | 0.49 | 0.44 | 1.10 | 1.00 | 0.98 | England - BoE | 0.75 |
| | Spreads vs. U.S. (bps): | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CANADA | -10 | -10 | -18 | -16 | -17 | -22 | -31 | -34 | -35 | -54 | -56 | -57 | Euro zone - ECB | 0.00 |
| GERMANY | -238 | -232 | -243 | -225 | -222 | -230 | -214 | -214 | -219 | -207 | -212 | -215 | | |
| JAPAN | -178 | -173 | -183 | -172 | -166 | -175 | -179 | -174 | -178 | -188 | -185 | -182 | Japan - BoJ | -0.10 |
| U.K. | -107 | -107 | -116 | -98 | -98 | -111 | -95 | -97 | -106 | -92 | -97 | -98 | | |
| Equities | | | Le | vel | | | | | % ch | ange: | Mexico - Banxi | | Mexico - Banxico | 8.00 |
| | | Last | | | Change | | 1 Day | <u>1-\</u> | | <u>1-mo</u> | <u>1-yr</u> | | | |
| S&P/TSX | | 16449 | | | 49.6 | | 0.3 | 1. | | 1.1 | | .9 | Australia - RBA | 1.00 |
| Dow 30 | | 26355 | | | 237.5 | | 0.9 | 2. | | 2.5 | 1. | | | |
| S&P 500 | | 2938 | | | 31.5 | | 1.1 | 2. | | 3.3 | | .7 | New Zealand - RBNZ | 1.00 |
| Nasdaq | 7977 | | | 102.7 | | 1.3 | 1. | | 3.2 | -0 | | | | |
| DAX | | 12124 | | | 98.6 | | 0.8 2.4 | | | 4.0 | 0.7 | | Next Meeting Date | |
| FTSE | | 7259 | | | -52.3 | | -0.7 | 1. | | 0.5 | -1 | | | |
| Nikkei | | 21086 | | | 436.8 | | 2.1 | 3. | | 1.8 | -6 | | Canada - BoC | Oct 30, 2019 |
| Hang Seng | | 26516 | | | -7.7 | | -0.0 | | .2 | 1.4 | -2 | | | |
| CAC | | 5594 | | | 61.8 | | 1.1 | 2. | | 6.7 | 6. | .3 | US - Fed | Sep 18, 2019 |
| Commodities | Level | | | | | | | % change: | | | | | | |
| WTI Crude | | 56.39 | | | 0.13 | | 0.2 | 1. | | 3.1 | -17 | | England - BoE | Sep 19, 2019 |
| Natural Gas | | 2.44 | | | -0.00 | | -0.1 | 8. | | 18.0 | -12 | | | |
| Gold | | 1536.33 | | | -16.09 | | -1.0 | 0. | | 5.0 | | 3.4 | Euro zone - ECB | Sep 12, 2019 |
| Silver | | 19.31 | | | 0.83 | | 4.5 | 5. | | 19.2 | 35 | | | |
| CRB Index | | 173.08 | | | 0.39 | | 0.2 | 1. | | 0.9 | -9 | .4 | Japan - BoJ | Sep 19, 2019 |
| Currencies | Level | | | | | | % change: | | | | | | | |
| USDCAD | | 1.3204 | | | -0.0020 | | -0.2 | -0 | | 0.0 | | .2 | Mexico - Banxico | Sep 26, 2019 |
| EURUSD | | 1.1065 | | | 0.0030 | | 0.3 | 0. | | -1.2 | -4 | | l | |
| USDJPY | | 106.87 | | | 0.4800 | | 0.5 | 0. | | 0.9 | -4 | | Australia - RBA | Oct 01, 2019 |
| AUDUSD | | 0.6819 | | | 0.0022 | | 0.3 | 1. | | 0.9 | -5 | | l | |
| GBPUSD | | 1.2343 | | | 0.0090 | | 0.7 | 1. | | 1.6 | -4 | | New Zealand - RBNZ | Sep 24, 2019 |
| USDCHF | | 0.9836 | | | 0.0029 | | 0.3 | -0 | .3 | 1.0 | 1. | .2 | | |

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