

Weekly Insights

EVERGREEN INSIGHTS: A WEEKLY SNAPSHOT

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Top News Headlines

- 1) Stocks Fall on Week, Commodity Slump Intensifies
- 2) Fed on Track for Rate Hike Following Solid Jobs Report
- 3) Donald Trump Surprisingly Still in GOP Lead after First Republican Debate

Economic News

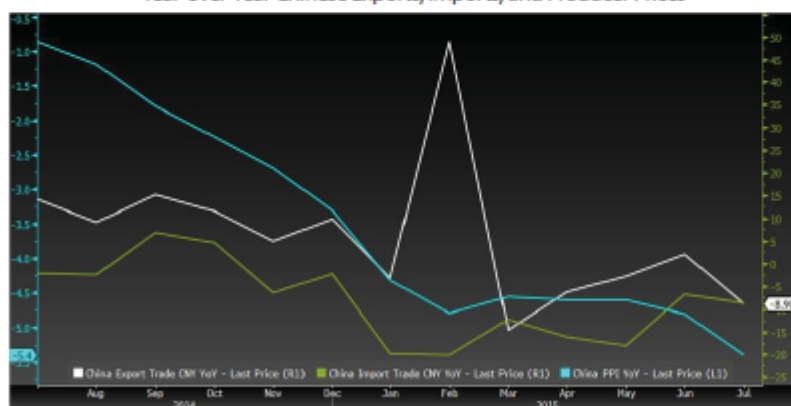
- US employers added 215k jobs in July, labor market continues to improve
- The US non-manufacturing index rose to a 10-year high as services industry seeing strong demand
- Eurozone retail sales missed expectations in June with a 1.2% YoY gain in June
- China producer prices fell to lowest level in over five years amid weakening demand
- Chinese imports fell -8.1% year-over-year as demand and economic data continue to deteriorate

Thought of the Week

Revealing the addition of 215,000 jobs, July's employment numbers should keep the Fed on track to tighten later in 2015. While the result did slightly miss expectations calling for an increase of 225,000, the previous two months were revised up by 14,000 jobs. The gist: this was a solid report from a jobs-added perspective. Still, average hourly earnings, compared to last year, were just so-so at +2.1%, and the participation rate remains weak at 62.6%. So while there's been good job growth, there's also systemic weakness in the labor market, suggesting the 5.3% unemployment rate may be a bit misleading. Ultimately, we think the Fed is on track for its first rate hike in 10-years unless there's a significant deterioration in US economic data over the next few months. There's also the risk of an ancillary, global event—namely, China. Over the weekend, we saw that nation's year-over-year exports decline by 8.9%, imports by 8.6%, and producer prices by 5.4%. And, as we have highlighted in the past, volatility in Chinese stocks has virtually doubled over the last few months thanks to the recent decline. Ultimately, we think there's a higher probability the Fed starts its tightening campaign in September or December, barring any major setbacks—at home or abroad.

Chart of the Week

Year-over-Year Chinese Exports, Imports, and Producer Prices



Source: Bloomberg, Evergreen GaveKal

Index Levels	Friday Close 8/7/15	Prior Week 7/31/15	Year End 12/31/14
S&P 500	2078	2104	2059
Dow Jones 30	17373	17690	17823
Nasdaq	5044	5128	4736
Russell 2000	1207	1239	1205
Market Returns	1 week	1 month	YTD
S&P 500	-1.2%	1.6%	2.1%
Russell 2000	-2.5%	-1.7%	0.9%
Barclays Agg	-0.1%	0.2%	0.4%
MSCI World	-1.0%	2.5%	3.8%
MSCI Europe	0.3%	6.6%	18.2%
MSCI Japan	1.1%	6.0%	19.4%
MSCI China	0.0%	5.1%	2.4%
MSCI Brazil	-7.0%	-13.3%	-25.4%
MSCI Emerging Markets	-1.8%	-1.8%	-5.7%
Market Valuations	P/E Trailing	P/E Forward	P/Sales
S&P 500	18.5	17.7	1.8
Russell 2000	19.9	16.6	1.2
FTSE 100 (Europe)	23.6	16.3	1.1
Hang Seng (Hong Kong)	10.6	11.89	1.8
Bond Yields	Friday Close 8/7/15	Prior Week 7/31/15	Year End 12/31/14
Fed Funds Target	0.25	0.25	0.25
2 Year Treasury	0.72	0.66	0.67
10 Year Treasury	2.16	2.18	2.17
Investment Grade	3.93	3.89	3.70
Muni Yield	2.53	2.52	2.32
High Yield	7.06	6.94	6.80
Consumer Rates			
15 Year Mortgage	3.02	3.01	3.09
30 Year Mortgage	3.93	3.90	3.99
Consumer Confidence	90.91	90.91	93.06
Commodities			
Gold	1094.1	1095.8	1184.9
Silver	14.8	14.8	15.7
WTI Crude Oil	43.9	47.1	53.3
Natural Gas	2.8	2.7	2.9
Currency			
Dollar Index	97.56	97.34	90.27
\$ per Euro	1.096	1.098	1.210
Yen per \$	124.23	123.90	119.68
CAD per \$	1.313	1.309	1.162

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