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Fed Fears Fading? Not in EM they're not

In what has been an otherwise quiet night bereft on tier-1 economic news, the highlight has arguably been comment from St Louis Fed president James Bullard. Though not a current FOMC voter, and considered more an 'activist' than an easily labelled 'hawk' or 'dove', Bullard's comments that he sees a greater than 50% chance of Fed rates 'lift-off' in September, have helped propel US front end yields to their highest level of the month.

US 2-year yields closed in New York at 0.7067%, up by 4.1bps and their first close above 0.7% this month. The yield is 16.5bps up on intra-month lows. US 10 year bonds finished 2.9bps higher at 2.376% - so still very much 'home on the range' that has been capped at 2.5% over the past couple of months.

Of some note is that the creep higher in front end yields evidently holds no fear for US risk markets, with the NADAQ building slightly on Friday's record closing high, the S&P500 closing within three points of its (21 May) record and the VIX closing below 12.0 for the first time since 5 December last year. The US dollar is a touch firmer, the DXY closing +0.18% at 98.04, its highest level since mid-April.

The ongoing US risk-market rally may be being helped by incoming US earnings reports - Morgan Stanley the last of the big banks to report last night and who comfortably exceeded their consensus street estimate.

The nonchalance with which US (and now European) risk markets are travelling is not being so easily replicated in emerging markets, where the only currencies not to have fallen against the US dollar in the past 24 hours are the Peruvian Sol and Romanian Leu.

The more actively traded EM currencies are under the pump, led by the Turkish Lire (1.68%) Thai baht (-0.71%) and South African Rand (-0.64%). A major terrorist atrocity in Turkey looks partly responsible for the Lire's fall, while the Rand has clearly been impacted by the slide in gold price since Friday. 1 month Non-Deliverable Forwards (NDFs) ranging from the IDR (Indonesia) to CLP (Chile) to KRW (Korea) are all at the weakest levels against the US dollar in the past month or more.

The only developed world currency to show similar stress is the Norwegian Krone (-0.69%). This follows the latest slippage in oil prices and where the NYMEX WTI benchmark has just closed below \$50 for the first time since the end of March. Expectations for increased Iranian supply coming on stream next year, following a pledge by the Iranian oil minister to win back market share – is being blamed for the latest fall.

The 'steward enquiry;' into gold's rapid fall from grace continues (it was off \$48 intra-day at one point Monday). A

chunky sale into illiquid Asia markets has been widely touted, though we still regard the disappointment at the scale of China's purchases revealed on Friday to be the fundamental catalyst for the shake out.

The AUD, a currency that has traditionally shown a high correlation to the gold price, has been hardly moved on the gold news. We'd argue this is because the currency had already fallen so far during a period of largely sideways trading in gold between October last year and mid-July.

Meanwhile the iron ore price has bucked the trend of falling commodity prices elsewhere to add \$1.73 to \$52.39 for the 62% fine China import grade – its highest almost three weeks. AUD/USD currently sits virtually unchanged on last week's close, near 0.7370.

Coming Up

The RBA Board Minutes for the July Meeting are due this afternoon. The July post meeting statement was almost identical to the June statement, with the main change giving an acknowledgment of the improving labour market: 'the rate of unemployment, though elevated, has been little changed recently'. Recent labour market outcomes have been better than the RBA had forecast in the May Statement on Monetary Policy (SoMP) and business conditions have also picked up strongly over the past couple of months.

We'll be looking for any signs in the Minutes that might hint whether the RBA thinks the economy is tracking slightly better than its May forecasts had suggested. (Note that the Board meeting preceded the June labour force and NAB Business Survey reports). The RBA will present its updated forecasts on Friday 7 August and these will also be presented beforehand to the RBA August Board Meeting on Tuesday 4 August.

Also due today and alongside the Minutes (11:30AEST) is the Q2 NAB Residential Property Survey, covering the latest views and prospects for the industry, including the measured influence of overseas buyers.

Elsewhere, nothing much to note, save for latest NZ migration figures, Minutes from the BoJ June 19 meeting (already superseded by last week's meeting) and tonight, UK public finances data.

Overnight

On global stock markets, the S&P 500 was +0.10%. Bond markets saw US 10-years +2.54bp to 2.37%. On commodity markets, Brent crude oil -1.03% to \$56.51, gold-3.2% to \$1,095, iron ore +3.4% to \$52.39. AUD is at 0.7371 and the range was 0.7369 to 0.7373.

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Markets. AUD/USD- past week US 10 yr - past week 0.750 2.46 2.44 2.42 0.745 2.40 0.740 2.38 2.36 0.735 2.34 2.32 2.30 0.730 2.28 2.26 0.725 14-Jul 15-Jul 16-Jul 17-Jul 20-Jul 21-Jul 14-Jul 16-Jul 17-Jul 21-Jul Source: Bloomberg. Source: Bloomberg. S&P Futures - past week WTI- past week 2,130 54.00 2,120 53.00 2,110 52.00 2,100 51.00 2,090 50.00 2,080 49.00 2,070 14-15-15-16-16-17-18-20-21-14-48.00 Jul Jul Jul Jul Jul Jul Jul Jul Jul 15-Jul 17-Jul 20-Jul 14-Jul 16-Jul Source: Bloomberg. Source: Bloomberg.

Foreign Exchange							Equities				Commodities*				
	Indicative 24hr ranges (**)			Other FX				Major Indices					Last	% day	
	Last	% chge	Low	High		Last	% chge	:		Last	% day	% y/y	Oil (Brent)	56.51	-1.0
AUD	0.7372	0.0	0.7369	0.7373	HKD	7.7513	0.0	_	Dow	18,100	+0.1	5.8	Oil (WTI)	49.94	-1.9
NZD	0.6565	0.0	0.6562	0.6570	CNY	6.2097	0.0		S&P 500	2,128	+0.1	7.6	Oil (Tapis)	58.78	-1.8
EUR	1.0824	0.0	1.0821	1.0827	SGD	1.3709	0.0		Nasdaq	5,219	+0.2	17.8	Gold	1095.30	-3.2
GBP	1.5564	0.0	1.5564	1.5570	IDR	13,395	0.3		FTSE	6,789	+0.2	0.6	CRB	211.84	-1.3
JPY	124.30	0.0	124.26	124.32	THB	34.47	0.0		DAX	11,736	+0.5	20.7	GS Metals	291.8	-0.3
CAD	1.3000	0.0	1.2992	1.3003	KRW	1,152	0.4		CAC 40	5,142	+0.5	18.6	Aluminium	1660	-0.6
AUD/EUR	0.6810	0.0			TWD	31.18	0.3		Nikkei	20,651	+0.2	35.7	Copper	5469	0.0
AUD/JPY	91.63	0.0			PHP	45.33	0.2		Shanghai	3,992	+0.9	94.3	Nickel	11670	1.7
AUD/GBP	0.4736	0.0			CHF	0.96	0.0		Hang Seng	25,405	0.0	8.6	Zinc	2046	-0.6
AUD/NZD	1.1233	0.0			SEK	8.63	0.1		ASX 200	5,687	+0.3	2.7	Ch. steel	2123	1.5
													Iron ore	52.4	3.4
													Coal	60.6	0.4
	Interest Rates							Overnight Futures			Wheat Chic.	542.5	-3.7		
Indicative Swap Rates					Benchmark 10 Year Bonds								Sugar	11.44	-4.3
	Cash	3mth	2Yr	10Yr		Last	chge	Sprd			Last	Chge	Cotton	65.85	0.0
USD	0.25	0.29	0.97	2.45	USD 10	2.37	0.03			Australia			Coffee	127.5	-0.7
AUD	2.00	2.14	2.18	3.29	AUD 10	2.92	-0.03	0.55		3 mth bill	97.88	-0.01			
NZD	3.25	3.07	2.87	3.74	NZD 10	3.45	0.00	1.08		3 Yr bond	97.93	-0.04	CO ₂ Emissio	ns - Euro	s
EUR	0.05	0.06	0.11	1.08	CAD 10	1.58	0.01	-0.79		10 Yr bond	96.99	-0.05		Last	% day

Please note the high/low FX rates are only an indication. Please refer to your National Dealer for confirmation.

EUR 10

GBP 10

JPY 10

0.76

2.06

0.43

-1.61

-0.31

-1.95

3/10 sprd

SPI

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10.0

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Jun-2015

Dec-2015

Dec-2016

-0.03

-0.02

0.00

2.19

0.61

2.07

Last is around 6:30am Sydney

0.50

0.10

0.50

0.58

0.10

1.17

1.16

0.15

0.78

Source: Bloomberg

GBP

JPY

CAD

3.2

3.1

3.2

7.99

8.08

^{*} All near futures contracts, except CRB. GS Metals is Goldman Sachs industrial metals index. Metals prices are CME. Emissions: ICE Dec contracts, Euros

^{**} These are indicative ranges over the past 24 hours; please confirm rates with your NAB dealer

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		Time	NAB					
	r Economic Indicator y, 21 July 2015	Period	Forecast	Consensus	Actual	Previous	GMT	AEST
NZ	Net Migration SA	Jun				5140	22.45	8.45
UA	ANZ Roy Morgan Weekly Consumer Confidence Index	Jul-19				107.0/-3.6%	23.30	9.30
IN	BoJ June 18-19 Minutes						23.50	9.50
AU AU	RBA July Meeting Minutes NAB Residential Property Survey	Q2					1.30 1.30	11.30 11.30
ΝZ	Credit Card Spending MoM/YoY	Jun				1.9%/7.1%	3.00	13.00
JN	Leading Index CI	May F				106.2	5.00	15.00
JN	Cabinet Office Economic Report	Jul				10.15		40.00
JK Nednes	Public Finances (PSNCR) sday, 22 July 2015	Jun				12.4B	8.30	18.30
AU	Westpac Leading Index MoM	Jun				-0.1%	0.30	10.30
ΝŪ	Skilled Vacancies MoM	Jun				-1.00%	1.00	11.00
¥U	CPI QoQ/YoY	2Q	0.8%/1.7%	0.8%/1.7%		0.2%/1.3%	1.30	11.30
AU AU	CPI Trimmed Mean QoQ/YoY CPI Weighted Median YoY	2Q 2Q	0.6%/2.2% 0.6%/2.4%	0.6%/2.1% 0.6%/2.3%		0.6%/2.3% 0.6%/2.4%	1.30	11.30 11.30
CH	MNI Business Indicator	Jul	0.0 /6/2.4 /6	0.0 /6/2.3 /6		53.5	1.30 1.45	11.45
CH	Conference Board Leading Economic Index	Jun				00.0	2.00	12.00
٩U	RBA Governor Stevens speaks to Anika Foundation (no spe		/et)				3.05	13.05
JN	All Industry Activity Index MoM	May		-0.60%		0.1%	4.30	14.30
JK EC	Bank of England Minutes						8.30	18.30
JS	Euro Area First Quarter Government Debt/Deficit MBA Mortgage Applications	Jul-17					9.00 11.00	19.00 21.00
US	FHFA House Price Index MoM	May		0.40%		0.3%	13.00	23.00
JS	Existing Home Sales / MoM	Jun		5.40M/0.9%		5.35M/5.1%	14.00	0.00
	ry, 23 July 2015							
NZ JN	RBNZ Official Cash Rate Trade Balance Adjusted	Jul-23	3.00%	3.00% -¥260.0B		3.25%	21.00	7.00 9.50
UK	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel MoM	Jun Jun		-#200.UD		-¥182.5B 0.2%	23.50 8.30	18.30
US	Chicago Fed Nat Activity Index	Jun		-0.05		-0.17	12.30	22.30
US	Initial Jobless Claims	Jul-18		280K		281K	12.30	22.30
CA	Retail Sales MoM	May		0.60%		-0.1%	12.30	22.30
UK	CBI Reported Sales	Jul					14.00	0.00
UK EC	BBA Loans for House Purchase Consumer Confidence	Jun Jul A		-5.8		-5.6	14.00 14.00	0.00
US	Leading Index	Jun		0.20%		0.7%	14.00	0.00
US	Kansas City Fed Manf. Activity	Jul		-5		-9	15.00	1.00
	24 July 2015							
NZ	Trade Balance	Jun	+\$353M	+\$100M		=0.4	22.45	8.45
JN CH	Nikkei Japan Manufacturing PMI Caixin China Manufacturing PMI	Jul P Jul P		50.5 49.7		50.1 49.4	1.35 1.45	11.35 11.45
NZ	Residential Lending/LVR	Jun		43.7		43.4	1.40	11.40
GE	Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	Jul P		51.9		51.9	7.30	17.30
EC	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Jul P		52.5		52.5	8.00	18.00
US US	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Jul P		53.6		53.6	13.45	23.45
	New Home Sales/MoM 7, 27 July 2015	Jun		546K/-0.1%		546K/2.2%	14.00	0.00
JN	PPI Services YoY	Jun				0.6%	23.50	9.50
CH	Industrial Profits YoY	Jun					1.30	11.30
GE	IFO Business Climate/Current Assessment/Expectations	Jul					8.00	18.00
EC	M3 Money Supply YoY	Jun					8.00	18.00
EC US	M3 3-month average Durable Goods Orders	Jun Jun		2.70%		-1.8%	8.00 12.30	18.00 22.30
US	Durables Ex Transportation	Jun		0.60%		0.5%	12.30	22.30
US	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Jun				0.4%	12.30	22.30
US	Cap Goods Ship Nondef Ex Air	Jun				0.3%	12.30	22.30
GE	Retail Sales MoM/YoY	Jun					14.00	0.00
CA US	Bloomberg Nanos Confidence Dallas Fed Manf. Activity	Jul-24 Jul		-4			14.00 14.30	0.00 0.30
	y, 28 July 2015	Jui					14.30	0.50
AU	ANZ Roy Morgan Weekly Consumer Confidence Index	Jul-26					23.30	9.30
UK	GDP QoQ/YoY	2Q A					8.30	18.30
UK	Index of Services MoM	May					8.30	18.30
UK CA	Index of Services 3M/3M Industrial Product Price MoM	May Jun					8.30 12.30	18.30 22.30
CA CA	Raw Materials Price Index MoM	Jun Jun					12.30 12.30	22.30
US	S&P/CS 20 City MoM SA	May					13.00	23.00
US	Markit US Composite PMI	Jul P					13.45	23.45
US	Markit US Services PMI	Jul P					13.45	23.45
UK	Nationwide House PX MoM	Jul					14.00	0.00
UK CH	Nationwide House Px NSA YoY Leading Index	Jul Jun					14.00 14.00	0.00
US	Consumer Confidence Index	Jul					14.00	0.00
US	Richmond Fed Manufact. Index	Jul				6	14.00	0.00
Lincom	ing Central Bank Interest Rate Announcements							
Opcom		23-Jul	3.00%	3.00%		3.25%		
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New Zea	eral Reserve	30-Jul						
New Zea US Fede Australia	eral Reserve a, RBA	4-Aug	2.00%	2.00%		2.00%		
New Zea US Fede Australia UK BOE	eral Reserve a, RBA :	4-Aug 6-Aug				0.50%		
New Zea US Fede Australia UK BOE Japan, E	eral Reserve a, RBA : BoJ	4-Aug 6-Aug 7-Aug	2.00% 0.0%-0.1%	2.00% 0.0%-0.1%				
New Zea US Fede Australia	eral Reserve a, RBA : BoJ ECB	4-Aug 6-Aug				0.50% 0.0%-0.1%		

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