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MACROECONOMICS

MPC raised interest rates by 25 bps, against market expectations

The MPC decided to hike interest rates by 25 bps last week, much against analyst expectations. The statement after the decision was rather hawkish. Traditionally the MPC list the factors that would increase and decrease inflationary pressure, but in this case the MPC clearly stated that the impact of anti-inflationary factors would be insufficient to keep inflation at the target level over the monetary policy transmission horizon. In the interview the key MPC member, Czekaj, added that he is convinced that rates hikes are necessary. We believe that the MPC will hike the rates by 100 bps in the next 12 months with the next hikes coming in July and October by 25 bps. The arguments for the hike in July are: a new inflation projection showing the rise of the future inflation path, high wages growth in June (BRE forecast: 9.5% y/y) and growing current inflation (2.7% in June).

Later MPC member comments also seem to confirm our view. H. Wasilewska-Trenkner admitted that the June hike may prove sufficient, if several conditions are met (e.g. the relation of wages and productivity remains favourable, there are no oil or food prices shocks, PLN continues to appreciate). We, however, think that easing on the labour market is unlikely in the coming months, therefore the statement made by Wasilewska-Trenkner should not be considered a call for the end of the hiking cycle.

A. Wojtyna: central banks must be more conservative due to globalization

A. Wojtyna added to that hawkish tone in an article on the impact of globalization on monetary policy. He thinks recent developments should lead to higher conservatism carried out by the central banks. This is particularly important in Poland as it would be more difficult for the inflation rate to drop once it started running above target (due to labour market shortages, highly adaptive inflation expectations and lack of exact knowledge on relations between corporate profits, wages, employment and inflation on the micro level).

Retail sales grew by 14.8% y/y, below market expectations

Retail sales in May proved somewhat weaker than market expectations (14.8% y/y). In most categories the annual growth rates were similar to those in previous months, only in the "others" category (over 20% of the basket) was the growth significantly lower. The data is another indication that the GDP growth rate dropped in Q2, to ca. 6%. This however remains above the potential growth rate, which should continue to generate inflationary pressure.

	y/y		
	May	Jun	
total retail sale	15.1%	14.8%	
motor vehicles	29.7%	33.3%	
fuels	13.9%	13.3%	
food, beverages, tobacco	6.4%	7.4%	
pharmaceuticals, cosmetics	19.3%	16.0%	
textiles, clothing, footwear	22.5%	30.3%	
furniture, radio, TV and houshold appliances	23.9%	23.7%	
books & newspapers	27.0%	27.7%	
others	12.1%	7.3%	

source: GUS

Budget execution dropped to 12.5-13% in June

Meanwhile, the budget continues its excellent performance. In June a surplus was noted yet again, as an MF official stated. The preliminary estimates show a deficit execution of 12.5-13% of the limit after June (14.2% after May). This may be followed by likely surpluses in July and August (due to dividend payments), certainly leading to a yearend deficit significantly below the limit.

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FIXED INCOME

So now we play a hiking cycle? 25bp hike, that the MPC delivered last week surprised the market a lot. As a result short end of the curve moved up by 10-15bp. Moreover, now the market is close to pricing in another hike already in July and another one in October. We start thinking that this a bit of overreaction. Since everybody expected hike in July, and everyone agreed it would have been justified, than waiting for July would be just waste of valuable time for the MPC, therefore we think that next hike doesn't necessarily have to happen this month. The pressure on the short end and heavy interest to pay FRAs would probably last for a while, which should create some opportunity to receive. After all, when a hike would have become fully priced in, the only way to make money is that when it doesn't happen.

RECOMMENDATION:

Watch for overreacted levels and try to receive them.

MONEY MARKET

Squeeze at the end of the reserve

Rates up 25 bps in June

Another 25 bps up likely in July

RECOMMENDATION:

Stable carry except of the rates hike (25 bps up) and the last day of the reserve (another 25 bps up). Squeeze was settlement driven and after all 1.5 billion pln was located in the CB and also some Lombard credit was granted. However, we should all get use to the similar situations a long time ago. There is 20.2 billion pln of money bills in circulation (the CB offered 21.6 billion pln but the market was reluctant to buy them). Slight surplus of the money in the system next week will not affect the carry much, since it is a beginning of the new reserve.

For longer terms the MPC clarified the situation. 25 bps rates hike in June shows determination to fight arising inflation as soon as possible. To be consistent with this view July is very likely to bring us another 25 bps hike.

Just to remind the polish rates are now: the main market rate is 4.5%, rarely used rediscount rate 4.75%, Lombard rescue rate 6% and deposit rate 3%.

Sell 6m Polonia at 4.9%.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Zloty stable

Last week the Zloty traded range-bound between 3.7600 and 3.7800, lower comparing to a week before. EUR/USD gained on the US figures indicating that the US economy may not be in as good state as previously expected. On the basis of this news, the USD/PLN significantly declined and traded at around 2.7700-2.7900

Volatility lower

With EUR/PLN still declining (to 3.7600 at the moment of writing) the volatilities tradeded lower than a week before: the 1M EUR/PLN traded at 6.05, whereas 1Y at 6.15, both mids. The USD/PLN volatility curve traded also a touch lower at 7.25 (1M) and 7.5 (1Y).

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RECOMMENDATION:

Spot:

Main supports / resistances: EUR/USD: 1.3500 / 1.3620 EUR/PLN: 3.7500 / 3.7750 USD/PLN: 2.7500 / 2.7900

Zloty stronger

In the following week we may see EUR/PLN test the 3.7500 level, that is why we recommend selling EUR/PLN on tops in the following week.

Short Gamma

Options:

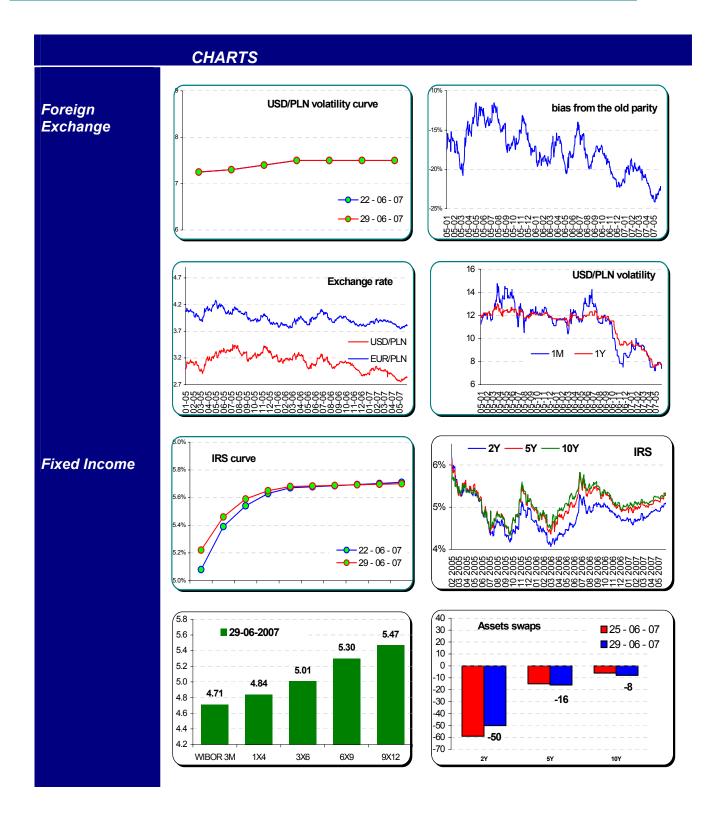
With realized volatility so low, and well below the implied ones we recommend selling Gamma and earning the decay the following week.

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	MARKET	T PRICE	ES UPD	ATE					
Money market rates (Closing mid-market levels)									
MONEY MARKET	date		М	61		1	ΙΥ		
		FXSW	WIBOR	FXSW	WIBOR	FXSW	WIBOR		
RATES	25-06-07	4.57%	4.56%	4.74%	4.75%	5.05%	5.03%		
	26-06-07	4.58%	4.56%	4.77%	4.75%	5.07%	5.05%		
	27-06-07		4.56%	4.77%	4.75%	5.07%	5.05%		
	28-06-07		4.56%	4.77%	4.75%	5.08%	5.05%		
	29-06-07	4.66%	4.71%	4.86%	4.84%	5.17%	4.79%		
	FRA Market	t Rates (Clo	osing mid-ma	arket levels)					
FRA MARKET RATES	date	1X4	3X6	6X9	9X12	6X12			
THA MARKET RATES	25-06-07	4.68%	4.90%	5.15%	5.34%	5.32%	•		
	26-06-07	4.71%	4.91%	5.16%	5.34%	5.32%			
	27-06-07	4.71%	4.91%	5.16%	5.34%	5.32%			
	28-06-07	4.79%	5.02%	5.28%	5.43%	5.39%			
	29-06-07	4.84%	5.01%	5.30%	5.47%	5.41%			
	Fixed Incom	ne Market F	Rates (Closir	ng mid-mark	et levels)				
FIXED INCOME MAR-	date	1	Υ	2`	Y		ΣY	10	ΟY
KET RATES		WIBOR	TB	IRS	OK1208	IRS	PS0511	IRS	DS1017
	25-06-07	5.03%	5.35%	5.37%	4.78%	5.64%	5.49%	5.68%	5.62%
	26-06-07	5.05%	6.35%	5.37%	4.81%	5.63%	5.49%	5.67%	5.61%
	27-06-07		7.35%	5.44%	4.93%	5.67%	5.55%	5.70%	5.64%
	28-06-07		8.35%	5.44%	4.94%	5.65%	5.52%	5.68%	5.62%
	29-06-07	4.79%	9.35%	5.46%	4.96%	5.68%	5.52%	5.70%	5.62%
	Last Primar	y Market Ra	ates						
PRIMARY MARKET		au. date	maturity	avg price	avg yield	supply	demand	sold	-
RATES	52W TB	07-06-04	08-06-04	95.759	4.38%	500	1931	500	
	OK0709	07-04-04	09-07-25	89.970	4.69%	1000	2463	1000	
	PS0412	07-06-22	12-04-25	96.925	5.48%	1000	2673	1000	
	DS1017	07-04-11	17-10-25	99.976	5.24%	1800	3473	1800	
		Į.	USD/PLN 0-	delta stradle	Э	25-de	elta RR	25-del	ta FLY
FX VOLATILITY	date	1M	3M	6M	1Y	1M	1Y	1M	1Y
TX VOLATILITY	25-06-07		7.50	7.50	7.50	0.90	1.15	0.30	0.45
	26-06-07		7.50	7.50	7.50	0.90	1.15	0.30	0.45
	27-06-07		7.50	7.50	7.50	0.90	1.15	0.30	0.45
	28-06-07		7.50	7.50	7.50	0.90	1.15	0.30	0.45
	29-06-07	7.30	7.50	7.50	7.50	0.90	1.15	0.30	0.45
	PLN spot pe	erformance							
DI MODOT DED		USD/PLN		bias					
PLN SPOT PER-	25-06-07			-22.97%					
FORMANCE	26-06-07			-22.86%					
	27-06-07			-22.55%					
	28-06-07			-23.20%					
	29-06-07			-23.43%	-4 0406 5	ookot -b -	FO-FO		
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Macro

April	May	June	Data Release	BRE Bank forecast
0.5%	0.5%		13-07-07	0.0%
2.3%	2.3%		13-07-07	2.7%
0.5%	0.4%		19-07-07	0.5%
2.3%	2.2%		19-07-07	1.6%
-8.6%	3.0%		19-07-07	1.8%
12.6%	8.1%		19-07-07	7.3%
2786.3	2776.9		16-07-07	2871.3
8.4%	8.9%		16-07-07	9.4%
13.7%	13.0%		24-07-07	12.5%
6.9%	14.2%		13-07-07	12.9%
-678			13-07-07	-715
-779			13-07-07	-885
15.7%			13-07-07	12.0%
24.9%			13-07-07	15.8%
-2.2%			13-07-07	-2.2%
498.4	502.9		13-07-07	507.9
17.8%	16.1%		13-07-07	16.0%
402.6	412.5		13-07-07	
209.4	216.9		13-07-07	
155.3	156.9		13-07-07	
414.0	417.2		13-07-07	
225.0	222.7		13-07-07	
126.7	129.1		13-07-07	
4.25%	4.25%	4.50%	25-07-07	4.75%
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Auctions

	next auc.	offer	avg yield last	last auction date	
13 Week T-bills	-	-	4.208%	16-01-06	
26 Week T-bills	-	-	3.943%	24-04-06	
52 Week T-bills	09-07-07	-	4.380%	04-06-07	
2Y T-bond OK1208	04-07-07	-	4.694%	04-04-07	
5Y T-bond PS0412	19-09-07	-	5.480%	20-06-07	
10Y T-bond DS1017	11-07-07	-	5.244%	11-04-07	
20Y T-bond WS0922	12-09-07	-	5.309%	14-03-07	

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