Market Alert

Tuesday 14 June 2022

CURRENCIES	Spot	6mths		
NZD/USD	0.6252	-0.0018		
NZD/AUD	0.9030	-0.0033		
NZD/JPY	84.04	-1.39		
NZD/EUR	0.6004	-0.0094		
NZD/GBP	0.5155	-0.0032		
NZD/CNH	4.2417	-0.0091		
AUD/USD	0.6922	0.0005		
AUD/EUR	0.6646	-0.0080		
EUR/USD	1.0412	0.0132		
USD/CNH	6.7828	0.0072		
GBP/USD	1.2124	0.0036		
EUR/GBP	0.8586	0.0079		
INT RATES	NZ	Australia		
OCR/Cash	2.00%	0.85%		
90 day bills	2.60%	1.56%		
2 year swap	4.12%	3.53%		
10 year Govt	4.12%	3.86%		

If you thought last week was bad

Do not look at equity markets, this morning!

US and European equity markets are deeply in the red this morning with most bourses off -2.0% to -2.5%, although the S&P500 slipped into bear market territory, falling -3.8%, while the Nasdaq fell -4.5%. While there was no explicit rational for the weakness, there is no doubt Friday's US CPI print and the weekend's financial press will have emphasised that inflation is imbedded in most economies, which will force the central banks to raise rates higher and faster. Highlighting those recessionary fears, the US 2-year vs 10-year yield spread briefly inverted for the first time since April, and speaking of government bonds, the T-bond is 25bps higher - that's right, it's not a typo - the actual yield is now at 3.40%, its highest level since 2011. Needless to say, New Zealand and Australian swap rates will be a lot higher this morning! The NZD and AUD were also under pressure in the overnight session and now appear to be targeting their early May lows and, in this environment, you've got to respect the trend.

International economists are now starting to question whether the BoE and the Federal Reserve will step into their respective hiking cycles and deliver 75bps hikes this week, while those same economists are also forecasting house prices in most of the major economies to fall between -10% to -20%, which will knock -0.5% to -1.0% off GDP. Naturally they have New Zealand and Australian house prices falling -20% and -15%.

And right on cue

The doomsayers are hitting the headlines after a *Financial Times* survey forecast a US recession in 2023, Goldman Sachs announced their median recession forecast scenario takes the S&P500 to the 3,150 level, while Morgan Stanley is looking for a 'tradeable low' of 3,400. Chief economic adviser to Allianz. Mohamed El-Erian, announced that the current inflationary pressures "could have been avoided if early action had been taken" by the Federal Reserve. He then urged the Fed to regain its credibility to ease long-term inflation expectations after the Federal Reserve, "mischaracterized what inflation is, and it fell behind. There was hope initially, that it is transitory. There was hope that it had peaked. I never shared those hopes. I think you've got to be very modest about what we know about this inflation process. I fear that it's still going to get worse, we may well get to 9% at this rate."

And the first sign of a possible recession is always a negative GDP print, and we had it last night after the UK's April monthly GDP contracted -0.3% on the month versus the 0.1% gain that was expected. That's a significant miss and reaffirms that the cost of living crisis in the UK is worsening. In the three months to April, UK GDP increased by just 0.2%. As inflation pressures continue to constrict the economy, contracting growth will be a major headwind for the BoE to stay on their tightening path.

The NZIER have downgraded its NZ GDP forecasts to 2.9% for 2022-23, followed by 1.9% and 2.1%, which are 0.7%, 0.8% and 0.4% lower than their March forecasts. The March quarter GDP data will be released later this week.





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EV	Spot	FECs (mid)					Spot Mid	
FX	Mid	1mth	3mths	6mths	12mths		NZD/	AUD/
NZTWI	71.30					CAD	0.8058	0.8918
NZD/USD	0.6252	-0.0003	-0.0010	-0.0018	-0.0020	CHF	0.6241	0.6910
NZD/AUD	0.9030	-0.0007	-0.0023	-0.0033	-0.0055	CNY	4.2317	4.6836
NZD/JPY	84.04	-0.17	-0.60	-1.39	-3.41	DKK	4.4661	4.9448
NZD/EUR	0.6004	-0.0014	-0.0047	-0.0094	-0.0183	FJD	1.3562	1.5015
NZD/GBP	0.5155	-0.0004	-0.0016	-0.0032	-0.0068	HKD	4.9078	5.4337
						KRW	807.50	894.04
AUTWI	63.30					MYR	2.7615	3.0574
AUD/USD	0.6922	0.0002	0.0006	0.0005	0.0006	NOK	6.1952	6.8593
AUD/NZD	1.1066	0.0007	0.0024	0.0036	0.0059	SEK	6.3723	7.0548
AUD/JPY	93.01	-0.10	-0.45	-1.21	-3.25	SGD	0.8720	0.9655
AUD/EUR	0.6646	-0.0010	-0.0036	-0.0080	-0.0165	TWD	18.62	20.62
AUD/GBP	0.5708	0.0000	-0.0004	-0.0015	-0.0042	ZAR	10.09	11.17
USD Index	105.21					EQUITIES		
EUR/USD	1.0412	0.0019	0.0063	0.0132	0.0338			Index
USD/JPY	134.36	-0.21	-0.76	-1.85	-4.81	NZX50		10,925
GBP/USD	1.2124	0.0003	0.0013	0.0036	0.0098	ASX200		6,932
EUR/GBP	0.8586	0.0012	0.0039	0.0079	0.0149	Dow Jo	nes	30,526
						S&P 50	0	3,747
INTEREST	T New Zealand		w Zealand	Australia		FTSE100		7,206
RATES		Mid			Mid	DAX 30		13,427
						Nikkei		26,987
30 day bank b	30 day bank bills		2.14%		0.90%			
90 day bank b	90 day bank bills		2.60% 1.56%		1.56%	COMMODITIES		
1 year swap			3.76%		2.93%			USD
2 year swap		4.12		3.53%		Brent Crude		121.50
3 year swap		4.20		3.82%		Gold		1,822.26
5 year swap		4.225		3.62%		Silver		21.11
10 year swap	10 year swap		4.27%		3.86%	Iron Ore		141.51
3 year Govt bond		3.74%			3.24%	6 CRB Index		342.61
5 year Govt bo	5 year Govt bond		3.87%		3.55%			NZD
10 year Govt I	ar Govt bond		4.12%		3.86%	NZ Carbon 76		76.40

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