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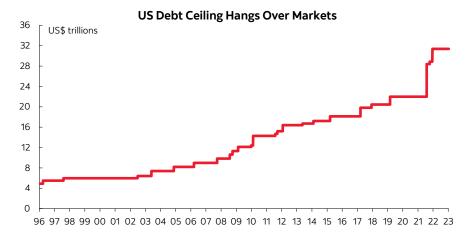
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### **Chart of the Week**



Sources: Scotiabank Economics, US Treasury.

# **Bond Markets Versus the Fundamentals**

The question what is going on in bond markets dominates what is on the minds of institutional investors as a new year has already brought with it significant rallies across all of the major 10-year benchmarks outside of China while the dam threatens to burst open on JGBs. A complex set of fresh drivers—many of them having little to directly do with underlying fundamentals—is behind rallies and further developments over the coming week could lead to heightened volatility.

Key will be decisions by the Bank of Japan—that may further pry open the door on regime change—and the People's Bank of China that may give each other high fives as one exits and the other enters easing mode. The potential implications to all asset classes could be profound if December's shot across the bow by the BoJ drives further change in Governor Kuroda's second last decision at the helm.

The path toward subsequent decisions by other central banks will be further informed by inflation and jobs reports out of the UK, Canada and Australia. Top shelf fundamentals will focus primarily upon China's economy.

Yet the moves across yield curves that have been seen to date this year are mainly being driven by the following considerations that showcase how sensitive curves are to the vagaries of global policy developments beyond the fundamentals and as a big caution against interpreting movement in, say, 2s10s slopes as saying much about the economic outlook or inflation risk. While I had forecast lower US Treasury yields in Q1, for instance, the narrative has taken down a fair amount of new and unexpected information.

## **Debt Ceiling Dysfunction**

This week's cover chart shows the history of the debt ceiling and its explosive growth and chart 1 shows that debt subject to this statutory limit is basically now at the whopping US\$31.38 trillion limit for a roughly US\$26 trillion economy. When at this limit, Treasury will only be able to roll over existing debt without adding to it notwithstanding issuance needs to fund spending.

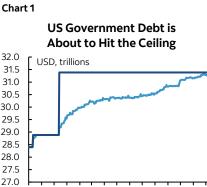
The debt ceiling became more of a concern as the GOP took the House, prior to which the Democrats' majority in the House had them using the Gephardt Rule to secure whatever financing was required. House Speak Kevin McCarthy's take-no-hints deal to become speaker had him promising to be aggressive on the ceiling and hence toward significant spending cuts while agreeing to a lower recall bar on his performance. That promises a fight against the Biden administration's refusal to cut spending.

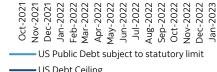
Treasury Secretary Yellen has guided that Treasury will be invoking emergency measures in order to avoid defaulting on the ability to service US government debts (here) and that the so-called 'X-date' for when such emergency measures become exhausted could arrive by June. Treasury's cash position will only buy a limited amount of time before other considerations such as payments prioritization become likely (chart 2). The history of debt ceiling fights has tended to reveal brinksmanship with uncertainty pushing the deadline limits. This time may be set for one of the greatest fights with potential to bring financial market upheaval and government shutdowns among other considerations.

In the meantime, relative debt scarcity due to suspended issuance, safe haven seeking and high cash in overnight funding markets are contributing to rich curves.

## Germany's Change of Heart

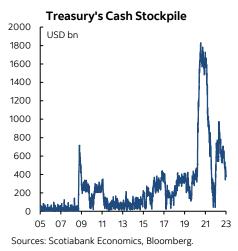
Major moves lower across European bond yields occurred when German Chancellor Olaf Scholz threw his support for new joint financing instruments that would spread sovereign financing risk across the EU and lower risks facing individual highly indebted economies at least in the shorter term and namely across southern Europe. I'm always leery toward any sign that Europe is raising moral hazard risk across its most profligate regions, but markets might think about that at some later date.







#### Chart 2



## ECB Soft on QT Before Even Starting

Yields have also pushed lower because, despite being a hawk, Austria's central bank head Holzmann wavered on QT plans in public comments that advised caution on the path forward. If plans to unwind bond holdings within the Pandemic Emergency Purchase Program proceed more cautiously than previously assumed then it would mean less ECB supply being diverted back into private markets.

### **Selectively Interpreting Inflation**

So far this year markets have only tended to consider softer headline inflation readings out of Europe and the US despite firmer core inflation and the fact that lower energy costs drove weaker CPI. A wave of global inflation readings this week may further inform this bias.

#### Ignoring the Fundamentals

What is not being considered in my view is that the outlook for the world economy may be getting a bit of a shot in the arm with new information over recent weeks. China's outlook is worse in the near-term, but what it is doing may open the door to better growth ahead (see below). Lower energy prices in absolute terms and especially relative to what was feared ahead of winter may be easing the downside risks to Europe's economies. Lower bond yields reflect an easing of financial conditions driven in part by the considerations above which may also help to set a floor to global growth. If the only thing that mattered to, say, 2s10s slopes was world growth then it might have been reasonable to expect steeper curves than at present.

The coming week will advance our understanding of factors influencing bond markets after it gets off to a relatively slow start with the US shut for Martin Luther King Jr Day on Monday.

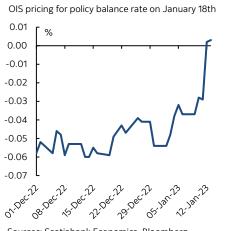
## **CENTRAL BANKS—BOJ VERSUS PBOC**

Six central banks deliver policy decisions over the coming week because, well, they figure markets have had it too easy for a few weeks without having to listen to them. Of the six, two may be influential to global markets and the other four are regional in nature. Watch the Bank of Japan in particular since developments either this week or soon thereafter could have major influences upon world financial markets.

#### Bank of Japan—Another Shocker?

The Bank of Japan could top the list of the week's possibly most influential decisions when it weighs in toward the end of the week. This meeting is the sequel to the JGB massacre on December 19<sup>th</sup> when the BoJ left its policy balance rate target unchanged and also left the mid-point of its 10-year yield target at 0% but widened the bands around 0% +/-25bps to +/- 50bps on that target. Markets immediately took the yield to the top end of that new range. Kuroda emphasized at the time that this was not a fundamental pivot or an effort to reduce stimulus but was instead aimed at addressing the deterioration of bond market functioning including yield curve distortions alongside impaired liquidity and trading conditions. One could quip about what took them so long after years of such distortions and so the sudden timing was somewhat curious.

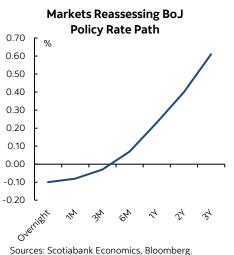
#### Chart 3



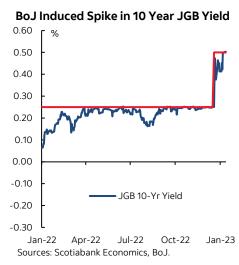
Markets Nervous Into BoJ Decision

#### Sources: Scotiabank Economics, Bloomberg.

## Chart 4



#### Chart 5



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Markets are not necessarily believing him and think that Kuroda may be up to something else. There has been a slight bias toward betting that the policy rate may be raised by perhaps 10bps as soon as this meeting (chart 3) while markets price a moderate path toward rising rates in future (chart 4). The 10-year JGB yield has also recently flirted with rising above the 50bps ceiling by a few basis points in intraday trading (chart 5). That is due to speculation that the ceiling may be raised again or that the BoJ may entirely abandon yield curve control (YCC).

That's probably highly premature as Governor Kuroda rides out the remainder of his term before a successor is chosen and takes over after Kuroda's term is up on April 8<sup>th</sup> and may launch a policy review. Deputy Governor Hiroshi Nakaso is pegged as the leading candidate for the role. Speculation is nevertheless alive including in an article in the Yomiuri newspaper that indicated the BoJ is considering further policy changes.

Needless to say that a move such as ending YCC would be a major shock to the global financial system and hence not just holders of JGBs. It could upend currency markets by weakening the USD in favour of the yen with ripple effects across other major crosses. This speculation is also probably among the drivers of lower Treasury yields as carry out of Japan into US Treasuries (and elsewhere) has become relatively more attractive. Chart 6 also demonstrates implications for hedging costs out of yen into USD given the volatility following the September meeting when Kuroda pushed back against talk of changes and then the path to the December meeting when he delivered change. If the Bank of Japan eases, let alone eliminates yield curve control, then it could drive further richness and flatteners across global bond markets. The CPI reading for December that arrives after the BoJ decisions could influence market expectations for the next meeting in March.

#### People's Bank of China—Easing Toward the Other Side

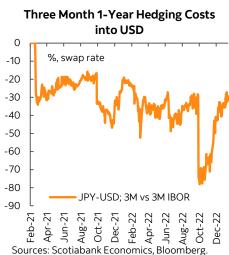
China's central bank may once again cut the 1-year Medium-Term Lending Facility Rate by 10bps on Monday that could set up Chinese banks to cut the 5-year Loan Prime Rate on Friday that is key to the property market (chart 7). Inflation is low, the end of Covid Zero is damaging the economy in the short-term and policymakers may wish to inject liquidity ahead of the Lunar New Year with travel back home having already begun in limited numbers compared to prepandemic periods.

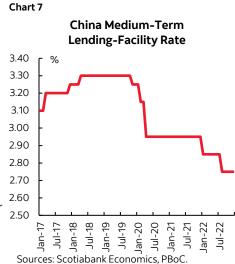
Developments in China are key to the global outlook with spinoff effects upon inflation markets and commodities and hence countries that are relatively more influenced by commodity production such as several across my employer's primary Americas footprint. Disruptions to labour markets and supply chains early this year through the abandonment of Covid Zero practices may drive greater herd immunity and position China's economy on a stronger footing as the year progresses especially as it has relaxed its so-called 'three red lines' approach to property markets and property market financing in an effort to free up capital into the sector which is a key driver of household wealth. Stage 1 of the end of Covid Zero could pose inflation risk to the world economy and so could Stage 2 on the recovery side as China swings toward higher demand for commodities. Easing monetary policy now could reinforce this other recovery side of the picture through lagging effects of policy actions that are undertaken today.

#### Norges Bank—See Ya Again Sometime!

After hiking its deposit rate to 2.75% in December, Norges guided that the policy rate will be raised to 3% probably "in the first quarter of next year" while also revising its projection to reflect rate cuts later on (chart 8). That last hike could arrive this Thursday, or Norges could delay until the March decision with fresh forecasts and in the wake of the softer than expected CPI reading for December.

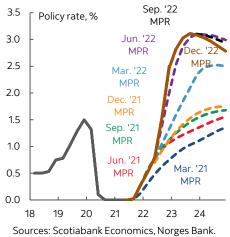






#### Chart 8

#### Norges Bank Policy Rate Projections



## Bank Negara Malaysia—Could the Ringgit Soften Guidance?

Negara is expected to hike by another 25bps this week after it guided in November that continued hiking would be at a "measured and gradual" pace. Since then, core inflation moved higher again to 4.2% y/y but the ringgit's 9% appreciation to the generally softer USD since then may be viewed as cause to pause or stop the rate hike cycle. Another inflation report for December lands the day after Negara's decision.

## Bank Indonesia—Inflation Keeps Hikes on the Table

Another 25bps hike is expected on Thursday that would lift the 7-day reverse repo rate to 5.75%. Inflation started off the new year a touch higher than expected at 5.5% y/y with core up a tenth to 3.4%. The rupiah has also been among the weaker performers among Asian crosses of late which may further motivate tightening for financial stability reasons.

## Central Bank of Turkey—Done Debasing?

I like tossing this one in just for ecotainment purposes given how wonky its behaviour has been at the direction of President Erdogan. No change is expected to the one-week reporate following December's pause, inflation's deceleration in December to a still very high 64% y/y and as the lira 100 has underperformed most other currencies that have gained against the USD since the central 90 bank's last decision.

#### Chart 9



## **EARNINGS—A MIXED START**

US earnings season continues this week. Twenty-six firms listed on the S&P will release with a continued focus upon financials as per the usual start to the season. It has been a rather mixed start so far on the heels of releases at the end of this past week, bearing in mind that the broad tone of earnings releases often tends to offer more beats than misses especially post-SOX legislation (chart 9). Higher inflation benefits nominal earnings and thus far US economic growth has proven to be fairly resilient.

Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs kick it off on Tuesday as two of the week's bigger names. Netflix releases on Thursday. United Airlines (Tuesday) follows the recent earnings beat by Delta.

### BOC SURVEYS TO INFORM PRESSURES ON INFLATION

The Bank of Canada releases its consumer and business surveys for 2022Q4 on Monday. They may influence BoC thinking around wage and price expectations in particular and on the path to the next week's decisions.

The Business Outlook Survey will be somewhat stale on arrival as the small sample was interviewed over roughly mid-November to early December and a lot has happened since then. Nevertheless, what businesses told the BoC in terms of expected inflationary pressures will be important in terms of how expectations influence BoC policy and given the vast majority of respondents who think the BoC won't hit its 2% inflation target over the 2022-23 period (chart 10).



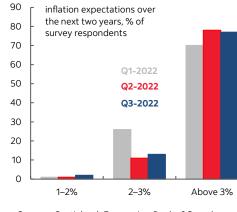
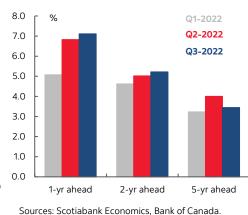


Chart 11

**Canadian Consumers Expect a** Sustained Inflation Overshoot



Sources: Scotiabank Economics, Bank of Canada.

The BoC's Canadian Survey of Consumer Expectations may be of an even older vintage as the prior year's sample period was from November 11<sup>th</sup> –24<sup>th</sup>. Nevertheless, here too we should watch what happens to measures of expected price pressures given the pattern to data whereby consumers expect persistent inflation above the BoC's 2% target throughout the next five years (chart 11).

Also watch these surveys for measures of wage expectations, capacity constraints, expected future sales growth, investment intentions, hiring plans and labour shortages.

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#### CANADIAN INFLATION—SOFT HEADLINE, FIRMER CORE?

Canada updates CPI inflation on Tuesday as the last major report to land before the Bank of Canada goes into blackout ahead of the policy decision on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

I've estimated that headline CPI will drop by 0.7% m/m NSA which would be even weaker than a typical month of December. Prices often weaken in December as discounting of seasonal winter products kicks in and retailers begin to clear out inventories for late shoppers. Gas prices also fell by about 15% m/m in seasonally unadjusted terms and should subtract about 0.6% m/m from CPI inflation (chart 12). Food and electricity prices might add a touch of upside and vehicles are not expected to be a material influence on net between new and used prices. Housing is likely to continue to soften but the way Canada captures it in CPI carries a much lower weight than in US CPI because Canada uses replacement costs drawn from builder prices rather than owners' equivalent rent (chart 13).

Still, -0.7% m/m NSA would be weaker than seasonally normal and so applying a seasonal adjustment factor to this estimate would reveal a 0.4% m/m SA decline. CPI would decelerate from 6.8% y/y in November to about 6.2% in December for the softest y/y reading since February. Traditional core CPI (ex-food and energy) is likely to prove firmer than headline and I've guesstimated a mild up-tick in m/m terms and a slight cooling from the prior month's 5.4% y/y reading.

Because of these CPI estimates, I've been arguing that there may be more post-data downside than upside market risk *relative to* OIS contract pricing for most of a quarter-point hike. I still lean toward favouring a 25bps hike especially after absurdly strong job gains, but markets may be more certain toward this than they might be post-CPI. That's because at least so far this year markets have been behaving in somewhat superficial fashion and have not really shown much of a tendency to scratch beneath the surface in terms of inflation estimates; witness Europe, where firmer core readings were ignored by fixed income markets that showed a whippier reaction to softer headline readings as they began rolling out from December 30<sup>th</sup> through last week. There was a similar reaction to US CPI that ignored nearly 4% m/m annualized core inflation.

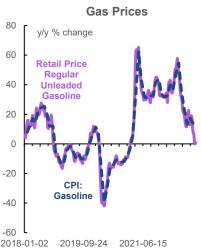
#### A BIG WEEK FOR GLOBAL MACRO READINGS

Most major regions of the world economy will consider some combination of significant macro readings but the key gauges are likely to come from China in combination with updated assessments of job markets in the UK and Down Under as well as updated assessments of the health of consumer spending in the US, UK, Canada and Mexico.

China's economy probably contracted in Q4 as Covid Zero policies were met by protests and the eventual abandonment of the restrictions. Consensus expects GDP to contract by 1.2% q/q non-annualized when the figures arrive on Monday evening (eastern time). Chart 14. December readings for industrial production, retail sales, and the jobless rate will help us understand momentum into 2023 in terms of math effects that are baked into 2023Q1 GDP growth and they are expected to be weak.

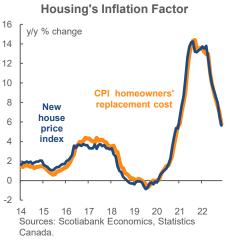
A batch of key UK readings could set the tone for the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Bank of England decision with markets presently priced for most of a 50bps Bank Rate hike. They follow a better-thanexpected reading for GDP growth in November this past week. Inflation is likely to ease in yearover-year terms but remain unacceptably high (Wednesday). Total job growth in November and payrolls in December (Tuesday) will help to further understand whether the uptick in total employment in October was transitory. Wage gains have been accelerating (chart 15). Friday's retail sales for December are expected to post a mild gain to end the holiday season.



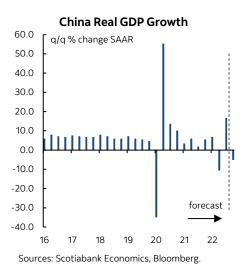












Australia updates job market conditions during December on Wednesday. Its job market has been on a tear and this has driven the unemployment rate toward rock-bottom levels while job vacancies remain very high (chart 16). While Q4 wage growth doesn't land until February 21st, the accelerating trend is raising wage-price inflation concerns (chart 17).

Canada releases a handful of macro reports over the coming week in addition to the aforementioned BoC surveys and CPI. Manufacturing shipments during November (Monday) were previously guided by StatCan to have risen by 0.6% m/m but we'll find out how much was driven by price effects versus volumes alongside other figures such as new orders and order backlogs. Existing home sales during December (Monday) will likely prove to extend the pattern of declines in eight of the eleven months so far in 2022. Housing starts during December (Tuesday) were probably range bound around 260k at an annualized rate given the trend in permits. Friday's retail sales for November alongside advance guidance for December will offer a more complete picture of the holiday shopping season; StatCan already guided that sales were soft in November (-0.5% m/m) but how much of that was due to volumes and how the season ended may dominate attention.

US markets face a long line-up of releases primarily over the back half of the week, but if any influence markets, then the greatest odds of this surround retail sales during December on Wednesday. Lower gasoline prices and lower vehicle sales will probably drag the headline nominal reading lower, but key will be core sales excluding these two factors as a gauge of holiday shopping momentum especially after the 0.6% decline the prior month. Household sector readings will BE rounded out by an expected decline in existing home sales during December (Friday) given the pattern of pending home sales, plus expected softening in housing starts during

## Chart 16

**Australia Can't Find Enough Workers** 







Sources: Scotiabank Economics, UK ONS.

#### Chart 17

Chart 15



will include total production during December (Wednesday) that was probably soft given weakness in ISM-manufacturing, plus the start of the next round of regional manufacturing gauges when the Empire (Tuesday) and Philly (Thursday) measures arrive. Producer prices probably fell in December (Wednesday) due to lower energy prices. Weekly jobless claims will further inform the decline over the prior two weeks (Thursday) and there will be more Fed-speak to consider.

Other European releases will help to fill in the blanks with greater detail on Eurozone inflation during December (Wednesday) plus ZEW investor sentiment readings in January (Tuesday) that serve as one of the key monthly gauges of sentiment alongside PMIs, IFO business confidence and consumer confidence readings.

LatAm releases will be light and only include Mexican retail sales during November (Friday), Peru's unemployment rate at the start of the week, and Colombia's retail sales and industrial production (Tuesday) and trade figures (Thursday).

# Key Indicators for the week of January 16 – 20

## **NORTH AMERICA**

| <u>Country</u> | Date           | <u>Time</u>    | Indicator  | <u>Period</u>   | <u>BNS</u>       | <u>Consensus</u> | <u>Latest</u>   |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|--|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| CA             | 01-16          | 08:30          | Manufacturing Shipments (m/m)                          | Nov             | 0.6              | 0.3              | 2.8             |
| CA             | 01-16          | 09:00          | Existing Home Sales (m/m)                              | Dec             |                  |                  | -3.3            |
| CA             | 01-16          | 10:30          | Business Outlook Future Sales                          | 4Q              |                  |                  | -18.0           |
| CA             | 01-17          | 08:15          | Housing Starts (000s a.r.)                             | Dec             | 275              | 257.6            | 264.2           |
| CA             | 01-17          | 08:30          | Core CPI - Median (y/y)                                | Dec             |                  | 4.9              | 5.0             |
| CA             | 01-17          | 08:30          | Core CPI - Trim (y/y)                                  | Dec             |                  | 5.2              | 5.3             |
| CA             | 01-17          | 08:30          | CPI, All items (m/m)                                   | Dec             | -0.7             | -0.5             | 0.1             |
| CA             | 01-17          | 08:30          | CPI, All items (y/y)                                   | Dec             | 6.2              | 6.4              | 6.8             |
| CA             | 01-17          | 08:30          | CPI, All items (index)                                 | Dec             |                  | 153.4            | 154.0           |
| CA             | 01-17          | 08:30          | International Securities Transactions (C\$ bn)         | Nov             |                  |                  | 8.5             |
| US             | 01-17          | 08:30          | Empire State Manufacturing Index                       | Jan             |                  | -8.6             | -11.2           |
| US             | 01-18          | 07:00          | MBA Mortgage Applications (w/w)                        | Jan 13          |                  |                  | 1.2             |
| CA             | 01-18          | 08:30          | IPPI (m/m)   | Dec             |                  |                  | -0.4            |
| CA             | 01-18          | 08:30          | Raw Materials Price Index (m/m)                        | Dec             |                  |                  | -0.8            |
| US             | 01-18          | 08:30          | PPI (m/m)  | Dec             | -0.1             | -0.1             | 0.3             |
| US             | 01-18          | 08:30          | PPI ex. Food & Energy (m/m)                            | Dec             | 0.1              | 0.1              | 0.4             |
| US             | 01-18          | 08:30          | Retail Sales (m/m)                                     | Dec             | -0.5             | -0.8             | -0.6            |
| US             | 01-18          | 08:30          | Retail Sales ex. Autos (m/m)                           | Dec             | -0.2             | -0.5             | -0.2            |
| US             | 01-18          | 09:15          | Capacity Utilization (%)                               | Dec             | 79.6             | 79.6             | 79.7            |
| US             | 01-18          | 09:15          | Industrial Production (m/m)                            | Dec             | -0.1             | -0.1             | -0.2            |
| US             | 01-18          | 10:00          | Business Inventories (m/m)                             | Nov             |                  | 0.4              | 0.3             |
| US             | 01-18          | 10:00          | NAHB Housing Market Index                              | Jan             |                  | 31.0             | 31.0            |
| US             | 01-18          | 16:00          | Total Net TIC Flows (US\$ bn)                          | Nov             |                  |                  | 179.9           |
| US             | 01-18          | 16:00          | Net Long-term TIC Flows (US\$ bn)                      | Nov             |                  |                  | 67.8            |
| CA             | 01-19          | 08:30          | Teranet - National Bank HPI (y/y)                      | Dec             |                  |                  | 4.3             |
| CA             | 01-19          | 08:30          | Wholesale Trade (m/m)                                  | Nov             | 1.9              |                  | 2.1             |
| US             | 01-19          | 08:30          | Building Permits (000s a.r.)                           | Dec             |                  | 1370.0           | 1351.0          |
| US<br>US       | 01-19<br>01-19 | 08:30<br>08:30 | Housing Starts (000s a.r.)                             | Dec<br>Dec      | 1313<br>-4.5     | 1358.0<br>-4.8   | 1427.0          |
| US             | 01-19          | 08:30          | Housing Starts (m/m)<br>Initial Jobless Claims (000s)  | Jan 14          | -4.5<br>210      | -4.0<br>213.5    | -0.5<br>205.0   |
| US             | 01-19          | 08:30          |  | Jan 14<br>Jan 7 | 1640             | 1660.0           | 205.0<br>1634.0 |
| US             | 01-19          | 08:30          | Continuing Claims (000s)<br>Philadelphia Fed Index     | Jan 7           |                  | -11.0            | -13.7           |
| MX             | 01-19          | 08.30          | Retail Sales (INEGI) (y/y)                             | Nov             |                  | 2.6              | -13.7<br>3.8    |
| CA             | 01-20          | 07:00          | Retail Sales (m/m)                                     | Nov             | -0.5             | -0.5             | 5.0<br>1.4      |
| CA             | 01-20          | 08:30          | Retail Sales ex. Autos (m/m)                           | Nov             | -0.5             | -0.7             | 1.4             |
| US             | 01-20          | 10:00          | Existing Home Sales (mn a.r.)                          | Dec             | 3.93             | 4.0              | 4.1             |
| US             | 01-20          | 10:00          | Existing Home Sales (m/m)                              | Dec             | -4.0             | -3.3             | -7.7            |
| 05             | 0120           | 10.00          |  | Dee             | 4.0              | 5.5              | 7.7             |
| EUROPE         | _              |                |  |                 | -                |                  |                 |
| Country        | Date<br>04.46  | <u>Time</u>    | Indicator  | Period          | <u>Consensus</u> | Latest           |                 |
| FR             | 01-16          | 02:45          | Central Government Balance (€ bn)                      | Nov             |                  | -143.2           |                 |
| GE             | 01-17          | 02:00          | CPI (m/m)  | Dec F           | -0.8             | -0.8             |                 |
| GE             | 01-17          | 02:00          | CPI (y/y)  | Dec F           | 8.6              | 8.6              |                 |
| GE<br>GE       | 01-17          | 02:00          | CPI - EU Harmonized (m/m)<br>CPI - EU Harmonized (y/y) | Dec F           | -1.2             | -1.2             |                 |
| UK             | 01-17          | 02:00          | Average Weekly Earnings (3-month, y/y)                 | Dec F           | 9.6<br>6.2       | 9.6<br>6.1       |                 |
| UK             | 01-17<br>01-17 | 02:00<br>02:00 | Employment Change (3M/3M, 000s)                        | Nov<br>Nov      | 0.2              | 27.0             |                 |
| UK             | 01-17<br>01-17 | 02:00          | Jobless Claims Change (000s)                           | Dec             |                  | 30.5             |                 |
| UK             | 01-17<br>01-17 | 02:00          | ILO Unemployment Rate (%)                              | Nov             | 3.7              | 3.7              |                 |
| IT             | 01-17          | 02:00          | CPI - EU Harmonized (y/y)                              | Dec F           | 12.3             | 12.3             |                 |
| EC             | 01-17          | 05:00          | ZEW Survey (Economic Sentiment)                        | Jan             |                  | -23.6            |                 |
| GE             | 01-17          | 05:00          | ZEW Survey (Current Situation)                         | Jan             | -57.0            | -61.4            |                 |
| GE             | 01-17<br>01-17 | 05:00          | ZEW Survey (Economic Sentiment)                        | Jan             | -15.0            | -23.3            |                 |
| UK             | 01-17          | 02:00          | CPI (m/m)  | Dec             | 0.3              | 0.4              |                 |
| UK             | 01-18          | 02:00          | CPI (y/y)  | Dec             | 10.5             | 10.7             |                 |
| UK             | 01-18          | 02:00          | RPI (m/m)  | Dec             | 0.8              | 0.6              |                 |
| UK             | 01-18          | 02:00          | RPI (y/y)  | Dec             | 13.7             | 14.0             |                 |
| EC             | 01-18          | 05:00          | CPI (m/m)  | Dec F           | -0.3             | -0.3             |                 |
| EC             | 01-18          | 05:00          | CPI (y/y)  | Dec F           | 9.2              | 9.2              |                 |
| EC             | 01-18          | 05:00          | Euro zone Core CPI Estimate (y/y)                      | Dec F           | 5.2              | 5.2              |                 |
|                |                |                |  |                 |                  |                  |                 |

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# Key Indicators for the week of January 16 – 20

## EUROPE (continued from previous page)

| Country | Date  | <u>Time</u> | Indicator                         | Period | <u>Consensus</u> | Latest |
|---------|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| EC      | 01-19 | 04:00       | Current Account (€ bn)            | Nov    |                  | 0.0    |
| NO      | 01-19 | 04:00       | Norwegian Deposit Rates (%)       | Jan 19 | 2.75             | 2.75   |
| IT      | 01-19 | 04:30       | Current Account (€ mn)            | Nov    |                  | 709.9  |
| TU      | 01-19 | 06:00       | Benchmark Repo Rate (%)           | Jan 19 | 9.00             | 9.00   |
| UK      | 01-19 | 19:01       | GfK Consumer Confidence Survey    | Jan    | -41.0            | -42.0  |
| GE      | 01-20 | 02:00       | Producer Prices (m/m)             | Dec    | -1.2             | -3.9   |
| UK      | 01-20 | 02:00       | Retail Sales ex. Auto Fuel (m/m)  | Dec    | 0.4              | -0.3   |
| UK      | 01-20 | 02:00       | Retail Sales with Auto Fuel (m/m) | Dec    | 0.5              | -0.4   |

## **ASIA PACIFIC**

| <u>Country</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Time</u> | Indicator                                 | Period | <u>Consensus</u> | <u>Latest</u> |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|---|--------|------------------|---------------|
| PH             | 01-14       | 20:00       | Overseas Remittances (y/y)                | Nov    | 4.2              | 3.5           |
| ID             | 01-15       | 21:00       | Exports (y/y)                             | Dec    | 7.4              | 5.6           |
| ID             | 01-15       | 21:00       | Imports (y/y)                             | Dec    | -7.6             | -1.9          |
| ID             | 01-15       | 21:00       | Trade Balance (US\$ mn)                   | Dec    | 4010.0           | 4968.9        |
| JN             | 01-16       | 01:00       | Machine Tool Orders (y/y)                 | Dec P  |                  | -7.7          |
| IN             | 01-16       | 01:30       | Monthly Wholesale Prices (y/y)            | Dec    | 5.5              | 5.9           |
| SI             | 01-16       | 19:30       | Exports (y/y)                             | Dec    | -16.0            | -14.6         |
| CH             | 01-16       | 21:00       | Fixed Asset Investment YTD (y/y)          | Dec    | 5.0              | 5.3           |
| CH             | 01-16       | 21:00       | Industrial Production (y/y)               | Dec    | 0.2              | 2.2           |
| CH             | 01-16       | 21:00       | Real GDP (y/y)                            | 4Q     | 1.6              | 3.9           |
| CH             | 01-16       | 21:00       | Retail Sales (y/y)                        | Dec    | -9.5             | -5.9          |
| JN             | 01-16       | 23:30       | Tertiary Industry Index (m/m)             | Nov    | 0.2              | 0.2           |
| JN             | 01-17       | 18:50       | Machine Orders (m/m)                      | Nov    | -1.3             | 5.4           |
| JN             | 01-17       | 19:00       | BoJ Policy Rate (%)                       | Jan 18 |                  | -0.10         |
| MA             | 01-17       | 23:00       | Exports (y/y)                             | Dec    | 7.2              | 15.6          |
| MA             | 01-17       | 23:00       | Imports (y/y)                             | Dec    | 16.2             | 15.6          |
| MA             | 01-17       | 23:00       | Trade Balance (MYR bn)                    | Dec    | 25.5             | 22.3          |
| JN             | 01-17       | 23:30       | Capacity Utilization (m/m)                | Nov    |                  | 2.2           |
| JN             | 01-17       | 23:30       | Industrial Production (m/m)               | Nov F  |                  | -0.1          |
| JN             | 01-17       | 23:30       | Industrial Production (y/y)               | Nov F  |                  | -1.3          |
| TA             | 01-18       | 02:00       | Real GDP (y/y)                            | 4Q A   | 1.3              | 4.0           |
| TA             | 01-18       | 03:00       | Unemployment Rate (%)                     | Dec    | 3.6              | 3.6           |
| JN             | 01-18       | 18:50       | Merchandise Trade Balance (¥ bn)          | Dec    | -1653.3          | -2029.0       |
| JN             | 01-18       | 18:50       | Adjusted Merchandise Trade Balance (¥ bn) | Dec    | -1630.6          | -1732.3       |
| JN             | 01-18       | 18:50       | Merchandise Trade Exports (y/y)           | Dec    | 11.0             | 20.0          |
| JN             | 01-18       | 18:50       | Merchandise Trade Imports (y/y)           | Dec    | 22.6             | 30.3          |
| AU             | 01-18       | 19:30       | Employment (000s)                         | Dec    | 22.5             | -25.5         |
| AU             | 01-18       | 19:30       | Unemployment Rate (%)                     | Dec    | 3.4              | 3.4           |
| PH             | 01-18       | 20:00       | Balance of Payments (US\$ mn)             | Dec    |                  | -756.0        |
| MA             | 01-19       | 02:00       | Overnight Rate (%)                        | Jan 19 | 3.00             | 2.75          |
| ID             | 01-19       | 02:20       | BI 7-Day Reverse Repo Rate (%)            | Jan 19 | 5.75             | 5.50          |
| HK             | 01-19       | 03:30       | Unemployment Rate (%)                     | Dec    | 3.6              | 3.7           |
| SK             | 01-19       | 16:00       | PPI (y/y)                                 | Dec    |                  | 6.3           |
| NZ             | 01-19       | 16:30       | Business NZ PMI                           | Dec    |                  | 47.4          |
| JN             | 01-19       | 18:30       | National CPI (y/y)                        | Dec    | 4.0              | 3.8           |
| СН             | 01-19       | 20:30       | PBoC Loan Prime Rate 1-Year (%)           | Jan 20 | 3.65             | 3.65          |
| MA             | 01-19       | 23:00       | CPI (y/y)                                 | Dec    | 3.9              | 4.0           |
| MA             | 01-20       | 02:00       | Foreign Reserves (US\$ bn)                | Jan 13 |                  | 114.6         |
| ΗK             | 01-20       | 03:30       | СРІ (у/у)                                 | Dec    | 1.9              | 1.8           |

## LATIN AMERICA

| <u>Country</u> | Date  | <u>Time</u> | Indicator                         | <u>Period</u> | BNS | <u>Consensus</u> | <u>Latest</u> |
|----------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----|------------------|---------------|
| PE             | 01-15 | 10:00       | Economic Activity Index NSA (y/y) | Nov           | 2.0 | 2.3              | 2.0           |
| PE             | 01-15 | 10:00       | Unemployment Rate (%)             | Dec           | 7.5 |                  | 7.6           |
| CO             | 01-17 | 10:00       | Retail Sales (y/y)                | Nov           |     | 1.8              | 1.9           |
| CO             | 01-19 | 10:00       | Trade Balance (US\$ mn)           | Nov           |     | -1031.5          | -1475.1       |

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# Global Auctions for the week of January 16 – 20

#### NORTH AMERICA

| <b>Country</b> | Date  | Time  | <u>Event</u>                        |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| CA             | 01-18 | 12:00 | Canada to Sell 3 Year Bonds         |
| US             | 01-18 | 13:00 | U.S. To Sell 20-Year Bond Reopening |

## EUROPE

| Country | Date  | <u>Time</u> | Event                           |
|---------|-------|-------------|---------------------------------|
| UK      | 01-17 | 05:00       | U.K. to Sell 3.5% 2025 Bonds    |
| GE      | 01-17 | 05:30       | Germany to Sell 2028 Bonds      |
| FI      | 01-17 | 06:00       | Finland to Sell Bonds           |
| DE      | 01-18 | 04:15       | Denmark to Sell Bonds           |
| SW      | 01-18 | 05:00       | Sweden to Sell 0.75% 2028 Bonds |
| SW      | 01-18 | 05:00       | Sweden to Sell 1.75% 2033 Bonds |
| GE      | 01-18 | 05:30       | Germany to Sell 1.8% 2053 Bonds |
| GE      | 01-18 | 05:30       | Germany to Sell 2050 Bonds      |
| SP      | 01-19 | 04:30       | Spain to Sell Bonds             |
| FR      | 01-19 | 04:50       | France to Sell Bonds            |
| IC      | 01-20 | 06:00       | Iceland to Sell Bonds           |

## **ASIA PACIFIC**

| Country | Date  | <u>Time</u> | Event                                    |
|---------|-------|-------------|--|
| CH      | 01-13 | 01:00       | Jiangsu to Sell 10Y Bonds                |
| CH      | 01-16 | 20:30       | Hunan to Sell 3Y Bonds                   |
| CH      | 01-17 | 01:00       | Jiangxi to Sell Bonds                    |
| CH      | 01-17 | 03:00       | Guangdong to Sell Bonds                  |
| CH      | 01-17 | 21:35       | China to Sell 23 Billion Yuan 2052 Bonds |
| CH      | 01-17 | 21:35       | China to Sell 85 Billion Yuan 2032 Bonds |
| CH      | 01-17 | 21:35       | China to Sell 84 Billion Yuan 2024 Bonds |
| JN      | 01-18 | 22:35       | Japan to Sell 20-Year Bonds              |

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No Scheduled Auctions.

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# Events for the week of January 16 – 20

#### **NORTH AMERICA**

| Country | Date  | <u>Time</u> | Event   |
|---------|-------|-------------|---|
| US      | 01-17 | 15:00       | Fed's Williams Gives Welcoming Remarks                      |
| US      | 01-18 | 09:00       | Fed's Bostic Makes Welcoming Remarks at Academic Conference |
| US      | 01-18 | 14:00       | Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book                         |
| US      | 01-18 | 14:00       | Fed's Harker Discusses the Economic Outlook                 |
| US      | 01-18 | 17:00       | Fed's Logan Gives Speech in Austin                          |
| US      | 01-19 | 09:00       | Fed's Collins Speaks at Housing Conference                  |
| US      | 01-19 | 13:15       | Fed's Brainard Discusses the Economic Outlook               |
| US      | 01-19 | 18:35       | Fed's Williams Speaks at Event in New York                  |
| US      | 01-20 | 09:00       | Fed's Harker Discusses the Economic Outlook                 |
| US      | 01-20 | 13:00       | Fed's Waller Speaks at the Council on Foreign Relations     |

## EUROPE

| Country | Date  | <u>Time</u> | Event   |
|---------|-------|-------------|---|
| UK      | 01-16 | 10:00       | BOE's Bailey and Sam Woods testify on financial stability |
| EC      | 01-17 | 02:30       | ECB's Centeno Speaks at WEF                               |
| EC      | 01-18 | 04:15       | ECB's Villeroy Speaks at WEF                              |
| EC      | 01-18 | 07:15       | ECB's Villeroy Speaks at WEF                              |
| NO      | 01-19 | 04:00       | Deposit Rates   |
| EC      | 01-19 | 05:30       | ECB's Lagarde Speaks at WEF                               |
| EC      | 01-19 | 07:30       | ECB Publishes Account of December 2022 Policy Meeting     |
| EC      | 01-19 | 09:00       | ECB's Knot Speaks at WEF                                  |
| EC      | 01-19 | 12:00       | ECB's Schnabel Speaks                                     |
| SZ      | 01-20 | 03:00       | SNB's Jordan Speaks at WEF                                |
| EC      | 01-20 | 05:00       | ECB's Lagarde Speaks at WEF                               |

## ASIA PACIFIC

| <u>Country</u> | Date  | <u>Time</u> | <u>Event</u>                   |
|----------------|-------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| JN             | 01-17 | 00:00       | BOJ Policy Balance Rate        |
| JN             | 01-17 | 00:00       | BOJ 10-Yr Yield Target         |
| MA             | 01-19 | 02:00       | BNM Overnight Policy Rate      |
| ID             | 01-19 | 02:20       | Bank Indonesia 7D Reverse Repo |
| CH             | 01-19 | 20:30       | 5-Year Loan Prime Rate         |
| СН             | 01-19 | 20:30       | 1-Year Loan Prime Rate         |

## LATIN AMERICA

No Scheduled Events.

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## **Global Central Bank Watch**

#### NORTH AMERICA

| <u>Rate</u><br>Bank of Canada – Overnight Target Rate<br>Federal Reserve – Federal Funds Target Rate<br>Banco de México – Overnight Rate | <u>Current Rate</u><br>4.25<br>4.50<br>10.50 | <u>Next Meeting</u><br>January 25, 2023<br>February 1, 2023<br>February 9, 2023 | <u>Scotia's Forecasts</u><br>4.25<br>4.75<br>10.75 | <u>Consensus Forecasts</u><br>4.50<br>4.75<br>10.75 |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| EUROPE   |  |   |  |   |
| Rate   | Current Rate                                 | Next Meeting  | Scotia's Forecasts                                 | Consensus Forecasts                                 |
| European Central Bank – Refinancing Rate   | 2.50   | February 2, 2023  | 3.00   | 3.00  |
| European Central Bank – Marginal Lending Facility Rate   | 2.75   | February 2, 2023  | 3.25   | 3.25  |
| European Central Bank – Deposit Facility Rate  | 2.00   | February 2, 2023  | 2.50   | 2.50  |
| Bank of England – Bank Rate  | 3.50   | February 2, 2023  | 4.00   | 4.00  |
| Swiss National Bank – Sight Deposit Rate   | 1.00   | March 23, 2023  | 1.50   | 1.50  |
| Central Bank of Russia – One-Week Auction Rate   | 7.50   | February 10, 2023   | 7.50   | 7.50  |
| Sweden Riksbank – Repo Rate  | 2.50   | February 9, 2023  | 3.00   | 3.00  |
| Norges Bank – Deposit Rate   | 2.75   | January 19, 2023  | 2.75   | 2.75  |
| Central Bank of Turkey – Benchmark Repo Rate   | 9.00   | January 19, 2023  | 9.00   | 9.00  |

Central Bank of Turkey: No change is expected to the one-week repo rate following December's pause, inflation deceleration in December to a still very high 64% y/y and as the lira has underpformed most other currencies that have gained against the USD since the central bank's last decision. Norges Bank: After hiking its deposit rate to 2.75% in December, Norges guided that the policy rate will be raised to 3% probably "in the first quarter of next year." That could arrive this Thursday, or it could reconvene at the March decision with fresh forecasts and in the wake of the softer than expected CPI reading for December.

#### ASIA PACIFIC

| <u>Rate</u><br>Bank of Japan – Policy Rate             | Current Rate<br>-0.10 | <u>Next Meeting</u><br>January 18, 2023 | Scotia's Forecasts<br>-0.10 | Consensus Forecasts<br>-0.10 |
|--|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Reserve Bank of Australia – Cash Rate Target           | 3.10                  | February 6, 2023                        | 3.25                        | 3.25                         |
| Reserve Bank of New Zealand – Cash Rate                | 4.25                  | February 21, 2023                       | 5.00                        | 5.00                         |
| People's Bank of China – 1-Year Loan Prime Rate        | 3.65                  | January 19, 2023                        | 3.65                        | 3.65                         |
| Reserve Bank of India – Repo Rate                      | 6.25                  | February 7, 2023                        | 6.50                        | 6.50                         |
| Bank of Korea – Base Rate                              | 3.50                  | February 23, 2023                       | 3.50                        | 3.50                         |
| Bank of Thailand – Repo Rate                           | 1.25                  | January 25, 2023                        | 1.50                        | 1.50                         |
| Bank Negara Malaysia – Overnight Policy Rate           | 2.75                  | January 19, 2023                        | 3.00                        | 3.00                         |
| Bank Indonesia – 7-Day Reverse Repo Rate               | 5.50                  | January 19, 2023                        | 5.75                        | 5.75                         |
| Central Bank of Philippines – Overnight Borrowing Rate | 5.50                  | February 16, 2023                       | 5.75                        | 5.75                         |

Bank of Japan (BoJ): After raising the yield target ceiling from 0% +/- 0.25 ppts to +/-0.5 ppts at the December 20th meeting, markets have turned toward speculating that the next decision this week could raise the policy rate. That may be premature as Governor Kuroda rides out the remainder of his term before a successor is chosen and takes over in April and may launch a policy review. **People's Bank of China (PBoC):** China's central bank may once again cut the 1-year Medium-Term Lending Facility Rate by 10bps on Monday that could set up Chinese banks to cut the 5-year Loan Prime Rate on Friday that is key to the property market. Inflation is low, the end of Covid Zero is damaging the economy in the short-term and policymakers may wish to inject liquidity ahead of the Lunar New Year. **Bank Negara Malaysia:** Negara is expected to hike by another 25bps this week after it guided in November that continued hiking would be at a "measured and gradual" pace. Since then, core inflation moved higher again to 4.2% y/y but the ringgit's 9% appreciation to the generally softer USD since then may be viewed as cause to pause or stop the rate hike cycle. **Bank Indonesia:** Another 25bps hike is expected on Thursday that would lift the 7 day reverse repor rate to 5.75%. Inflation started off the new year a touch higher than expected at 5.5% y/y with core up a tenth to 3.4%. The rupiah has also been among the weaker performers among Asian crosses of late which may further motivate tightening for financial stability reasons.

#### LATIN AMERICA

| <u>Rate</u>  | <u>Current Rate</u> | <u>Next Meeting</u> | <u>Scotia's Forecasts</u> | <u>Consensus Forecasts</u> |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Banco Central do Brasil – Selic Rate               | 13.75               | February 1, 2023    | 13.75                     | 13.75                      |
| Banco Central de Chile – Overnight Rate            | 11.25               | January 26, 2023    | 11.00                     | 11.25                      |
| Banco de la República de Colombia – Lending Rate   | 12.00               | January 27, 2023    | 13.00                     | 12.50                      |
| Banco Central de Reserva del Perú – Reference Rate | 7.75                | February 9, 2023    | 7.75                      | 7.75                       |

| AFRICA                                 |              |                  |                    |                     |
|--|--------------|------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Rate                                   | Current Rate | Next Meeting     | Scotia's Forecasts | Consensus Forecasts |
| South African Reserve Bank – Repo Rate | 7.00         | January 26, 2023 | 7.50               | 7.50                |
|  |              |                  |                    |                     |

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