

OTP Morning Brief



- Reassuring earnings figures and Evergrande's interest payment helped Europe's stock indices rise
- Trading sentiment was benign in Hungary too
- US stock markets closed mixed: tech shares weighed on them, but financials propelled growth
- The HUF's weakening continued, and Hungary's longterm yields rose
- The ECB's rate decision, the euro area's CPI for October, and preliminary Q3 GDP figures are scheduled for release this week, on top of the earnings season



Impressive earnings reports and Evergrande's interest payment helped European stock markets rise

Western Europe's key stock markets closed higher on Friday, benefiting from a rise in technology stocks, strong earnings from France's L'Oréal, and an unexpected interest payment of China's debt-ridden Evergrande Group. The STOXX 600 (+0.5%) closed at a six-week high, and ended the third consecutive week in positive territory. France's CAC40 (+0.7%) outshined its European peers, fuelled by L'Oréal shares' 5.1% jump owing to surprisingly strong earnings. The shares of ASML (+3.2%), the Dutch semiconductor equipment maker, and Germanys' SAP (+1.2%) surged on Friday, both correcting the fall made earlier in the week, after the release of their earnings results. The STOXX's technology sector component climbed 1.5% higher, marking the best performance. Germany's DAX closed higher (0.5%), as did the FTSE100 and FSTE MIB (0.2% each).

The reassuring flash reports stole the show from October's pale services sector PMI, continued supply problems, and rising input costs, which may further increase selling prices. The latest data from Refinitiv IBES Q3 indicate that European firms' quarterly profit is expected to surge by 47.6%, to EUR 96.1 billion, in a slight improvement from last week's 46.7% growth forecast. Europe's markets closed the week mixed: the STOXX600 (0.5%), the CAC40 (0.1%), and FTSE MIB (0.3%) rose, but the DAX (-0.3%) and FTSE100 (-0.4%) declined.

In this supportive international sentiment, Hungary's stock market upped 0.2%. Nearly all blue chips closed in positive territory on Friday: Mol (+0.4%), Richter (+0.3%), and Magyar Telekom (+1.4%) all gained, while OTP stagnated. The BUX hit record high (55,434.9) at one point on Friday. Elsewhere in CEE, Russia's RTS added 0.5%, but the Prague (-0.8%) and Warsaw (-0.4%) stock indices fell. Over the past week, Hungary advanced 0.9% as Richter surged 2.7%, MOL gained 1.2%, MTelekom grew by 0.9%, and OTP shed 0.1%.

US markets closed mixed: the tech sector dragged indices down, the financial fuelled their growth

After a failed attempt to hit new high, the S&P 500 inched down 0.1%. Snap's fall dragged down the tech sector (-0.3%). The Dow Jones rose 0.2%, but the Nasdaq Composite dropped 0.8%. Tech companies, the former engines of growth, have come under considerable pressure after Snap warned that revenue growth could slow, owing to Apple's privacy-related changes to its mobile operating system; Snapchat's parent company cited supply chain issues as another reason why it expect lower Q4 profit. Snap nose-dived 26.6%; Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest also slumped nearly 5% each. The financial sector's stocks benefited from the impressive quarterly results of regional banks and American Express. This brought the sector's gain to 1.3%. Following the release of Q3 results, the SVB Financial Group raised its growth expectations for 2021; its shares skyrocketed more than 6%. American Express surged nearly 5% as its Q3 revenue and profit beat expectations, and targeted earnings per share in 2022 to be in the upper region of its guidance range. The US market's weekly performance was clearly better than that of its Western European peers: The S&P climbed 1.6% higher, the Dow advanced 1.1%, and the Nasdaq grew by 1.3%.

Oil prices gained 1-1.5% on Friday, broadly in line with their weekly performance.



The HUF weakened and Hungary's long-term yields rose

The forint's 0.2% weakening sent the EUR/HUF closer to 365 on Friday. Over the past week, the HUF lost 1.3%, underperforming the CEE region, where the CZK dropped 1.2% and the PLN shed 0.7%. One reason may be that the market's hopes of a sharper interest rate hike were dashed last Tuesday, just like in September: despite higher inflationary pressures, the MNB's Monetary Council stuck to the 15 bps rate hike, disappointing investors. However, the US bond market was reassured by Jerome Powell's words; Fed Chairman said that even though the scarcity that has caused high inflation may be more persistent, inflationary pressures will ease next year; and even though the Fed begins to taper its asset purchases in November, the time for interest rate hike has not come. Therefore, the UST 10Y yield fell to 1.64% on Friday, reversing a four-day-long increase (the US 10Y yield rose by 1.7%, to 12 bps by Thursday). But Hungary's market had closed by then, thus was not affected by the drop; Hungary's long-term yields upped (by 1-4 bps) on Friday. Over the past week, bond yields grew by 8-14 bps in the 3Y-5Y segment, and by 14-22 bps in the 10Y-20Y tenors.

The week's highlights

Asia's indices moved mixed this morning: China's SSEC (+0.4%) headed higher, unlike Japan's Nikkei225 (-0.8%). China's property shares fell as the country is planning to pilot a property tax scheme in some regions. Index futures suggest near-stagnation in the USA. Oil prices were seen rising (1%).

This week is going to be really eventful. The ECB's two-day policy meeting, concluding on Thursday, is not expected to make important decisions. At the September press conference, Christine Lagarde said that the announcement of scaling back the ECB's asset purchase programme could be made in December. However, there have been many changes since the September meeting: the pace of recovery lost momentum across Europe, price pressures have increased to an unprecedented 3.4% in September, and the October reading (due on Friday) is likely to be even higher (+3.7%); the skyrocketing energy prices and capacity constraints add to upside risks. The first estimate of the eurozone's Q3 GDP from will also be released on Friday; the growth momentum is expected to have slowed as several issues have stymied Europe's recovery in recent months. Semiconductor shortages are no longer a threat; they actually hold back the automotive industry, hitting Germany's manufacturing performance particularly hard. Meanwhile, a possible new wave of the coronavirus, and shrinking demand due to rising inflation cloud the services sector's outlook. Nonetheless, Q3 growth momentum may still be close to previous expectations, but supply chain disruptions, the pandemic, as well as rising inflationary pressures (in particular rising energy prices), will shape the euro area's growth outlook for the rest of the year, all of which pose downside risks.

The USA is to release the first estimate on Q3 GDP data on Friday. As covid restrictions were lifted six weeks ago, the pace of recovery was expected to slow only slightly after the strong growth momentum seen in the first two quarters of the year. But in Q3, the virus resurged in several states, the hurricanes damaged the economy, and supply chain disruptions caused much headache for the manufacturing sector. In addition, the expiry of the benefits provided by the previous rescue packages has not brought the expected turnaround in the labour market; activity rates have not improved much. No wonder that growth expectations for the third quarter have gradually eroded. The Atlanta Fed's GDP tracker suggested 6.1% (y/y, annualised) growth rate at the beginning of the quarter; now it had fallen to 0.5%. Although market expectations became more optimistic (+2.5%), they still miss the previous estimate of 5.0%. Meanwhile, there are heated negotiations in the



legislation on the Biden administration's infrastructure plan, which could give a new boost to investment and the labour market. But supply chain disruptions appear to be getting worse before getting better, with no meaningful improvement this year, as the holiday season will put extra pressure on supply chains.

In the corporate world, Facebook, HSBC, and Michelin are among the companies publish their quarterly reports today.

Today, Hungary's the MNB will publish data on last week's non-auction government bond purchases, and hold its usual Monday FX swap auction, where the central bank is expected to renew only part, if any, of the EUR 144m of swaps that expire.



| | | ks | | Bonds | | | | Commodity & FX | | | | |
|----------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------|------------------------|---------|
| | Product name | Close | Daily change (%) | YTD (%) | Product name | Yield | Daily change* | YTD* | Product name | Close | Daily change (%) | YTD (%) |
| | S&P500 | 4545 | -0.1 | 21.0 | VIX | 15.4 | 2.8 | -32 | WTI | 83.8 | 1.5 | 72.6 |
| | DOW | 35677 | 0.2 | 16.6 | US 2Y | 0.45 | -0.1 | 33 | Brent | 85.53 | 1.1 | 65.1 |
| | Nasdaq C. | 15090 | -0.8 | 17.1 | US 10Y | 1.63 | -6.9 | 72 | Gold | 1795.5 | 0.8 | -5.3 |
| | DAX | 15543 | 0.5 | 13.3 | GER 2Y | -0.64 | 0.7 | 7 | Silver | 24.45 | 1.2 | -7.4 |
| a | CAC40 | 6734 | 0.7 | 21.3 | GER 10Y | -0.11 | -0.4 | 47 | EUR/USD | 1.1643 | 0.2 | -4.7 |
| Glob | FTSE 100 | 7205 | 0.2 | 11.5 | PT10Y | 0.41 | 0.1 | 38 | EUR/GBP | 0.8465 | 0.4 | -5.3 |
| G | FTSE MIB | 26572 | 0.2 | 19.5 | IT 10Y | 1.00 | 5.8 | 46 | EUR/NOK | 9.7330 | 0.1 | -7.1 |
| | Stoxx600 | 472 | 0.5 | 18.3 | SP 10 | 0.53 | 0.4 | 48 | USD/CAD | 1.2366 | 0.0 | -2.8 |
| | - Banks | 148 | 0.2 | 37.1 | iTRAXX | 50.4 | 0.6 | 5 | AUD/USD | 0.7485 | 0.3 | -2.7 |
| | Nikkei 225 | 28570 | -0.8 | 4.1 | JPY 2Y | -0.11 | 0.1 | 2 | USD/JPY | 113.50 | -0.4 | 9.9 |
| | SSEC | 3596 | 0.4 | 3.5 | JPY 10Y | 0.09 | 0.0 | 8 | GBP/USD | 1.3755 | -0.3 | 0.6 |
| nal | RTS | 1878 | 0.5 | 35.4 | RUS10 | 7.9 | 19.5 | 194 | USD/RUB | 70.319 | -1.1 | -5.5 |
| 0. 0. | WIG20 | 2417 | -0.4 | 21.8 | POL 10 | 2.8 | 6.0 | 154 | EUR/PLN | 4.60 | 0.0 | 0.9 |
| Re | PX50 | 1330 | -0.8 | 29.5 | CZ10 | 2.6 | 4.2 | 130 | EUR/RON | 4.947 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| Hungary | BUX | 55254 | 0.2 | 31.4 | 3M DKJ | 1.06 | 0.0 | 78 | EUR/HUF | 364.72 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| | ΟΤΡ | 18985 | 0.0 | 42.1 | 1Y | 1.54 | 0.0 | 115 | USD/HUF | 313.11 | -0.1 | 5.4 |
| | MOL | 2770 | 0.4 | 26.5 | 3Y | 2.61 | 1.0 | 191 | CHF/HUF | 341.80 | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| | MTelekom | 431 | 1.4 | 13.4 | 5Y | 3.18 | 2.0 | 182.0 | PLN/HUF | 79.21 | 0.1 | -0.3 |
| | Richter | 8795 | 0.3 | 18.2 | 10Y | 3.83 | 4.0 | 175.0 | GBP/HUF | 430.81 | -0.3 | 6.1 |

* In the case of bond yields, the change is in basis points instead of percentage (VIX and iTRAXX not included).

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| Data | | Cd. | Event/Data | Period | Fact | Cons. | Prev. |
|-------------|---------|-----|--|--------|------|-------|------------|
| 2021 10.25. | 10 : 00 | DE | IFO Economic sentiment index (points) | Oct | | 97.9 | 98.8 |
| | 15 : 00 | HU | FX swap tender (HUF liquidity, maturing/stock bn HUF)* | - | | - | 52,6/967,1 |
| 26. | 13 : 00 | HU | MNB gov't bond purchase auction | - | | - | 20.0 |
| | 15 : 00 | | Case-Shiller Home Price Index (YoY, %) | Aug | | | 19.9 |
| | 16 : 00 | US | Consumer confidence (point) | Oct | | 108.3 | 109.3 |
| | 16 : 00 | US | New home sales (annualized monthly, '000s) | Sept | | 755 | 740 |
| 27. | 14 : 30 | US | Durable goods orders (MoM, %) | Sept | | -1.0 | 1.8 |
| | 16 : 00 | CA | Interest rate decision (%) | Oct | | | 0.25 |
| 28. | 5 : 00 | JP | Interest rate decision (%) | Oct | | -0.1 | -0.1 |
| | 9 : 00 | HU | Unemployment rate (%) | Sept | | | 4.1 |
| | 10 : 00 | IT | Consumer confidence (point) | Oct | | | 119.6 |
| | 11 : 00 | EZ | EC Economic Sentiment Index (points) | Oct | | | 117.8 |
| | 13 : 45 | EZ | Interest rate decision (lending rate, %) | Oct | | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| | 13 : 45 | EZ | Interest rate decision (deposit rate, %) | Oct | | -0.5 | -0.5 |
| | 14 : 00 | DE | CPI (preliminary, YoY, %) | Oct | | 4.4 | 4.1 |
| | 14 : 30 | US | GDP (preliminary, annualized QoQ, %) | Q3 | | 2.5 | 6.7 |
| | 14 : 30 | US | Initial jobless claims ('000s) | weekly | | 290.0 | 290.0 |
| | 14 : 30 | US | Continuing jobless claims ('000s) | weekly | | | 2481 |
| | 16 : 00 | US | Pending home sales (MoM, %) | Sept | | | 8.1 |
| 29. | 7 : 30 | FR | GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %) | Q3 | | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| | 9:00 | DE | GDP (QoQ, SA, preliminary, %) | Q3 | | 2.2 | 1.6 |
| | 9 : 00 | DE | GDP (preliminary, YoY, %) | Q3 | | 2.4 | 10 |
| | 9 : 00 | ES | GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %) | Q3 | | 2.6 | 1.1 |
| | 9:00 | ES | Retail sales (YoY, %) | Sept | | | -0.9 |
| | 9 : 00 | AT | GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %) | Q3 | | | 3.6 |
| | 9:00 | CZ | GDP (QoQ, %) | Q3 | | | 1.0 |
| | 9 : 00 | HU | Gross wages (YoY, %) | Aug | | | 8.1 |
| | 10 : 00 | IT | GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %) | Q3 | | 2.0 | 2.7 |
| | 10 : 30 | PT | GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %) | Q3 | | | 4.9 |
| | 11 : 00 | EZ | CPI (flash, YoY, %) | Oct | | 3.7 | 3.4 |
| | 11 : 00 | EZ | Core CPI (flash, YoY, %) | Oct | | 2.0 | 1.9 |
| | 11 : 00 | EZ | GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %) | Q3 | | 1.9 | 2.2 |
| | 11 : 00 | EZ | GDP (preliminary, YoY, %) | Q3 | | 3.5 | 14.3 |
| | 14 : 30 | US | Personal income (MoM, %) | Sept | | 0.1 | 0.2 |
| | 14 : 30 | US | Personal consumption (adjusted, MoM, %) | Sept | | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| | 14 : 30 | US | Household core PCE index (MoM, %) | Sept | | 0.2 | 0.3 |
| | 15 : 45 | US | Chicago PMI (points) | Oct | | 63.0 | 64.7 |
| 31. | 2 : 00 | CN | NBS Non-manufacturing PMI (points) | Oct | | | 53.2 |
| | 2 : 00 | CN | NBS Manufacturing PMI (points) | Oct | | | 49.6 |

* The first values in 'Fact' refers to the accepted volume, while 'Prev.' refers to the maturing amount on the current week

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