

OTP Morning Brief



- *Europe's indices tumbled on Wednesday*
- *UK inflation jumped high*
- *CEE stock markets rose, bucking the trend*
- *US stock indices fell, as investors fret about corporate profits' decline*
- *The minutes of the ECB's rate decision will be released today*

Europe's indices tumbled; UK inflation jumped high; CEE stocks markets rose, bucking the trend

Western Europe's key stock markets were dragged down by expectations of high inflation and rising interest rates. The DAX (-1.3%), the CAC40 (-1.2%), the FTSE 100 (-1.1%), the Stoxx600 (-1.1%) and the FTSE MIB (-0.9%) all ended in the red. The utilities (0.6%), oil & gas (0.6%), and real estate (0.1%) sectors did relatively well, unlike technology (-2.7%), retail (-2.2%) and food (-2.0%). UK inflation jumped to a 40-year high of 9% in April (from 7% in March), slightly missing the forecast (9.1%). The main driver of prices' increase was the rise in electricity, gas, fuel, food, and used car prices. From 1 April, the UK energy regulator raised the energy price cap for households by 54%, due to soaring wholesale energy prices. The regulator has not ruled out a further increase in the cap during this year's review in October. In April, average petrol price hit a record at 161.8 pence per litre, up from 125.5 pence a year earlier, which is consistent with nearly 29% growth. Consumer prices jumped by 2.5% MoM.

In contrast to advanced market trends, the CEE region's indices strengthened. The BUX's 2.4% gain marked the best performance, largely fuelled by Richter's 5.9% upsurge (without significant company-specific news), OTP's 1.8% growth, and MOL's 1.3% gain; MTelekom's share price stagnated. After the market close, Rába's Q1 report gave account of Q1 loss, mainly due to increased costs. Czechia's PX surged 2.2%, Poland's WIG20 inched up 0.1% on Wednesday. The European Commission announced yesterday that a total of EUR 248 million will be made available to Poland, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and the Czech Republic to cover the cost of a wave of refugees from Ukraine.

U.S. stock markets plummeted as investors worried about declining corporate profits

America's markets fell sharply on Wednesday, when another major retail chain, Target, reported disappointing figures, after Walmart. The company ascribed the lower profit to supply problems, high shipping costs, and waning demand for some consumer discretionary goods. The share price eventually fell 24.9% and the securities of other retail companies also suffered significant losses. The reason for the general pessimism is that investors have begun to price the deterioration in corporate profits and weakening consumption due to inflation, and even the impact of a possible recession. Among the individual indices, the Nasdaq (-4.7%), the S&P500 (-4.0%), and the Dow (-3.6%) all slid. All sectors fell, particularly consumer discretionary (-6.6%), consumer staples (-6.4%), and the IT sector (-4.7%). In the downbeat sentiment, WTI (-3.1%) and Brent (-2.6%) subsided. In after-hours trading, Cisco's share price slid 13% as the technology company unexpectedly projected a decline in Q2 revenue; but its Q1 profit slightly topped market expectations.

In the United States, housing starts shrank by 0.2% YoY, to an annualized 1.724 million in April, following a 2.8% decline in March, and missing the market forecast of 1.765 million. Single-family housing starts contracted by 7.3%, while that of buildings with five or more dwellings jumped by 16.8%. The housing market is showing signs of slowing as high interest rates on mortgages are at 12-year high, due to rising inflation, persistently expensive building materials, and continuing supply problems.

The USD strengthened again amid pessimism; advanced markets' bond yields fell

Simultaneously with the fall in the US stock market, the US dollar gained strength, appreciating by 0.8% against the euro by the evening; the EUR/USD fell below 1.05 again. However, the impact of US events was barely felt in the CEE region's FX market: the zloty and the koruna strengthened slightly (by 0.1%-0.2%) against the euro. The HUF outperformed, presumably benefiting from the MNB Deputy Governor Barnabás Virág's statement on Tuesday that the interest rate path needed to reach the inflation target would remain unchanged. The EUR/HUF dropped from Tuesday morning's 390 and Wednesday morning's 386 levels to 382 at one point on Wednesday, but closed below 384 (-0.6%). Developed markets' bond yields fell: Germany's 10Y yields shed 3 bps to 1.02%, the USA's 10Y yields fell stronger, by 11 bps, to 2.9%, in line with the sell-off on stock market. Hungary's government bond yields barely moved yesterday.

Today's highlights

Asia's stock indices traded in negative territory this morning, particularly Hong Kong's Hang Seng (-2.5%), India's Sensex (-1.8%), and Japan's Nikkei (-1.7%). Singapore stood 0.4% in the red, and China's Shanghai Composite edged 0.2% lower. Tencent's shares slumped 7%, as its profit contracted by a half in a year, owing to smaller revenue from ads, because of lower demand amid Covid restrictions, fierce competition (e.g. TikTok), and stricter regulations in China. Index futures point to further losses in Europe.

Today investors await the minutes of the ECB's latest rate decision, the USA's existing home sales data, leading index, and the weekly jobless claims statistics.

In today's 1W deposit tender, Hungary's MNB is likely to leave the interest rate at 6.45%. In today's auction, the ÁKK will offer 5Y (HUF 20bn), 10Y (HUF 15bn), and 20Y (HUF 10 bn) government bonds.

	Stocks				Bonds				Commodity & FX			
	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)	Product name	Yield	Daily change*	YTD*	Product name	Close	Daily change (%)	YTD (%)
Global	S&P500	3924	-4.0	-17.7	VIX	31.0	18.6	80	WTI	109.6	-2.5	45.7
	DOW	31490	-3.6	-13.3	US 2Y	2.67	-3.1	194	Brent	109.11	-2.5	40.3
	Nasdaq C.	11418	-4.7	-27.0	US 10Y	2.88	-10.2	137	Gold	1815.9	-0.2	-0.7
	DAX	14008	-1.3	-11.8	GER 2Y	0.37	0.8	101	Silver	21.53	-0.9	-7.8
	CAC40	6353	-1.2	-11.2	GER 10Y	1.03	-1.6	121	EUR/USD	1.0464	-0.8	-8.0
	FTSE 100	7438	-1.1	0.7	PT10Y	2.15	-1.2	169	EUR/GBP	0.8477	0.4	0.8
	FTSE MIB	24086	-0.9	-11.9	IT 10Y	2.96	0.1	179	EUR/NOK	10.3605	1.5	3.4
	Stoxx600	434.0	-1.1	-11.0	SP 10	2.10	-1.3	154	USD/CAD	1.2890	0.6	2.0
	- Banks	132	-0.6	-9.2	iTRAXX	96.6	5.6	102	AUD/USD	0.6994	0.6	-3.7
	Nikkei 225	26401	-1.9	-8.3	JPY 2Y	-0.06	0.4	4	USD/JPY	128.23	-0.9	11.4
SSEC	3077	-0.3	-15.5	JPY 10Y	0.24	-0.1	17	GBP/USD	1.2341	-1.2	-8.8	
Regional	RTS	1213	1.0	-24.0	RUS10	16.0	0.0	754	EURCZK	24.653	-0.3	-0.9
	WIG20	1802	0.1	-20.5	POL 10	6.6	2.8	296	EUR/PLN	4.64	-0.2	1.2
	PX50	1339	2.2	-6.1	CZ10	4.9	-3.3	207	EUR/RON	4.947	0.0	0.0
Hungary	BUX	42897	2.4	-15.4	3M DKJ	6.15	0.0	399	EUR/HUF	383.65	-0.6	3.9
	OTP	10775	1.8	-35.1	1Y	6.53	1.0	296	USD/HUF	366.49	0.1	13.0
	MOL	2870	1.3	13.9	3Y	7.18	1.0	299	CHF/HUF	371.09	0.8	4.3
	MTelekom	410	0.0	-0.4	5Y	7.51	-1.0	316	PLN/HUF	82.62	-0.4	2.7
	Richter	7300	5.9	-16.3	10Y	7.42	0.0	291	GBP/HUF	452.71	-1.0	3.1

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

Sources: Bloomberg, OTP Research

Date	Cd.	Event/Data	Period	Fact	Cons.	Prev.	
2022 5. 16.	4 : 00	CN	Infrastructural spending (YoY, %)	Apr	6.8	7.0	0.2
	4 : 00	CN	Industrial production (YoY, %)	Apr	-3	0.3	5.0
	4 : 00	CN	Retail sales (YoY, %)	Apr	-11.1	-6.0	-3.5
	11 : 00	EU	EC's Economic Forecast		-	-	-
	14 : 30	US	New York Fed Manufacturing index (points)	May	-11.6	17.0	24.6
17.	8 : 00	UK	Unemployment rate (%)	Mar	3.7	3.8	3.8
	9 : 00	HU	GDP (preliminary, YoY, %)	Q1	8.2	6.9	7.1
	9 : 00	HU	GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %)	Q1	2.1	-	2
	9 : 00	SK	GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %)	Q1	0.4	-	0.4
	10 : 00	PL	GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %)	Q1	2.4	1.6	1.7
	11 : 00	EZ	GDP (preliminary, YoY, %)	Q1	5.1	5.0	5,0*
	11 : 00	EZ	GDP (preliminary, QoQ, %)	Q1	0.3	0.2	0,2*
	14 : 30	US	Retail sales (MoM, %)	Apr	0.9	0.9	0.5
	15 : 15	US	Industrial production (MoM, %)	Apr	1.1	0.5	0.9
	16 : 00	US	Business inventories (MoM, %)	Mar	2.0	1.9	1.5
18.	1 : 50	JP	GDP (QoQ, %)	Q1	-0.2	-0.4	1.1
	8 : 00	UK	Inflation (YoY, %)	Apr	9.0	9.1	7.0
	14 : 30	US	Building permits (annualized monthly, '000s)	Apr	1819	1812	1879
	14 : 30	US	Housing starts (annualized monthly, '000s)	Apr	1724.0	1765	1728
19.	13 : 30	EZ	ECB Minutes	Apr		-	-
	14 : 30	US	Initial jobless claims ('000s)	weekly		200	203
	14 : 30	US	Continuing jobless claims ('000s)	weekly		1320	1343
	15 : 00	HU	1W deposit w fixed interest rate tender (IR %, HUFbn)	weekly		-	6,45/10242,6
	16 : 00	US	Existing home sales (annualized monthly, '000s)	Apr		5650	5770
20	16 : 00	US	Leading index (MoM, %)	Apr		0.0	0.3
	1 : 30	JP	core-CPI (YoY, %)	Apr		2.1	0.8
	1 : 30	JP	CPI (YoY, %)	Apr			1.2
	8 : 00	UK	Retail sales (MoM, %)	Apr		-0.2	-1.4
	16 : 00	EZ	Consumer confidence (point)	May		-21.5	-22.0

* preliminary data

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