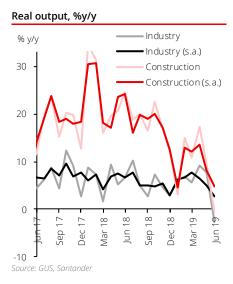
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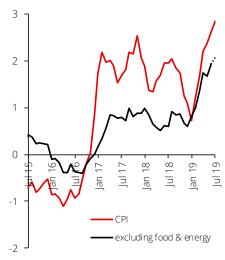
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Overexcitement about central banks

- We suggested in our last MACROscope that it is not a good time for upward GDP forecast revisions and the disappointing set of June data proved that call was right. Still, in our view the downward surprises in wages, industrial and construction output were mostly driven by one-offs: low number of working days, Corpus Christi long weekend and extremely high temperatures. July is likely to show a rebound, but the economy is generally moving on a downward trend. Our estimate for 2Q19 sits at 4.5% y/y (flash print due on August 14). In 2H19 private consumption will be supported by the fiscal stimulus so we feel comfortable with our forecast of mild slowdown towards 4% y/y in 4Q19.
- CPI inflation climbed to 2.9% y/y in July from 2.6% in June when it went above the target for the first time since 2012. Core inflation most likely surpassed 2.0% y/y in July and was also the highest in years. We stick to our view that inflation is going to rise further and we are likely to approach 4% in early 2020. Even though the most hawkish MPC members could be advocating hikes in 4Q19, we gather it is unlikely that the rates will go up, given the decelerating GDP growth profile and more loose stance of main central banks. The interest rate market is actually more eager to price-in cuts rather than hikes in Poland, especially given that more and more central banks switch back to easing mode. But in our view cuts are not very probable, at least until the GDP and CPI growth remain decent. Note that the MPC did not decide to cut rates deeper than the current levels back in 2016, when the economic growth was at about 3% y/y and inflation was negative.
- It is highly probable that Poland will soon get **a new finance minister**, as Marian Banaś has been put forward by the ruling party to head the Supreme Audit Office. Banaś was sworn in as the finance minister on 4 June. The nearest Sejm meeting, which can accept his candidacy, is scheduled for 31 July. Tadeusz Kościński, Deputy Finance Minister was suggested by press the main candidate for this post.
- Last data from the euro zone and Germany disappointed, showing that the monetary union has not switched to the upward path yet. The ECB acknowledged this fact and underlined that the economic outlook is becoming worse and worse and monetary stimulus is needed. So far, the ECB refrained from any actions, but suggested that it is mulling rate cuts, a new round of QE as well as interest rate tiering in order to mitigate the adverse effects of negative rates on the banking sector. The Fed is widely expected to cut rates at the upcoming meeting. The tide clearly turns towards looser global monetary policy.
- In our quarterly report released in early July, we have revised our EUR/PLN forecasts down and wrote that the zloty could give up part of its recent gains before it resumes appreciation in the final months of the year. The Polish currency indeed depreciated a bit vs the euro and the dollar since then as it did not benefit neither from the further rise in global equity indexes nor from the continued strengthening of domestic bonds. Also, the zloty and its CEE peers suffered after the ECB disappointed the market in July. In our view, the Fed may also deliver less than expected which together with the recent weaker data from Poland may **put further pressure on the zloty. EURPLN down trend could resume in 4Q** when the global monetary policy easing could be more advanced. The ECJ ruling on CHF mortgage loans expected in the following months is a risk factor for the zloty.
- Polish bond yields and IRS continued the free-fall with the 10Y bond yield nearing its all-time-low at c.1.94% reached in early 2015. Only after the ECB meeting a sharp jump of the Polish and global market rates was recorded and we think this could continue in the weeks to come when the market may realise that expectations of a substantial monetary policy easing to be delivered in the short-term have been exaggerated. After the summer, Poland yield's down trend should resume thanks to the support from the central banks unless the global macro data surprise to the upside and the market attention turns to the Poland CPI rising above 3%.



Inflation, %y/y



Source: GUS, NBP, Santander

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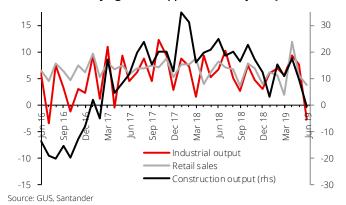
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Economy in charts

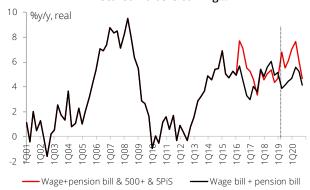
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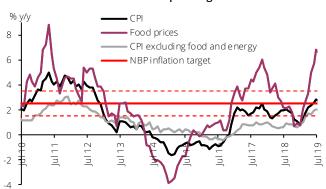


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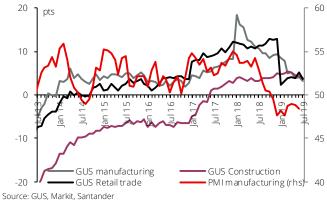


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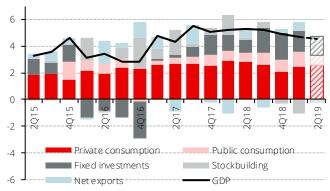
Inflation keeps rising...



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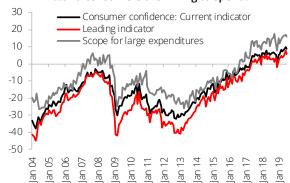


...but should not translate to much GDP slowdown.



Source: GUS, Santander

...and consumers are willing to spend.



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...with much of it coming from food prices.

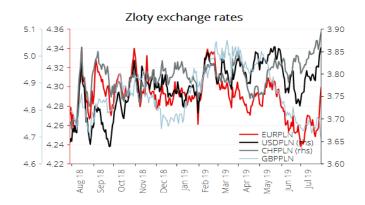


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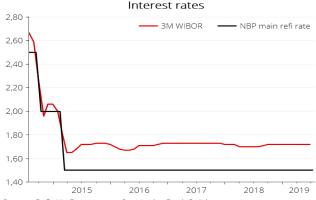
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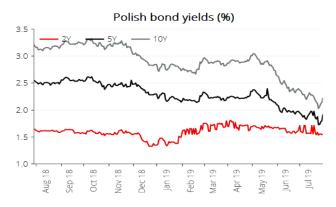
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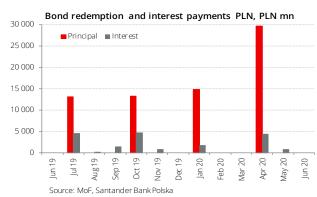


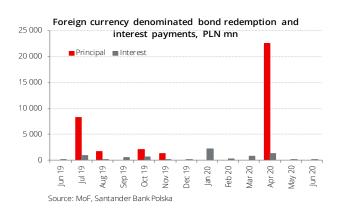
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Principal and interest payments







Economic Calendar

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY		
29 July	30 DE: HICP (Jul) US Personal incomes and spending (jun) US: PCE (Jun) US: Consumer confidence (Jul) US: Pending home sales (Jul)	31 PL: Flash CPI (Jul) EZ: Flash HICP (Jul) EZ: GDP (2Q19) EZ: Unemployment rate (Jun) US: ADP report (Jul) US: FOMC decision	1 August PL: PMI – manufacturing (Jul) EZ: PMI – manufacturing (Jul) DE: PMI – manufacturing (Jul) CZ: central bank decision US: ISM – manufacturing (Jul)	2 EZ: Retail sales (Jun) US: Non-farm payrolls (Jul) US: Unemployment rate (Jul) US: Michigan (Jul) US: Durable goods (Jun)		
5 DE: PMI - services (Jul) EZ: PMI - services (Jul) US: ISM - services (Jul)	6 DE: Factory orders (Jun)	7 DE: Industrial output (Jun) HU: Industrial output (Jun)	8 HU: CPI (Jul) US: Wholesale inventories (Jun)	9 DE: Exports (Jun)		
12 CZ: CPI (Jul)	13 DE: CPI (jul) DE: ZEW (Aug) PL: Balance of payments (Jun	14 DE: GDP (2Q) CZ: GDP (2Q)) PL: GDP (2Q) PL: CPI (Jul) EZ: Industrial output (Jun) EZ: GDP (2Q)	15 PL: Bank holiday US: Retail sales (Jul) US: Industrial output (Jul)	16 PL: Core CPI (Jul) US: House starts (Jul) US: Building permits (Jul) US: Michigan (Aug)		
19 EZ: CPI (Jul)			DE: PMI – services (Aug) DE: PMI – manufacturing (Aug) EZ: PMI – services (Aug) EZ: PMI – manufacturing (Aug) PL: Retail sales (Jul) PL: MPC minutes EZ: Consumer confidence	23 PL: M3 money supply (Jul) US: New home sales (Jul)		
26 DE: Ifo (Aug) PL: Unemployment rate (Jul) US: Durable goods (Jul)	27 DE: GDP (2Q) HU: Central bank decision	28 EZ: M3 money supply (Jul)	29 DE: CPI (Aug) US: GDP (2Q) US: Wholesale inventories (Jul) US: Pending home sales (Jul)	30 CZ: GDP (Q2) HU: GDP (Q2) PL: GDP (Q2) PL: Flash CPI (Aug) EZ: Unemployment rate (Jul) US: Personal income and spending (Aug) US: PCE (Jul) US: Michigan (Aug)		
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Source: GUS, NBP, Ministry of Finance, Bloomberg

Calendar of MPC meetings and data releases for 2019

	I	Ш	III	IV	٧	VI	VII	VIII	IX	Х	ΧI	XII
ECB decision	24	-	7	10	-	6	25	-	12	24	-	12
MPC decision	30	-	20	-	1	19	31	-	18	30	-	11
MPC minutes	9	6	6	3	15	5	3	-	11	2	6	4
Flash GDP*	31	21	21	18	30	21	-	22	26	17	21	19
GDP*	31	14	-	-	15	-	-	14	-	-	14	-
CPI	-	28	-	-	31	-	-	30	-	-	29	-
Core inflation	15	15	15	15	15	14	15	14	13	15	14	13
PPI	-	-	18	16	16	17	16	16	16	16	15	16
Industrial output	18	19	20	18	22	21	18	21	19	18	22	19
Retail sales	18	20	20	18	22	21	18	21	19	18	22	19
Gross wages, employment	22	21	21	23	23	24	19	22	20	21	25	20
Foreign trade	18	19	19	17	21	19	17	20	18	17	21	18
Balance of payments*				aboı	ut 50 wor	king days	s after re	ported pe	eriod			
Balance of payments	-	-	29									
Money supply	14	13	18	12	14							
ECB decision	23	22	22	23	24							



Economic data and forecasts for Poland

Monthly economic indicators

		Jul 18	Aug 18	Sep 18	Oct 18	Nov 18	Dec 18	Jan 19	Feb 19	Mar 19	Apr 19	May 19	Jun 19	Jul 19	Aug 19
PMI	pts	52.9	51.4	50.5	50.4	49.5	47.6	48.2	47.6	48.7	49.0	48.8	48.4	48.8	48.6
Industrial production	% y/y	10.3	5.0	2.7	7.4	4.6	2.9	6.0	6.9	5.6	9.2	7.7	-2.7	8.0	3.4
Construction production	% y/y	18.7	20.1	16.5	22.5	17.0	12.3	3.2	15.1	10.8	17.4	9.6	-0.7	5.3	2.6
Retail sales ^a	% y/y	9.3	9.0	5.6	9.7	8.2	4.7	6.6	6.5	3.1	13.6	7.3	5.3	7.3	6.3
Unemployment rate	%	5.8	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.8	6.1	6.1	5.9	5.6	5.4	5.3	5.2	5.2
Gross wages in corporate sector	% y/y	7.2	6.8	6.7	7.6	7.7	6.1	7.5	7.6	5.7	7.1	7.7	5.3	7.2	7.2
Employment in corporate sector	% y/y	3.5	3.4	3.2	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.7
Exports (€)	% y/y	12.0	8.9	-1.5	13.2	8.1	1.7	5.4	9.9	7.8	10.1	13.3	-1.7	9.7	1.9
Imports (€)	% y/y	12.4	14.0	4.2	18.1	9.2	2.2	1.6	7.8	2.6	8.5	11.2	-2.5	8.7	4.7
Trade balance	EUR mn	-236.0	-542	-544	-473	99	-1 301	364	-377	342	279	96	-214	-81	-1 065
Current account balance	EUR mn	-754.0	-1 005	-876	-405	343	-1 126	2 438	-718	116	720	1 006	-62	-473	-1 469
Current account balance	% GDP	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.1
Budget balance (cumulative)	PLN bn	-0.9	1.1	3.2	6.5	11.1	-10.4	6.6	-0.8	-4.5	-0.1	-2.2	-5.0	-9.5	-8.3
Budget balance (cumulative)	% of FY plan	2.1	-2.5	-7.7	-15.6	-26.7	25.1	-23.1	2.8	15.7	0.3	7.6	17.7	33.3	29.3
CPI	% y/y	2.0	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.3	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.7	2.2	2.4	2.6	2.9	2.6
CPI excluding food and energy	% y/y	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.9
PPI	% y/y	3.4	3.0	3.0	3.2	2.8	2.1	2.2	2.9	2.5	2.6	1.4	0.6	0.4	0.9
Broad money (M3)	% y/y	7.3	7.5	7.9	8.3	8.8	9.2	8.8	9.8	9.9	10.4	9.9	9.3	9.9	9.7
Deposits	% y/y	6.8	7.0	6.9	7.6	8.1	8.7	8.4	9.3	9.7	10.5	10.0	9.3	9.6	9.3
Loans	% y/y	5.6	6.1	5.9	6.7	7.0	7.6	7.4	7.5	8.1	7.7	6.5	6.7	7.1	6.9
EUR/PLN	PLN	4.33	4.29	4.30	4.31	4.30	4.29	4.29	4.31	4.30	4.29	4.30	4.27	4.26	4.29
USD/PLN	PLN	3.70	3.71	3.69	3.75	3.79	3.77	3.76	3.80	3.80	3.81	3.84	3.77	3.80	3.85
CHF/PLN	PLN	3.72	3.75	3.81	3.77	3.78	3.80	3.80	3.79	3.80	3.79	3.80	3.82	3.84	3.85
Reference rate ^b	%	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
3M WIBOR	%	1.70	1.70	1.71	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.71
Yield on 2-year T-bonds	%	1.63	1.61	1.60	1.58	1.58	1.44	1.41	1.62	1.71	1.71	1.69	1.62	1.54	1.53
Yield on 5-year T-bonds	%	2.52	2.50	2.56	2.52	2.46	2.37	2.23	2.19	2.23	2.24	2.26	1.99	1.85	1.83
Yield on 10-year T-bonds	%	3.18	3.15	3.24	3.23	3.20	2.93	2.80	2.75	2.88	2.91	2.89	2.46	2.21	2.18

Note: ^a in nominal terms, ^b at the end of the period. Source: GUS, NBP, Finance Ministry, Santander Bank Polska estimates.



Quarterly and annual economic indicators

Quarterly and annual ec		2017	2018	2019E	2020E	1Q19	2Q19E	3Q19E	4Q19E	1Q20E	2Q20E	3Q20E	4Q20E
GDP	PLN bn	1 989.3	2 115.7	2 256.4	2 403.9	520.2	543.5	559.8	632.9	560.1	577.5	594.0	672.3
GDP	% y/y	4.8	5.1	4.3	3.5	4.7	4.5	4.2	4.0	4.0	3.5	3.4	3.3
Domestic demand	% y/y	4.9	5.5	4.6	4.0	4.2	4.9	4.9	4.4	4.2	4.0	3.8	3.8
Private consumption	% y/y	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.1	3.9	4.3	4.9	4.8	4.5	4.3	4.0	3.8
Fixed investments	% y/y	4.0	8.7	7.5	4.2	12.6	9.0	7.0	5.0	4.5	4.3	4.1	4.0
Industrial production	% y/y	6.5	5.9	5.5	4.9	6.1	4.6	6.3	4.9	3.5	5.9	5.1	5.3
Construction production	% y/y	13.7	19.7	6.6	3.1	9.9	7.8	4.7	5.9	2.0	4.3	4.2	1.9
Retail sales ^a	% y/y	8.2	7.8	7.0	6.0	5.3	8.7	8.0	5.9	5.3	4.3	6.1	6.8
Unemployment rate ^b	%	6.6	5.8	5.4	5.1	5.9	5.3	5.2	5.4	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.1
Gross wages in the national economy ^a	% y/y	5.3	7.2	6.9	8.3	7.1	6.2	6.7	7.5	9.2	9.1	8.5	7.1
Employment in the national economy	% y/y	3.3	2.6	2.1	-0.2	2.6	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.8	0.5	0.2	0.1
Exports (€)	% y/y	13.8	6.6	6.5	4.4	7.7	7.1	6.9	4.4	2.1	6.1	4.7	4.8
Imports (€)	% y/y	14.9	9.9	6.5	6.6	3.9	5.6	9.1	7.4	4.7	8.1	6.7	6.9
Trade balance	EUR mn	1 426	-5 179	-5 600	-11 016	327	161	-2 607	-3 481	-1 110	-1 001	-3 932	-4 974
Current account balance	EUR mn	715	-2 882	-3 607	-9 534	1 832	1 664	-3 767	-3 336	138	887	-5 263	-5 296
Current account balance	% GDP	0.2	-0.6	-0.7	-1.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.7	-1.0	-1.1	-1.3	-1.7
General government balance	% GDP	-1.4	-0.4	-1.7	-1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CPI	% y/y	2.0	1.6	2.3	3.4	1.2	2.4	2.8	3.0	4.2	3.3	2.9	3.0
CPI ^b	% y/y	2.1	1.1	3.2	3.1	1.7	2.6	2.7	3.2	4.1	3.1	2.9	3.1
CPI excluding food and energy	% y/y	0.7	0.7	1.9	2.5	1.1	1.8	2.1	2.6	2.7	2.5	2.5	2.5
PPI	% y/y	2.9	2.2	1.5	2.2	2.5	1.5	0.7	1.2	2.0	1.9	2.5	2.4
Broad money (M3) ^b	% y/y	4.6	9.2	8.9	7.3	9.1	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.5	8.1	7.7	7.3
Deposits ^b	% y/y	4.1	8.7	8.7	7.2	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.7	8.5	8.1	7.7	7.3
Loans ^b	% y/y	3.6	7.6	7.3	6.1	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.3	7.0	6.7	6.4	6.1
EUR/PLN	PLN	4.26	4.26	4.27	4.20	4.30	4.28	4.27	4.22	4.21	4.21	4.20	4.17
USD/PLN	PLN	3.78	3.61	3.76	3.51	3.79	3.81	3.81	3.66	3.59	3.54	3.49	3.43
CHF/PLN	PLN	3.84	3.69	3.79	3.55	3.80	3.80	3.83	3.72	3.63	3.58	3.53	3.46
Reference rate ^b	%	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
3M WIBOR	%	1.73	1.71	1.72	1.71	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71	1.71
Yield on 2-year T-bonds	%	1.89	1.59	1.61	1.55	1.64	1.66	1.63	1.53	1.49	1.52	1.56	1.63
Yield on 5-year T-bonds	%	2.78	2.51	2.03	1.96	2.23	2.14	1.95	1.81	1.80	1.84	2.01	2.20
Yield on 10-year T-bonds	%	3.44	3.21	2.50	2.35	2.84	2.69	2.35	2.14	2.07	2.22	2.50	2.61

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