Global Rates Strategy

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Market backdrop

Markets were largely driven by the noise coming out of the US during February. Tariff threats and speculation over the war in Ukraine dominated sentiment. Not unrelated was the debate in Europe over increases to the defence budget and this too was an important driver of, most notably, European equities. Meanwhile, the German election had limited impact, producing an outcome broadly in line with expectations.

After lots of threats, the US imposed a 10% tariff on China but, at the time of writing, has postponed the 25% levies planned for Canada and Mexico. The Trump administration also announced a proposed 25% tariff on all steel and aluminium products entering the US from 12 March. Although important market drivers, the impact is beginning to diminish given the high noise-to-action ratio associated with President Trump. The probability of an end to the war in Ukraine has also risen in recent weeks. However, it has also become increasingly clear that the US is reluctant to shoulder many of the costs in maintaining any peace agreement and that Europe will have to fill the void. This means increased defence spending from Europe.

While politics dominated markets in the early part of the month, economic data began to impact more meaningfully in the later half. Higher-than-expected US inflation data was something of a surprise with January consumer price inflation (CPI) excluding food and energy coming in at 3.3% year-on-year (yoy) (headline CPI was 3.0% yoy). Producer price inflation also came in higher than expected by markets. Only the core Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) data at 2.6% yoy was in line with expectations. Activity data was also a touch softer during the month with the Conference Board consumer confidence indicator falling to an eight-month low.

Increased prospects of higher European defence spending, no worsening in the tariff noise and an increase in the prospects for Federal Reserve (Fed) rate cuts, on the back of softer activity data, saw risk assets perform solidly and bond markets rally. European equities were particularly strong while the US, dragged down by the weak performance of tech stocks, saw a more mixed outcome. While global bond markets more generally performed well, the US led the way with 10-year US yields falling 33 basis points (bps) to 4.21% during the month. In contrast, German yields were only 5 bps lower at 2.41% by month end.

A solid risk environment and softer US data saw the US dollar index down 0.7%. The Japanese yen was the best-performing currency among the majors, appreciating 3.0% versus the US dollar and 2.8% versus the euro.

Performance

The USD (Institutional) share class was up by 3 bps in February. Around 0.5% was made in fixed income but currency positions cost us around the same amount.

February performance contributors

- Long Brazilian rates outright +28 bps
- Long European rates versus Canada +12 bps
- Long OATs versus Bunds +23 bps
- Short Swedish rates versus Europe +92 bps
- Long Japanese yen versus CHF and CAD +20 bps

February performance detractors

- Long Australian rates versus Canada and UK -10 bps
- Long UK rates versus Europe -13 bps
- Short US rates versus UK -55 bps
- Short Canadian rates versus UK -18 bps
- Long US breakeven inflation -20 bps
- Long Norwegian krone versus basket of currencies -56 bps
- Long EUR versus GBP and USD -13 bps

Positioning

In fixed income, we entered a long UK rates position versus Canada and the US. We also added to our long euro area rates risk versus Canada. A curve steepening trade was added at the front end of the Canadian market. Profit was taken on a long Australia versus short UK interest rate position. Partial profits were also taken on our long French OAT trade versus bunds, our short Swedish rates versus the euro area and our long front end UK rates position versus the euro area. In currency markets, we added to our long Japanese yen exposure by selling the Swiss franc. We entered long positions in the euro versus sterling

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and the US dollar.

Outlook

During February we saw further evidence of sticky inflation and perhaps some early signs of slowing US growth prospects. We have previously highlighted that growth prospects in the UK have also taken a turn for the worse. An interesting debate over the coming weeks and months will be the extent to which central bankers may be prepared to look through near-term inflation worries if growth prospects continue to wane. This will also be important for the shape of the curve. Despite some recent comments, the UK is one market where the current monetary policy members will, we believe, err on the side of easier policy while retaining optimistic forecasts for future inflation.

While we believe there is scope for further meaningful easing in markets like the UK, US and Euro area, Canada and Sweden have already eased aggressively and are perhaps close to the end of their rate-cutting cycle. Given that both economies can be quite sensitive to lower rates, we believe there is scope for some divergence in policy in the months ahead. In terms of currencies, we believe that a lot of the 'good news' around the dollar may now be largely in the price and tactically we feel the risk / reward now favours modest dollar shorts.

The combination of policy uncertainty and dispersion in central bank reaction functions is highly conducive to the opportunity set for the Global Rates strategy, with its focus on cross country relative-value and directional themes across both short-term and medium-term investment horizons. Additionally, as January's equity market correction demonstrated, the strategy remains uncorrelated to traditional asset classes.

The bulk of the portfolio's risk remains in interest rates, with the balance approximately split between currencies and inflation.

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