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Money Market Contact Group Review of Recent Developments

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Major Events



Major Events - Macroeconomic

Grounds for optimism on world growth - Europe lagging



Composite PMI

- PMIs point to continued expansion
- Strong rebound in US post weak Q1, ۲ sustained growth in UK
- Ongoing but moderate recovery in Euro area

Unemployment falling steadily in the US ۲ and UK, but lagging in Euro Area

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Major Events – Political / Regulatory

Growth projections and ample liquidity supporting risk appetite?



Source: Bloomberg



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Major Events – Monetary Policy

Eurozone inflation expectations falling



Source: Bloomberg

22 Aug 2014 - Mario Draghi

"The 5 year/5 year swap rate declined by 15 basis points to just below 2% - this is the metric that we usually use for defining medium term inflation."

Equivalent levels in US 2.50%, UK 3.25%

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Central Bank Policy

Divergence in interest rate expectations reflected in \$OIS, SONIA & EOMA



Source: Bloomberg



Market Impacts – Cross Border Divergence

Multi-year US equity outperformance



Source: Bloomberg



Market Impacts – Cross Border Divergence

Macro underperformance feeding through to currency



Source: Bloomberg



Market Impacts – Cross Border Divergence

Euro becoming funding currency



Source: Bloomberg



Market Impacts – Risk Appetite

Peripheral bond markets continue to rally



Source: Bloomberg



Market Impacts – Risk Appetite

German Target II Balances continue to fall...



...and money market risk premiums remain low as reflected in Spot FRA OIS



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Eonia volumes increasing as ECB rates fall.



Source: Bloomberg

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Recent evidence of Eonia being less sensitive to movements in excess liquidity



Source: Bloomberg

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Overnight GC trading negative. Eonia first negative print 28th August 2014.



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Markets preparing for tLTRO - evidence of switching LTRO funding for MRO funding?

Forward Eonia rates below zero. Markets expecting period of negative rates?

