

The Week Ahead

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Key Macro Events 19 – 23 August 2024

- **United States** – Wednesday sees the release of the July Fed minutes. In the press conference, Powell confirmed a rate cut had already been discussed for the July meeting. Markets will be looking for the tone and arguments in that discussion to gain greater insight into the upcoming meeting. Considering the market reaction to the latest figures, the discussion on the labour market and its claimed 'normalization' will be particularly important. Thursday marks the release of the S&P Global PMIs, where we expect the manufacturing to come in above 50 again, and Services to settle at a slightly lower, but still high, level.
- **Eurozone** – On Thursday PMIs are released for the eurozone economy as well as for France and Germany. We expect the PMIs to reflect the ongoing divergence between strength in services and weakness in manufacturing. Over the past three months the eurozone composite PMI showed a clear weakening trend ending at 50.2 in June. August PMIs are expected to roughly stabilize but may tip the composite eurozone PMI below the neutral mark.
- **China** – The cuts in several policy rates in July was in line with our view that the PBoC would resume piecemeal monetary easing now we move closer to the first Fed rate cut (which we expect in September). We see room for further mini rate cuts and RRR cuts going forward. Meanwhile, the PBoC is redeveloping its monetary toolkit to make it more market-oriented, with a greater role for the short-term 7 day reverse repo rate. In line with consensus, we do not expect another cut in the 1-year loan prime rate on Tuesday yet. Normally, the LPRs set by commercial banks follow the rates of the PBoC's 1-yr medium-term lending facility, and the PBoC has shifted the MLF rate setting meeting to 26 August (from 15 August).

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	Date	Time	Country	Market indicator	Period	Latest outcome	Expectation consensus	ABN AMRO
Monday	19/08/2024	01:50:00	JP	Machinery orders private sector - % mom	Jun	-3.2	0.9	
Tuesday	20/08/2024	03:00:00	CN	Loan Prime Rate 1 year	Aug 20	3.35	3.35	3.35
Tuesday	20/08/2024	09:30:00	SE	Policy rate - %	Aug 20	3.8		
Tuesday	20/08/2024	11:00:00	EZ	HICP Core inflation - % yoy	Jul F	2.9		
Tuesday	20/08/2024	13:00:00	TR	Repo rate - %	Aug 20	50.0		
Tuesday	20-8-2024	19:35:00	US	Fed's Bostic on Innovating for Inclusion				
Wednesday	21-8-2024		EZ	ECB's Panetta speaks in Rimini				
Wednesday	21/08/2024	01:50:00	JP	Merchandise trade exports - % yoy	Jul	5.4	11.6	
Wednesday	21/08/2024	06:30:00	NL	Consumer confidence - index	Aug	-24.0		
Wednesday	21/08/2024	20:00:00	US	Fed minutes	Jul 31			
Thursday	22/08/2024	06:30:00	NL	Dutch House Price Index	Jul	1.3		
Thursday	22/08/2024	08:00:00	NO	GDP - % qoq	2Q	0.2		
Thursday	22/08/2024	10:00:00	EZ	PMI manufacturing - index	Aug P	45.8	45.6	45.8
Thursday	22/08/2024	10:00:00	EZ	Composite PMI output	Aug P	50.2	49.8	50.0
Thursday	22/08/2024	10:00:00	EZ	PMI services - index	Aug P	51.9	51.6	51.4
Thursday	22/08/2024	10:30:00	GB	PMI manufacturing - index	Aug P	52.1		
Thursday	22/08/2024	15:45:00	US	S&P Global Manufacturing PMI - index	Aug P	49.6		50.3
Thursday	22/08/2024	15:45:00	US	S&P Global Services PMI - index	Aug P	55.0		54.0
Thursday	22/08/2024	15:45:00	US	S&P Global Composite PMI - index	Aug P	54.3		53.5
Thursday	22/08/2024	16:00:00	EZ	Consumer confidence - index	Aug P	-13.0		
Thursday	22/08/2024	16:00:00	US	Existing home sales - % mom	Jul	-5.4	0.6	
Friday	23/08/2024	01:01:00	GB	GfK Consumer confidence - index	Aug	-13.0		
Friday	23/08/2024	01:30:00	JP	CPI - % yoy	Jul	2.8	2.7	
Friday	23/08/2024	08:45:00	FR	Business confidence manuf. - index	Aug	95.0		
Friday	23/08/2024	16:00:00	US	New homes sold - % mom	Jul	-0.6	1.8	

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