

The Week Ahead

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Key Macro Events 15 – 19 July 2024

- **United States** – We expect June retail sales to show another month of weak spending (-0.1% m/m) amid declining gasoline prices and slowing wage growth. Industrial production is likely to stay flat (+0.0% m/m) after last month's surprise to the upside.
- **Eurozone** – We expect the ECB to keep policy on hold, as clearly telegraphed by GC members. President Lagarde's remarks should leave the door open to a rate cut in September, albeit with softer signalling than that which preceded the June cut. Provided wage and inflation data do not throw up any meaningful upside surprises, we continue to expect a follow-up cut in September.

Industrial production in the eurozone is expected to contract slightly in May on a monthly basis. Earlier this month factory orders in Germany and industrial production figures in Germany and France already signalled weak industrial activity in the middle of Q2. The eurozone industrial sector is not set for a strong recovery this year (read [here](#)).

- **The Netherlands** – The unemployment rate is expected to have increased to 3.7% in June (up from 3.6% in May). The rate has been hovering around 3.6% since July 2023. Although the unemployment rate is still low and the Dutch labour market is still tight, we do see marginal easing of tightness: labour demand is cooling somewhat and the number of firms reporting labour shortages as the most important obstacle to production has peaked. We expect the unemployment rate to average 3.8% in 2024, up from 3.6% in 2023.
- **China** – From 15-18 July, the CCP top will meet for the so-called Third Plenum, a policy meeting that focuses on structural reforms. Main focus will likely be on the prevailing strategy of modernisation, high-tech development and productivity, although fiscal/tax, housing and welfare state reforms and private sector development may also be on the menu. Meanwhile, we expect GDP growth in Q2 to have slowed materially in qoq terms from the above-trend pace (1.6% qoq s.a.) in Q1, but annual growth to remain around 5.5% helped by base effects. June macro data are expected to show a further weakening in momentum. In line with consensus, we expect the PBoC to keep the 1-year medium-term lending facility rate on hold on Monday, partly reflecting FX considerations.

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	Date	Time	Country	Market indicator	Period	Latest outcome	Expectation consensus	ABN AMRO
Monday	15/07/2024	03:20:00	CN	1-yr Medium-term lending facility rate - %	Jul 15	2,50	2,50	2,5
Monday	15/07/2024	04:00:00	CN	Fixed investments - % yoy ytd	Jun	4,0	3,8	
Monday	15/07/2024	04:00:00	CN	Retail sales - % yoy	Jun	3,7	3,4	
Monday	15/07/2024	04:00:00	CN	Industrial production - % yoy	Jun	5,6	5,0	
Monday	15/07/2024	04:00:00	CN	GDP - % yoy	2Q	5,3	5,1	5,4
Monday	15/07/2024	11:00:00	EZ	Industrial production - % mom	May	-0,1	-1,0	-0,7
Monday	15/07/2024	14:30:00	US	Empire State PMI - Manuf. general business conditions - index	Jul	-6,0	-8,0	
Monday	15-7-2024	18:00:00	US	Fed's Powell Interviewed by David Rubenstein				
Monday	15-7-2024	22:35:00	US	Fed's Daly Speaks in Q&A on Economy, Tech				
Tuesday	16/07/2024	11:00:00	EZ	Trade balance external EU - EUR bn	May	19.374		
Tuesday	16/07/2024	11:00:00	DE	ZEW index (expectation economic growth)	Jul	47,5		
Tuesday	16/07/2024	14:30:00	US	Retail sales - % mom	Jun	0,1	-0,2	-0,1
Tuesday	16/07/2024	16:00:00	EC	Business inventories - % mom	May	0,3	0,4	
Tuesday	16/07/2024	16:00:00	US	NAHB home builders' confidence index	Jul	43	44	
Tuesday	16-7-2024	20:45:00	US	Fed's Kugler Speaks at NABE Conference				
Wednesday	17/07/2024	08:00:00	GB	CPI - % yoy	Jun	2,0		
Wednesday	17/07/2024	11:00:00	EZ	HICP Core inflation - % yoy (final)	Jun	2,9		
Wednesday	17/07/2024	14:30:00	US	Housing starts - % mom	Jun	-5,5	1,8	
Wednesday	17-7-2024	15:00:00	US	Fed's Barkin Speaks on Economy, Q&A				
Wednesday	17/07/2024	15:15:00	US	Industrial production - % mom	Jun	0,7	0,3	0,0
Thursday	18/07/2024	01:50:00	JP	Merchandise trade exports - % yoy	Jun	13,5	6,4	
Thursday	18/07/2024	06:30:00	NL	Unemployment - %	Jun	3,6		3,7
Thursday	18/07/2024	08:00:00	GB	Claimant count unemployment rate - %	Jun	4,3		
Thursday	18/07/2024	14:15:00	EZ	ECB Deposit rate - %	Jul 18	3,75	3,75	3,75
Thursday	18/07/2024	14:30:00	US	Philadelphia Fed - business confidence - index	Jul	1,3	3,1	
Thursday	18-7-2024	14:45:00	EC	ECB President Christine Lagarde Holds Press Conference				
Thursday	18-7-2024	19:45:00	US	Fed's Logan Gives Opening Remarks				
Thursday	18/07/2024	22:00:00	US	Trade balance - USD bn	May	66,2		
Friday	19-7-2024	0:05:00	US	Fed's Daly Participates in Fireside Chat				
Friday	19-7-2024	1:15:00	US	Fed's Bowman Gives Keynote Address				
Friday	19/07/2024	01:30:00	JP	CPI - % yoy	Jun	2,8	2,8	
Friday	19/07/2024	08:00:00	GB	Retail sales - % mom	Jun	2,9		
Friday	19-7-2024	16:40:00	US	Fed's Williams Speaks on Panel on Monetary Policy				
Friday	19-7-2024	19:00:00	US	Fed's Bostic Gives Closing Remarks				

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