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Financial Markets Daily

Main drivers for the financial markets today...

- Stock markets higher, with the USD slightly down and government bond yields up as markets expect US banks to report solid reports today. Moreover, many market participants are finding hard to justify big short bond positions, particularly after yesterday's CPI in said country, which was just slightly above market expectations
- Investors will be focused today on several Fed speakers, highlighting Jerome Powell's comments at the Economic Club of Washington, as well as a speech by the ECB's Lagarde. The Beige Book will be released in the US, while later today we will know the monetary policy decision in Korea
- February's industrial production in the Eurozone fell 1.0% m/m, reversing the 0.8% advance of the previous month, albeit higher than consensus. Weakness was concentrated in the auto sector, probably reflecting supply chain issues for this industry worldwide
- Francois Villeroy, an ECB Governing Council member, said that the institution could end the pandemic emergency purchase programme (PEPP) by March 2022, while adapting other monetary policy measures to keep supporting the economy
- On the other hand, the president of Brazil's central bank said that they are
 closely monitoring if the rise in commodity prices will keep affecting core
 inflation and expectations for 2022, in a more complicated backdrop for the
 country that has resulted on the need of upward adjustments to its reference
 rate

The most relevant economic data...

	Event/Period	Unit	Banorte	Survey	Previous
Eurozone					
5:00	Industrial production* - Feb	% m/m		-1.2	0.8
United States	6				
12:00	Powell Speaks to the Economic Club of Washington				
14:00	Beige Book				
14:30	Fed's Williams Takes Part in a Moderated Discussion				
15:00	Fed's Clarida Discusses Policy Framework				
16:00	Fed's Bostic Discusses Cities and Systemic Racism				
South Korea					
	Monetary policy decision (C. bank of S. Korea)	%		0.50	0.50

Source: Bloomberg and Banorte. (P) preliminary data; (R) revised data; (F) final data; * Seasonally adjusted, ** Seasonally adjusted annualized rate.

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A glimpse to the main financial assets

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
S&P 500 Futures	4,138.00	0.1%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,980.95	0.4%
Nikkei 225	29,620.99	-0.4%
Shanghai Composite	3,416.72	0.6%
Currencies		
USD/MXN	20.13	0.2%
EUR/USD	1.20	0.1%
DXY	91.79	-0.1%
Commodities		
WTI	61.23	1.7%
Brent	64.79	1.8%
Gold	1,744.16	-0.1%
Copper	408.25	1.3%
Sovereign bonds		
10-year Treasury	1.63	1pb

Source: Bloomberg

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Equities

- Stock markets positive, as investors remain attentive to the beginning of the US
 reporting season, starting with financial sector companies. Today, results are
 expected from Goldman Sachs and JPMorgan, both of which have reported
 above estimates, as well as Wells Fargo later in the day
- In the US, futures anticipate a positive opening with the S&P500 trading at +0.1%. In Europe, the Stoxx 600 rises 0.2%. Asia closed mixed, where the Shanghai Comp rose 0.6% and the Nikkei fell 0.4%
- In Mexico, yesterday Grupo Televisa announced the merger of its Content business with Univision, which will result in the leading Spanish-language media company globally, boosting the value of this business and allowing for an accelerated digital transformation and the incursion into Spanish-language streaming

Sovereign fixed income, currencies and commodities

- Mixed balance in global rates, with European assets registering gains of 1bp, while US Treasuries print moderate pressures of 1bp. In local terms, the Mbonos' curve closed yesterday with a 2bps sell-off, on average, with the 10-year benchmark closing at 6.68% (+2bps)
- USD trades slightly negative (BBDXY -0.1%) amid a favorable balance in G10 except for CAD and CHF. In EM, bias is positive with KRW leading gains (+0.8%), while MXN trades below its 100-day moving average at 20.13 per dollar (-0.2%) after a 0.3% appreciation yesterday
- Oil-crude prints gains of 1.5% supported by IEA's optimism in demand recovery following strong oil consumption in US, China and Japan this year. Market is focus today on the EIA report on US inventories at 10:30am. In metals, coppers prints a 2.0% rally, while precious trade stable

Corporate Debt

- HR Ratings affirmed Fibra HD and its unsecured notes FIBRAHD 19 / 19U's
 ratings at 'HR AA' and changed the Negative Outlook to Under Review,
 because the agency needs to assess the impact from the acquisition offer from
 Fibra Plus once the final terms are revealed
- HR Ratings affirmed Mexarrend's long-term rating at 'HR A' changing the outlook to Negative from Stable, and its short-term ratings at 'HR2'. The Negative outlook follows the possible decline in one of their main client's credit quality, whose operation was affected during the health crisis
- Mexarrend announced that its shareholders finalized the payment of the capital increase for US\$10 million agreed in the Shareholders Meeting on December 30, 2020

Previous closing levels

	Last	Daily chg.
Equity indices		
Dow Jones	33,677.27	-0.2%
S&P 500	4,141.59	0.3%
Nasdaq	13,996.10	1.1%
IPC	47,503.71	0.3%
Ibovespa	119,297.10	0.4%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,966.99	0.1%
FTSE 100	6,890.49	0.0%
CAC 40	6,184.10	0.4%
DAX	15,234.36	0.1%
Nikkei 225	29,751.61	0.7%
Hang Seng	28,497.25	0.2%
Shanghai Composite	3,396.47	-0.5%
Sovereign bonds		
2-year Treasuries	0.16	-1pb
10-year Treasuries	1.61	-5pb
28-day Cetes	4.07	-2pb
28-day TIIE	4.29	0pb
2-year Mbono	4.88	2pb
10-year Mbono	6.70	4pb
Currencies		
USD/MXN	20.09	-0.3%
EUR/USD	1.19	0.3%
GBP/USD	1.38	0.1%
DXY	91.85	-0.3%
Commodities		
WTI	60.18	0.8%
Brent	63.67	0.6%
Mexican mix	57.90	0.8%
Gold	1,745.51	0.7%
Copper	403.15	0.3%

Source: Bloomberg



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