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IN THE ABSENCE OF A RECESSION, A SLOWDOWN OF WAGE GROWTH AND, MORE BROADLY, A DECLINE OF CORE INFLATION, MIGHT TAKE MORE TIME THAN EXPECTED, FORCING THE FEDERAL RESERVE TO KEEP POLICY RATES HIGH FOR LONGER. THIS IS NOT EXACTLY WHAT IS BEING PRICED BY FINANCIAL MARKETS.

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EDITORIAL

UNITED STATES: JOB CREATION AND THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

The state of the labour market occupies a central role in the analysis of the business cycle. Historically, the percentage of months over the past 12 months with nonfarm payrolls below the 200K threshold increases in the run-up to a recession. Today, this indicator stands at 0 percent. Although there have been many false signals, a significant increase in this percentage calls for vigilance, necessitating closer monitoring of other data as well to assess the risk of recession. An alternative approach consists of making the link between monthly payrolls and the unemployment rate. However, given the latest data on job creations, a swift increase in the unemployment rate sufficient to trigger a recession signal seems unlikely. This means that the slowdown of wage growth and, more broadly, the decline of core inflation, might take more time than expected, forcing the Federal Reserve to keep policy rates high for longer. This is not exactly what is being priced by financial markets.

The state of the labour market occupies a central role in the analysis of the business cycle because it reflects the state of health of firms -are they creating jobs or shedding labour?- and it drives household income and confidence. It is even more closely scrutinized around cyclical turnarounds.

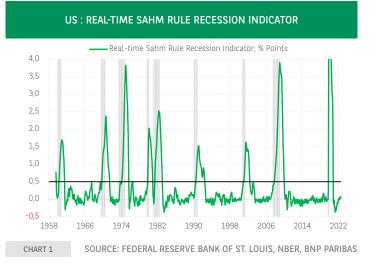
In the US, of the six indicators that the NBER business cycle dating committee uses to determine cyclical peak and trough dates, two relate to the labour market: nonfarm payroll employment and employment as measured by the household survey¹. According to the Sahm rule, the US economy enters a recession when the three-month moving average of the national unemployment rate (U3) rises by 0.50 percentage points or more relative to its low during the previous 12 months².

As shown by chart 1, the recent evolution of this indicator causes concern -it has increased- but also brings some relief because we are still below the critical threshold. These different indicators imply that in coming months, the pace of job creation will be particularly important in the assessment of the recession risk, either directly -in the NBER's set of indicators- or indirectly, through the influence on the unemployment rate.

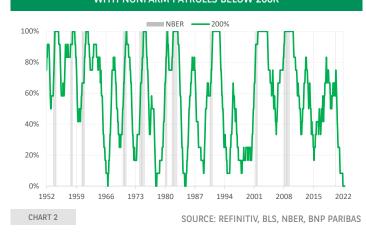
Establishing a link between the monthly nonfarm payrolls and the likelihood of entering recession is not straightforward. In what follows, two approaches will be discussed. The first one looks at the frequency of low job creation numbers, based on the rationale that one bad number could be considered as a one-off, whereas several low numbers could fuel recession fears.

Chart 2 shows the percentage of months over the past 12 months with nonfarm payrolls below the 200.000 threshold³. Historically, this percentage has increased in the run-up to a recession but there have also been false signals, whereby a significant increase in the indicator was not followed by a recession. This was, amongst others, the case in 1986, 1996, 2013 and 2018.

Table 1 focuses specifically on the 12 months in the run-up to a recession and shows a great diversity across cycles. The recession that started in November 1973 was preceded by a low percentage of payrolls below 200K. The one starting in December 2007 already had a high percentage of job creations below 200K 12 months earlier. For the current situation -no payrolls below 200K in the past 12 months-, the months leading to the January 1980 and March 2001 recessions should be kept in mind: starting from a very low level, the percentage of below 200K job creations increased steadily and eventually the economy entered a recession.



US: PERCENTAGE OF MONTHS (OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS) WITH NONFARM PAYROLLS BELOW 200K



To conclude on this point, given the diversity of situations seen in the past, this indicator should be used with caution. However, a significant increase in its value calls for vigilance, necessitating closer monitoring of other data as well to assess the risk of recession.

1 The other indicators are: real personal income less transfers, real personal consumption expenditures, wholesale-retail sales adjusted for price changes, industrial production. Source: NBER. 2. Source: EPED. Federal Reserve of St. Louis

Source: NBER. 2 Source: FRED, Federal Reserve of St Louis. 3 This threshold was chosen because it is close to the December number (223K jobs were created outside the agricultural sector). Charts with lower thresholds are available from the author upon request.



EDITORIAL

An alternative approach consists of making the link between monthly payrolls and the unemployment rate, the idea being that a lasting increase of the latter would, based on the Sahm rule, signal a recession.

Table 2 shows the employment status of the US civilian population of working age. According to US Census data, the civilian noninstitutional population⁴ is expected to increase 0.51 % between December 2022 and December 2023⁵. Assuming a constant labour force participation rate of 62.3%, this would imply a labour force of 165,812 million (table 3). An increase of the unemployment rate with 0.5 percentage points to 4.0% by December 2023, would correspond to an employment level of 159,180 million, i.e. a decrease of 63 thousand jobs compared with December 2022.

One should keep in mind that the employment level that is used to calculate the unemployment rate is based on the household survey, whereas the nonfarm payrolls report is based on a different survey, the establishment survey⁶.

The monthly changes in the two employment series are highly correlated, although in the short run there may be large differences. Based on a linear regression, a decrease of 63 thousand jobs in the household survey is expected to correspond to a decrease in the level of nonfarm payrolls with 21 thousand.

This analysis leads to two important conclusions. One, given the latest data on job creations -223 thousand new jobs in December-, a swift increase in the unemployment rate sufficient to trigger a recession signal based on the Sahm rule seems unlikely. It would require a significant slowdown in activity with a very negative impact on monthly payroll numbers⁷. Two, in the absence of a recession, a slowdown of wage growth and, more broadly, a decline of core inflation, might take more time than expected, forcing the Federal Reserve to keep policy rates high for longer. This is not exactly what is being priced by financial markets.

William De Vijlder

4 Civilian noninstitutional population: Persons 16 years of age and older residing in the 50 states and the District of Columbia, who are not inmates of institutions (e.g., penal and mental facilities, homes for the aged), and who are not on active duty in the Armed Forces (source: US Department of Labor). 5 Source : Monthly Population Estimates for the United States: April 1, 2020 to December 1, 2023 (NA-EST2022-POP) (source: U.S. Census Bureau). 6 The household survey is based on a sample of about 60,000 households conducted by the US Census Bureau. It collects information on the labour force, employment, and unemployment. The establishment survey provides information on employment, hours, and earnings of employees on nonfarm payrolls. It is based on a sample of about 131000 businesses and government agencies. Source: US Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment situation technical note. 7 Considering that an unemployment at of 3.5% would correspond to a reduction of the level of nonfarm payrolls of 21K, any positive change in monthly payrolls would need to be compensated by negative numbers at a later stage.

US: PERCENTAGE OF MONTHS (OVER THE PAST 12 MONTHS) WITH NONFARM PAYROLLS BELOW 200K

Month before start of recession	START OF RECESSION										
(= month 0)	July 19 53	Aug. 1957	April 1960	Dec. 1969	Nov. 1973	Jan. 1980	July 1981	July 1990	Mar. 2001	Dec. 2007	Feb. 2020
-12	92%	83%	50%	33%	17%	17%	100%	50%	17%	67%	58%
-11	83%	83%	42%	33%	17%	17%	92%	50%	17%	67%	58%
-10	75%	83%	42%	33%	17%	17%	92%	50%	17%	75%	50%
-9	67%	83%	42%	25%	17%	25%	83%	58%	25%	75%	58%
-8	58%	92%	42%	33%	17%	25%	75%	58%	33%	75%	58%
-7	50%	92%	50%	25%	25%	25%	75%	67%	33%	75%	58%
-6	50%	83%	50%	25%	33%	33%	75%	67%	42%	75%	67%
-5	58%	83%	50%	33%	33%	42%	75%	67%	50%	75%	67%
-4	58%	83%	42%	33%	33%	42%	75%	58%	50%	75%	67%
-3	58%	83%	50%	33%	33%	50%	75%	58%	58%	75%	58%
-2	58%	83%	50%	33%	33%	58%	75%	58%	67%	75%	67%
-1	58%	83%	58%	42%	33%	67%	75%	58%	67%	83%	67%
0	58%	92%	58%	50%	33%	67%	75%	58%	75%	83%	58%

TABLE 1

US CIVILIAN POPULATION: EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Numbers in thousands	December 2022	Nu	
Civilian non institutional population	а	264844	Civ
Civilian labor force	b	164966	Civ
Participation rate	c=b/a	62,3%	Par
Employed	d	159244	Em
Unemployed	е	5722	Un
Unemployment rate	f=e/b	3,5%	Un
TABLE 2	SOURCE: US BUREAU OF LAB	BOR STATISTICS	





SOURCE: REFINITIV, BLS, NBER, BNP PARIBAS

US: SIMULATION OF EMPLOYMENT LEVEL FOR A GIVEN INCREASE IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

Numbers in thousands		December 2023	Source					
Civilian non institutional population	а	266.204	US Census					
Civilian labor force	b	165.813	b=c*a					
Participation rate	С	62.3%	assumption					
Employed	d	159.180	d=b-e					
Unemployed	е	6.633	e=f*b					
Unemployment rate	f	4%	assumption					
TABLE 3	SOURCE: BNP PARIBAS CALCULATIONS							

MARKETS OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW

Week 13-1 23 to 2	20-1-23			
¥ CAC 40	7 024	▶ 6 996	-0.4	%
¥ S&P 500	3 999	▶ 3 973	-0.7	%
オ Volatility (VIX)	18.4	▶ 19.9	+1.5	рb
켜 Euribor 3M (%)	2.33	▶ 2.42	+8.9	bp
⊅ Libor \$ 3M (%)	4.79	▶ 4.82	+2.3	bp
u OAT 10y (%)	2.61	▶ 2.61	-0.7	bp
⊅ Bund 10y (%)	2.13	▶ 2.13	+0.8	bp
🔰 US Tr. 10y (%)	3.51	▶ 3.49	-2.7	bp
⊅ Euro vs dollar	1.08	▶ 1.08	+0.0	%
⊅ Gold (ounce, \$)	1 911	▶ 1 929	+0.9	%
↗ Oil (Brent, \$)	85.3	▶ 87.7	+2.7	%

Interest Rates	highest 23 lowest			23			
€ECB	2.50	2.50	at	02/01	2.50	at	02/01
Eonia	-0.51	-0.51	at	02/01	-0.51	at	02/01
Euribor 3M	2.42	2.42	at	20/01	2.16	at	02/01
Euribor 12M	3.33	3.37	at	11/01	3.30	at	19/01
\$ FED	4.50	4.50	at	02/01	4.50	at	02/01
Libor 3M	4.82	4.83	at	12/01	4.77	at	02/01
Libor 12M	5.35	5.56	at	06/01	5.30	at	19/01
£ BoE	3.50	3.50	at	02/01	3.50	at	02/01
Libor 3M	4.06	4.06	at	20/01	3.87	at	02/01
Libor 12M	0.81	0.81	at	02/01	0.81	at	02/01

MONEY & BOND MARKETS

Yield (%)		highest 23	lowest 23
€ AVG 5-7y	2.64	2.64 at 02/	01 2.64 at 02/01
Bund 2y	2.58	2.69 at 02/	01 2.46 at 17/01
Bund 10y	2.13	2.44 at 02/	01 1.98 at 18/01
OAT 10y	2.61	2.99 at 02/	01 2.42 at 18/01
Corp. BBB	4.19	4.63 at 02/	01 4.05 at 18/01
\$ Treas. 2y	4.19	4.46 at 05/	01 4.08 at 18/01
Treas. 10y	3.49	3.83 at 02/	01 3.38 at 18/01
High Yield	8.26	9.01 at 02/	01 8.15 at 18/01
£ gilt. 2y	3.46	3.69 at 02/	01 3.44 at 12/01
gilt. 10y	3.38	3.67 at 02/	01 3.28 at 19/01

EXCHANGE RATES

1€ =		high	est 23	low	23	2023	
USD	1.08	1.08	at 18/01	1.05	at	05/01	+1.5%
GBP	0.88	0.89	at 12/01	0.87	at	19/01	-1.3%
CHF	1.00	1.00	at 12/01	0.99	at	04/01	+1.0%
JPY	140.72	142.58	at 11/01	138.02	at	03/01	-0.1%
AUD	1.56	1.57	at 02/01	1.54	at	17/01	-1.0%
CNY	7.34	7.42	at 02/01	7.23	at	05/01	-1.1%
BRL	5.63	5.79	at 04/01	5.52	at	13/01	-0.0%
RUB	74.60	77.91	at 02/01	73.32	at	12/01	-4.2%
INR	87.87	88.47	at 09/01	86.85	at	05/01	-0.5%
At 20-	1-23						Change

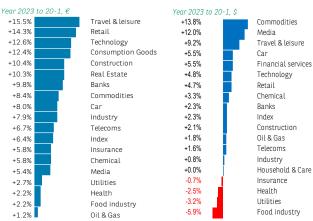
COMMODITIES

Spot price, \$	high	highest 23			lowest 23			2023 2023(€)		
Oil, Brent	87.7	87.7	at	20/01	78.0	at	04/01	+3.2%	+1.7%	
Gold (ounce)	1 929	1 929	at	20/01	1 824	at	02/01	+6.2%	+4.7%	
Metals, LMEX	4 349	4 349	at	20/01	3 905	at	05/01	+9.2%	+7.6%	
Copper (ton)	9 308	9 326	at	18/01	8 2 3 6	at	04/01	+11.3%	+9.6%	
wheat (ton)	276	2.9	at	02/01	272	at	10/01	-3.3%	-4.8%	
Corn (ton)	262	2.7	at	17/01	251	at	04/01	+0.1%	-0.7%	
At 20-1-23	-								Change	

EQUITY INDICES

	Index	highest 2	23	low	est	23	2023
World							
MSCI World	2 725	2 736 at 3	17/01	2 595	at	05/01	+4.7%
North America							
S&P500	3 973	3 999 at 3	13/01	3 808	at	05/01	+3.5%
Europe							
EuroStoxx50	4 120	4 174 at 2	18/01	3 856	at	02/01	+8.6%
CAC 40	6 996	7 083 at 2	18/01	6 595	at	02/01	+0.8%
DAX 30	15 034	15 187 at 3	17/01	14 069	at	02/01	+8.0%
IBEX 35	8 918	8 933 at 2	18/01	8 370	at	02/01	+0.8%
FTSE100	7 771	7 860 at 3	16/01	7 452	at	02/01	+0.4%
Asia							
MSCI, loc.	1 104	1 105 at 3	18/01	1 065	at	04/01	+0.3%
Nikkei	26 554	26 791 at 3	18/01	25 717	at	04/01	+1.8%
Emerging							
MSCI Emerging (\$)	1 036	1 036 at 2	20/01	956	at	02/01	+0.8%
China	73	73 at 2	20/01	64	at	02/01	+13.4%
India	780	786 at 3	18/01	761	at	06/01	-0.8%
Brazil	1 507	1 540 at 3	18/01	1 357	at	04/01	+1.8%
At 20-1-23	_					-	Change

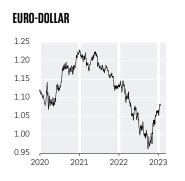
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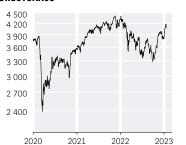
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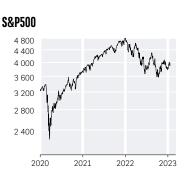


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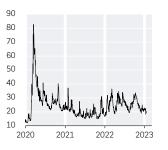


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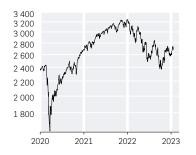




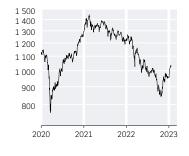
VOLATILITY (VIX, S&P500)



MSCI WORLD (USD)



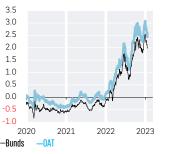
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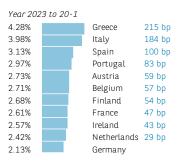
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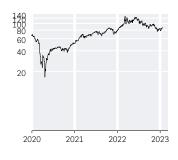
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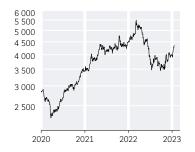
10Y BOND YIELD & SPREADS



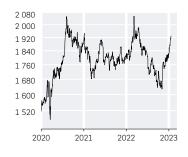
OIL (BRENT, USD)



METALS (LMEX, USD)



GOLD (OUNCE, USD)



SOURCE: REFINITIV, BNP PARIBAS,



ECONOMIC PULSE

CHINA: PENDING THE ECONOMIC REBOUND

In Q4 2022, China's economic growth slowed to 2.9% year-on-year (y/y) from 3.9% in Q3. In quarter-on-quarter terms, activity stagnated. Our Pulse below highlights a broad-based weakening in economic activity during the last quarter of 2022.

Growth in exports and industrial production has worsened significantly. Exports in value terms contracted by -6.6% y/y in Q4 2022, after an increase of +10.1% in Q3. Industrial production growth slowed to +2.8% y/y in real terms in Q4 2022, after having picked up to +4.8% in Q3. The manufacturing sector has been hurt by the slowdown in world demand and by the weakness of domestic demand – which has resulted, in particular, from lower auto sales (due to the lessening impact of tax incentives, from the persisting crisis in the property and construction sector, and from new significant disruptions due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

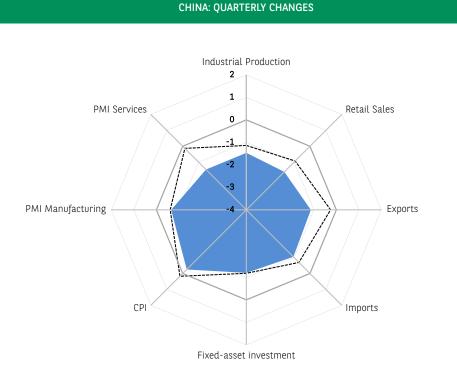
Until the beginning of December, this disruption resulted from the mobility restrictions imposed in various regions as part of the zero-Covid policy. Since December 7th, the very sudden and ill-prepared abandonment of this strict policy has plunged the country into further turbulence. The spike in the number of Covid-19 cases has resulted in new disruptions in factories (due to absenteeism). It has also weighed on household consumption and activity in the services sector during several weeks. In Q4 2022, services production fell by -0.9% y/y and retail sales volumes by -4%.

From the demand standpoint, data for 2022 as a whole show that economic activity has been firstly driven by investment. Its contribution to GDP growth reached 1.5 percentage point (pp) mostly thanks to public investment. The contribution of consumption was smaller (only 1.1 pp) and that of net exports was positive, standing at 0.5 pp. Real GDP growth reached 3% in 2022.

The epidemic wave and its effects on activity should ease from February 2023. This scenario assumes that the epidemic remains under control during the Chinese New Year period in the coming days, including in rural areas that have fewer hospitals and medical equipment.

Activity driven by domestic demand should then rebound, notably supported by a catch-up effect The authorities are also considering a further strengthening of fiscal and monetary support policies, especially aimed at supporting the property sector. With these support measures, and assuming that the health situation improves, the property sector should, at best, stabilise over the course of 2023. Meanwhile, export growth should remain constrained by the slowdown in global growth.

Christine Peltier



SOURCE: NBS, BNP PARIBAS

The indicators in the radar are all transformed into 'z-scores' (deviations from the long-term average, as standard deviations). These z-scores have mean zero and their values are between -6 and +6. In the radar chart, the blue area shows the actual conditions of economic activity. It is compared with the situation four months earlier (dotted-line). An expansion of the blue area compared to the dotted area signals an increase in the variable.





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ECONOMIC SCENARIO

UNITED STATES

The US economy rebounded strongly during Q3, following two quarters of negative growth, thanks to healthy performances in corporate investment, household spending and, in particular, exports. The labour market is showing very early signs of a slowdown, but job creation remains high, the unemployment rate is still low and wages are still buoyant. Inflation seems to have peaked in the middle of the year and should continue to fall while remaining significantly above the target of 2% by late 2023. Following the mid-term elections, the Democrats retained a narrow majority in the Senate and the Republicans won a very tiny majority in the House of Representatives. This should limit what President Joe Biden can do over the remainder of his term, but, at the same time, compromises could also be reached.

CHINA

The recovery in Chinese economic growth since its Q2 2022 contraction has been sluggish and unbalanced. Industrial production has been the main growth driver, but it has lost steam since last October, largely due to the weakening in external demand and slower export growth. Meanwhile, activity driven by the domestic market and the services sector remains constrained by powerful drags, including the crisis in the property sector, the deterioration in the labour market, weak household confidence, and the Covid policy. Since early December 2022, the very sudden and ill-prepared abandonment of the strict zero Covid policy has plunged the country into new turbulence. However, domestic demand should rebound when the epidemic wave starts to ease. The authorities are enhancing again fiscal and monetary support measures, which are notably aimed at stabilizing the property sector.

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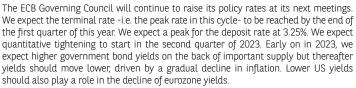
Growth in the euro zone in the third quarter was weak, but at least it remained positive, while the survey data (business and consumer confidence) seemed to be clearly pointing to a decline. Although a contraction was avoided in the third quarter, the euro zone is unlikely to avoid recession. The combination of the inflationary shock, the energy crisis and the enforced monetary tightening and their increasingly negative effects are likely to overcome the resistance seen to date. However, the recession should remain shallow thanks to the fiscal policy cushion and the current tightness of the labour market. In annual average terms, real GDP growth in the euro zone is expected to reach 3.4% in 2022 and 0.2% in 2023. The subsequent recovery is likely to be weak. Inflation is likely to remain elevated, well above the 2% target at the end of this year and only falling back to it at the end of 2024, which will keep monetary policy in restrictive territory.

FRANCE

Real GDP growth has continued during the 3rd quarter (0.2% q/q, after +0.5% during the 2nd quarter), driven by a growth of manufacturing production partly explained by a recovery of sectors exposed to supply-side problems (particularly the car sector) and partly related to growing inventories in order to avoid potential stronger constraints on production during the winter. This element should weigh on Q4 GDP growth, which should also suffer from the ongoing inflation acceleration (from 5.9% y/y in December towards 6.5% in February, before a gradual disinflation). These shocks should weigh on GDP growth in 2023 (0% according to our forecasts, after 2.5% in 2022).

RATES AND EXCHANGE RATES

In the US, the Federal Reserve will continue its tightening policy, bringing the federal funds rate to its terminal rate for this cycle at 5.25% (upper end of the target range) in the first quarter of this year. Given the expected slow decline in inflation and despite the economy entering recession, this level should be maintained through 2023 and only be followed by rate cuts in 2024. US Treasuries are largely pricing in the upcoming rate hikes. In the near term there is still some upward potential, but subsequently yields should move lower as the inflation outlook improves and the market starts anticipating policy easing in 2024.



The Bank of Japan has increased the upper end of its target range for the 10year JGB yield to 0.5% and further adjustments to the yield curve control policy cannot be excluded. Nevertheless, we do not expect the BoJ to proceed with a rate hike.

We expect the dollar to weaken somewhat versus the euro. The dollar's valuation is expensive, positioning in the market is very long and the long-term interest rate differential should narrow.

The yen has already weakened significantly versus the dollar, reflecting the increased policy divergence between the Fed and the Bank of Japan. We expect the exchange rate to remain around current levels in the near term. In 2023, the yen should strengthen versus the dollar considering that the federal funds rate should have reached its terminal rate.

GDP GROWTH AND INFLATION										
		GDP Growth				Inflation				
%	2021	2022 e	2023 e	2024 e		2021	2022 e	2023 e	2024 e	
United-States	5.7	2.1	0.3	-0.2		4.7	8.1	4.2	2.4	
Japan	1.7	1.2	0.9	0.3		-0.2	2.5	2.2	1.2	
United-Kingdom	7.4	4.4	-0.9	0.8		2.6	9.0	6.8	2.1	
Euro Area	5.3	3.4	0.2	1.3		2.6	8.4	5.0	2.4	
Germany	2.6	1.9	-0.2	1.2		3.2	8.6	4.6	2.1	
France	6.8	2.5	0.0	1.0		2.1	5.9	5.8	2.9	
Italy	6.6	3.9	0.2	1.2		1.9	8.7	6.7	2.3	
Spain	5.1	5.3	0.6	1.4		3.0	8.3	1.8	1.7	
China	8.1	2.6	5.1	5.3		0.9	2.0	2.7	2.5	
India*	9.3	8.3	6.2	6.5		5.4	7.9	5.9	5.5	
Brazil	4.6	3.0	0.5	1.3		8.3	9.4	5.4	4.9	
Russia	4.5	-7.0	0.8	0.3		7.1	14.0	10.5	7.6	

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INTEREST & EXCHANGE RATES

Interest rates, % End of period		Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 2024
US	Fed Funds (upper limit)	5.00	5.25	5.25	5.25	3.25
	T-Note 10y	4.30	4.00	3.75	3.50	3.25
Eurozone	deposite rate	3.00	3.25	3.25	3.25	2.00
	Bund 10y	2.75	2.65	2.50	2.30	2.00
	OAT 10y	3.45	3.30	3.10	2.90	2.50
	BTP 10y	5.25	5.05	4.80	4.60	3.80
	BONO 10y	4.05	3.90	3.75	3.55	2.90
UK	Base rate	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	3.50
	Gilts 10y	4.00	3.75	3.60	3.35	3.15
Japan	BoJ Rate	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10
	JGB 10y	0.90	0.95	0.95	0.90	0.90
Exchange Rates						
End of period		Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 202
USD	EUR / USD	1.01	1.00	1.03	1.06	1.10
	USD / JPY	140	138	133	128	120
	GBP / USD	1.09	1.08	1.11	1.14	1.18
EUR	EUR / GBP	0.93	0.93	0.95	0.95	0.95
	EUR / JPY	141	138	137	136	132
Brent						
End of period		Q1 2023	Q2 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q4 202
Brent	USD/bbl	95	93	95	92	95

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CALENDAR

LATEST INDICATORS

In China several data covering the month of December brought some relief. Annual growth of industrial production slowed compared to November but less than expected. The contraction of retail sales was smaller than the previous month. The consensus had expected a far bigger decline. The jobless rate declined, which represents another positive surprise. Finally, 4th quarter GDP showed a stable GDP, whereas analysts had expected a decline. In the Eurozone, the ZEW expectations survey jumped in January. The final inflation numbers (y/y) were in line with the preliminary estimate. In Germany, the ZEW expectations survey also jumped, beating the consensus by a wide margin. In the UK, retail sales and consumer confidence disappointed. In the US, retail sales (m/m) contracted more in December than the previous month and also more than anticipated. Housing starts declined less than expected but building permits disappointed versus the consensus although declining far less than in November. Initial unemployment claims were also down. The NAHB housing market index improved slightly.

DATE	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD	SURVEY	ACTUAL	PREVIOUS
01/16/23	China	New Home Prices MoM	Dec		-0.25%	-0.25%
01/17/23	China	Industrial Production YoY	Dec	0.1%	1.3%	2.2%
01/17/23	China	Retail Sales YoY	Dec	-9.0%	-1.8%	-5.9%
01/17/23	China	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Dec	5.0%	5.1%	5.3%
01/17/23	China	Property Investment YTD YoY	Dec	-10.5%	-10.0%	-9.8%
01/17/23	China	Residential Property Sales YTD YoY	Dec		-28.3%	-28.4%
01/17/23	China	Surveyed Jobless Rate	Dec	5.8%	5.5%	5.7%
01/17/23	China	GDP SA QoQ	4Q	-1.1%	0.0%	3.9%
01/17/23	United Kingdom	Employment Change 3M/3M	Nov	Ok	27k	27k
01/17/23	Germany	ZEW Survey Expectations	Jan	-15.0	16.9	-23.3
01/17/23	Germany	ZEW Survey Current Situation	Jan	-57.0	-58.6	-61.4
01/17/23	Eurozone	ZEW Survey Expectations	Jan		16.7	-23.6
01/18/23	United Kingdom	CPIH YoY	Dec	9.2%	9.2%	9.3%
01/18/23	Eurozone	EU27 New Car Registrations	Dec		12.8%	16.3%
01/18/23	United Kingdom	House Price Index YoY	Nov	10.3%	10.3%	12.4%
01/18/23	Eurozone	CPI MoM	Dec	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.3%
01/18/23	Eurozone	CPI YoY	Dec	9.2%	9.2%	9.2%
01/18/23	Eurozone	CPI Core YoY	Dec	5.2%	5.2%	5.2%
01/18/23	United States	Retail Sales Advance MoM	Dec	-0.9%	-1.1%	-1.0%
01/18/23	United States	Retail Sales Ex Auto and Gas	Dec	0.0%	-0.7%	-0.5%
01/18/23	United States	PPI Final Demand MoM	Dec	-0.1%	-0.5%	0.2%
01/18/23	United States	PPI Ex Food and Energy MoM	Dec	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
01/18/23	United States	NAHB Housing Market Index	Jan	31.0	35.0	31.0
01/18/23	United States	Federal Reserve Releases Beige Book				
01/18/23	Japan	BOJ 10-Yr Yield Target	jan	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
01/19/23	United States	Building Permits MoM	Dec	1.0%	-1.6%	-10.6%
01/19/23	United States	Housing Starts MoM	Dec	-4.8%	-1.4%	-1.8%
01/19/23	United States	Initial Jobless Claims	jan	214k	190k	205k
01/20/23	Japan	Natl CPI Ex Fresh Food, Energy YoY	Dec	3.1%	3.0%	2.8%
01/20/23	United Kingdom	GfK Consumer Confidence	Jan	-40.0	-45.0	-42.0
01/20/23	United Kingdom	Retail Sales Ex Auto Fuel MoM	Dec	0.4%	-1.1%	-0.3%
01/20/23	France	Retail Sales SA YoY	Dec		-5.0%	-3.9%
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CALENDAR: THE WEEK AHEAD

COMING INDICATORS

This week sees the publication of several surveys covering the month of January: flash PMIs in several countries, consumer confidence (Eurozone, France, Germany), business confidence in France, the IFO survey in Germany. In the US the focus will be on 4th quarter GDP growth and the University of Michigan survey.

DATE	COUNTRY	INDICATOR	PERIOD	SURVEY	PREVIOUS
01/23/2023	United States	Leading Index	Dec	-0.7%	-1.0%
01/23/2023	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence	Jan	-20.0	-22.2
01/24/2023	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Mfg	Jan		48.9
01/24/2023	Japan	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Jan		51.1
01/24/2023	Germany	GfK Consumer Confidence	Feb	-33.0	-37.8
01/24/2023	France	Business Confidence	Jan	103	102
01/24/2023	France	S&P Global France Manufacturing PMI	Jan	49.7	49.2
01/24/2023	France	S&P Global France Services PMI	Jan	49.7	49.5
01/24/2023	Germany	S&P Global/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	Jan	48.0	47.1
01/24/2023	Germany	S&P Global Germany Services PMI	Jan	49.7	49.2
01/24/2023	Eurozone	S&P Global Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Jan	48.5	47.8
01/24/2023	Eurozone	S&P Global Eurozone Services PMI	Jan	50.2	49.8
01/24/2023	United Kingdom	S&P Global/CIPS UK Manufacturing PMI	Jan	45.7	45.3
01/24/2023	United Kingdom	S&P Global/CIPS UK Services PMI	Jan	49.7	49.9
01/24/2023	United Kingdom	CBI Business Optimism	Jan		-48
01/24/2023	United States	S&P Global US Manufacturing PMI	Jan	46.5	46.2
01/24/2023	United States	S&P Global US Services PMI	Jan	46.0	44.7
01/25/2023	Germany	IFO Business Climate	Jan	90.1	88.6
01/25/2023	Germany	IFO Current Assessment	Jan	95.0	94.4
01/25/2023	Germany	IFO Expectations	Jan	85.0	83.2
01/25/2023	France	Total Jobseekers	4Q		2946.1k
01/26/2023	United States	GDP Annualized QoQ	4Q	2.6%	3.2%
01/26/2023	United States	Initial Jobless Claims	Jan		190k
01/26/2023	United States	Cap Goods Orders Nondef Ex Air	Dec	-0.2%	0.1%
01/26/2023	United States	New Home Sales MoM	Dec	-4.1%	5.8%
01/27/2023	France	Consumer Confidence	Jan	83	82
01/27/2023	United States	Personal Income	Dec	0.2%	0.4%
01/27/2023	United States	Personal Spending	Dec	-0.1%	0.1%
01/27/2023	United States	PCE Core Deflator MoM	Dec	0.3%	0.2%
01/27/2023	United States	U. of Mich. Sentiment	Jan	64.6	64.6
01/27/2023	United States	U. of Mich. Current Conditions	Jan		68.6
01/27/2023	United States	U. of Mich. Expectations	Jan		62.0
01/27/2023	United States	U. of Mich. 1 Yr Inflation	Jan		4.0%
01/27/2023	United States	U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation	Jan		3.0%



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