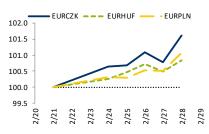


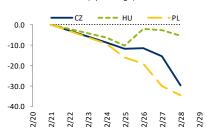
Friday, 28 February 2020

Forex markets (index)



	LAST	PREVIOUS	CHANGE (%)
EURCZK	25.47	25.26	0.82
EURHUF	339.9	338.7	0.35
EURPLN	4.336	4.313	0.54

Gov. bonds 10 Y (bps change)



	LAST	PREVIOUS	CHANGE (bps)
CZGB 10Y	1.178	1.321	-14.3
HUGB 10Y	2.16	2.18	-1.2
PLGB 10Y	1.71	1.75	-2.7

Equity indices (index)



	LAST	PREVIOUS	CHANGE (%)
PX	971.7	1002.2	-3.05
BUX	40880	42679	-4.22
WIG	48562	51319	-5.37

Regional insights

The koruna eases as coronavirus spreads in Europe

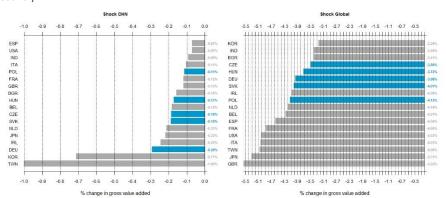
Although there is no single case of coronavirus infection in the Czech Republic, the koruna has continued to depreciate in line with other emerging market currencies. The Czech forex market might fear that the extremely open Czech economy might be badly hit both by a fall in global demand and supply chain disruptions.

So - at this moment, however, it is highly speculative to estimate the impacts of the spread of the coronavirus on the Czech economy. It is possible to make only raw model simulations of the areas that could experience a decline in demand or be affected by the deceleration of the movement of goods and fall in demand for services. Actually, we have tried to make this exercise based on global input-output tables and the Czech economy does not seem to be the weakest point in comparison with its regional peers (see the chart below).

In the first case, the sectors and sub-sectors that would be affected in the Czech Republic include transport (in particular air transport) and the manufacturing industry (the manufacture of electrical equipment, metals, paper, plastics, and metal products).

If the coronavirus hits worldwide, the real estate sector, retail, wholesale, advertising, financial services and other sectors would have to expect possible consequences. For the time being, the signals sent out from the business sphere suggest that the potentially most critical problem is the delay in supplies of some Chinese components for domestic production and selected consumables for the retail sector.

It cannot be ruled out – also in connection with the German economy – that in the near future some subcontracted deliveries in the automotive industry may be tight and exports of components to China may slow down. Still, the market should know for example that the Czech Republic is a net importer in relation to China and with only minimal exports to this country.



Memo to our modelling of shocks in input-output tables:

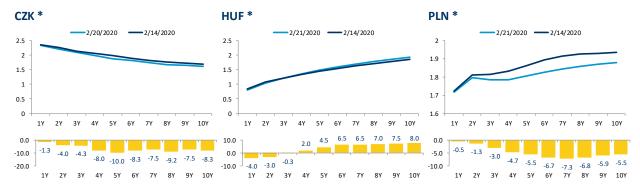
Shock CHN: Shock defined as fall in Chinese demand for selected services (see below) by 20% and fall in Chinese demand for the goods and services from other sectors by 10%

Shock Global: Shock defined as fall in Global demand for selected services (see below) by 20% and fall in Chinese demand for the goods and services from other sectors by 10%.

Services (of selected) sectors involved in our shock: Wholesale retail, Wholesale ex motor, Retail ex motor, Land transport, Water transport, Air transport, Warehousing, Postal services, Accommodation & food.



Interest-rate Swap Curves



* upper plot in each panel shows interest swap curve (%), lower plot shows change in interest rates in basis points (against previous Friday).

Calendar

Country D	Date	Data Time	Indicator		Period	Forecast		Actual		Consensus		Previous		
	Country	Date	Time	indicator		Period	m/m	y/y	m/m	y/y	m/m	y/y	m/m	y/y
	PI	02/21	10:00	Retail sales	%	01/01/2020					-20	6.1	14 6	7.5

Contacts

Brussels Research (KBC)		Global Sales Force	
Mathias van der Jeugt	+32 2 417 51 94	Brussels	
Peter Wuyts	+32 2 417 32 35	Corporate Desk	+32 2 417 45 82
Mathias Janssens	+32 2 417 51 95	Institutional Desk	+32 2 417 46 25
		France	+32 2 417 32 65
Dublin Research		London	+44 207 256 4848
Austin Hughes	+353 1 664 6889	Singapore	+65 533 34 10
Shawn Britton	+353 1 664 6892		
Prague Research (CSOB)		Prague	+420 2 6135 3535
Jan Čermák	+420 2 6135 3578	Prague (Equities)	+420 2 2142 4216
Petr Dufek	+420 2 6135 3560		
Bratislava Research (CSOB)			
Marek Gabris	+421 2 5966 8809	Bratislava	+421 2 5966 8820
Budapest Research			
David Nemeth	+36 1 328 9989	Budapest	+36 1 328 99 85

ALL OUR REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE VIA OUR KBC RESEARCH APP (iPhone, iPad, Android)

This non-exhaustive information is based on short-term forecasts for expected developments on the financial markets. KBC Bank cannot guarantee that these forecasts will materialize and cannot be held liable in any way for direct or consequential loss arising from any use of this document or its content. The document is not intended as personalized investment advice and does not constitute a recommendation to buy, sell or hold investments described herein. Although information has been obtained from and is based upon sources KBC believes to be reliable, KBC does not guarantee the accuracy of this information, which may be incomplete or condensed. All opinions and estimates constitute a KBC judgment as of the data of the report and are subject to change without notice.

