London Market Monitor – 29 July 2022

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#### **Market Price Monitor**

### **Local Equity Markets**

- Global equity markets had a strong performance in July with markets anticipating central banks will ease monetary tightening sooner on the back of weak global PMI data and a negative quarterly GDP growth figure out of the US. Risk assets are perceived to benefit from the change in policy.
- During the month, the ECB delivered its first rate hike in over a decade, raising rates by 50 basis points, as the Eurozone came out of the negative rate era.
- The FTSE 100 ended the month up 3.7%.
- The Euro Stoxx 50 index gained 7.5%.

# **Global Equity Markets**

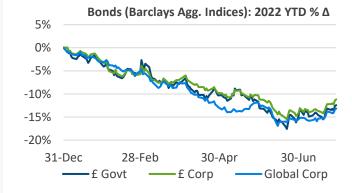
- Developed economies outperformed their emerging market counterparts, as the S&P 500 and the Japanese Topix index returned 9.2% and 3.7%, respectively.
- In contrast, the MSCI Emerging Markets index ended the month relatively flat.

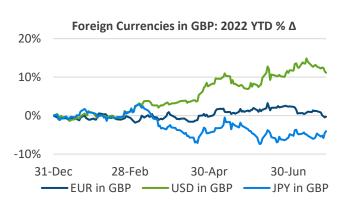
#### **Bond/FX Markets**

- The British government bond index was up 2.8% at month-end.
- The British and global corporate bond indices gained 3.5% and 2.8%, respectively.
- The British Pound was unchanged against the US Dollar, whilst gaining 2.5% against the Euro, and weakening by 1.8% against the Japanese Yen.









Total Returns as of July 29, 2022												
	FTSE 100	FTSE All Share	Euro Stoxx 50	US (S&P)	Japan (Topix)	Em/Mkts (MSCI)	£ Govt	£ Corp	Global Corp	EUR in GBP	USD in GBP	JPY in GBP
1 Month	3.7%	4.4%	7.5%	9.2%	3.7%	-0.2%	2.8%	3.5%	2.8%	-2.5%	0.0%	1.8%
3 Month	-1.0%	-1.2%	-0.7%	0.4%	2.4%	-6.3%	-2.4%	-1.5%	-0.4%	0.1%	3.3%	0.6%
1 Year	9.6%	5.5%	-6.3%	-4.6%	4.5%	-19.8%	-14.4%	-13.0%	-15.3%	-1.7%	14.2%	-6.0%
YTD	2.7%	-0.4%	-11.3%	-12.6%	-1.2%	-17.6%	-12.4%	-11.2%	-13.2%	-0.2%	11.1%	-4.0%



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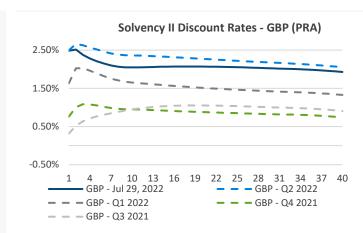
# Solvency II Monitor - Rates

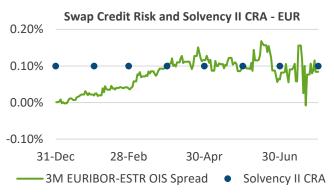
#### **Risk Free Rates**

- GBP risk-free rates decreased at all terms in July.
- The 5 and 10-year GBP risk-free rates saw the largest drop, both falling by 31 basis points.
- EUR risk-free rates declined at all terms in July with the exception of the 1-year rate which witnessed a 12 basis points rise.
- The 10 and 20-year risk-free rates dropped by 53 and 52 basis points, respectively.

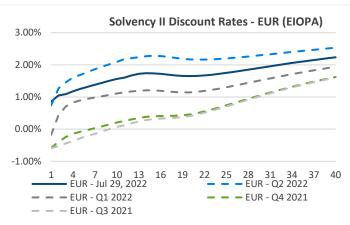
# Credit Risk Adjustment

 The EUR CRA was unchanged and remains floored at 10 basis points





Change in GBP Discount (bps)								
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30			
Since Q2 2022	-1	-31	-31	-20	-15			
Since Q1 2022	85	32	40	56	60			
Since Q4 2021	173	116	110	119	120			
Since Q3 2021	217	145	110	102	102			



Change in EUR Discount and CRA (bps)									
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30	CRA			
Since Q2 2022	12	-44	-53	-52	-39	0			
Since Q1 2022	104	36	45	51	39	0			
Since Q4 2021	145	134	136	119	85	0			
Since Q3 2021	146	154	150	124	87	0			



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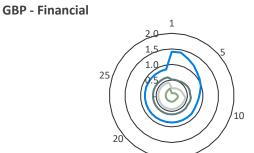
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### Solvency II Monitor - Spreads

### **Fundamental Spreads**

• There were no material changes since the last report.

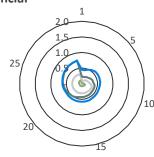
# Fundamental Spreads %



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GBP Financial Fundamental Spread %										
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30					
AAA	0.08	0.12	0.20	0.19	0.23					
AA	0.24	0.30	0.44	0.43	0.43					
Α	0.52	0.56	0.61	0.60	0.60					
BBB	1.41	1.10	0.84	0.86	0.86					
	GBP Financial 'Before Floor' %									
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30					
AAA	0.00	0.04	0.08	0.15	0.23					
AA	0.04	0.07	0.11	0.18	0.26					
Α	0.06	0.12	0.18	0.31	0.42					
BBB	0.15	0.25	0.34	0.48	0.59					

#### **GBP - Non-Financial**

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GBP Non-Financial Fundamental Spread %									
	1Y	Y5	Y10	Y20	Y30				
AAA	0.00	0.01	0.11	0.08	0.12				
AA	0.11	0.16	0.34	0.31	0.31				
Α	0.22	0.28	0.42	0.51	0.76				
BBB	0.44	0.58	0.57	0.58	0.75				
GBP Non-Financial 'Before Floor' %									
1Y Y5 Y10 Y20 Y30									
AAA	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.07	0.12				
AA	0.00	0.04	0.09	0.18	0.26				
Α	0.04	0.15	0.27	0.51	0.76				
BBB	0.11	0.22	0.34	0.55	0.75				

BBB

The **Solvency II risk-free discount rates** are based on applying the Smith-Wilson Extrapolation to LIBOR swap rates sourced from Refinitiv and applying the Credit Risk Adjustment as defined in the Technical Specs. The data is provided by EIOPA for EUR, and by PRA for GBP, as of 31/07/22.

The **Credit Risk Adjustment** is a component of the risk-free discount curve defined by EIOPA. It is calculated from actual experience in the 'LIBOR-OIS' spread (3 months for EUR), and is bounded between 0.10 and 0.35. We show actual LIBOR-OIS spread levels and the defined CRA, for EUR.

**EIOPA fundamental spreads** show the credit spread corresponding to the risk of default or downgrading of an asset. This is shown here across financial and non-financial assets, credit quality steps 0-3 and durations of 1-30 years. The data is provided by EIOPA and as of 31/07/22. **Fundamental spread** = maximum (probability of default + cost of downgrade; 35% of long-term average spread). In the tables we show the 'before floor' measure = probability of default + cost of downgrade.

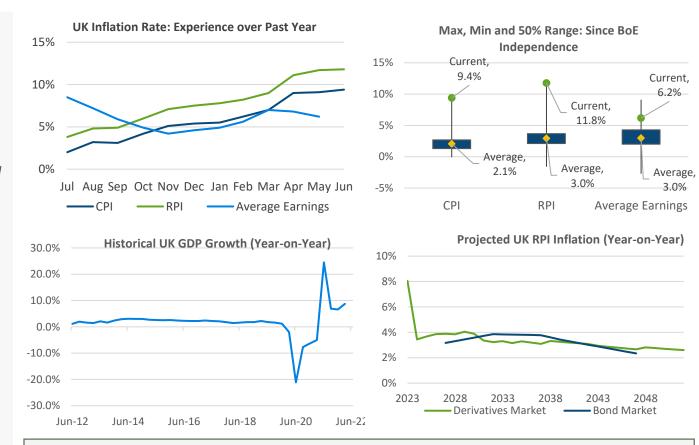


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#### **UK Inflation Monitor**

- UK's CPI continued to trend higher in June, up 30 basis points from the previous month at 9.4%
- The RPI inflation measure rose by 10 basis points to 11.8% in June.
- According to the ONS: "Rising prices for motor fuels and food made the largest upward contributions to the change. The largest, partially offsetting downward contributions to change in the rates were from second-hand cars and audio-visual equipment (principally recording media)."
- Average earning dropped by 60 basis points to 6.2% in May.
- The projected RPI curve was relatively unchanged from the previous month.



Historical year-on-year inflation rate is assessed by the % change on:

- Consumer Price Index (CPI) measuring the monthly price of a basket of consumer goods and services
- Retail Price Index (RPI) similar to CPI, but the main difference due the addition of mortgage payments, council tax and other housing costs
- Average Earnings measuring the average total weekly employee remuneration over the previous 3 months.

Projection year-on-year inflation rate is the forward rate calculated from market data:

- Derivatives Market View constructed from zero coupon inflation par swap rates against the RPI index at various tenors
- Bond Market View constructed from the difference between the nominal rates implied by the conventional gilts and the real rates implied by the index-linked (RPI) gilts.

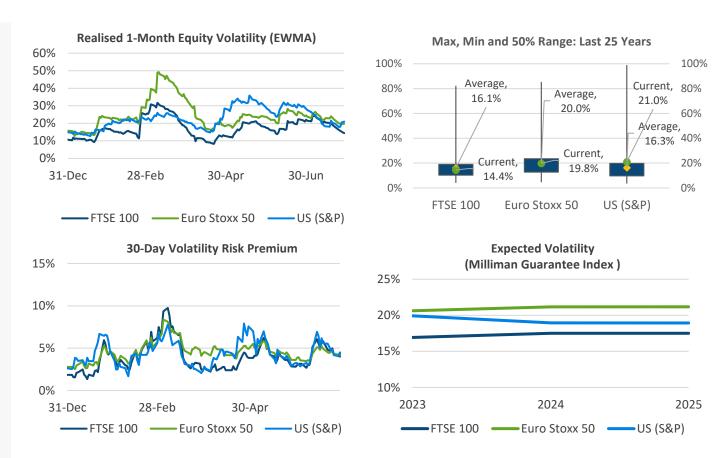


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### **Volatility and Hedging Cost Monitor**

- Realised volatilities of major indices eased in July, as equity markets rallied. The FTSE 100 ended the month with a realised volatility of 14.4%. The same measure stood at 19.8% and 21.0% on the Euro Stoxx 50 and the S&P 500.
- \*\* Please note that due to some missing data the volatility risk premiums have only been updated to the 28th of June. \*\*



Actual realised equity volatility is measured by the weighted standard deviation of 1 month daily index change. The Exponentially Weighted Moving Average (EWMA) methodology places more importance to the recent returns in the calculation of the volatility.

Volatility Risk Premium is estimated as the difference between 30-day implied volatility and projected realised volatility (on data from the Oxford-Man Institute). This reflects the additional cost of hedging from purchasing a basket of options, in comparison to managing a dynamic delta hedge with futures (ignoring rolling transaction costs).

Expected realised volatility is an intermediate result from the Milliman Guarantee Index™ (MGI), which provides volatility parameters for variable annuity guarantee (VA) valuation and risk management. The levels shown are on an expected basis, and do not reflect any risk adjustment.



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