

FedEx- the best known barometer of the economic activity - withdrew its financial forecast, saying it expected further deterioration of business conditions. That scale tipped further to the bear side after World Bank and IMF warned of an impending global economic slowdown.

Focus is squarely on next week's Fed meeting, with futures indicating a 75bp hike fully priced in with chances of a 100bp move a touch lower at 20%, down from near 30%

On the data front, While the retail sales surprised to upside, declining jobless claims (lowest since early June & 5th consecutive decline) - drop in import prices helps peak inflation narrative.

Surprise drop in IP - regional Fed indices on mfg canceled each other out -Philly Fed

index fell -9.9 vs +2.8, Empire improved to -1.5 vs -13.0 exp.

EUR/USD remains anchored by parity- apparent bear-market bounce, given the negatives stacked against Euro. Market quiet and hunkering down for more US data tonight & Fed next week. EZ inflation due later today, 0.9950-1.0030

Data beat exp -but property indicators provided a stark reminder of a lingering drag on growth . It may explain why Beijing has recently offered bigger concessions to the real estate sector. More neutral yuan fixing - suggesting a subtle shift from recent record deviations versus market estimates .Opening the way to its May 2020 all-time high of 7.1966.

The seemingly opposing directions of monetary and fiscal policy underscore the economic challenges. Bank of England & Britain's new FM Kwasi Kwarteng will test their ability to jointly manage the economy next week. Even if there might be one part of govt loosening policy and another tightening, at least one hand is talking to the other. (Kwarteng has summoned Bailey for twice-weekly meetings).

Talk caution ahead of long Tokyo weekend, possible BoJ moves. Though unlikely, BoJ FX intervention & policy tweak possibilities  
Ascending 200 hma now at 143.11 looking to work as pivot of sorts.

Largest ever financial bet by any Central Bank in the modern era- EM weakness led by CNY to at least soften this stance - of late, sign of acceptance seen from the

relative calm at close. Reserves data is the point of interest. Markets obviously reluctant to chase USDINR higher here -to stay at 79.80 .