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We just listened to Mario Draghi opine on a broad range of topics at the ECB press conference. In his way he is as constructive on the Euro-zone (with the caveat of recent, hopefully temporary, weakness) and overall global economy as Fed Chair Powell was yesterday when discussing the US economy and inflation outlook. The one difference is that Draghi was willing to discuss the threat from the current US tariffs tiff with all of its partners and potential trade impact, where Powell only characterized it as an unrealized influence at this time.

And while the G7 trade jitters from last weekend continue, at least so far it is very similar to previous bouts of Trump-driven US equities indigestion. The reaction is limited even on something realistically as daunting as a potential trade war. Even as that has been offset in part so far by Trump's passing success on the North Korean front along with continued strong data (note this morning's US Retail Sales), international trade remains a risk that will need to be closely watched.

The ECB also spelled out quite a bit more on the end of its Asset Purchase Program. Yet extending it in a reduced form through December and promising no possible rate hikes until at least Summer 2019 has been taken as a positive by all equities and the govies (i.e. the latter rebounding after the hit they took on the Fed's more hawkish stance Wednesday afternoon.)

This is (still) the critical consideration:

The 'front month' S&P 500 future (September on Friday) back below 2,650-60 in late April and again after the May 2nd FOMC statement left lower 2,600-20 support more important again. That held again in early May, and the June contract finishing that week back above 2,650-60 was a very strong sign. Holding it the following week despite the US Iran nuclear deal withdrawal was a key indication.

Above 2,700-10 again early last month left it support that had been extensively retested throughout the month, and even slipped below only temporarily in late May on Euro-zone concerns. Yet it quickly recovered back above 2,700-10, and pushed above the 2,741 key interim resistance area early last week that it had stalled into through all of May.

That left the higher resistances back up at 2,760-70 and the 2,810 area. The lower of them was exceeded last Wednesday, and the front month (June) held it early this week and again in the wake of Fed Chair Powell's more hawkish stance on Wednesday afternoon. And the problem for bears is compounded by Friday's June S&P 500 future expiration, with September S&P 500 future (now 'lead contract') at a 4.00 premium. Until tomorrow June contract is still the official 'front month' for analysis purposes even as September is now far more heavily traded.

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