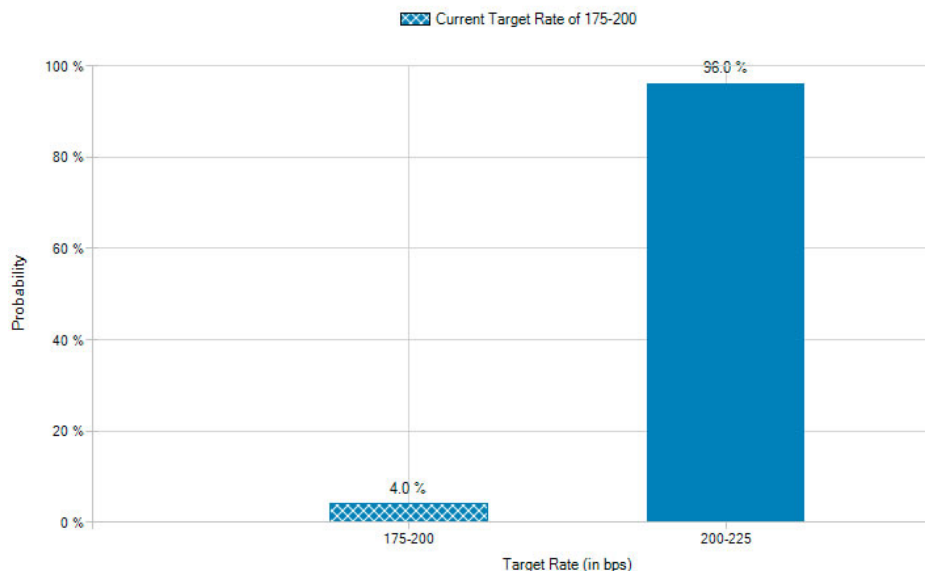


GLOBAL ECONOMIC UPDATE

US FED CHAIRMAN STATES GRADUAL RATE INCREASES NEEDED

US Federal Reserve Chairmen Jerome Powell, at the Economic Policy Symposium in Jackson Hole, stated that the recent strength of the US economic expansion justified their monetary stance of gradually increasing the central bank's interest rates. Additionally, he also noted that while inflation has moved near 2%, the bank has not seen a clear sign that it would accelerate above 2%. Nonetheless, the bank's current stance places the probabilities of a third rate hike to 2.25% in September to 96% and another fourth one to 2.5% in December to 62.1%.

Target Rate Probabilities for 26 Sep 2018 Fed Meeting



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