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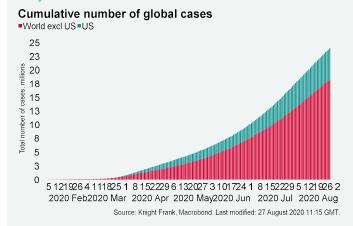


- **Equities:** The markets performance in Europe was mixed this morning. The STOXX 600 and the DAX are currently down -0.1%, while CAC 40 is up +0.1% and the FTSE 250 remains stable. In the US, futures for the S&P 500 are up +0.4%, reaching a new all time high to 3,500 points. In Asia, the CSI 300 was the best performing index (+2.4%), followed by the Hang Seng and the Kospi (+0.6% and +0.4%). On the other hand, the S&P / ASX 200 and the TOPIX declined by -0.9% and -0.7% respectively.
- VIX: The CBOE market volatility index, also known as the 'investor fear gauge', is currently at 24.8, a +1.5% increase over yesterday's close. In Europe, the Euro Stoxx 50 volatility price index is currently at 24.3, up from 23.2 yesterday and above the long term average.
- **Bonds:** 10-year bond yields have softened across the board so far this morning. The US, UK and Germany 10year bond yield have all increased +1bp to 0.76%, 0.35% and -39% respectively.
- **Currency:** Both sterling and the euro have appreciated to \$1.33 and \$1.19 respectively. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK and the eurozone are 0.26% and 1.11% per annum on a five-year basis.
- Oil: Brent Crude is trading up +1.1% to \$45.6 per barrel, slightly below yesterday's intraday peak, which was the highest level since early March. The West Texas Intermediate (WTI) remains stable at \$43.03 per barrel.
- **Baltic Dry:** The Baltic Dry lost -0.3% yesterday, declining to 1,504, albeit +37% above where it was in January.
- **Gold:** The price of gold is up +1.8% to \$1,968 per troy ounce, -4.6% below the record high reached earlier this month.
- **US GDP:** Annualised US GDP for Q2 2020 has been revised up to -31.7% from -32.9%, according to the Commerce Department's second reading. This remains the worst quarterly contraction in US history.
- **US Unemployment**: There were 1.0 million new unemployment applications in the week to 22nd August, broadly in line with market expectations and lower than the previous week's reading of 1.1 million.

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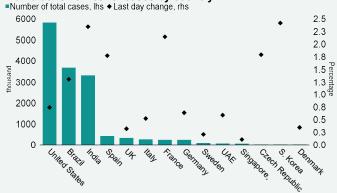


COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 24.0 million on the 27 August, an increase of 268k new cases over the day prior.

Cumulative number of cases by country



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 27 August 2020 00:00 GMT.

The chart presents the number of cumulative cases (left axis) and the percentage change of new cases against the day before (right axis).

Volatility Index



The CBOE VIX (colloquially known as the Investor fear gauge) is an indication of near term S&P 500 stock price volatility based on underlying options.

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Last modified: 28 August 2020 03:15 GMT

Commodities

Gold and non-ferrous metals price, USD



	27 Aug	D/D (%)	YTD (%
Gold, USD	1932	0.2	27.
Non-Ferrous Metals, USD	113	-1.2	1.3

Brent Crude and West Texas Intermediate oil price

-Brent Crude - West Texas Intermediate (WTI)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 27 August 2020 23:10 GMT.

Brent crude monitors the level of demand for raw materials and is a measure of economic activity. Lately also influenced by Saudi-Russia price war.

Baltic Dry Index (BDI)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 27 August 2020 13:30 GMT

Baltic Dry Index is a measure of what it costs to ship raw materials and is a leading indicator of global demand. A lower value means lower demand.

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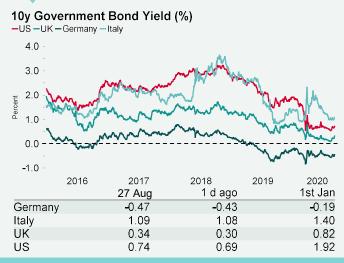
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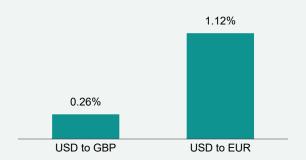
Bonds and currencies



FX Spot Rates -EUR per GBP -USD per GBP \$1.32 on the 27 August versus \$1.32 the day prior, a 0.0% change 1.50 1.45 1.40 1.35 1.30 1.25 1.20 1.15 1.10 1.05 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

	27 Aug	1 d ago	1st Jan
EUR per GBP	1.12	1.12	1.18
USD per GBP	1.32	1.32	1.32

Currency hedging benefit p.a. based on a five year forward



Source: Knight Frank, Investing.com

Approximate additional return per annum that dollar denominated investors may obtain based on five year currency hedge.

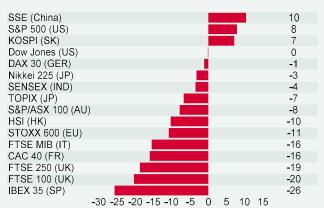




The chart presents the performance of selected equity indexes since the months prior the global financial crisis (2007).

Equity performance: YTD (%)

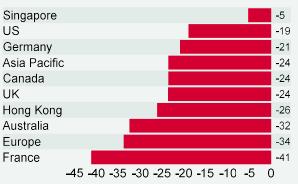
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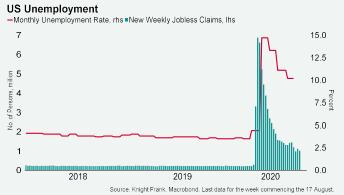
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US indicators



The chart presents the number of Americans that each week file for unemployment benefits (left axis) and the overall monthly unemployment rate (right axis)

2020 Presidential Winner (probability of winning, %)



2020 Macrobond. Last modified: 28 August 2020 07:00 GMT. Source: Knight Frank 28 Aug 1 week ago 1 month ago Trump 46% 44% 40% Biden 56% 60% 61%

Central Banks Policy Rates

	Current Rate	Rate at 1/1/2020	YTD Change
Advanced Economies			
Australia	0.25%	0.75%	-50 bps
Canada	0.25%	1.75%	-150 bps
Euro Area	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
France	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
Germany	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
Italy	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
Sweden	0.00%	-0.25%	25 bps
Japan	-0.10%	-0.10%	0 bps
United Kingdom	0.10%	0.75%	-65 bps
United States	0.25%	1.75%	-150 bps
Developing Economies			
Brazil	2.00%	4.50%	-250 bps
China	4.35%	4.35%	0 bps
India	4.00%	5.15%	-115 bps
Mexico	4.50%	7.25%	-275 bps
Russia	4.25%	6.25%	-200 bps
Saudi Arabia	1.00%	2.25%	-125 bps
South Korea	0.50%	1.25%	-75 bps
Turkey	8.25%	12.00%	-375 bps

Central Bank Assets Purchasing Programme

	Lastest (\$)	MoM (%)	YoY (%)	
Advanced Economies				Italy
Australia	203 bn	3.8%	73.2%	
Canada	405 bn	4.8%	351.0%	
Euro Area	7.62 tn	4.4%	46.6%	
France	1.87 tn	4.8%	44.3%	
Germany	2.68 tn	5.2%	36.5%	France
Italy	1.49 tn	7.3%	33.1%	
Sweden	143 bn	3.0%	50.7%	
Japan	6.31 tn	3.4%	17.6%	
United Kingdom	784 bn	-0.1%	-1.3%	
United States	6.99 tn	0.5%	85.8%	
Developing Economies				Spain
Brazil	571 bn	7.9%	3.9%	Spain
China	5.11 tn	-0.6%	-1.7%	
India	377 bn	6.1%	31.3%	
Mexico	218 bn	3.7%	13.2%	
Russia	650 bn	2.9%	3.1%	Japan
Saudi Arabia	481 bn	2.9%	-7.8%	•
South Korea	471 bn	5.9%	8.2%	
Turkey	99 bn	-9.9%	-4.6%	Hong Kong

UK

EU

Fiscal measures details

£330bn+: Government backed loans and guarantees	
equivalent to 15% of UK GDP. SMEs given access to	cash
grants. Support for furloughed employees of 80% sala	ry
≤£2,500 per month. Furlough scheme extended until	
October 2020 with employers sharing the cost from Au	ıgust.
Taxable grant for self-employed <£50k trading profit, v	vorth
80% of monthly profits up to £2.5k, paid as a lump sur	n.

\$3.0tn: 2nd package passed 23rd April, worth \$483 billon, USA increasing US stimulus to \$3 trillion (15% GDP).

> €1.35tn: This includes €240bn to the European Stability Mechanism, and €200bn in EIB quarantees. On 4th June, the ECB extended the pandemic purchase programme (PEPP) until June 2021, purchasing an additional €600bn in bonds, taking total stimulus to €1.35tn.

€750bn: a new recovery package for EU member states announced in July including €390bn in grants and €360 in interest free loans.

€880bn: The emergency aid measure approved on Monday 23rd of March. In June an additional €130bn fiscal Germany stimulus programme including VAT rate cut to 16% from 19% and one off 'children's bonus' payment.

> €400bn: The stimulus announced on the 7th April €25bn: Emergency package to support businesses and families.

> €45bn: The aid package for SMEs and other hard-hit sectors announced by the French government on 17th of March, Includes deferred corporate tax, social security charges and two months state payments to laid off workers.

€300bn: government backed loans.

€200bn: the aid package includes government loan quarantees to ensure liquidity for SMEs (the government said it would provide businesses with "all the liquidity they need"), other government commitments and private money.

\$2.2tn: Further stimulus announced in late May added \$1.1 trillion to the country's stimulus package, bringing total stimulus to \$2.18 trillion or 40% of GDP.

HK\$10k for every adult citizen (c.£7bn).

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This chart shows the change in severity of containment measures over time, up to the latest data. Green indicates a score of zero or no restrictions, while the darkest red indicates the highest restrictions or complete bans. Where grey, no new data is available.

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Oxford University

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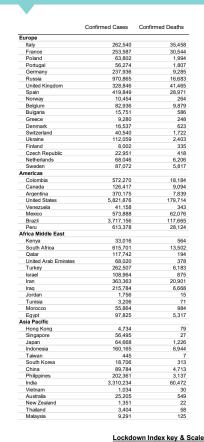
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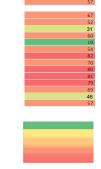
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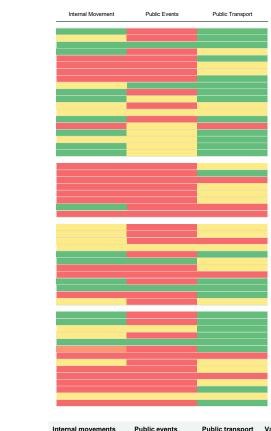
International Travel

Overview of the severity of Covid-19 and the resulting containment measures

Lockdown Index



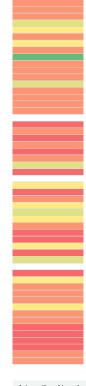




Internal movements	Public events	Public transport	Value
No measure	No Measure	No measure	0
Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	1
Restriction	Required	Required	2



Workplace	Schools	Value
No measure	No measure	0
Recommended	Recommended	1
	Some level of	
Required closure of	schooling required to	
some sectors	close	2
Required closure for all	All schools required to	
but essential work	close	3



International travel	Value
No measure	0
Screening	1
Quarantine arrivals from	
high risk regions	2
Ban on high risk regions	3
Total border closure	4

For most countries, public transport has the most relaxed restrictions. Taiwan, Tunisia, Norway, Poland, Netherlands and Greece are the only countries with no measures implemented on public events. Meanwhile, across the world, there is some measure of restriction on international travel. However, France is the exception, where international travel is freely permitted with no measures implemented.

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highest 'lockdown index' scores.

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In line with some of the fewest reported cases and the smallest reported deaths

attributed to COVID-19, Taiwan has the lowest 'lockdown index' score at 19,

indicating the restrictions in place are generally recommendations and are not

enforced. Countries including Iraq, Argentina and Colombia have some of the

No Restrictions: 0 - 25 Recommended Restrictions: 26 - 50 Enforced Restrictions: 51 - 75 Highest Restrictions / Ban: 76 - 100

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