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Summary

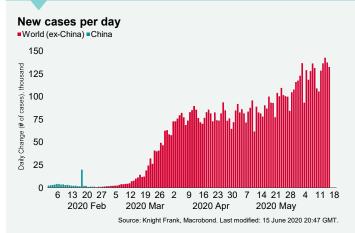
- COVID-19 Cases: One week after surpassing 7 million global COVID-19 cases, yesterday, the total reached 8 million. In Beijing, 27 new cases have been identified, linked to a wholesale market. This comes as New Zealand confirmed two new cases, ending the country's 24-day streak with no new coronavirus infections.
- **Equities**: Futures for the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average currently indicate increases of +1.2% and +1.6%, respectively. In Europe, the STOXX 600 is up +2.1%, while the FTSE 250 has added +2.5% over the morning. In Asia, the Topix closed +4.1% higher and the Hang Seng +2.7%. In South Korea, trading was briefly suspended after futures for the Kospi 200 rose more than +5% from the previous day's close.
- VIX: After declining by -4.7% yesterday to 34.4, the "investor fear gauge", the CBOE market volatility index is currently 34.0. The index remains elevated, indicating further expectations of near-term volatility.
- **Bonds:** The UK 10-year gilt yield, US 10-year treasury yield and German 10-year bund yield are currently 0.22%, 0.73% and -0.43%.
- Currency: Sterling has appreciated slightly to \$1.26, while the euro remains at \$1.13. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK and the eurozone have increased to 0.29% and 1.12% per annum on a five-year basis, respectively.
- **Baltic Dry:** The Baltic Dry Index increased for its 11th consecutive session yesterday, up +5.4% to 973. The index is closer to paring back its losses from the beginning of the year, where it was 1,090 on January 1st.
- **Oil:** Brent Crude is currently up +0.6% to just below \$40 a barrel at \$39.94, while the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) has appreciated +1.3% to \$37.60 per barrel.
- **UK Employment:** Supported by the furlough scheme, UK unemployment remained at 3.9% for the three-months to April 2020. However, weekly hours worked between February and April 2020 saw the largest annual decrease on record, falling by -8.9% compared to the same period in 2019. The period from March to May 2020 saw the largest fall in vacancies since 2001, declining by circa -60% to 476,000, last seen in H1 2012.

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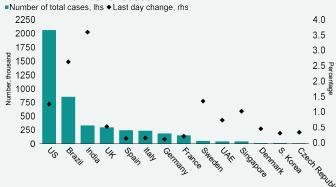
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COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 7823k on the 15 June. an increase of 133k new cases over the day prior.

Cumulative number of cases

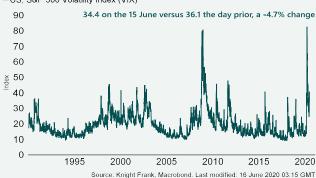


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The chart presents the number of cumulative cases (left axis) and the percentage change of new cases against the day before (right axis).

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.



	15 June	D/D (%)	YTD (%)
Gold, USD	1725	-0.1	13.7
Silver, USD	17.4	- 1.5	- 2.6

Brent crude and global commodity price index



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)

-World, Baltic Exchange, Shipping, Dry Index (BDI), USD



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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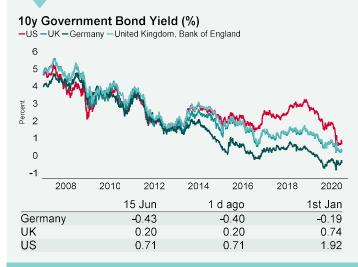
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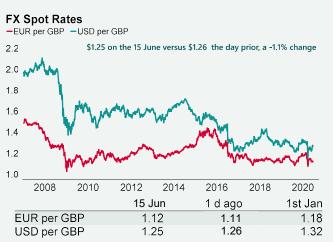
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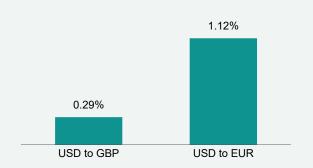


Bonds and currencies





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

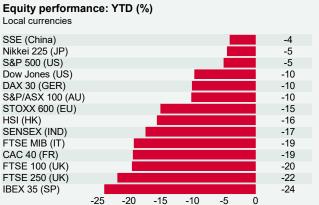


Source: Knight Frank, Investing.com

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).



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Singapore -18 Germany US -19 Canada -21 Hong Kong -21 UK -23 Asia Pacific **-**23 Australia -29 Europe -31 -35 France -30 -25 -20 -15 -10 **-**5 0

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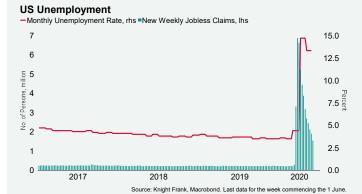
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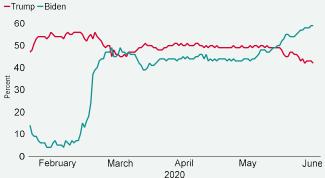
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US indicators



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



Based on Predictit, the online political futures market in which users purchase shares and bet on the outcome of political and financial events.

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UK

EU

Germany

France

Spain

Japan

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% salary ≤£2,500 per month. Furlough scheme extended until October 2020 with employers sharing the cost from August. Taxable grant for self-employed <£50k trading profit, worth 80% of monthly profits up to £2.5k, paid as a lump sum.

\$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

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

payment.

€400bn: The stimulus announced on the 7 April to help businesses hurt by a national lockdown. Italy

€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 guarantees to ensure liquidity for SMEs (the government said it would provide businesses with "all the liquidity they need"), other government commitments and private money.

\$10bn: The aid package issued in early March for SMEs and self-employed workers. Additional economic stimulus measures are expected.

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

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	3.00%	4.50%	-150 bps
China	4.35%	4.35%	0 bps
India	4.00%	5.15%	-115 bps
Mexico	5.50%	7.25%	- 175 bps
Russia	5.50%	6.25%	- 75 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			
Australia	190 bn	11.3%	48.5%
Canada	340 bn	22.2%	293.3%
Euro Area	6.34 tn	7.8%	20.5%
France	1.49 tn	7.7%	20.5%
Germany	2.26 tn	6.2%	12.1%
Italy	1.27 tn	4.7%	16.6%
Sweden	134 bn	10.0%	37.8%
Japan	6.01 tn	3.3%	14.5%
United Kingdom	795 bn	0.2%	2.5%
United States	7.17 tn	4.8%	86.2%
Developing Economies			
Brazil	517 bn	7.6%	- 7.0%
China	5.15 tn	1.2%	-0.9%
India	349 bn	- 2.0%	33.7%
Mexico	218 bn	5.7%	6.4%
Russia	642 bn	- 6.1%	4.5%
Saudi Arabia	461 bn	- 5.1%	- 9.9%
South Korea	433 bn	3.8%	1.0%
Turkey	110 bn	10.4%	17.5%

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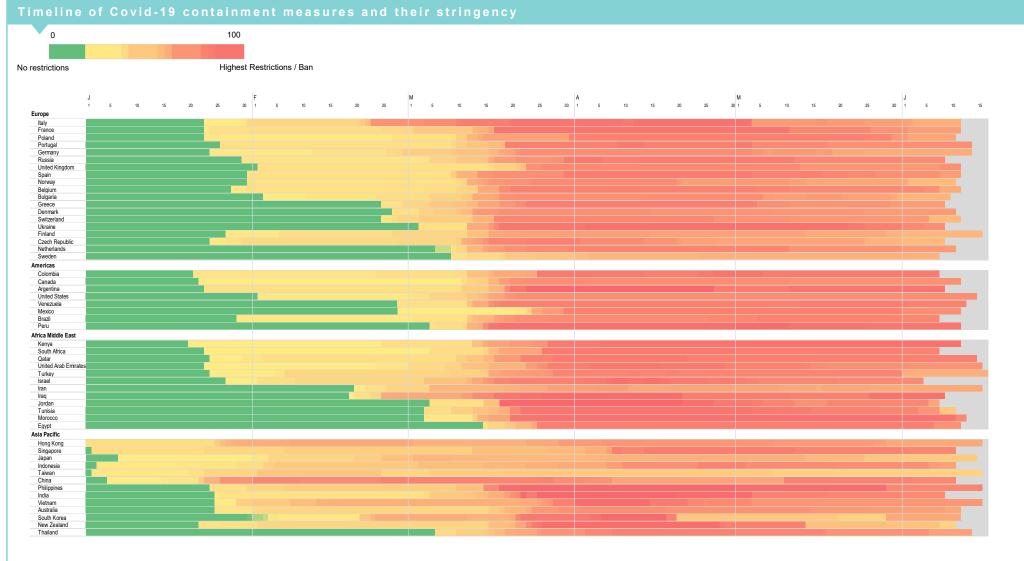
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This chart shows the change in severity of containment measures over time, up to the latest data. Green indicates a score of zero or no restrictions, while the darkest red indicates the highest restrictions or complete bans. Where grey, no new data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

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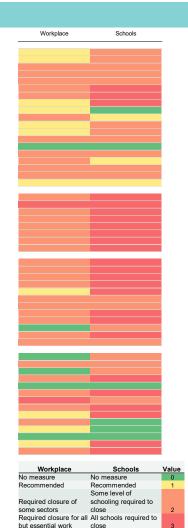
International Travel

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

	Confirmed Cases	Confirmed Deaths	Lockdown Index	
Europe				_
Italy	236,989	34,345	48	
France	157,220	29,407	60	
Poland	29,392	1,247	54	
Portugal	36,690	1,517	71	
Germany	186,461	8,791	50	
Russia	528,964	6,948	75	
United Kingdom	295,889	41,698	70	
Spain	243,928	27,136	61	
Norway	8,606	242	40	
Belgium	60,029	9,655	50	
Bulgaria	3,290	174	44	
Greece	3,121	183	62	
Denmark	12,193	597	63	
Switzerland	31,034	1,676	39	
Ukraine	31,154	889	73	
Finland	7,104	326	42	
Czech Republic	10,024	329	40	_
Netherlands	48,783	6,059	63	
Sweden Imericas	51,614	4,874	46	
Colombia	50,939	1,667	87	_
Canada	98,776	8,146	71	
Argentina	31,564	833	91	
United States	2,094,069	115,732	73	
Venezuela	2,978	25	81	_
Mexico	146,837	17,141	73	_
Brazil	867,624	43,332	77	
Peru	229,736	6,688	90	
Africa Middle East				_
Kenya	3,594	103	94	
South Africa	70,038	1,480	81	
Qatar	79,602	73	83	
United Arab Emirates	42,294	289	69	
Turkey	178,239	4,807	48	
Israel	19,121	302	75	
Iran	187,427	8,837	53	
Iraq	20,209	607	93	
Jordan	961	9	56	
Tunisia	1,096	49	30	
Morocco	8,734	212	77	
Egypt	44,598	1,575	71	
sia Pacific				_
Hong Kong	1,112	4	53	
Singapore	40,604	26	78	
Japan	17,502	925	28	
Indonesia	38,277	2,134	58	
Taiwan	443	7	22	
South Korea	12,121	277	57	
China	84,335	4,638	78	
Philippines	25,930	1.088	83	
India	332.424	9,520	75	
Vietnam	332,424	9,020	66	
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Australia	7,320	102	54	
New Zealand	1,154	22	22	
Thailand	3,135	58	57	_
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are not enforced. Countries including Iraq, Morocco and Kenya have some of the highest 'lockdown index' scores.

nost countries, public transport has the most relaxed restrictions. Taiwan, Norway and New Zealand are the only countries with no measures emented on public events. Meanwhile, across the world, there is some measure of restriction on international travel. However, Italy and Iran are the otions, where international travel is freely permitted with no measures implemented.

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