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### Summary

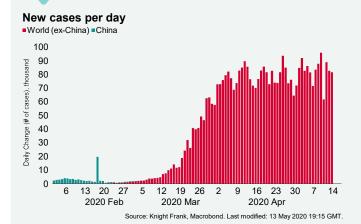
- Equities: Following a comment by the chair of the US Federal Reserve that the US may see an "extended period of low productivity growth and stagnant incomes", with any recovery taking "some time to gather momentum", global markets have seen declines. This has been led by Japan's Topix index, which is down -1.8%, followed by the FTSE 100 (-1.7%) and the FTSE 250 (-1.5%) as Rishi Sunak, Chancellor, suggested that it is "very likely" the UK is in a significant recession. Other declines include Hong Kong's Hang Seng (-1.4%), the STOXX 600 (-1.3%) and the DAX (-1.2%).
- **VIX**: The "investor fear gauge", the VIX volatility index increased +6.8% yesterday and is currently at 35.1. While lower than seen over the last couple of months, this is elevated compared to normal levels.
- Bonds: Following the above announcements, bond yields have been knocked slightly lower this morning. The UK 10-year government bond yield is currently 0.20%, German 10-year bund yield -0.55% and US 10-year treasury yield is 0.62%.
- Currency: Sterling has depreciated this morning to \$1.22, however the euro remains stable at \$1.08. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK are circa 0.18% per annum on a five-year basis. The currency hedging benefit of US dollar denominated investors into the Eurozone is 1.02% per annum on a fiveyear basis.
- **Baltic Dry:** The Baltic Dry index declined for the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive session, falling a further -8.1% to \$398. This has again been led by a significant drop in capesize, the largest dry cargo ships, rates, which are now trading at their lowest level in four years. The continued contraction in the Baltic Dry is indicative of the subdued demand for raw materials and subsequently manufacturing.
- Insurance: COVID-19 could cost the insurance industry over \$200 billion, of which half is likely to relate to claims such as trade credit, events cancellation (e.g Tokyo Olympics) and business interruption, for example claims on property insurance, according to Lloyds of London. Claims alone are likely to be on a par with the notable hurricane years of 2005 and 2017. A key difference, is that this time claims exposure is global.

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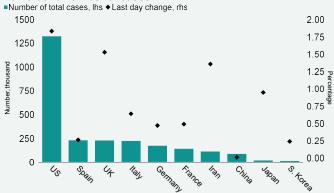
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### COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 4170k on the 13 May, an increase of 82k new cases over the day prior.

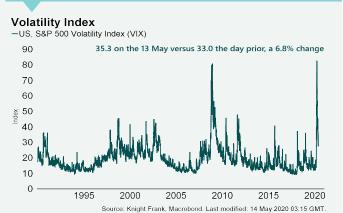
## Cumulative number of cases



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 13 May 2020 00:00 GMT

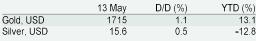
The chart presents the number of cumulative cases (left axis) and the percentage change of new cases against the day before (right axis).

### Investor sentiment



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.





## 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.

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Last modified: 14 May 2020 02:30 GMT.

### Baltic Dry Index (BDI)





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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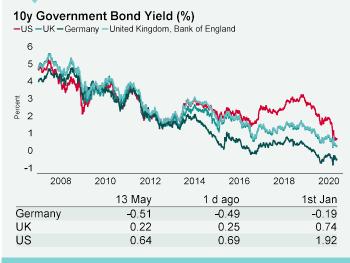
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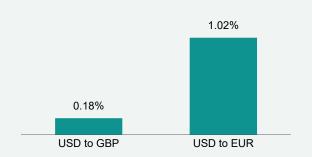


### Bonds and currencies



### **FX Spot Rates** -EUR per GBP -USD per GBP \$1.23 on the 13 May versus \$1.24 the day prior, a -0.3% change 2.2 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.2 1.0 2008 2010 2012 2014 2016 2018 2020 13 May 1 d ago 1st Jan EUR per GBP 1.18 1.13 1.14 USD per GBP 1.23 1.32 1.24

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



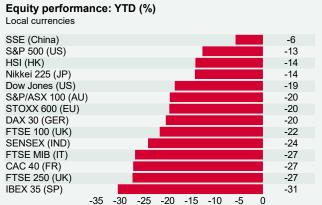
Source: Knight Frank, Investing.com

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

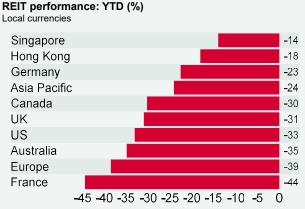


The chart presents the performance of selected equity indexes since the months prior the global financial crisis (2007).

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 13 May 2020 19:05 GMT.



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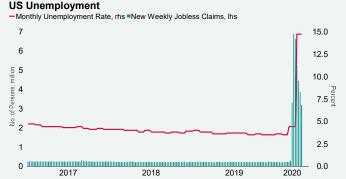
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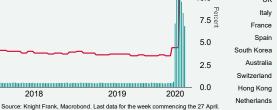
### US indicator

## Fiscal policy



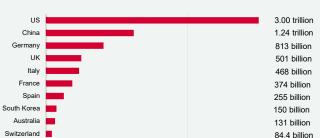
The chart presents the number of Americans that each week file for

unemployment benefits (left axis) and the overall monthly unemployment



Sweden

Canada



Fiscal measures by selected governments (YTD total, \$)

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond.

37.9 billion

11.1 billion

8.14 billion

697 million

## Fiscal measures details

UK

USA

ΕU

£330bn+: Government backed loans and guarantees equivalent to 15% of UK GDP. SMEs will be granted access to cash grants of more than £25k to tackle the

Support for furloughed employees of 80% salary ≤£2,500 per month. Furlough has been extended until October 2020, with employers to start sharing the cost

Taxable grant for self-employed <£50k trading profit, worth 80% of monthly profits up to £2.5k, paid as a lump sum in June.

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

€500bn: The EU member states passed this stimulus package, which includes €240bn to the European Stability Mechanism, as well as €200bn in quarantees from the European Investment Bank.

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

€25bn: Emergency package to support businesses

€750bn: The emergency aid measure approved by the Germany German Cabinet on Monday 23rd of March.

rate (right axis)

### 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	<b>-</b> 0.10%	-0.10%	0 bps
United Kingdom	0.10%	0.75%	-65 bps
United States	0.25%	1.75%	-150 bps
<b>Developing Economies</b>			
Brazil	3.00%	4.50%	-150 bps
China	4.35%	4.35%	0 bps
India	4.40%	5.15%	<b>-</b> 75 bps
Mexico	6.00%	7.25%	-125 bps
Russia	5.50%	6.25%	-75 bps
Saudi Arabia	1.00%	2.25%	-125 bps
South Korea	0.75%	1.25%	-50 bps
Turkey	8.75%	12.00%	-325 bps

### Central Bank Assets Purchasing Programme

	Lastest (\$)	MoM (%)	YoY (%)	Italy	
Advanced Economies					
Australia	171 bn	-1.5%	43.5%		
Canada	138 bn	49.6%	62.1%		
Euro Area	5.91 tn	3.5%	12.6%		
France	1.39 tn	11.7%	11.6%	<b>-</b>	
Germany	2.13 tn	3.2%	6.8%	France	
Italy	1.22 tn	3.0%	11.2%		
Sweden	122 bn	8.8%	25.3%		
Japan	5.82 tn	3.5%	13.2%		
United Kingdom	795 bn	0.2%	2.5%		
United States	6.72 tn	11.9%	72.7%		
Developing Economies				Spain	
Brazil	483 bn	-0.9%	<b>-</b> 12.8%		
China	5.09 tn	<b>-</b> 1.2%	-1.7%		
India	351 bn	8.6%	33.2%		
Mexico	206 bn	3.2%	4.5%		
Russia	684 bn	<b>-</b> 0.6%	12.9%	Japan	
Saudi Arabia	485 bn	<b>-</b> 3.8%	-3.8%		
South Korea	417 bn	0.7%	-5.4%		
Turkey	100 bn	-0.2%	10.0%	Hong Kong	

€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.

and families.

€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).

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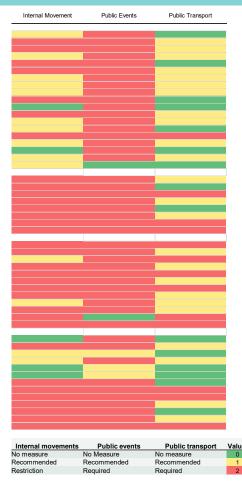
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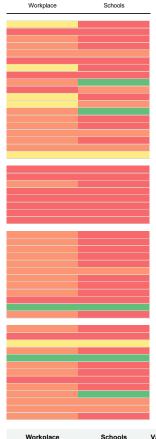
International Travel

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Europe				_
Italy	221,216	30,911	69	
France	140,227	26,991	93	
Poland	16,921	839	88	
Portugal	27,913	1,163	81	
Germany	171,306	7,634	68	
Russia	232,243	2,116	93	
United Kingdom	226,463	32,692	70	
Spain	228,030	26,920	83	
Norway	8,135	228	63	
Belgium	53,779	8,761	84	
Bulgaria	2,023	95	64	
Greece	2,744	152	74	
Denmark	10,591	527	71	
Switzerland	30,297	1,560	63	
Ukraine Finland	16,023	425 275	92	
Czech Republic	6,003 8 221	283	63 62	
Netherlands	42,984	5,510	77	
Sweden	27,272	3,313	47	
Americas	21,212	3,313	47	
Colombia	12,272	493	82	
Canada	71,157	5,169	77	
Argentina	6,550	319	92	
United States	1,369,964	82,387	72	
Venezuela	423	10	84	
Mexico	38,324	3,926	76	
Brazil	177,589	12,400	75	
Peru	72,059	2,057	97	
Africa Middle East				
Kenya	715	36	94	
South Africa	11,350	206	86	
Qatar	25,149	14	91	
United Arab Emirates	19,661	203	91	
Turkey	141,475	3,894	80	
Israel	16,529	260	83	
Iran	110,767	6,733	62	
Iraq	2,913	112	88	
Jordan	576	9	84	
Tunisia	1,032	45	91	
Morocco	6,418	188	93	
Egypt	10,093	544	89	
Asia Pacific	4.050			
Hong Kong	1,050	4	57	
Singapore	24,671	21	88	
Japan	16,024	668	51	
Indonesia	14,749	1,007 7	71 29	
Taiwan South Korea	440 10,962	259	46	
China	84,018	4,637	64	
Philippines	11,350	751	83	
India	74,281	2,415	79	
Vietnam	288	2,310	69	
Australia	6,964	97	68	
New Zealand	1,147	21	88	
Thailand	3,017	56	84	
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Internal movements	Public events	Public transport	Value
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Recommended	Recommended	Recommended	1
Restriction	Required	Required	2



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



nost countries, Public Transport has the most relaxed restrictions. However, with the exception of Japan, Taiwan and Germany, all public events have required to cease. Meanwhile, across the world, there is some measure of restriction on international travel. However, the UK and Iran are the exceptions, where international travel is freely permitted with no measures implemented.

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enforced. Countries including Kenya, Russia and Peru have some of the highest

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