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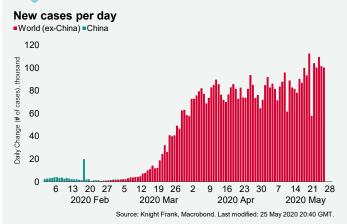
- **UK Transport:** The Secretary of State for Transport announced additional funding for roads and the reversal of some of the Beeching rail cuts. Public transport under social distancing will be circa 1/5 of previous capacity. Grant Shapps announced initiatives for edge-of town parking with journeys being completed by walking, cycling or e-scooter (currently illegal on public land in the UK).
- Lockdown: 11 European countries have agreed a coordinated approach to re-opening Schengen, including Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain. Spain will no longer require 2-week quarantine for arrivals from 1st July. Conversely, the UK will introduce 14-day quarantine for most arrivals from 8th June to be reviewed every three weeks. The UK Prime Minister has announced outdoor retail and car showrooms will be able to open from 1st June and gave notice for other non-essential retail, which can implement suitable social distancing measures, should be able to open from 15th June.
- **Equities:** Global equities are up this morning, based on the above continued easing. Japan's Hang Seng index added 1.9% following the end of the country's state of emergency. Other increases were seen with the FTSE 100 (+1.8%), STOXX 600 (+1.1%) and Frankfurt's DAX (+0.8%). The DJIA and S&P 500 are up +1.1% and +0.9%, respectively.
- **Oil:** The West Texas Intermediate (WTI) is up +2.50% this morning at \$34.08 a barrel, while Brent Crude is up +1.8% to \$36.16 a barrel. On the supply-side, the latest Baker Hughes rig count found there are 318 active oil rigs in the US as at 22nd May 2020, compared to 983 one year ago. Internationally, the number of active oil rigs in April stood at 915, a decline of -147 rigs compared to April 2019.
- Non Performing Loans (NPL): The European Banking Authority has undertaken a sensitivity assessment, suggesting most European banks should be able to absolve losses arising from the pandemic, assuming bad loans increased by between €169 billion €291 billion. For context, NPLs for the largest European banks halved over the last six years to €506 billion (3.2% of loan book). Some Greek, Portuguese and Italian banks do have NPLs >6.0%. ECB capital relief equates to circa \$162 billion, according to the FT, to help offset the effects of an anticipated rise in bad debts, which could impede lending capability.

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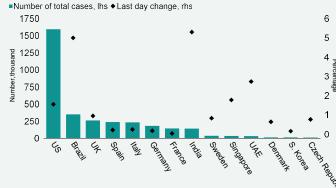
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COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 5305k on the 25 May, an increase of 100k new cases over the day prior.

Cumulative number of cases



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Last modified: 25 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.



25 May D/D (%) YTD (%) Gold, USD 1727 0.1 13.9 Silver, USD 16.9 -1.2 -5.3

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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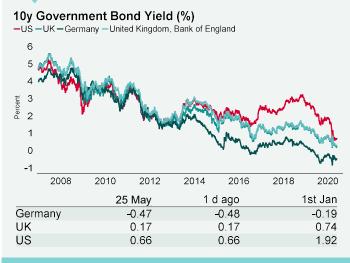
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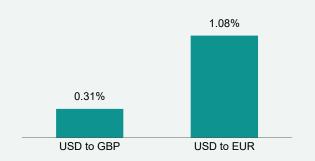


Bonds and currencies



FX Spot Rates -EUR per GBP -USD per GBP \$1.22 on the 25 May versus \$1.23 the day prior, a -0.6% change 2.2 2.0 1.8 1.6 1.4 1.2 1.0 2008 2012 2010 2014 2016 2018 2020 25 May 1 d ago 1st Jan EUR per GBP 1.12 1.18 1.12 USD per GBP 1.22 1.32 1.23

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

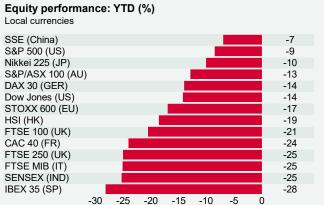


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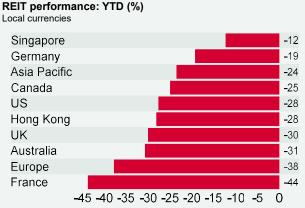
Approximate additional return per annum that dollar denominated investors may obtain based on five year currency hedge.



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



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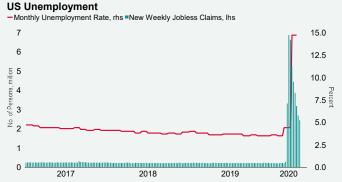
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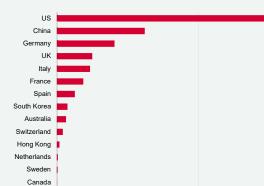


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US indicator

Fiscal policy





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

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond.

3.00 trillion

1.24 trillion 813 billion

501 billion

468 billion

374 billion

255 billion

150 billion

131 billion

84.4 billion

37.9 billion

11.1 billion

8.14 billion

697 million

Fiscal measures details

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

£330bn+: Government backed loans and guarantees

\$3.0tn: 2nd package passed 23rd 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 guarantees from the European Investment Bank.

€750bn: The emergency aid measure approved by the Germany

France

Spain

UK

USA

ΕU

German Cabinet on Monday 23rd of March.

€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.

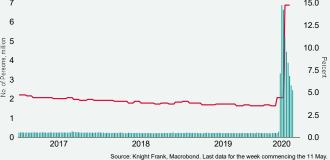
€45bn: The aid package for SMEs and other hard-hit sectors announced by the French government on 17th of March. Includes deferred corporate tax, social security charges and two months state payments to laid off workers.

€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 Japan and self-employed workers. Additional economic stimulus measures are expected.

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



The chart presents the number of Americans that each week file for unemployment benefits (left axis) and the overall monthly unemployment 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	-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	0.75%	1.25%	-50 bps
Turkey	8.25%	12.00%	-375 bps

Central Bank Assets Purchasing Programme

	Lastest (\$)	MoM (%)	YoY (%)
Advanced Economies			
Australia	175 bn	5.1%	43.4%
Canada	278 bn	103.7%	223.1%
Euro Area	5.96 tn	3.7%	13.5%
France	1.39 tn	11.7%	11.6%
Germany	2.16 tn	2.5%	8.3%
Italy	1.22 tn	3.0%	11.2%
Sweden	123 bn	6.4%	28.7%
Japan	5.88 tn	3.2%	14.7%
United Kingdom	795 bn	0.2%	2.5%
United States	7.04 tn	8.0%	82.2%
Developing Economies			
Brazil	480 bn	- 0.6%	-14.3%
China	5.09 tn	-1.2%	-1.7%
India	351 bn	8.6%	33.2%
Mexico	206 bn	3.2%	4.5%
Russia	684 bn	- 0.6%	12.9%
Saudi Arabia	485 bn	- 3.8%	-3.8%
South Korea	417 bn	0.7%	-5.4%
Turkey	109 bn	10.8%	19.7%

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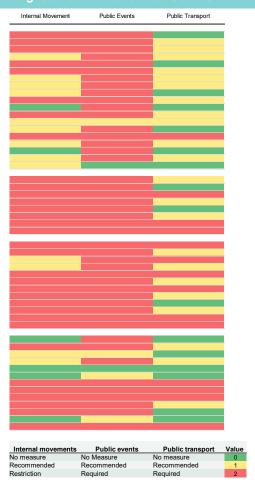
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International Travel

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urope Italy	229.858	32,785		
France	144,921	28,367		
Poland	21,326	996		
Portugal	30,623	1,316		
Germany	178,570	8,257		
Russia	344,481	3,541		
United Kingdom	259,559	36,793		
Spain	235,772	28,752		
Norway	8,309	235		
Belgium	57,092	9,280		
Bulgaria	2,433	130		
Greece	2,878	171		
Denmark	11,360	562		
Switzerland	30,653	1,641		
Ukraine	20,986	617		
Finland	6,579	307		
Czech Republic	8,957	315		
Netherlands	45,236	5,822		
Sweden	33,459	3,998		
mericas	22,100	3,000		
Colombia	21,175	727		
Canada	84,688	6,424		
Argentina	12,063	452		
United States	1,643,238	97,720		
Venezuela	1,121	10		
Mexico	68,620	7,394		
Brazil	363,211	22,666		
Peru	119,959	3,456		
frica Middle East				
Kenya	1,214	51		
South Africa	22,583	429		
Qatar	43,714	23		
United Arab Emirates	29,485	245		
Turkey	156,827	4,340		
Israel	16,720	280		
Iran	135,701	7,417		
Iraq	4,469	160		
Jordan	708	9		
Tunisia	1,051	48		
Morocco	7,433	199		
Egypt	17,265	764		
sia Pacific				
Hong Kong	1,065	4		
Singapore	31,616	23		
Japan	16,581	830		
Indonesia	22,271	1,372		
Taiwan	441	7		
South Korea	11,206	267		
China	84,095	4,638		
Philippines	14,035	868		
India	138,845	4,021		
Vietnam	325			
Australia	7,109	102		
New Zealand	1,154	21		
Thailand	3,042	57		
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indicating the restrictions in place are generally recommendations and are not enforced. Countries including Peru, the Philippines and Kenya have some of the highest 'lockdown index' scores.

For most countries, public transport has the most relaxed restrictions. Sweden and Taiwan are the only countries where there are no measures implemented on public events. Meanwhile, across the world, there is some measure of restriction on international travel. However, the UK, Jordan and Iran are the exceptions, where international travel is freely permitted with no measures implemented.

Recommended

Required closure of some sectors Required closure fo but essential work

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