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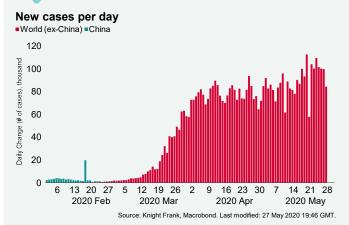
- **Lockdown:** Across Europe, lockdown measures continue to cautiously ease. However, in South Korea, Seoul and the surrounding metropolitan areas, are to face two weeks of strengthened guarantine measures, following a spike in COVID-19 cases. 82 infections have been traced back to a Coupang warehouse. The SoftBank backed Coupang is South Korea's largest ecommerce operator.
- **Equities:** Global equities have continued to rise this morning. Increases were led by the FTSE 250 and Europe's STOXX 600, which both added +1.0%, followed by Frankfurt's DAX (+0.9%) and the FTSE 100 (+0.7%). DJIA and S&P 500 futures are also up +0.6% and +0.3%, respectively. However, Hong Kong's Hang Seng index bucked the trend, moderating by -0.8%.
- VIX: The "investor fear gauge" has remained under 30 for the third consecutive day, albeit is currently up 0.9% this morning at 29.3. This remains elevated, indicating further expectations of near-term volatility.
- Baltic Dry: Yesterday saw the Baltic Dry Index decline for the first time in nine sessions, moderating by -0.8% to 502, however the index is still above 500. Nevertheless, there remains some way to go to recover back to 757 seen on 20th April before an 18 session rout or to 1,090 seen at the end of last year.
- **Bonds:** The UK 10-year government bond yield is currently 0.20%, while the US 10-year treasury yield is 0.68%. The German 10-year bund yield is -0.42%, while the yield gap with Italian 10-year bond is at its lowest since 9th April, at 191bps.
- **Currency:** Sterling and the euro remain at \$1.23 and \$1.10, respectively. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK have increased slightly to circa 0.28% per annum on a five-year basis. The currency hedging benefit of US dollar denominated investors into the Eurozone is 1.04% per annum on a fiveyear basis.
- Oil: Oil prices have fallen further this morning, however they remain above \$30 a barrel. The West Texas Intermediate (WTI) declined by -1.0% to \$32.48 a barrel, while Brent Crude was down -2.6% to \$33.84 a barrel.

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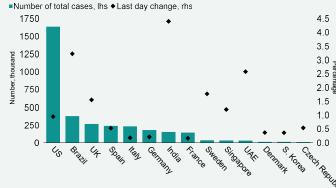
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COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 5489k on the 27 May, an increase of 84k new cases over the day prior.

Cumulative number of cases

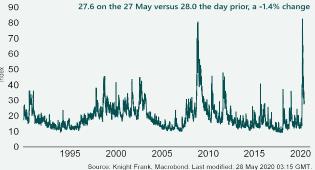


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The chart presents the number of cumulative cases (left axis) and the percentage change of new cases against the day before (right axis).

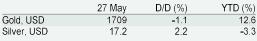
Investor sentiment





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.

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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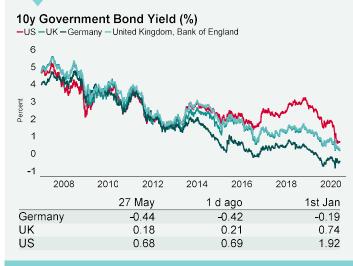
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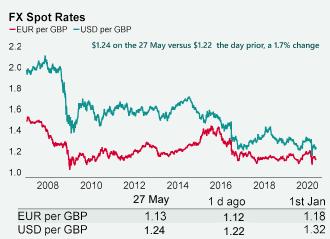
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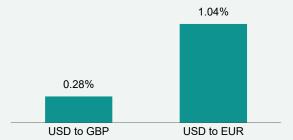
Bonds and currencies





1.04%

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



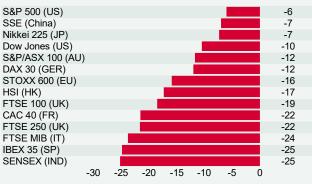
Source: Knight Frank, Investing.com

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).

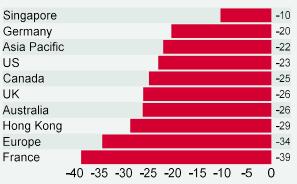
Equity performance: YTD (%) Local currencies



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

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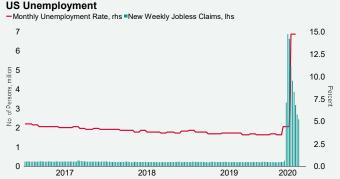
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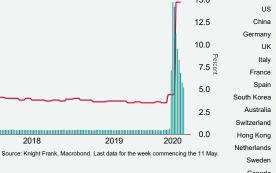


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US indicator

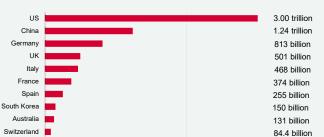
Fiscal policy





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

France

Spain

Japan

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 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 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	0.50%	1.25%	-75 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	6.08 tn	5.1%	15.9%
France	1.39 tn	11.7%	11.6%
Germany	2.17 tn	4.8%	9.1%
Italy	1.22 tn	3.0%	11.2%
Sweden	127 bn	8.9%	32.7%
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	10.5%	18.3%

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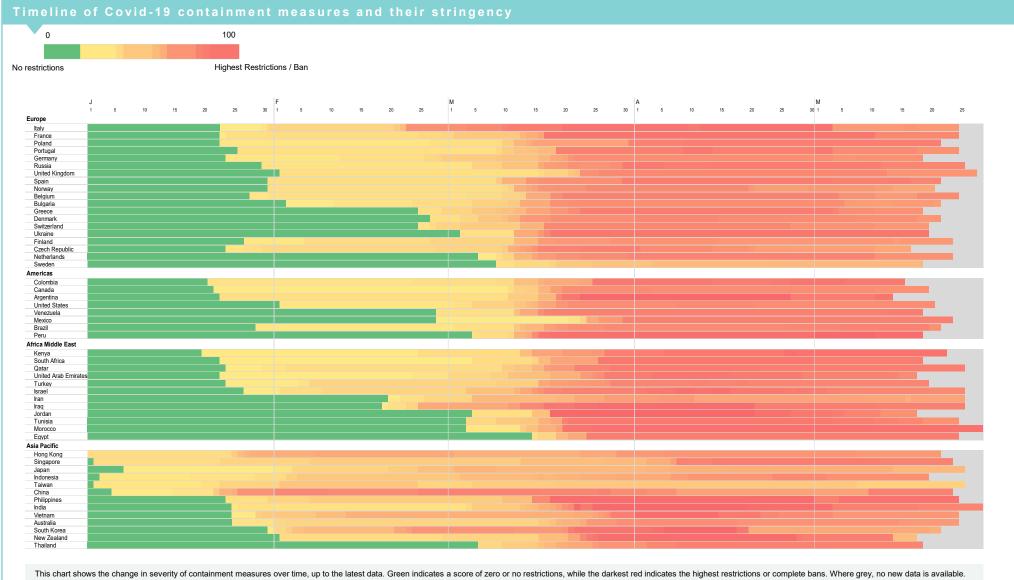
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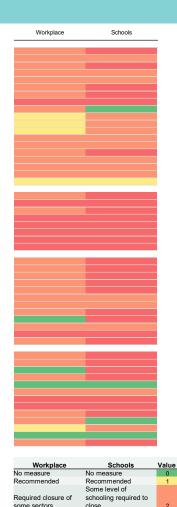
International Travel

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

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urope	200 555	00.055		
Italy	230,555	32,955		
France	145,555	28,530		
Poland	22,074	1,024		
Portugal	31,007	1,342		
Germany	179,364	8,349		
Russia	362,342	3,807		
United Kingdom	265,227	37,048		
Spain	236,259	27,117		
Norway	8,364	235		
Belgium	57,455	9,334		
Bulgaria	2,460	133		
Greece	2,892	173		
Denmark	11,428	563		
Switzerland	30,678	1,647		
Ukraine	21,584	644		
Finland	6,628	312		
Czech Republic	9,050	317		
Netherlands	45,578	5,856		
Sweden	34,440	4,125		
mericas				
Colombia	23,003	776		
Canada	86,636	6,639		
Argentina	13,215	484		
United States	1,681,212	98,916		
Venezuela	1,211	11		
Mexico	74,560	8,134		
Brazil	391,222	24,512		
Peru	129,751	3,788		
frica Middle East				
Kenya	1,348	52		
South Africa	24,264	524		
Qatar	47,207	28		
United Arab Emirates	31,086	253		
Turkey	158,762	4,397		
Israel	16,757	281		
Iran	139,511	7,508		
Iraq	4,848	169		
Jordan	718	9		
Tunisia	1,051	48		
Morocco	7,577	202		
Egypt	18,756	797		
sia Pacific				
Hong Kong	1,066	4		
Singapore	32,343	23		
Japan	16,651	858		
Indonesia	23,165	1,418		
Taiwan	441	7		
South Korea	11,265	269		
China	84,103	4,638		
Philippines	14,669	886		
India	151,767	4,337		
Vietnam	327			
Australia	7,133	102		
New Zealand	1,154	21		
Thailand	3,045	57		
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International travel	١

No measure

high risk regions

Quarantine arrivals from

Ban on high risk regions

Screening

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.

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