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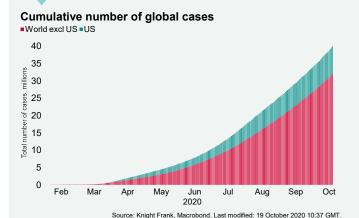
# Summary

- Lockdown: Wales will enter into a two week 'firebreak' national lockdown from Friday, with schools, shops, pubs and hotels to close. A district in Bavaria, Berchtesgadener Land, is the first area in Germany to impose a lockdown since the spring, with citizen's travel limited to shopping and going to work. In Spain's Navarre region, movement in and out of the area will be restricted for two weeks on Thursday, with bars and restaurants also closing. Ireland's level 5 restrictions come into force from midnight tomorrow, with citizens asked to stay at home.
- **Equities**: In Europe, stocks are mostly higher this morning, with gains recorded by the CAC 40 (+0.6%), FTSE 250 (+0.4%) and the STOXX 600 (+0.1%), however the DAX is -0.2% lower. In Asia stocks were mixed, with the CSI 300 (+0.8%) and the Kospi (+0.5%) both higher on close, the Hang Seng closed flat and both the Topix and the S&P / ASX 200 were -0.7% lower on close. In the US, futures for the S&P 500 are up +0.5%.
- VIX: After increasing +6.5% yesterday, the CBOE market volatility index has declined -2.6% over the morning to 28.4. Meanwhile, the Euro Stoxx 50 volatility index is flat at 26.6. Both indices are elevated compared to their long term averages of 19.9 and 23.9.
- Bonds: The UK 10-year gilt yield and the German 10-year bund yield have both softened +1bp to 0.18% and -0.62%, while the US 10-year treasury yield remains flat at 0.77%.
- Currency: The euro has appreciated to \$1.18, while sterling is currently \$1.30. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK and the eurozone are at 0.42% and 1.24% per annum on a five-year basis.
- Oil: Brent Crude and the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) are down -0.9% and -0.2% over the morning to \$42.24 and \$40.77.
- **Baltic Dry:** The Baltic Dry decreased for the ninth consecutive session yesterday, declining -4.6% to 1,409. The index is now -28% lower than the peak seen in July, due to a -33% cumulative decline over the last ten sessions. The decline has been predominantly driven by the capsize index which has also contracted over the last nine sessions, down -7.8% yesterday.

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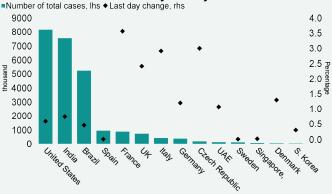
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# COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 39.9 million on the 19 October, an increase of 338k new cases over the day prior

# Cumulative number of cases by country



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. The chart presents the number of cumulative cases (left axis) and the

# Volatility Index

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10 2008



2010 2020 2012 2014 2016 2018 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Last modified: 20 October 2020 03:15 GMT

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.

# Gold and non-ferrous metals price, USD



19 Oct D/D (%) YTD (%) Gold, USD 1903 -0.2 25.5 6.5 Non-Ferrous Metals, USD 118 1.2

# Brent Crude and West Texas Intermediate oil price

percentage change of new cases against the day before (right axis).

-Brent Crude -West Texas Intermediate (WTI)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Last modified: 19 October 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)

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



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 19 October 2020 13:00 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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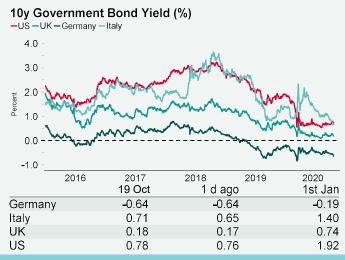
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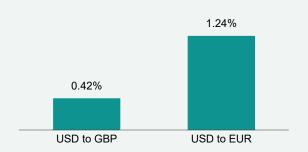
# Bonds and currencies



## **FX Spot Rates** -EUR per GBP -USD per GBP \$1.29 on the 19 October versus \$1.29 the day prior, a 0.2% change 1.50 1.45 1.40 1.35 1.30 1.25 1.20 1.15 1.10 1.05 2016 2017 2018 2020 2019

	19 Oct	1 d ago	1st Jan
EUR per GBP	1.10	1.10	1.18
USD per GBP	1.29	1.29	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.

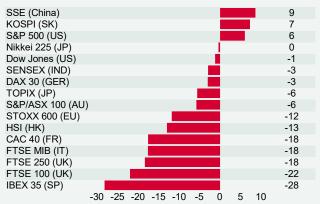




The chart presents the performance of selected equity indexes since the months prior the global financial crisis (2007).

# Equity performance: YTD (%)

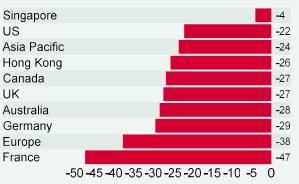
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Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

# **REIT performance: YTD (%)**

Local currencies



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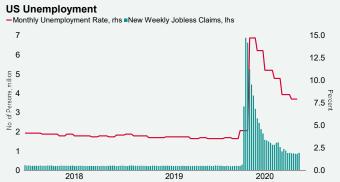
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# **US** indicators

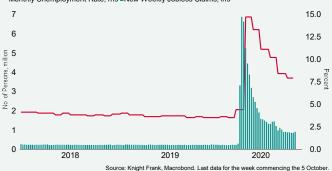


The chart presents the number of Americans that each week file for unemployment benefits (left axis) and the overall monthly unemployment rate (right axis)

# 2020 Presidential Winner (probability of winning, %)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 20 October 2020 07:00 GMT 20 Oct 1 week ago 1 month ago 40% 39% 46% Trump Biden 64% 65% 57%



# Central Banks Policy Rates

			V/TD 01
	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
<b>Developing Economies</b>			
Brazil	2.00%	4.50%	-250 bps
China	4.35%	4.35%	0 bps
India	4.00%	5.15%	-115 bps
Mexico	4.25%	7.25%	-300 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	10.25%	12.00%	-175 bps

# Central Bank Assets Purchasing Programme

	Lastest (\$)	MoM (%)	YoY (%)	
Advanced Economies				Italy
Australia	215 bn	-1.1%	82.0%	
Canada	398 bn	-3.7%	351.6%	
Euro Area	7.93 tn	3.6%	53.9%	
France	1.86 tn	-0.2%	48.9%	
Germany	2.81 tn	3.3%	44.8%	France
Italy	1.53 tn	1.4%	36.7%	
Sweden	151 bn	3.0%	54.6%	
Japan	6.51 tn	1.0%	22.8%	
United Kingdom	776 bn	-0.2%	<b>-</b> 2.3%	
United States	7.15 tn	1.5%	80.5%	
<b>Developing Economies</b>				Spain
Brazil	513 bn	1.8%	2.7%	
China	5.5 tn	3.9%	8.3%	
India	366 bn	-3.0%	33.9%	
Mexico	216 bn	<b>-</b> 2.0%	6.2%	Japan
Russia	677 bn	<b>-</b> 1.0%	5.0%	
Saudi Arabia	490 bn	1.4%	<b>-</b> 5.4%	
South Korea	453 bn	2.3%	9.6%	Hong
Turkey	100 bn	0.7%	<b>-</b> 8.5%	Kong

UK

USA

ΕU

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

€1.35tn: This includes €240bn to the European Stability Mechanism, and €200bn in EIB guarantees. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. In June an additional €130bn fiscal stimulus Germany 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

€100bn: : The stimulus announced on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September €45bn: The aid package for SMEs and other hard-hit sectors announced by the French government on 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

\$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.

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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 highest 'lockdown index' scores.

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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