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#### **NEED TO KNOW**

#### 01 June 2021

+2.0%

Eurozone annual inflation rate in May 2021

Eurozone inflation increased +2.0% in May, the third consecutive annual acceleration this year. Spanish, German and Italian CPI was up +2.7%, +2.5% and +1.3%. Inflation in the UK stood at +1.5% in April, with the BoE forecasting a rise to +2.5% by the end of the year, before a return towards the 2% target in 2022.

\$70.9

Brent Crude's highest price since March 2021

Ahead of the OPEC+ meeting later today, oil prices rose to their highest level since May 2019, with Brent crude reaching \$70.9 per barrel over the morning. The oil surplus accumulated during the pandemic has been rapidly absorbed and further market tightening is expected in the second half of the year, according to the OPEC+ committee.

+7.2%

Forecast UK GDP growth in 2021

According to the OECD's latest forecast, the UK is expected to enjoy the fourth largest GDP growth in 2021 globally, after China, India and Colombia. UK GDP for 2021 is forecast to grow +7.2% in 2021, compared to +6.9% for the US, +4.3% for Europe and +5.8% globally.

# European stocks climb to twelve year high but remain -14% below pre-financial crisis peak



#### **WEEK AHEAD**

### Unemployment

Unemployment figures for multiple countries will be released this week. Today, unemployment rates for Germany, Italy and the Eurozone are due to be published, while Canadian and US unemployment for May is expected on Friday. US unemployment rose from 6.0% in March to 6.1% in April and was above expectations of 5.8%.

### **Services PMI**

May's finalised PMIs for the services sector are set to be released on Thursday for France, Italy, Germany, the Eurocone, the UK and the US. This will likely provide an insight into the recovery of these economies, as multiple countries, including the UK, started to ease lockdown measures last month.

### **Oil Rigs**

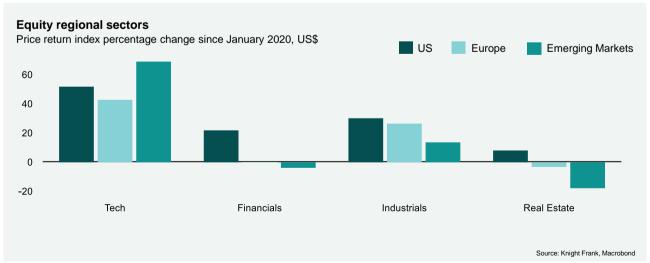
The latest Baker Hughes Oil rig count will be released on Friday, documenting the number of active oil rigs in the US and internationally, providing a gauge on inflation pressures as well as an insight into the health of oil industry. There were 457 active oil rigs as at 28th May 2021, compared to 301 last year. Rest of the World's active oil rigs number stood at 757, compared to 936 a month ago.



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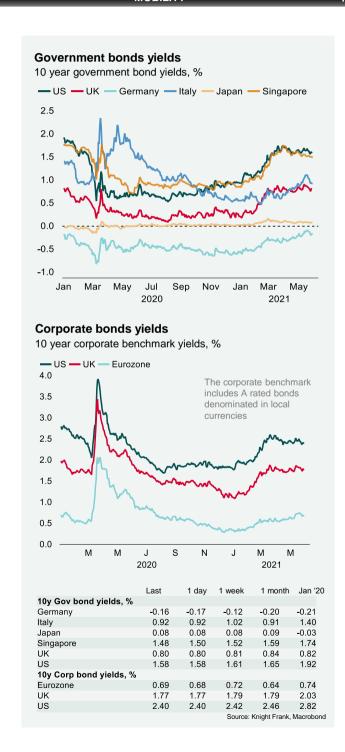


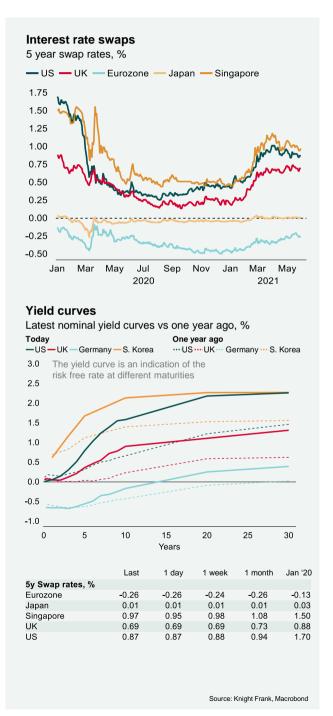






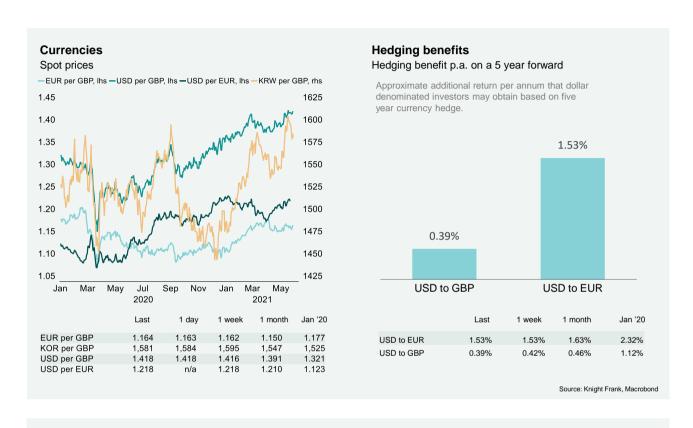
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#### Monetary policy

#### Central Banks' policy rates

	Last	Value at Jan '21	Value at Jan '20
Australia	0.10%	0.10%	0.75%
Canada	0.25%	0.25%	1.75%
China	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%
Euro Area	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
France	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Germany	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
India	4.00%	4.00%	5.15%
Italy	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Japan	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.10%
Saudi Arabia	1.00%	1.00%	2.25%
South Korea	0.50%	0.50%	1.25%
Spain	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Sweden	0.00%	0.00%	-0.25%
UK	0.10%	0.10%	0.75%
US	0.25%	0.25%	1.75%
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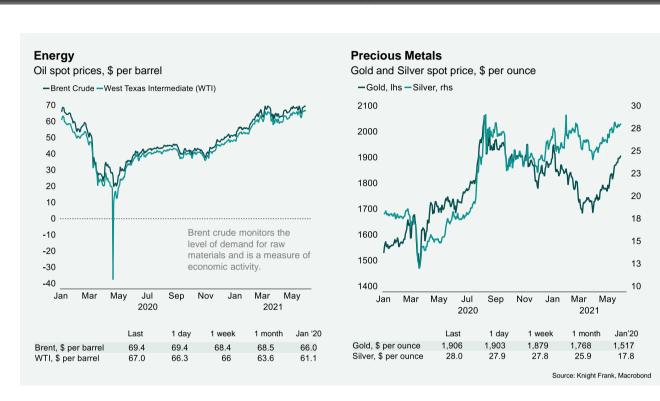
#### Central Banks' asset purchasing programme

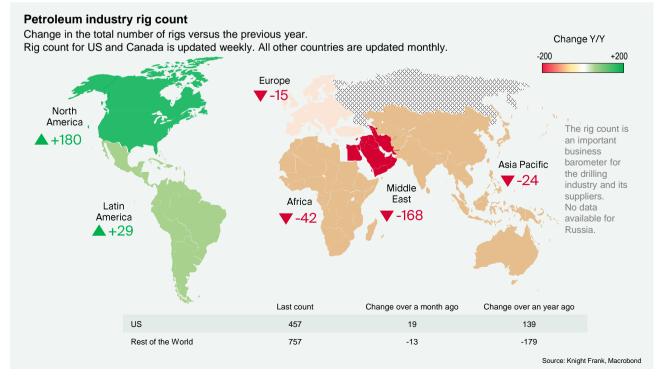
	Lastest (\$)	MoM change	YoY change
Australia	349 bn	8.3%	94.0%
Canada	385 bn	-12.2%	38.2%
China	5.9 tn	0.9%	15.9%
Euro Area	9.34 tn	3.0%	54.1%
France	2.18 tn	3.2%	46.2%
Germany	3.19 tn	4.5%	47.8%
India	398 bn	2.3%	-38.0%
Italy	1.76 tn	3.1%	45.1%
Japan	6.62 tn	0.1%	12.7%
Saudi Arabia	489 bn	-1.1%	5.9%
South Korea	493 bn	1.3%	18.3%
Spain	487 bn	3.7%	47.4%
Sweden	160 bn	2.8%	26.4%
UK	1.17 tn	3.8%	67.2%
US	7.9 tn	1.4%	11.5%

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



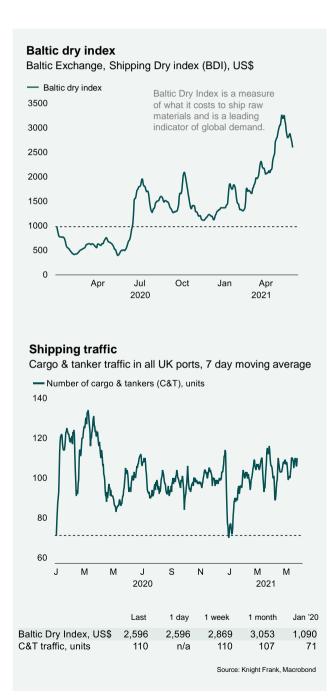
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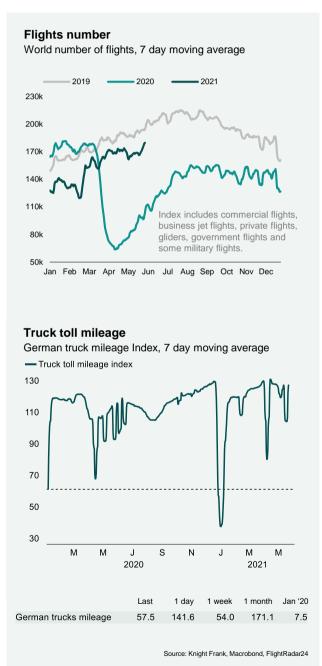






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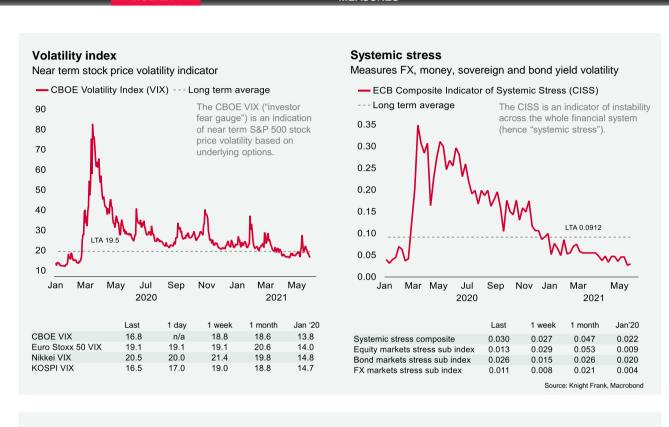
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#### **UK REITs by sector** US REITs by sector UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, GBP£ US NAREIT gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ — All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail — All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail Healthcare — Residential — S&P500 Healthcare — Residential — FTSE 250 140 130 110 120 90 100 70 80 50 60 30 40 10 Jul Sep May Jan Mar May Nov Jan Mar Mar May Jul Sep Mar Jan Nov Jan 2021 2020 2021 Index, gross total return Index, gross total return Percentage change since Percentage change since Jan '20 Original value and base Last 1 day 1 week 1 month Original value and base Last 1 day 1 week 1 month Jan'20 All REITs 961 0.9 2.1 -6.0 All REITs 0.4 22,038 1.9 2.0 9.3 Office 2,567 1.3 -13.4 Office 0.9 2.104 2.4 2.1 -6.1 3.9 Industrial 1,542 0.7 1.5 24.3 Industrial 2 883 32 2 0.7 0.7 0.7 Retail 2.1 9.0 0.6 -72.1 100 Retail 1.124 0.7 3.5 1.8 -1.6 Healthcare 2,328 0.6 1.3 1.0 2.7 Healthcare 4,083 0.7 1.3 -23 -1.6 Residential 1.481 0.9 2.3 0.0 -3.0 Residential 2,163 0.6 3.9 11.0 FTSE 250 18.156 S&P500 8,739 0.2 0.6 33.3 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobono



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#### Workplace mobility

Google Workplace Mobility Index change since March '20, %

Daily number of office visitors compared to each country's baseline (same day average over five week between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).

			Last	1 week	1 month
Nigeria			6	4	-6
Brazil			5	3	-4
South Korea			3	2	0
Australia			-9	-3	-6
South Africa			-9	-10	-22
Japan			-10	-13	-12
Mexico			-10	-12	<del>-</del> 21
Italy			-12	-14	-18
Turkey			-13	-16	-18
Russia			-16	-10	-11
France			-17	-21	-33
Netherlands			-18	-22	-31
Germany			-19	-19	-22
UK			-30	-29	-33
Canada			-31	-37	-37
US			-31	-27	-29
Singapore			-32	-33	<b>-</b> 9
India			<del>-</del> 45	-49	-42

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

#### **Public transport mobility**

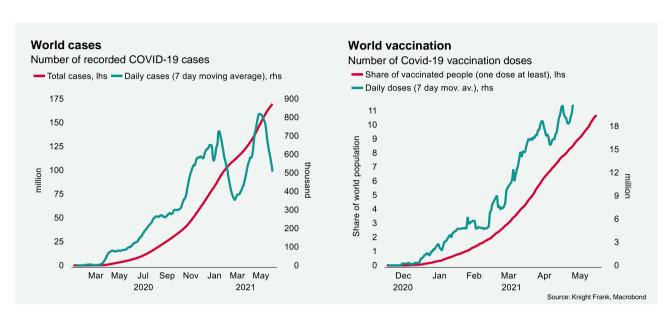
Citymapper Mobility Index change since March '20, %

Daily trips planned and taken compared to each city's baseline (4 weeks average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).





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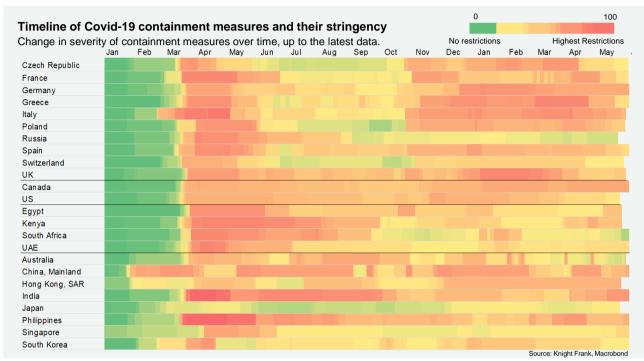
#### Cases and vaccinations breakdown by country Total cases New cases People vaccinated New doses 1 week ago 1 month ago Millions Population (%) Millions Last day Last 7days av. 30 12,509 Australia 0.0 15 3,718 15 45,080 Brazil 16.5 79,670 76,490 79,726 21 131,830 7,748 Canada 2.459 21,459 57 49.910 1.4 4,000 China 0.1 382 474 33 2,618,653 n/a 769 2,105 36 6,033 0.3 949 835 Denmark France 5.6 8.541 9.704 3.828 25,333 38 69,175 Germany 3.7 1,978 2,682 24,329 36,185 43 94,739 Greece 0.4 906 875 2.415 3.590 34 11 933 India 28.0 152,734 222,315 386,452 165,598 12 345,834 Ireland 0.3 345 469 1,734 35 5,075 Italy 4.2 2,948 3,993 14,314 23,178 38 70,960 Japan 0.7 2,813 4,590 5,794 9,117 7 72,763 Netherlands 1.6 2,785 3,429 7,287 6,322 37 7,633 Norway 0.1 470 1,631 30 4,965 470 38 11,300 Portugal 8.0 445 413 3,834 8,475 8,731 Russia 5.1 8,406 16,528 11 40,348 Saudi Arabia 0.4 907 1,067 1,026 n/a n/a 23,699 0.1 25 25 35 2,112 6.567 Singapore 36 South Africa 1.7 3,755 2,893 1,086 643 6,447 South Korea 430 40,980 0.1 538 661 5,404 11 2,564 9,220 Spain 3.7 17,707 38 44,313 UK 3,111 4.5 2,092 2,445 39,259 58 81,733 12,677 US 32.9 21,034 54,600 50 187,924 167,734 Change since Share of population **Total cases** People vaccinated Total (mn) 1 week ago 1 month ago Total (mn) Last 1 week ago 1 month ago World 170 2.1% 13.2% 720 10.7% 9.8% 7.7%



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

### **Leading Indicators**

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#### Covid-19 containment measures breakdown Confirmed Cases Confirmed Deaths Lockdown Index International Travel Internal Movement Public Events Public Transport Workplace Schools Czech Republic 1,661,272 30,108 108,700 France 5.609.558 3,689,921 88,601 Germany Greece 402 306 12 095 55 69 4.217.821 126,128 Italy 2,872,283 73,745 Russia 5.013.512 119 464 37 3,678,390 79,953 Spain Switzerland 694,740 10,810 UK 4.487.339 127.782 Canada 25,528 US Egypt 33,264,380 262,650 594,568 15,096 170,735 3.172 South Africa 1.665.617 56,506 UAE 570,836 1,680 Australia China, Mainland 91,122 4,636 Hong Kong, SAR 11,841 India 28.047.534 329.100 747,188 49 Japan 13,006 1,230,301 20,966 Singapore South Korea 62.051 33 1,963 Lockdown Index key & Scale Public events Public transport Value No Measure No measure 0 Recommended Recommended 1 Internal movements Workplace International travel No Restrictions Recommended Restrictions 0-25 No measure No measure Recommended Recommended Recommended Screening Quarantine arrivals from 26-50 Enforced Restrictions Restriction Required closure of Highest Restrictions / Ban schooling to close high risk regions Required closure for all Ban on high risk regions but essential work All schools ed to close Total border closure



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### **ESG FUNDS & SUSTAINABLE FINANCE**

**7**x

The growth of capital inflow into ESG funds

- Inflows into ESG funds grew sevenfold to \$15bn between 2019 and 2020.
- ESG funds have taken \$84 out of every net \$100 flowing into equity funds over the same period.
  - Three quarters of this new ESG capital (\$11.3bn) flowed into active funds.

**2**x

The growth of sustainable bonds

- Sustainable bonds issuance doubled during 2020, to reach an all time record of \$554bn.
  - Social bonds increased nearly tenfold to \$164bn.
  - Sustainability bonds grew threefold to \$128bn.
  - Green bonds grew by c.25% to \$223bn.

3%

The growth of sustainable loans

- The market for sustainable syndicated loans grew by 3% in 2020, up to just below the \$200bn mark.
  - European borrowers dominate the sustainable loan market, with 64% market share.

**65%** 

The growth in sustainable equity

- Equity issuance from sustainable companies increased by 65% in 2020 to a record \$14bn.
- The Americas accounted for 62% of the sustainable equity market, followed by Europe (23%) and Asia Pacific (11%).

#### **EMISSION TARGETS**

### UK

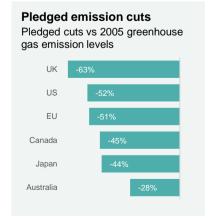
The British government is due to accelerate its climate change target, by announcing a new pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 78% compared to 1990 levels, by 2035. This compares to the previous target of cutting emissions by 68% by 2030.

### EU

Under a new law agreed between member states and the EU Parliament, the bloc pledged to cut carbon emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared with 1990 levels.

### US

President Biden announced that America would aim to cut its greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent to 52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.





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### **MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

									Gov.	Debt/	Current
Country		Population	GDP			Interest	Inflation	Jobless	Budget	GDP	Account/ GDP
oountry	vlokup	million	\$tn	YoY	QoQ	rate	rate	rate	% of GDP	%	%
Australia	Australia	26	1,393	-1.1%	3.1%	0.10%	1.1%	5.5%	-4.3%	24.8%	2.5
Austria	Austria	9	446	-5.5%	-1.1%	0.00%	1.9%	8.7%	-8.9%	83.9%	2.5
Belgium	Belgium	12	530	-0.6%	1.0%	0.00%	1.5%	5.8%	-9.4%	114.1%	-1.2
Brazil	Brazil	212	1,840	-1.1%	3.2%	3.50%	6.8%	14.7%	-13.4%	75.8%	-0.72
Canada	Canada	38	1,736	-3.2%	2.3%	0.25%	3.4%	8.1%	-15.9%	117.8%	-1.9
China	China	1,444	14,343	18.3%	0.6%	3.85%	0.9%	5.1%	-3.7%	66.8%	1.9
Denmark	Denmark	6	348	-1.3%	-1.3%	-0.50%	1.5%	4.6%	-1.1%	42.2%	7.8
Egypt	Egypt	101	303	2.0%	2.0%	8.25%	4.1%	7.4%	-9.0%	90.2%	-3.1
Euro Area	Euro Area	342	13,336	-1.8%	-0.6%	0.00%	1.6%	8.1%	-7.2%	98.0%	3.0
Finland	Finland	6	269	-1.0%	-0.1%	0.00%	2.1%	9.0%	-5.4%	69.2%	0.3
France	France	67	2,716	1.2%	-0.1%	0.00%	1.4%	8.0%	-9.2%	115.7%	-1.9
Germany	Germany	83	3,846	-3.1%	-1.8%	0.00%	2.5%	4.5%	-4.2%	69.8%	7
Hong Kong	Hong Kong	7	366	7.9%	5.4%	0.86%	0.7%	6.4%	-12.0%	38.4%	6.6
India	India	1,347	2,869	1.6%	7.9%	4.00%	4.3%	6.5%	-9.5%	69.6%	-0.9
Indonesia	Indonesia	270	1,119	-0.7%	-1.0%	3.50%	1.4%	6.3%	-6.5%	38.5%	-0.44
Ireland	Ireland	5	389	1.5%	-5.1%	0.00%	1.1%	5.8%	-5.0%	59.5%	4.6
Israel	Israel	9	395	-0.5%	-1.7%	0.10%	0.8%	5.4%	-11.7%	71.1%	4.9
Italy	Italy	60	2,001	-1.4%	-0.4%	0.00%	1.3%	10.1%	-9.5%	155.8%	3.6
Japan	Japan	126	5,082	-1.4%	-1.3%	-0.10%	-0.4%	2.8%	-10.3%	266.2%	3.2
Netherlands	Netherlands	17	909	-2.8%	-0.5%	0.00%	1.9%	3.4%	-4.3%	54.5%	7.8
Nigeria	Nigeria	206	448	0.5%	-13.9%	11.50%	18.1%	33.3%	-3.8%	35.0%	-4.2
Norway	Norway	5	403	-1.4%	-0.6%	0.00%	3.0%	5.0%	6.4%	40.6%	1.9
Philippines	Philippines	109	377	-4.2%	0.3%	2.00%	4.5%	8.7%	-3.5%	41.5%	3.6
Poland	Poland	38	592	-0.9%	1.1%	0.10%	4.3%	6.3%	-7.0%	57.5%	3.6
Romania	Romania	19	250	-0.2%	2.8%	1.25%	3.2%	5.5%	-9.2%	47.3%	-4.6
Russia	Russia	147	1,700	-1.0%	-0.2%	5.00%	5.5%	5.2%	-3.8%	14.6%	3.9
Singapore	Singapore	6	372	1.3%	3.1%	0.25%	2.1%	2.9%	-13.9%	131.0%	17.6
South Africa	South Africa	59	351	-4.1%	6.3%	3.50%	4.4%	32.5%	-12.3%	83.0%	2.2
South Korea	South Korea	52	1,647	1.8%	1.6%	0.50%	2.3%	3.7%	-2.6%	42.6%	3.5
Spain	Spain	47	1,394	-4.3%	-0.5%	0.00%	2.7%	16.0%	-11.0%	120.0%	0.7
Sweden	Sweden	10	531	0.0%	0.8%	0.00%	2.2%	9.4%	-3.1%	39.9%	5.2
Switzerland	Switzerland	9	703	-1.6%	0.3%	-0.75%	0.3%	3.3%	-2.6%	42.9%	3.8
Turkey	Turkey	84	754	7.0%	1.7%	19.00%	17.1%	13.1%	-3.4%	39.5%	-5.1
UAE	United Arab Er	ni 10	421	1.6%	2.0%	1.50%	-2.0%	5.0%	-0.8%	36.9%	5.9
UK	United Kingdo	m 67	2,829	-6.1%	-1.5%	0.10%	1.5%	4.8%	-16.9%	100.2%	-3.5
US	United States	329	21,433	0.4%	6.4%	0.25%	4.2%	6.1%	-4.6%	107.6%	-3.1

Source: Trading Economics



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