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NEED TO KNOW

22 June 2021

£21bn In private equity bids for

UK-listed companies

Private equity firms have announced bids for UK listed companies at their fastest pace in circa 20 years. There have now been bids on 13 listed businesses this year, amounting to £21bn, according to Refinitiv. This compares to bids on just four companies over the same period in 2020 and three in 2019. Including privately owned businesses, there have been 345 bids for British companies in 2021, the highest number since records began in 1984.

+2.1%UK inflation rate

May 2021

UK inflation exceeded the BoE 2.0% target rate in the 12-months to May, accelerating to 2.1%. This was above forecasts of 1.8% and the highest level since July 2019. The BoE expects inflation to hit 2.5% by the end of this year before paring back to its target as the impact of lockdown supply chain bottlenecks and other temporary factors fade.

-48%

Timber price decline since May's peak

Although inflation has been on the rise across the US, UK and Europe, some commodity prices are coming down from recent highs. Gold and silver are 10% and 11% lower than their 2021 peaks seen in January and February, respectively. Timber has seen a greater decline of -48% compared to its peak in May. However the prices of these commodities remain well above their long term averages.

Construction material costs are increasing at record pace UK Construction Material Price Index (CMPI), Jan 2015 = 100 - CMPI 125 120 115 110 105 100 95 90 85 80 80 09 13 14 15 16 17 18 20 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

WEEK AHEAD

Flash PMIs

June's flash Services and Manufacturing PMIs are expected this week for Australia, France, Japan, Germany, the Eurozone, UK and US. The results will point to the extent of the recovery in each market. In the US, May's Services and Manufacturing PMI both recorded their steepest pace of expansion since records began in 2009.

Consumer Confidence

This week, consumer confidence, figures for May are due for Turkey, the Eurozone, South Korea, the UK, Italy and Germany. UK Consumer confidence rose to its highest level since February 2020 in April 2021, as government restrictions were eased. Consumer confidence is a good barometer of personal finances and wider economic prospects.

Central Bank Decisions

Following last week's US Federal Reserve meeting, the Bank of England (BoE) will publish its latest policy statement on Thursday. After inflation hit its highest level in two years, it is expected that the bank will discuss its £875bn bond purchasing scheme. The European Central Bank (ECB) is also due to provide an update on its economic policy, with its Economic Bulletin due on Thursday.

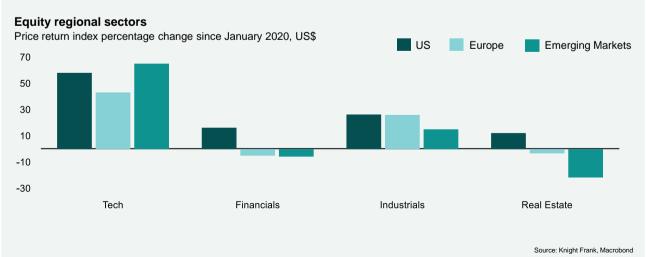
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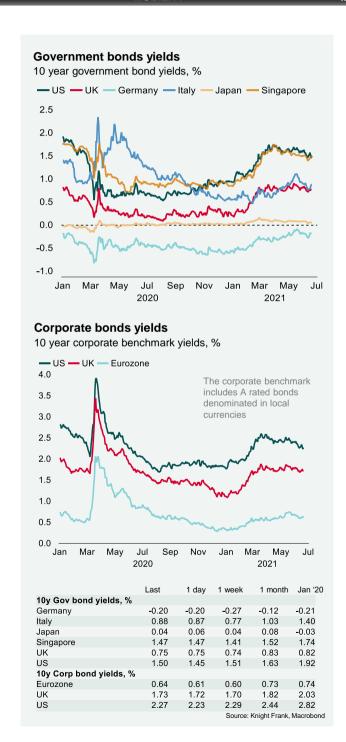


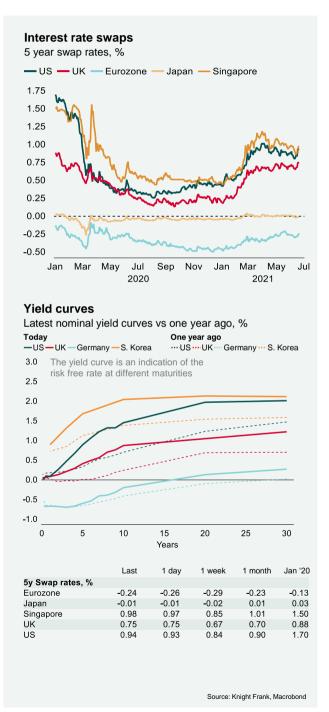






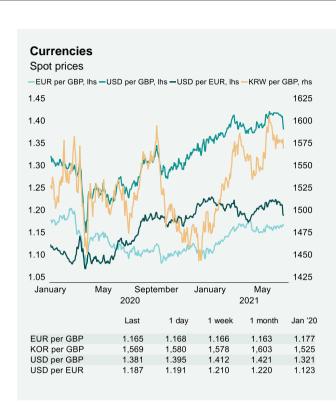
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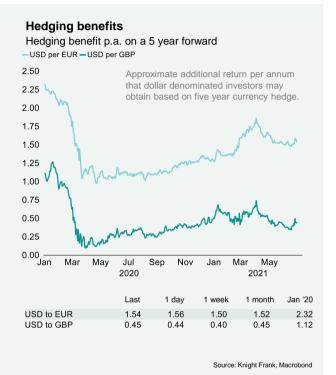






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Monetary policy

Central banks policy rates

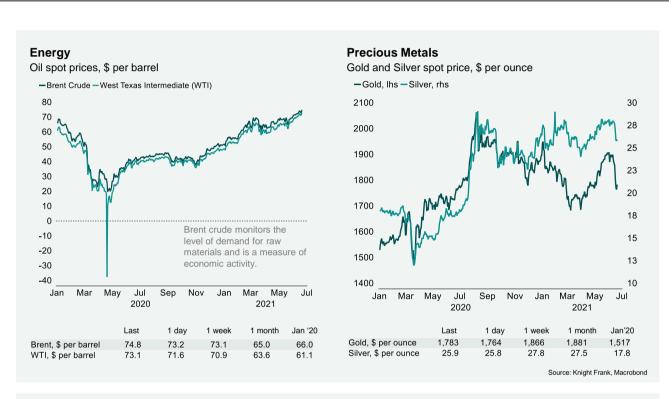
Central banks asset purchasing programme

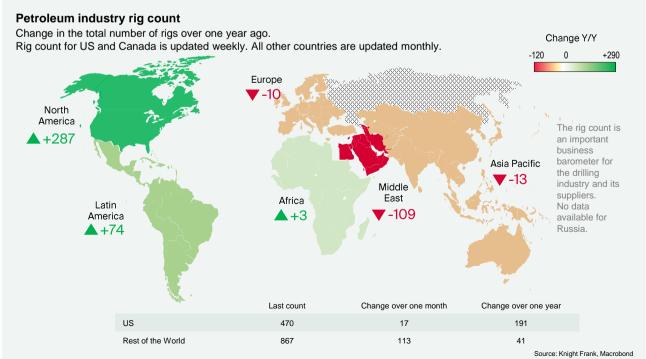
	Last	Value at Jan '21	Value at Jan '20	Lastest (\$)	MoM change	YoY change
Australia	0.10%	0.10%	0.75%	377 bn	11.9%	101.9%
Canada	0.25%	0.25%	1.75%	395 bn	2.5%	15.9%
China, Mainland	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	6.06 tn	2.8%	17.7%
Euro Area	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.38 tn	2.0%	47.0%
France	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.18 tn	3.2%	46.2%
Germany	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.16 tn	1.2%	39.3%
India	4.00%	4.00%	5.15%	401 bn	0.9%	14.6%
Italy	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.81 tn	2.4%	41.9%
Japan	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.10%	6.59 tn	-0.4%	8.6%
Saudi Arabia	1.00%	1.00%	2.25%	489 bn	-1.1%	5.9%
South Korea	0.50%	0.50%	1.25%	493 bn	-0.1%	13.8%
Spain	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	487 bn	3.7%	47.4%
Sweden	0.00%	0.00%	-0.25%	164 bn	3.4%	23.4%
UK	0.10%	0.10%	0.75%	1.16 tn	-0.5%	50.7%
US	0.25%	0.25%	1.75%	8.06 tn	2.3%	13.5%

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



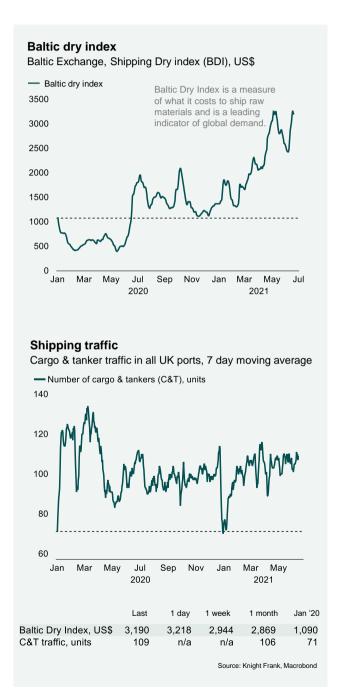
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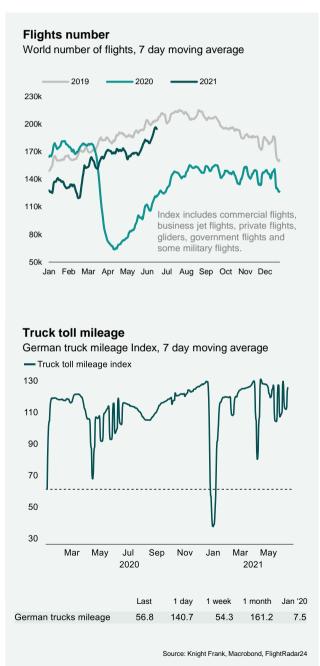






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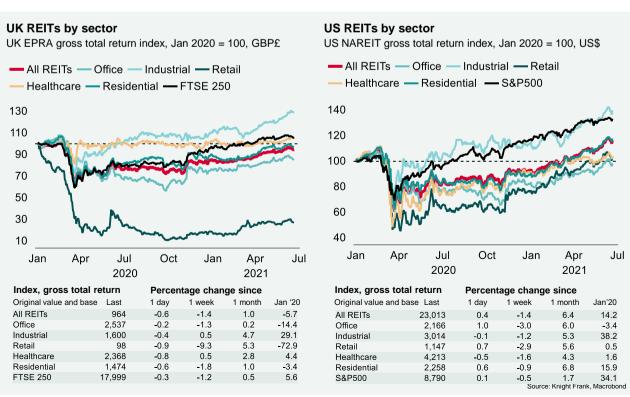






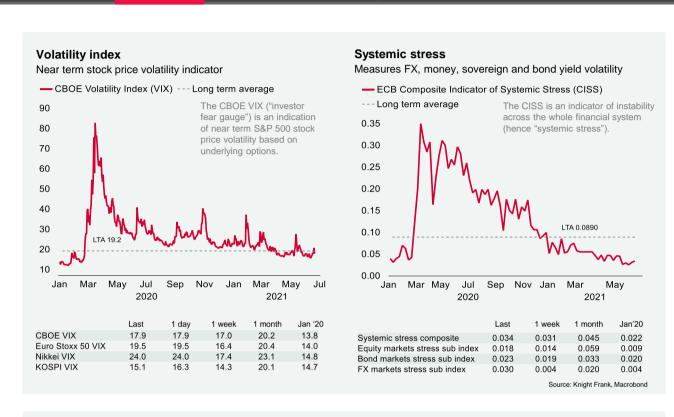
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Workplace mobility

Google Workplace Mobility Index change since March '20, %

7 day moving average of daily office visitors compared to each country's baseline (5 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).

	Last	1 week	1 month
Brazil	5	5	1
South Korea	1	2	-3
Nigeria	-5	4	-17
Germany	-7	-7	-29
Mexico	-7	- 5	-10
Japan	-10	-9	-13
France	-11	-10	-34
Turkey	-12	-11	-49
Australia	-12	-9	- 5
Netherlands	-12	-11	-30
Italy	-17	-13	-14
South Africa	-17	-6	-10
UK	- 22	- 22	-25
Singapore	-24	-25	-26
Canada	-25	-25	-30
Russia	-25	- 22	-10
US	-26	-24	-24
India	-30	-33	-51

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

Public transport mobility

Citymapper Mobility Index change since March '20, %

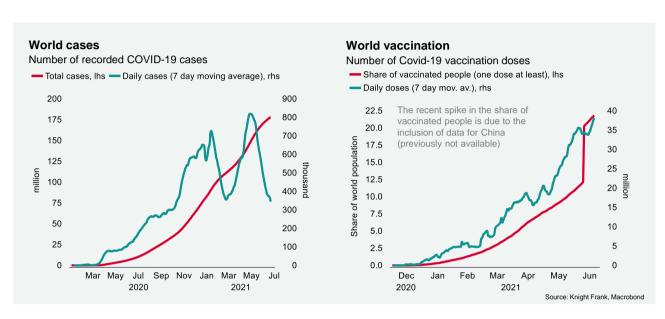
7 day moving average of daily trips planned and taken compared to each city's baseline (4 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



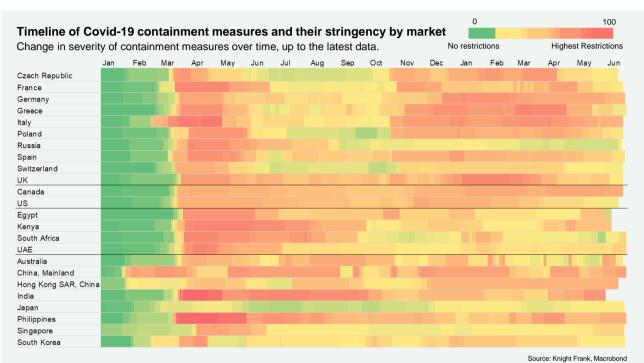
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Cases and vaccinations breakdown by country Total cases New cases People vaccinated New doses 1 week ago 1 month ago Millions Population (%) Millions Last day Last 7days av. 14,720 Australia 0.0 8 11 5,698 22 82,288 79,219 62,742 Brazil 17.9 78,700 30 180,135 1.4 Canada 1.290 4,247 25.105 67 64.607 854 0.1 127 198 319 622,000 43 2,784,755 China 52 0.3 189 315 1,214 3,011 6,630 Denmark France 5.7 1.815 2.850 4.817 31,982 47 82,093 50 Germany 3.7 346 549 8,769 42,285 115,319 Greece 0.4 247 320 1 886 4 526 43 13 731 India 29.9 53,256 70,421 259,551 224,541 16 507,269 Ireland 0.3 277 315 447 2,217 45 6,778 Italy 4.3 881 1,390 5,736 31,432 52 75,840 Japan 8.0 1,287 1,409 5,905 22,438 18 161,361 Netherlands 1.7 735 1,045 4,620 8,611 50 12,668 Norway 0.1 434 403 478 2,178 40 6,336 451 4,871 48 14,865 Portugal 0.9 941 707 17,378 8,937 Russia 5.3 13,721 19,657 13 42,247 Saudi Arabia 0.5 1,079 1,017 1,329 n/a n/a 16,585 0.1 2,700 Singapore 13 41 46 6.109 South Africa 1.8 13,155 7,657 3,641 2,142 4 7,514 South Korea 15,015 29 0.2 357 399 561 63,518 5,371 Spain 3.8 2,153 22,685 49 63,869 UK 4.6 9,072 7,319 2,694 43,128 64 59,295 US 33.2 11,678 29,296 53 177,088 176,405 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 178 1.4% 7.6% 720 21.8% 20.9% 9.6%



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Covid-19 containment measures breakdown by market Confirmed Cases Confirmed Deaths Lockdown Index Internal Movement Public Events Public Transport Workplace International Travel Schools Czech Republic 1,666,082 30.280 47 France 5,692,968 109,878 Germany 3,730,619 Greece 418,548 12.559 45 4,253,460 127,291 Italy 2,878,840 5,272,328 Poland 74.829 127,641 Russia 49 3,764,651 80.689 54 48 701,994 Switzerland 10,875 UK Canada 4,640,507 1,417,236 127,981 26.103 US 33,554,275 602,092 Egypt 277.797 15,898 33 179,293 3,461 Kenya South Africa 1 832 479 58.795 UAE 613.993 1.763 Australia China, Mainland 910 4,636 30,366 91,629 Hong Kong SAR, China 210 388.135 India 29.935.221 Japan Philippines 786,566 14,408 49 1 364 239 23,749 Singapore 62,430 South Korea 2,006 Lockdown Index key & Scale Public eventsPublic transportNo MeasureNo measureRecommendedRecommended Internal movements Workplace International travel No Restrictions Recommended Restrictions 0-25 No measure No measure No measure Recommended Recommended Screening Quarantine arrivals from 26-50 Recommended Enforced Restrictions Restriction Required closure of Highest Restrictions / Ban schooling to close high risk regions Required closure for all Ban on high risk regions All schools ed to close Total border closure Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



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ESG FUNDS & SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

7x

The growth of capital inflow into ESG funds in 2020

- 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.

48%

The growth of sustainable bonds in Q1 2021 vs Q4 2020

- Global sustainable finance bond issuance increased 48% to \$286.5bn in Q1 2021 compared to the previous quarter. This marks the highest quarterly level on record and more than double the amount seen in the same quarter last year.
 - Green bonds accounted for the largest share (\$131.3bn), followed by social bonds (\$91.8bn) and sustainability bonds (\$42.2bn).
 - Europe accounted for \$177.6bn or 62% of total sustainable finance bonds issued in Q1 2021, followed by the Americas (18%) and APAC (15%).
- Sustainable finance bonds' share of global debt capital markets reached 11.5% in Q1 2021, up from 9.5% in Q4 2020.

26%

The growth of sustainable loans in Q1 2021 vs Q4 2020

- The market for sustainable syndicated loans reached \$113.6bn in Q1 2021, a 26% increase over Q4 2020 and more than 130% higher than the Q1 2020 total.
- Europe accounted for the largest share (53%), followed by the Americas (32%) and APAC (10%).

62%

The growth in sustainable equity in Q1 2021 vs Q4 2020

- Equity issuance from sustainable companies increased 62% over the quarter to \$11.2bn in Q1 2021.
- The Americas accounted for 75% of the sustainable equity market, followed by Europe (24%).

EMISSION TARGETS

UK

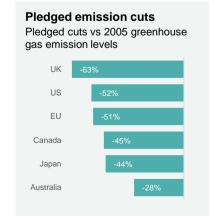
The British government accelerated its climate change target, by announcing a new pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 78% compared to 1990 levels, by 2035. This compares to the previous target of cutting emissions by 68% by 2030.

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.





Leading Indicators

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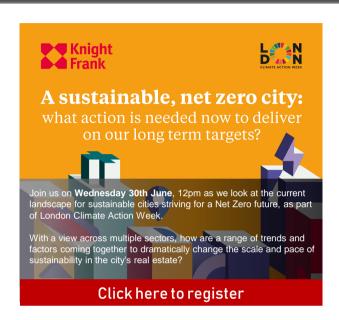
MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS

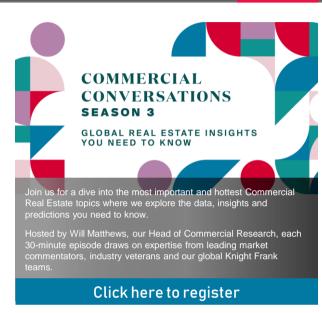
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-3.1 Source: Trading Economics



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