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# DAILY OVERVIEW OF GLOBAL MARKETS & THE SEE REGION

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HIGHLIGHTS

#### KEY UPCOMING DATA & EVENTS THIS WEEK US

- June 11:
- NFIB Small Business
  Optimism (May)
- PPI Final Demand (May)
- June 12:
- o CPI (May)
- Monthly Budget Statement (May)
- June 13:
- Initial Jobless Claims (o8/o6)
- Continuing Claims (01/06)
  Retails Sales Advance (May)
- June 14:
- Industrial Production (May)
- Capacity Utilisation (May)
- U. of Michigan Sentiment (June)

#### EUROZONE

- June 11: Sentix Investor Confidence (June)
- June 12:
- Unemployment Rate (Apr)CPI (May)
- June 13:
- Industrial Production (April)

#### GREECE

- June 10:
- o CPI (May)
- Industrial Production (Apr)
- June 13: Unemployment Rate (Q1)

#### <u>SEE</u> BULGARIA:

- Jun 11: Trade Balance (Apr)
- Jun 14: CPI (May)
- CYPRUS:
- Jun 14: CPI Harmonised (May) ROMANIA:
- Jun 10: Trade Balance (Apr)
- Jun 12: CPI (May)
- Jun 13: Current Account (Apr)
- SERBIA
- June 12:CPI (May)

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research

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**GREECE:** General elections to be conducted on July 7<sup>th</sup>, as expected, following the Prime Minister's meeting with the President of the HR yesterday. On the economic data front, according to the Hellenic Statistical Authority (ELSTAT), the consumer price index (CPI) for May 2019 increased 0.2%YoY and decreased by 1.1%MoM. The rate of change for the overall industrial production index (IPI) in April 2019 was -0.8%YoY while the corresponding rate of change for the average overall IPI for the period January - April 2019 was +0.8%YoY.

## SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

**CYPRUS:** The second GDP growth estimate for Q1-2019 – a tad lower compared to the flash CYSTAT estimate – confirmed that the soft landing of economic activity has already started.



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# Latest world economic & market developments

#### GLOBAL MARKETS

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Dented by global equity markets' improved performance, UST and Bund yields rose further off recent lows. The 10-yr UST yield was standing close to 2.15% in early European trade at the time of writing after marking a near 1½ year low of 2.05% on Monday while the 10-yr Bund yield was hovering around -0.225%, some 3.5bps higher from Monday's record low. In FX markets, the EUR/USD was little changed on the day hovering around 1.1320/25 at the time of writing while the EUR/GBP extended recent gains marking a five-month intraday high of 0.8932 earlier today amid increasing worries over a no-deal Brexit. The first vote for the Conservative Party leadership contest is scheduled for Thursday, 13 June. Ten candidates have been confirmed for succeeding Theresa May as the next party leader and UK Prime Minister after nominations for the Conservative leadership race closed yesterday. Worryingly, nearly all of them have stepped up their rhetoric on Brexit, appearing determined to deliver Brexit as soon as possible with or without a deal.

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<b>BULGARIA: Indicators</b>	2018	2019F	
Real GDP growth %	3.8	3.1	3.5
CPI (pa, yoy %)	1.2	2.6	2.8
Fiscal Balance/GDP*	0.8	0.1	-0.5
Current Account/GDP	3.1	4.6	1.0

\* on a cash basis

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

CYPRUS: Indicators	2017	2018	2019F
Real GDP growth %	4.5	3.9	3.3
HICP (pa, yoy %)	0.7	0.8	1.0
Fiscal Balance/GDP*	1.8	2.9	3.0
Current Account/GDP	-8.4	-7.0	-7.5
* ESA 2010			

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research, National Authorities

SERBIA: Indicators	2017	2019	2019F	
SENDIA. Indicators	2017	2010	2015	
Real GDP growth %	2.0	4.3	3.5	
CPI (pa, yoy %)	3.2	2.0	2.6	
Fiscal Balance/GDP	1.1	0.6	-0.5	
Current Account/GDP	-5.2	-5.2	-5.3	
Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Research,				
National Authorities				



Credit Ratings					
L-T ccy	Moody's S&P		Fitch		
SERBIA	Ba3	BB	BB		
ROMANIA	Baa3	BBB-	BBB-		
BULGARIA	Baa2	BBB-	BBB		
CYPRUS	Ba2	BBB-	BB+		

# Latest economic & market developments in the CESEE region

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The second and latest estimate of CYSTAT on the seasonally adjusted Q1-2019 GDP reading, trimmed by 0.1ppts on an annual basis off the flash, confirmed that economic activity has embarked on a decelerating path in the first quarter of 2019. Real GDP expanded by 0.7% (down from 0.9% in the flash) on a quarterly basis, bringing the annual rate of expansion to 3.4% YoY in Q1-2019 on a seasonally adjusted basis, lower than 3.8% YoY in Q4-2018 & Q3-2018, vs. 4.0% YoY in Q1-2018.

Real GDP growth marked the seventeenth consecutive positive reading both on a quarterly and annual basis after a previous three-year recession. The GDP growth rate of Q1-2019 is still among the highest in EA-19 and EU-28, both on a quarterly and an annual basis and, for a fifteenth consecutive quarter in a row, above that of EA-19 (Figure 1). This output performance is still among the highest during the post-Lehman period, coming closer to analysts' expectations and international organizations' full year initial or revised forecasts. However, it marks the end of a period of buoyant growth and – ceteris paribus – suggests that the soft landing of the economy has already started. Domestic demand has had the lion's share in the GDP growth reading of Q1, while net exports are most likely to have come under pressure echoing the deterioration in the world economic environment.

Final consumption (+3.1ppts contribution to GDP growth) is rallying underpinned by a number of factors, which all boil down to the rise of disposable incomes and the propensity to consume, namely: sustained sentiment improvement (the ESI index still close to multimonth highs), tightening labor market conditions (unemployment at 7.1% in Q1-2019, now standing below EA-19 levels), further property market stabilization (RPPI index in positive territory in the last seven quarters), the impact from the fiscal relaxation after the graduation from the economic adjustment programme and the acceleration of public consumption in 2H-2018. Investments (+7.9ppts contribution to growth) have so far received strong support from the stream of ongoing residential and tourism infrastructure construction projects. The program "citizenship through inward investment" has helped to attract foreign investment in the real estate sector in the form of high-rise residential towers, particularly in the Limassol & Paphos areas. On the other hand, the positive investments' performance was more than offset by the net exports' negative contribution (-8.5ppts), a trend we witnessed again in Q1-2018. That was the combined effect of both exports contracting by +2.8% QoQ/-9.1% YoY, and imports remaining contained at -2.4% QoQ/+3.0% YoY. The contraction of exports reflects negative base effects from the outstanding performance of goods exports in the same quarter a year ago but also the deterioration in the world economic outlook and the slowdown in the main trade partner Euroarea.

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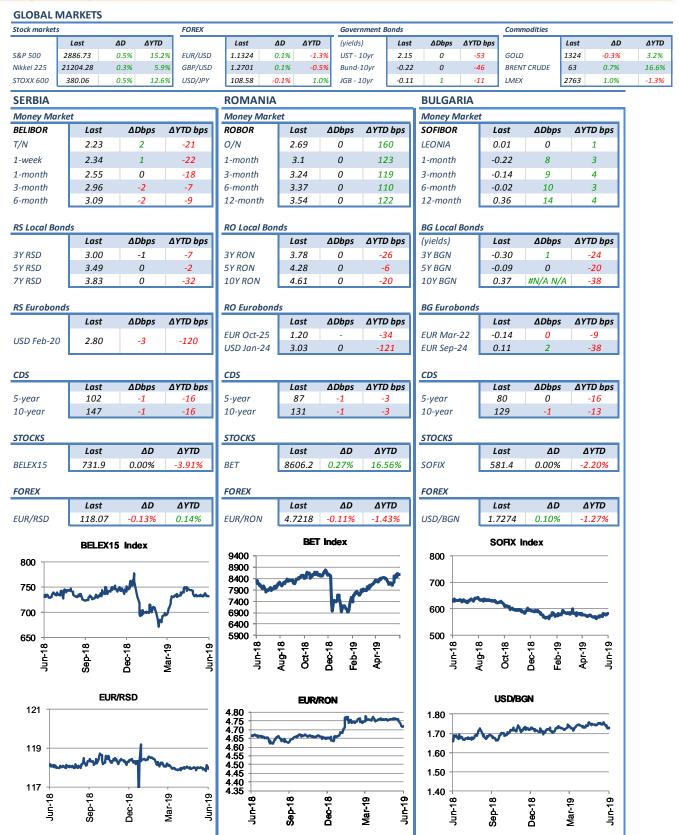
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