

# GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

## HIGHLIGHTS

October 16, 2019

### Global Markets

Market focus remains on UK/EU negotiations amid prevailing uncertainty over whether the two sides can reach a deal—based Brexit in time for the two-day European Council meeting which commences tomorrow. In FX markets, the GBP/USD touched briefly a near five-month high close to 1.2800 yesterday before retreating to levels around 1.2740 in early European trade today, remaining though some 4% higher on a weekly basis. Meanwhile, the EUR/USD was little changed on the day, continuing to hover above 1.1000 at the time of writing after temporarily hitting a multi-session low of 1.0990 yesterday on news over a renewed drop in Germany's ZEW economic sentiment. Turning to fixed income markets, UST and German Bunds retained a positive tone amid prevailing Brexit uncertainty and a downward revision in the IMF's 2019 GDP growth forecast for the global economy to 3.0% from 3.3% in April.

### Greece

According to the IMF's World Economic Outlook published y-day, Greece's real GDP growth rate for 2019 and 2020 is expected at 2.0% and 2.2% respectively. In other news, according to the preliminary State Budget Execution data for January – September 2019 the overall fiscal balance registered a deficit of €0.1 bn, against a targeted deficit of €3.4 bn in the 2019 Budget. The State Budget Primary Balance recorded a surplus of €4.5 bn, against a targeted primary deficit of €1.5 bn in the 2019 Budget.

### CESEE

*Bulgaria:* In the World Economic Outlook report, released yesterday, the IMF raised its GDP growth projection to 3.7% for 2019, from 3.3% in April. The IMF also revised upwards its GDP growth forecast in 2020 to 3.2%, from 3.0% in its spring outlook. *Serbia:* On the flipside, the IMF kept its GDP growth forecasts for 2019 and 2020 at 3.5% and 4.0%, respectively. This view coincides with the forecasts of the government and the central bank, both anticipating economic growth to accelerate in the second half of the year so as to reach the envisioned growth rate up to 2020. *Turkey:* GDP growth rate is anticipated by the IMF to rise by 0.2% in 2019, against a predicted contraction of -2.5% in April while for 2020, GDP growth is seen at 3.0%

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**GLOBAL MARKETS**
**Stock markets**

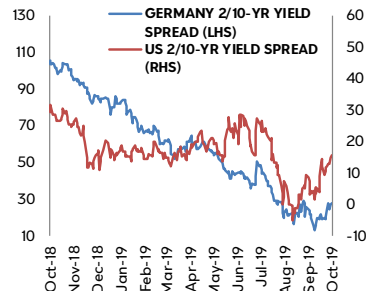
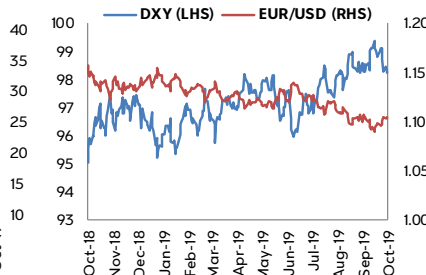
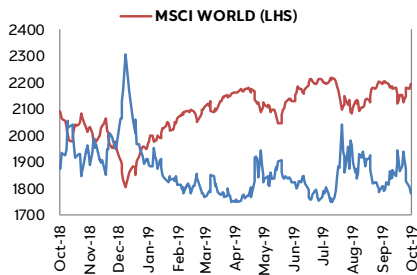
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	2995.68	1.00%	19.5%
Nikkei 225	22472.92	1.2%	12.3%
STOXX 600	393.79	-0.1%	16.6%

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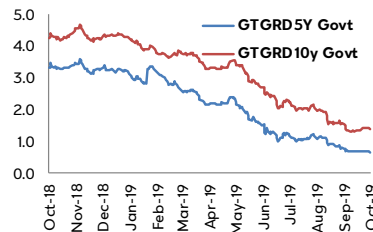
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1043	0.1%	-3.7%
GBP/USD	1.2737	-0.4%	-0.2%
USD/JPY	108.65	0.2%	1.0%

**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.73	-4	-96
Bund-10yr	-0.42	0	-66
JGB - 10yr	-0.16	1	-16


**GREECE**
**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.67	0	-251
10Y Bond	1.39	-1	-296
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.81	0	-230


**ATHENS GENERAL INDEX**

**EMERGING MARKETS**
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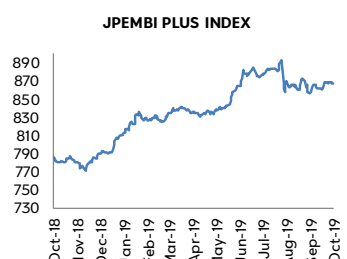
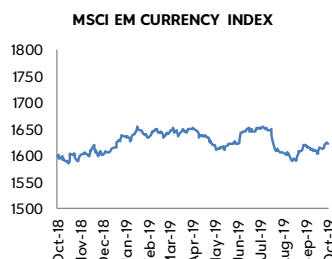
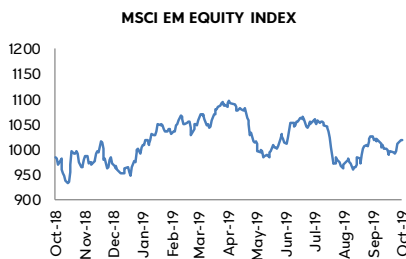
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	561.47	0.0%	-5.5%
BELEX	742.41	-0.5%	-253.1%
XU100	93183.93	-2.2%	209.6%

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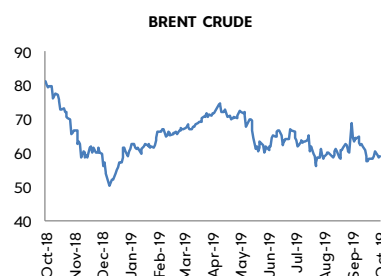
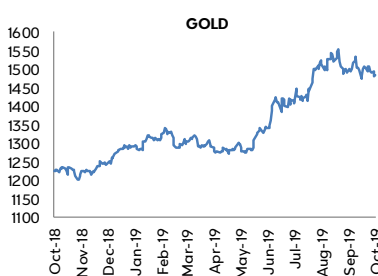
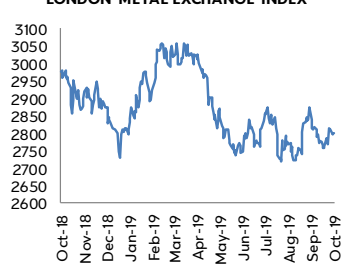
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.2942	-0.1%	-0.1%
EUR/RSD	117.55	0.0%	0.7%
USD/TRY	5.9127	0.1%	-10.5%

**Government Bonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	7.05	-3	-6
BG 8Y yield	0.17	0	-31
PL 10Y yield	1.97	-1	-85


**COMMODITIES**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1484	0.2%	15.7%
BRENT CRUDE	59	0.3%	9.5%
LMEX	2800	0.1%	0.0%


**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE INDEX**


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