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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

Global equity markets kicked off the new month in a positive tone as the prospect of an effective Covid-19 vaccine supports optimism for a swift global economic recovery. Moderna announced that it has requested authorization of its vaccine in the US and Europe after results confirmed a 94.1% efficacy rate, becoming possibly the second vaccine to be available for US use by year-end, alongside the Pfizer and BionTech vaccine that is already under regulatory review. Data pointing to an acceleration in China's post-pandemic economic recovery and expectations for further stimulus by both the ECB and the Fed, also favoured risk sentiment. The USD remained under pressure, with the DXY index hovering close to y-day's 2 ½ year lows. Today's focus is on the Fed Chair's testimony on the CARES Act before the Senate Banking Committee.

Greece

The IMF released yesterday its statement in the context of the second post-programme monitoring discussion, where it argues that GDP is expected to contract sharply in 2020, while the subsequent recovery could be protracted. Public debt remains sustainable over the medium-term with the pandemic-induced rise in debt vulnerabilities largely mitigated by a sizable cash buffer and Next Generation EU funds. However, downside risks stem primarily from the prolongation of the pandemic and a significant deterioration of bank balance sheets. The IMF commends Greece for the recent progress in reforms and reiterates its key policy recommendations including fiscal structural reforms, strengthening bank balance sheet and accelerating selected structural reforms.

CESEE

A plethora of hard data was released yesterday, pointing to a mixed picture for Serbia. Q3 GDP growth came in at -1.4%YoY (vs the flash estimate of -1.3%YoY earlier in November) and +7.4%QoQ compared to -6.3%YoY and -9.3%QoQ in Q2. However, the Labor Force Survey (LFS)-based unemployment rate rose to 9.0% in Q3 after hitting a record low of 7.3% in the previous quarter. October's high frequency data releases imply some loss of momentum; retail sales in real terms eased to 6.3%YoY from 7.7%YoY in September and industrial output decelerated to 1.9%YoY from 4.6%YoY in the previous month. Meanwhile, on Friday, the S&P affirmed Bulgaria's long- and short-term foreign and local currency credit rating at BBB/A-2, keeping the outlook stable and forecasting a -4.5% GDP contraction for 2020.

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	Last	ΔD	ΔΥΙΟ
S&P 500	3621.63	-0.46%	12.1%
Nikkei 225	26787.54	1.3%	13.2%
STOXY 600	389 36	-1.0%	-6.4%

FOREX Last ΔD ΔΥΤΟ EUR/USD 1.1969 0.4% 6.7% GBP/USD 1.3386 0.5% 1.0%

104.31

0.0%

4.1%

USD/JPY

Government Bonds				
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	
UST - 10yr	0.84	0	-108	
Bund-10yr	-0.58	-1	-40	
JGB - 10yr	0.02	-1	3	





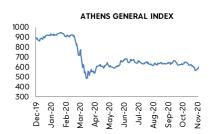


GREECE

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.02	0	-47
10Y Bond	0.63	0	-80



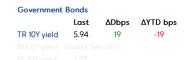


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Stock markets

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	423.33	-0.6%	-25.5%
BELEX	713.57	-0.3%	-1099.2%
XU100	1296.94	1.0%	1334.4%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.4815	-0.1%	-5.1%
EUR/RSD	117.566	0.1%	0.1%
USD/TRY	7.8875	-0.8%	-24.6%



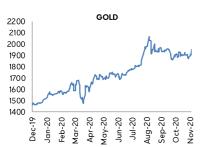


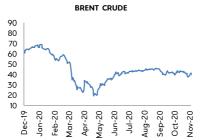


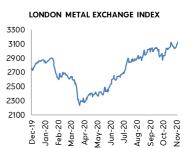


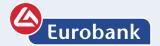
COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1793	0.9%	18.2%
BRENT CRUDE	48	-0.6%	-27.9%
LMEX	3379	0.7%	18.8%











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