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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

Global equity markets were firmer earlier today, supported by the Chinese authorities' efforts to contain the negative impact of the new coronavirus on the economy. But the rapid spread of the virus keeps investors increasingly concerned about the repercussions on the Chinese and the global economy. Against this background, oil prices continued to fall, with Brent crude marking a more than one-year low of \$53.95 per barrel earlier today before recovering to levels around \$54.90 at the time of writing, but still c. 17% lower so far this year. In FX markets, the USD firmed rising slightly above 109.00 against the JPY and pushing the EUR/USD down to 1.1050 following yesterday's multi-session high near 1.1100, favored by a 3.1pts jump in January's US ISM manufacturing to a 7-month high of 50.9.

Greece

According to IHS Markit, in Jan-20 the Manufacturing PMI stood at 54.4, up from 53.9 in Dec-19, signaling the strongest overall improvement since Aug-19. The expansion of the manufacturing sector is attributed to a faster upturn in production which was in turn driven by strong client demand and new customers. New business from abroad in particular rose at the strongest rate since Apr-19 while returning foreign customers had also boosted export sales. On the privatisations front, the HRADF announced that nine out of ten investment schemes that had expressed interest for the acquisition of the 30% stake in the Athens International Airport are qualified to proceed to the binding offers phase of the tender.

CESEE

CESEE: This week's calendar is dominated by three central bank policy meetings, the Polish on Wednesday, the Czech on Thursday and the Romanian on Friday. Despite higher inflationary pressures in the three economies, no monetary tightening is anticipated in any of the meetings. The coronavirus outbreak has not left the region unaffected. The blue chip Bulgarian index SOFIX lost previous gains, ending -1.2% lower at 575.87 points on Friday. At the time of writing, it hasn't recovered yet and keeps moving lower, standing at 572.49. External bond yields dropped across the board ranging from 2 bps for the 2024 paper and reaching 5 bps for the longest tenure, namely the 2035. Local papers followed the trend with yields sliding within a 3-5 bps across all tenures.

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Stock markets

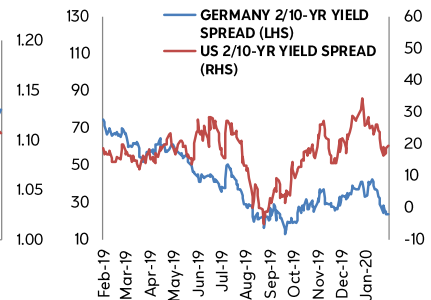
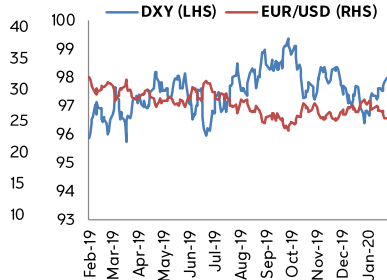
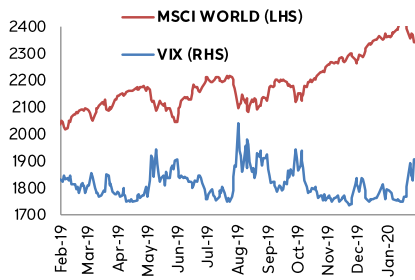
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3248.92	0.73%	0.6%
Nikkei 225	23084.59	0.5%	-2.4%
STOXX 600	414.01	0.6%	-0.4%

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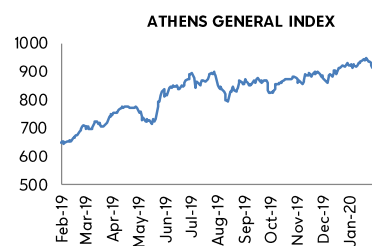
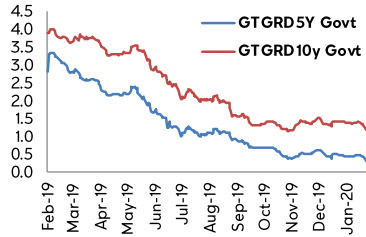
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1058	0.0%	-1.4%
GBP/USD	1.2967	-0.2%	-2.2%
USD/JPY	108.98	-0.3%	-0.3%

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.56	4	-35
Bund-10yr	-0.42	2	-23
JGB - 10yr	-0.05	1	-4


GREECE
Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.36	0	-12
10Y Bond	1.18	0	-25
Δ(10YBund-10YGG)	1.60	0	-2


EMERGING MARKETS
Stock markets

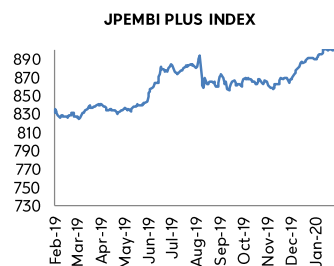
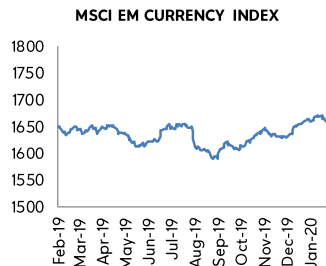
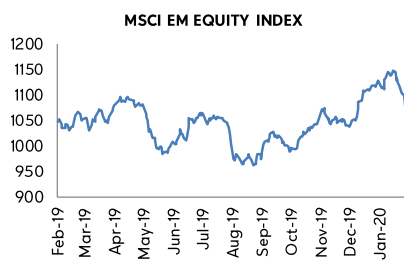
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	573.96	0.0%	1.0%
BELEX	813.98	0.7%	153.3%
XU100	120436.60	1.0%	525.4%

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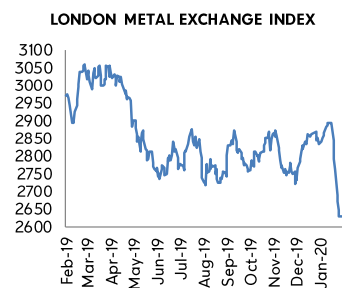
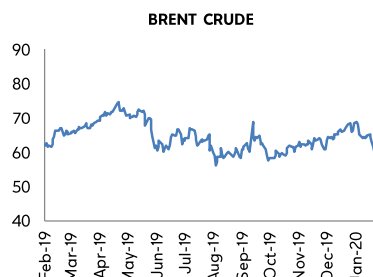
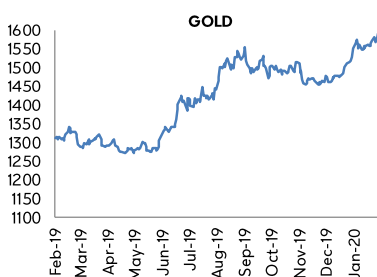
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.2954	0.0%	-1.0%
EUR/RSD	117.609	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	5.9861	0.0%	-0.6%

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	5.38	-3	-75
BG 8Y yield			
PL 10Y yield	2.16		


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1571	-0.3%	3.6%
BRENT CRUDE	55	0.5%	-17.1%
LMEX	2593	-1.4%	-8.8%



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