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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

US initial jobless claims surprised positively, posting an unexpected drop of 249,000 in the week ending 1 August and falling to a seasonally adjusted 1.186mn, the lowest since mid-March. Favored by positive jobless claims ahead of today's non-farm payrolls data, Wall Street ended higher overnight. However, risk sentiment took a turn for the worse earlier today with global equity markets facing some pressure on renewed US/China tensions after US President Donald Trump issued an executive order banning US transactions with two popular Chinese apps, TikTok and WeChat. In FX markets, the USD gained across the board, with the EUR/USD losing 0.3% on the day and the GBP/USD retreating from y-day's near five-month high close to 1.32 that was hit in reaction to the less dovish than expected tone of the BoE.

Greece

According to ELSTAT Labor Force Survey data published y-day, the May 2020 seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was at 17.0% from 17.2% in May 2019 and 15.7% in April 2020. The number of employed persons in May 2020 amounted to 3,729,591 registering a decrease of 4.9%YoY and 3.3%MoM. According to Eurostat, and due to the measures implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic, persons in lay-off are still considered employed persons if the duration of their contract suspension is less than 3 months or if they receive more than 50% of their salary. In other news, the Minister of Tourism Harry Theoharis mentioned in an interview that in July 2020 the tourist traffic was decreased by 80% to 85% on an annual basis and that he expects an improvement in August 2020.

CESEE

BULGARIA: The Central government debt fell by 0.2%MoM to EUR12.6bn in June, representing 20.4% of projected GDP. Domestic government securities amounting to BGN1.2bn were issued between January and April, but after that point no other new debt placements took place. PM Boyko Borissov recently announced that the issuance of a new Eurobond at end-August will depend on a clearer view on budget execution developments. That said, according to revised official data released within the week, the general government budget surplus rose by 50.3%YoY to BGN299.4mn in June while the cumulative surplus for H1 2020 amounted to BGN 1.6bn, which may be down by 50.0%YoY but it is well above the latest 2.9% of GDP budget deficit target for 2020 as it accounts for a surplus of 1.3% of GDP.

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Stock markets

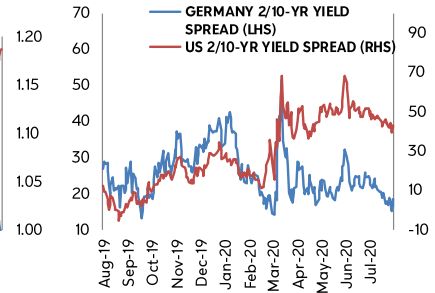
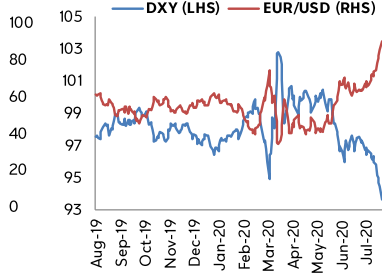
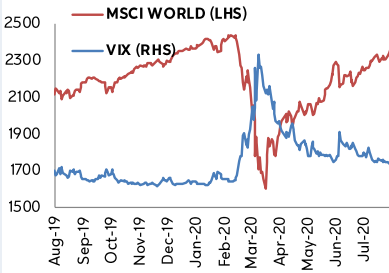
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3349.16	0.64%	3.7%
Nikkei 225	22329.94	-0.4%	-5.6%
STOXX 600	361.84	-0.2%	-13.0%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1844	-0.3%	5.6%
GBP/USD	1.3117	-0.2%	-1.0%
USD/JPY	105.58	0.0%	2.9%

Government Bonds

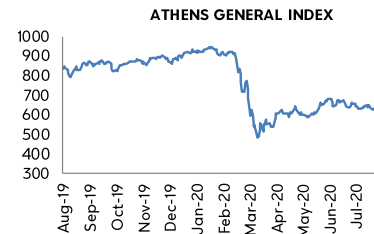
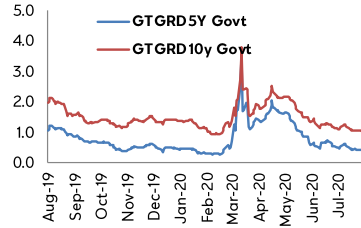
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.52	-1	-139
Bund-10yr	-0.53	1	-34
JGB - 10yr	0.01	-1	2



GREECE

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.38	0	-11
10Y Bond	1.02	0	-42
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.54	0	-8



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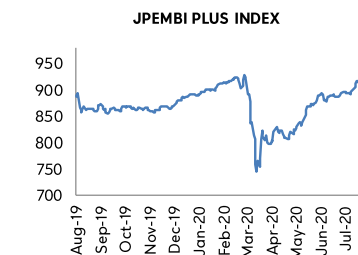
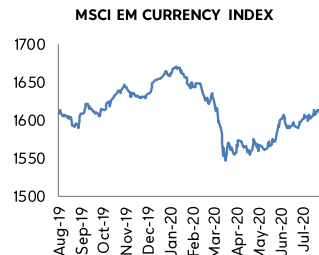
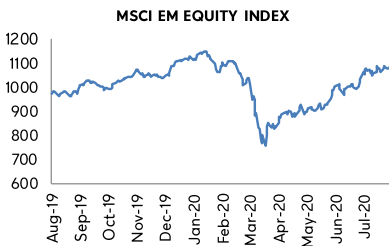
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	433.08	0.0%	-23.8%
BELEX	667.92	0.2%	-1668.6%
XU100	1030.35	-0.4%	-995.4%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.4166	0.0%	-3.7%
EUR/RSD	117.592	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	7.3097	-0.8%	-18.6%

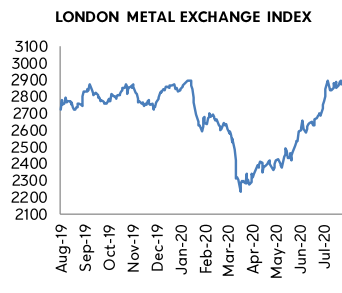
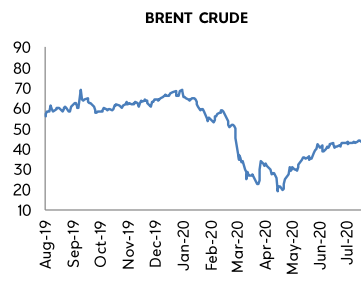
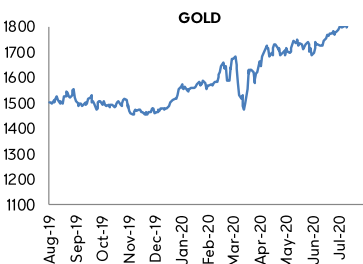
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	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	7.55	-8	142
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.27		



COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	2059	-0.2%	35.7%
BRENT CRUDE	45	-0.3%	-31.9%
LMEX	2935	0.1%	3.2%



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