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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

Risk-on sentiment prevailed in early trade today as fears over a further immediate escalation in the Middle East seem to have eased, with investors re-focusing on the Phase One Deal between the US and China. According to US President Donald Trump, the said deal is expected to be signed on 15 January with an intention to start preparations for the second phase of trade discussions immediately afterwards, although high-level Chinese officials have hinted that progress on the Phase Two Deal will hinge upon the implementation of the Phase One Deal agreement. Meanwhile, UST and Bund yields fell slightly on the day, but still near recent highs, while the JPY remained under pressure, pulling the USD/JPY to a two-week peak close to 109.50. Data-wise, focus today is on the US non-farm payrolls survey for December.

Greece

According to ELSTAT, the total value of imports-arrivals in the period Jan-Nov2019 reached €51,051mn up by 2.4% compared to the same period of 2018. The corresponding increase excl. oil products was 6.4% and excl. oil products and ships 5.9%. The total value of exports-dispatches amounted to €30,902mn up by 0.1%YoY. The corresponding increase excl. oil products was 4.4% and excl. oil products and ships 4.7%. The deficit of the trade balance for the period Jan-Nov2019 rose to €20,148mn increasing by 6.2YoY%. Meanwhile, the overall industrial production index (IPI) for Nov2019 fell by 8.1%YoY while in Nov2018 it had increased by 5.2%YoY. The average overall IPI for the period Jan-Nov2019 rose by 0.1%YoY.

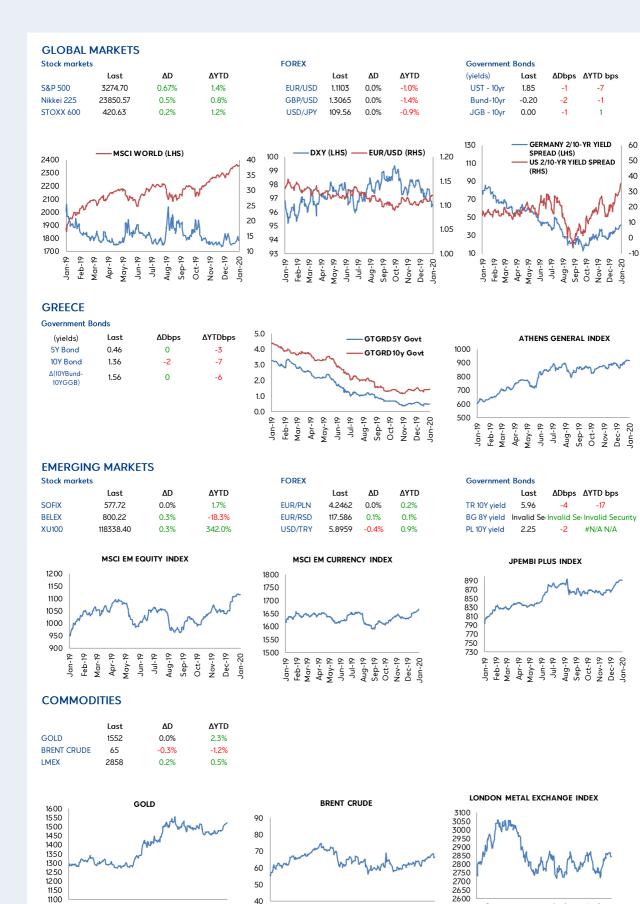
CESEE

Serbia: In the first meeting of 2020, the National Bank of Serbia (NBS) decided today to keep the key policy rate unchanged at 2.25%, after three cuts in 2019. The decision was broadly based on the stable inflationary outlook and the favorable macroeconomic metrics with GDP growth rate standing out. In detail, CPI's print in November came in at 1.5% YoY with the first 11 months in 2019 averaging at 1.8%, i.e. boding well within the tolerance band of 3% ±150bps. Regarding the economic growth rate, the Q3's GDP growth print at 4.8% YoY from 2.9% YoY and 2.7% YoY in the two previous quarters respectively, sets the ground for a 2019 full year growth rate at 4%, surpassing IMF and the EC forecasts close to 3.5%.

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