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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

Adding to the recent string of poor April data from Germany that reflect the negative impact of the lockdown measures imposed to contain the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak, exports dropped by 23.6%MoM and imports fell by 14.9%MoM, pushing the trade balance from a large surplus to deficit for the first time in 40 years. Meanwhile, euro area Q1 GDP was revised slightly higher contracting by 3.6%QoQ/3.1%YoY vs. initial estimates for a fall of 3.8%QoQ/3.2%YoY, with domestic final demand and net trade subtracting 13.4ppts and 1.6ppt, respectively, while inventory changes added 1.4ppt. In its latest Global Economic Prospects report released earlier this week, the World Bank projects global GDP to contract by 5.2% in 2020, with advanced and emerging market economies shrinking by 7.0% and 2.5%, respectively.

Greece

The Hellenic Republic, issued yesterday a €3bn 10-year GGB due 18th June 2030, priced at 1.568%. Demand was strong with the offering attracting an orderbook of €17bn at peak. The issue is the third market exercise for Greece in 2020 with international capital markets borrowing reaching €7.5bn year-to-date. Meanwhile, according to ELSTAT, in Q1-2020 the overall turnover index in accommodation and food service activities decreased by 6.5%YoY (vs -22.5%YoY in Q1-2019), while the turnover index of the accommodation subsector fell by 22.1%YoY (vs -45.4%YoY in Q1-2019). As regards transport indices, in Q1-2020 the turnover index in water transport decreased by 2.1%YoY (vs +22.0%YoY in Q1-2019), while the turnover index in air transport increased by 10.3% (vs -0.1%YoY in Q1-2019).

CESEE

Serbia: According to its latest Global Economic Prospects report, released on Monday, the World Bank (WB) kept its 2020 GDP growth forecast for Serbia unchanged at -2.5%, as in its regular edition for the Western Balkans published in late April. The WB forecasts that the economy will rebound by +4% in 2021 but remains more cautious for the current year, compared to national authorities, such as the National Bank of Serbia that expects a milder contraction, namely -1.5% in 2020, followed by a +4.0% GDP growth rate in 2021. Bulgaria: In the same report, the outlook for Bulgaria is gloomier, as the WB anticipates a -6.2% contraction in 2020 and a +4.3% rebound in 2021.

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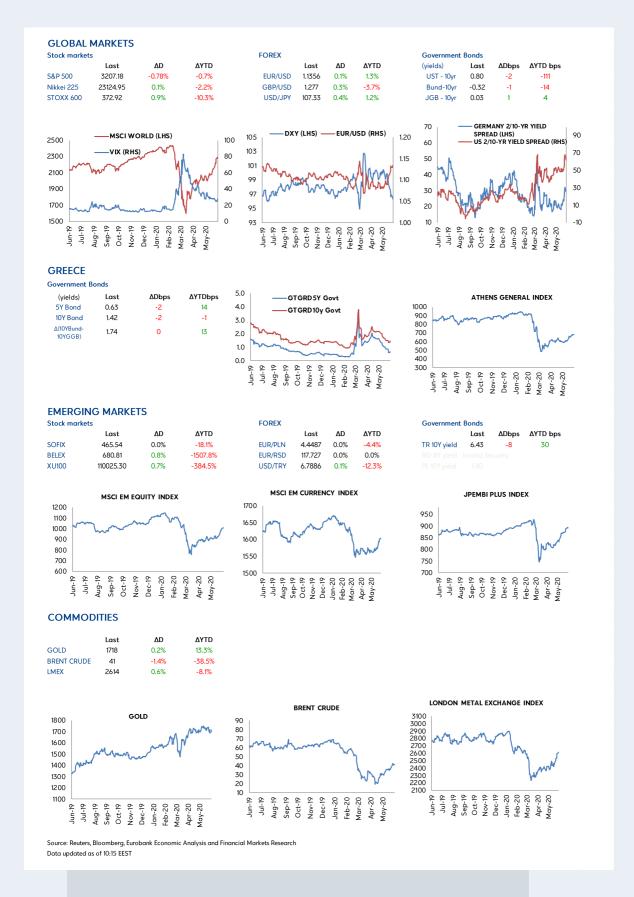
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