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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

Risk aversion continues to dominate market sentiment amid lingering worries about the impact of the coronavirus outbreak on human lives and global economic activity. Favored by its safe-haven appeal, the CHF remained well-supported, while the EUR continued to face selling pressure amid market worries about sluggish growth in the Eurozone and rising policy uncertainties in Germany. According to its Winter 2020 European Economic Forecast, the European Commission expects the Eurozone's GDP growth to settle at 1.2% in 2020 and 2021, the same as in 2019, while data from Germany revealed that real GDP stagnated in Q4 2019 against expectations for a 0.1%QoQ increase. Focus today is on US retail sales and IP, both for January, while Q4 2019 GDP data from the Eurozone are expected to show a sluggish growth of 0.1%QoQ.

Greece

In its Winter 2020 European Economic Forecast report, the EC revised upwards its GDP growth estimate for 2019 from 1.8%YoY (Autumn 2019) to 2.2%YoY and its forecast for 2020 from 2.3%YoY (Autumn 2019) to 2.4%YoY. For 2021 the forecast remains at 2.0%YoY. The upwards revised forecast for 2020 is largely based on the business and consumer confidence that reached pre-crisis levels at the end of 2019 and the increased disposable income, which bode well for higher investment and consumption in 2020. Exports are expected to grow but at a slower pace, due to moderate growth in export markets and slower growth in export market shares. It is reminded that the 2020 GDP growth forecasts of the Greek government and the BoG are 2.8%YoY (Budget 2020) and 2.5%YoY respectively.

CESEE

Bulgaria: The European Commission (EC) revised downwards its GDP growth forecast for Bulgaria to 2.9% in 2020 in its winter forecast, released yesterday, which is a tad lower compared to the 3.0% forecast released in autumn. However, the EC raised its projection for the GDP growth in 2021 to 3.1%, up from 2.9% in November. The slowdown of the economic growth compared to the 3.7% GDP growth print in 2019 will be driven by an expected softening in domestic demand. Still, private consumption will remain the main growth engine, although lower employment growth will lower its contribution. Serbia: The NBS Executive Board decided yesterday to keep the key policy rate at 2.25% for the third consecutive month, citing again uncertain the external environment and low inflationary pressures.

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock market	s		
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3373.94	-0.16%	4.4%
Nikkei 225	23687.59	-0.6%	0.1%
STOXX 600	43138	0.1%	3.7%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.0839	0.0%	-3.3%
GBP/USD	1.3034	-0.1%	-1.7%
USD/JPY	109.82	0.0%	-1.1%

Government Bonds				
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps	
UST - 10yr	1.60	-2	-32	
Bund-10yr	-0.39	0	-21	
JGB - 10vr	-0.03	1	-2	





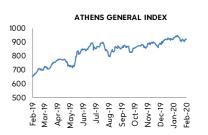


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Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbp
5Y Bond	0.28	0	-21
10Y Bond	0.93	-1	-51
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EMERGING MARKETS

Stock	markets	

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	562.78	-0.1%	-0.9%
BELEX	813.61	-0.4%	148.7%
X1.1100	121297 50	0.6%	600.6%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.2414	0.1%	0.3%
EUR/RSD	117.411	0.0%	0.3%
USD/TRY	6.0559	-0.3%	-1.7%

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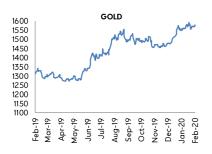


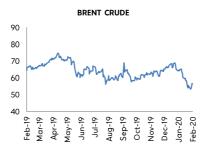


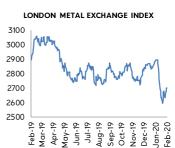


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1575	0.0%	3.8%
BRENT CRUDE	56	0.1%	-14.5%
LMEX	2699	0.8%	-5.1%







Source: Reuters, Bloomberg, Eurobank Economic Analysis and Financial Markets Research

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