

# GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

## HIGHLIGHTS

May 14, 2020

### Global Markets

Tracking Wall Street's losses overnight, most of Asian bourses ended in the red earlier today and European equity markets opened lower, on Fed Chair Jerome Powel's downbeat assessment, which dashed hopes for a quick and significant economic recovery. In a webcast speech yesterday, the Fed Chair said that the US growth outlook is "highly uncertain and subject to significant downside risks", adding that "additional fiscal support could be costly but worth it". He also talked down the prospect of negative rates, noting that they are "not something that we're looking at". In reaction to the Fed Chair's comments on negative interest rates, UST yields fell and the USD firmed broadly. The EUR/USD moved back close to 1.08 following a brief spike near 1.09 early yesterday and the GBP/USD fell below 1.22 for the first time since early April.

### Greece

The government is pursuing the continuation of the privatisations' programme where possible, and according to press among the first projects to proceed are the concession of majority stakes of c.70% in the ports of Igoumenitsa and Alexandroupoli. Other projects however, such as the Athens International Airport and HELPE, are temporarily put on hold as their value is affected by the current, adverse circumstances. As regards the concession of Hellinikon in particular, the demolition permit of 450 buildings on the plot was published in the Government Gazette. It is reminded that the expected privatisations proceeds for 2020 will be in the area of €350-400mn, which includes the first tranche for the concession of Hellinikon and the Alimos marina.

### CESEE

Bulgaria: In its latest Regional Economic Prospects released yesterday, the EBRD projected the country's GDP to contract by 5.0% in 2020 and then rebound by 4.0% in 2021. The forecast was revised downwards from November 2019, when the EBRD expected a 3.0% GDP growth in 2020. The Covid-19 containment measures resulted in a sharp decrease in economic activity in March and will continue to weigh in Q2, leading to a significant decrease in consumption of services and durable goods, the EBRD said. Serbia: In May's inflation report released yesterday, the NBS forecasts that GDP will contract by 1.5% in 2020 as a result of the Covid-19 impact. The NBS states in the report that the contraction could have been 6.5% this year, had it not been for the economic measures already adopted by the government.

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**GLOBAL MARKETS**
**Stock markets**

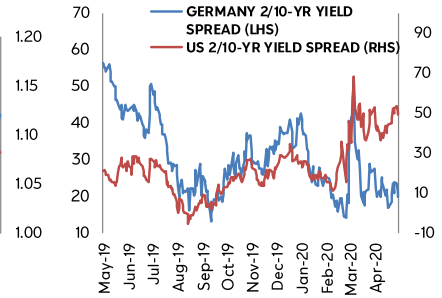
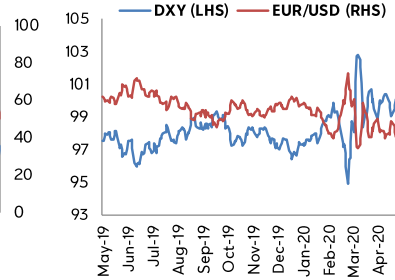
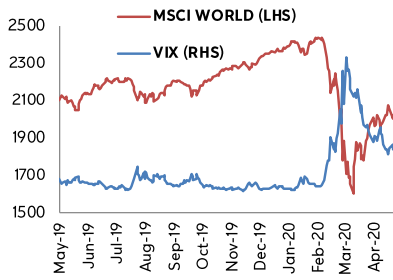
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S&P 500	2820.00	-1.75%	-12.7%
Nikkei 225	19914.78	-1.7%	-15.8%
STOXX 600	333.97	-1.9%	-19.7%

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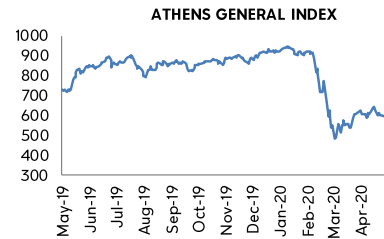
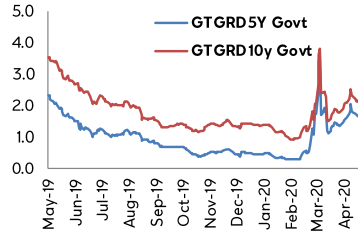
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.081	-0.1%	-3.6%
GBP/USD	1.2202	-0.2%	-7.9%
USD/JPY	106.84	0.2%	1.7%

**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.62	-3	-129
Bund-10yr	-0.55	-2	-36
JGB - 10yr	0.00	-1	1


**GREECE**
**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	1.45	0	96
10Y Bond	2.07	0	64
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	2.62	0	100


**EMERGING MARKETS**
**Stock markets**

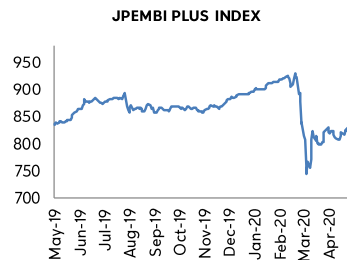
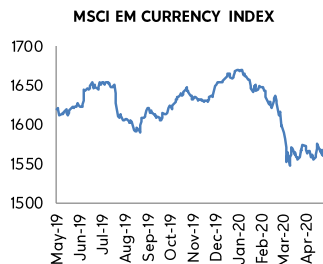
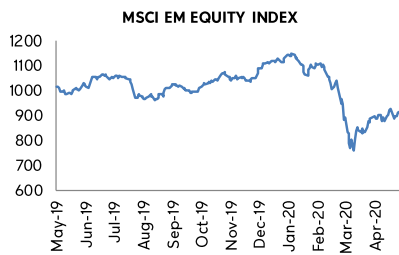
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	452.98	0.3%	-20.3%
BELEX	678.61	0.7%	-1535.3%
XU100	99858.48	-0.3%	-1273.0%

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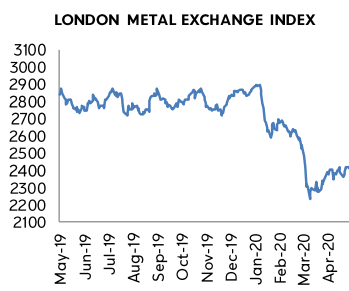
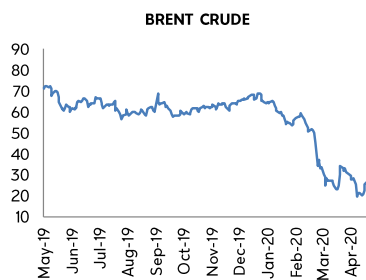
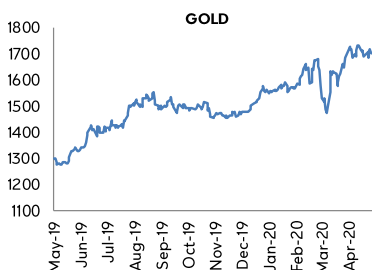
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5669	0.0%	-6.8%
EUR/RSD	117.569	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	6.9669	0.1%	-14.6%

**Government Bonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	7.95	-2	182
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.37		


**COMMODITIES**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1717	0.1%	13.2%
BRENT CRUDE	30	1.8%	-55.0%
LMEX	2395	-0.6%	-15.8%



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