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HIGHLIGHTS

April 16, 2020

Global Markets

Risk-off sentiment prevailed earlier today after US equity markets closed in the red overnight, on mounting worries that the US has probably entered into a recession following yesterday's disappointing retail sales and industrial production data releases for March, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Retail sales dropped by 8.7%MoM, the biggest decline since tracking begun in 1992, and industrial production fell by 5.4%MoM, the biggest drop since January 1946 as the pandemic led many factories to suspend operations late in the month. In addition, in its April Beige Book report released yesterday, the Fed reported that "economic activity contracted sharply and abruptly across all regions". Against this background, USTs and German Bunds remained well supported, while, in FX markets, the USD firmed favoured by safe-haven bids.

Greece

In its quarterly review of the Greek economy, the Foundation of Economic and Industrial Research presented a baseline and a negative scenario for 2020 GDP. The first, which assumes, among others, that incoming tourism recovers for a large part of the tourism season, foresees GDP contraction of -5% and unemployment at 19.3%. The second, which assumes very low incoming tourism, forecasts a GDP contraction of 9% and unemployment at 21.2%. In other news, the government raised yesterday €2bn through a 7-year bond auction with the yield standing at 2%, the final orderbook over €5.9bn and with more than 128 investors participating. Finally, the government is reportedly considering to resort to the cash buffer to meet its liquidity needs by the end of June with the utilisation of c. €14billion.

CESEE

Serbia: According to the Minister of Finance, Sinisa Mali, Serbia is at the final stage of negotiations with the World Bank (WB) and the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB) to grant the country loans of ca EUR300mn cumulatively. The loans will be provided at an interest rate of 0.5%. The Minister confirmed that urgent financial assistance will not be requested from the IMF, adding that Serbia's balance of payments is stable and so are FX reserves. On the markets front, the Ministry of Finance sold RSD29.4bn in 53-week T-bills at an auction yesterday. Investors placed bids for RSD29.4bn against the offered RSD35bn, under-subscribing the issue. The notes were sold at an average yield of 1.8% and will mature on April 22, 2021.

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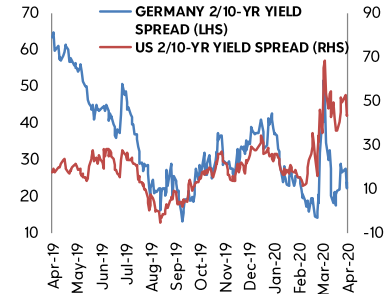
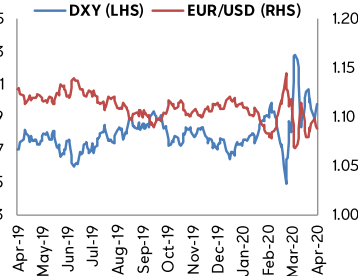
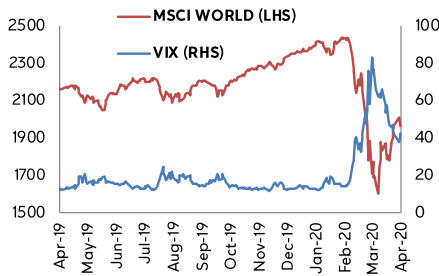
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	2783.36	-2.20%	-13.8%
Nikkei 225	19290.20	-1.3%	-18.5%
STOXX 600	325.34	0.7%	-21.8%

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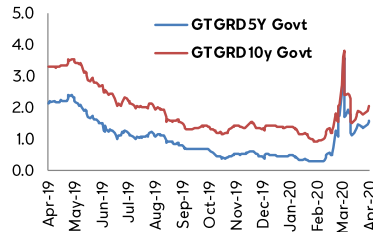
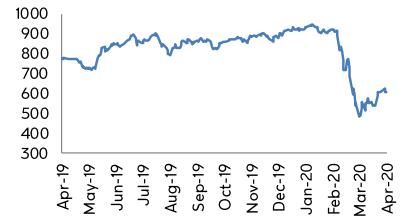
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.0887	-0.2%	-2.9%
GBP/USD	1.2501	-0.1%	-5.7%
USD/JPY	107.76	-0.3%	0.8%

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.65	2	-127
Bund-10yr	-0.44	3	-25
JGB - 10yr	0.02	0	3


GREECE
Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	1.57	2	108
10Y Bond	2.04	0	61
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	2.48	0	86


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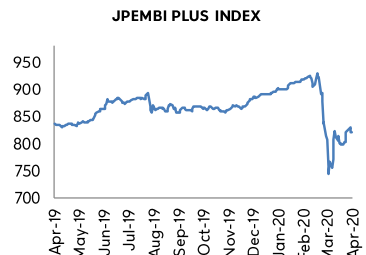
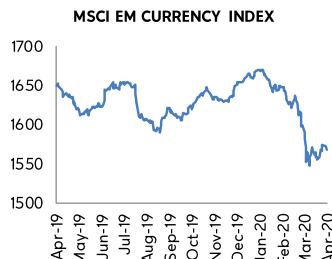
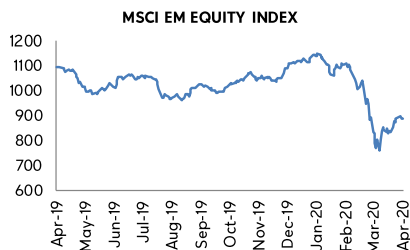
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	460.28	1.6%	-19.0%
BELEX	691.10	-0.6%	-1379.5%
XU100	96455.54	0.6%	-1570.4%

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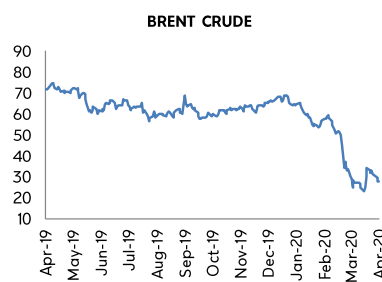
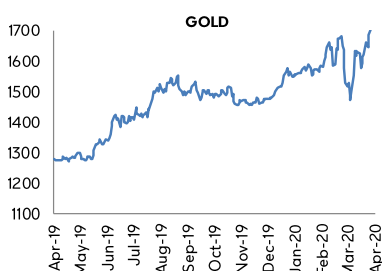
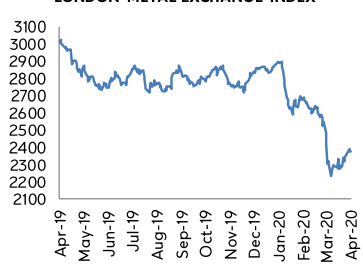
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5387	0.0%	-6.3%
EUR/RSD	117.57	-0.1%	0.1%
USD/TRY	6.9035	0.1%	-13.8%

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	8.70	-9	257
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.35		


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1724	0.4%	13.6%
BRENT CRUDE	27	-0.8%	-58.4%
LME	2378	-0.6%	-16.4%


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