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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced yesterday plans for a \$1tn fiscal stimulus to quell the economic effect of the COVID-19 outbreak, while companies and individuals will be allowed to delay tax payments for 90 days. In response to the above, US equity markets ended higher overnight but Asian shares ended in the red today and European equities opened lower amid mounting worries over the global growth outlook. USTs remained under pressure even though the Fed bought \$40bn of sovereign paper yesterday. Bunds followed the same pattern failing to capitalise on market expectations for a Eurozone recession. In FX markets, the EUR/USD dropped below 1.100 following yesterday's record plunge in Germany's March ZEW investor expectations index to -49.5.

Greece

In his message yesterday, the Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis announced the allocation of €2 billion and further measures to counter the economic impact of the coronavirus. The measures, which will be specified later today, will include: 1) the compensation of employees whose companies closed by state decision (c. €400-500 million per month), 2) suspension of tax and social obligations for companies whose turnover has been reduced by at least 50%, 3) measures to boost the liquidity of businesses in order to protect jobs. These measures, which may include state guarantees for loans, will be specified at a later stage. 4) Potential suspension of tax obligations for private individuals. Meanwhile, confirmed coronavirus cases in Greece have reached 387.

CESEE

With Covid2019 incidents in the region exceeding 400 people, all countries adopt measures to mitigate the eminent economic impact from the virus outbreak. Namely, according to press, Bulgaria has submitted to the parliament a bill on the measures to be taken during the one-month state of emergency. Apart from already announced measures such as restrictions on bars and restaurants and legal penalties for those violating imposed quarantines, the bill will allow direct distribution of EU funds to companies. Moreover, the government intends to increase the share capital of the Bulgarian Development Bank (BDB) by 256 million euro in order for the latter to support businesses affected by the pandemic.

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock markets

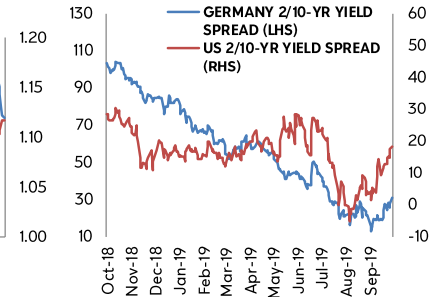
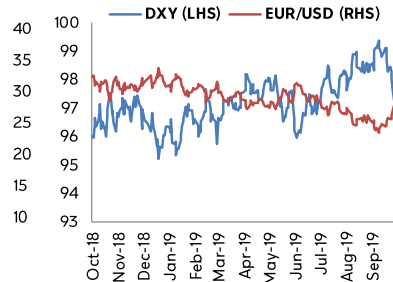
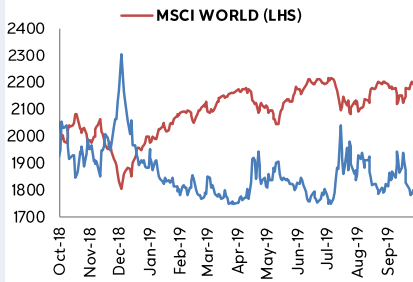
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	2986.20	-0.39%	19.1%
Nikkei 225	22548.90	0.2%	12.7%
STOXX 600	393.03	0.3%	16.4%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1178	0.1%	-2.5%
GBP/USD	1.2998	0.2%	1.9%
USD/JPY	108.64	-0.2%	1.0%

Government Bonds

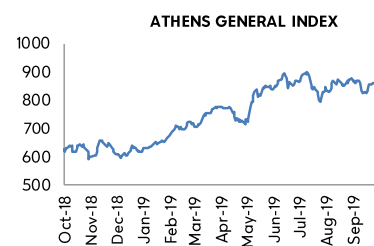
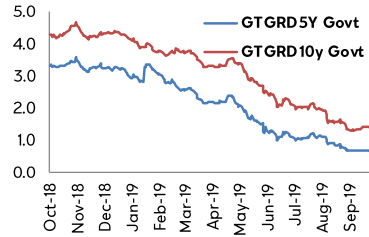
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.79	3	-90
Bund-10yr	-0.34	4	-58
JGB - 10yr	-0.13	1	-13



GREECE

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.59	0	-259
10Y Bond	1.31	1	-303
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.66	0	-245



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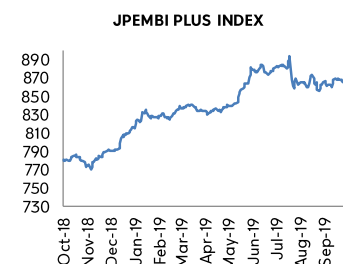
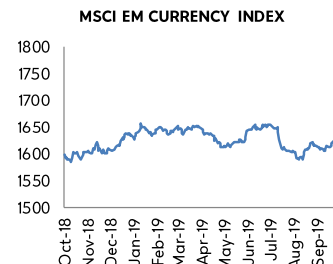
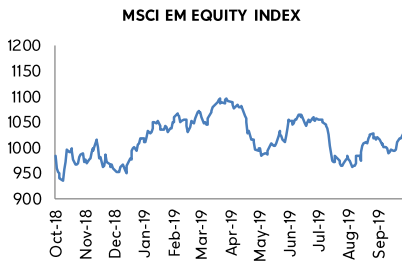
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	564.42	-0.1%	-5.1%
BELEX	748.04	-0.1%	-179.2%
XU100	97797.11	-0.6%	715.1%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.2784	0.1%	0.3%
EUR/RSD	117.815	0.2%	0.4%
USD/TRY	5.8318	-0.7%	-9.3%

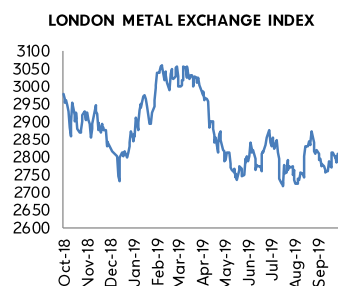
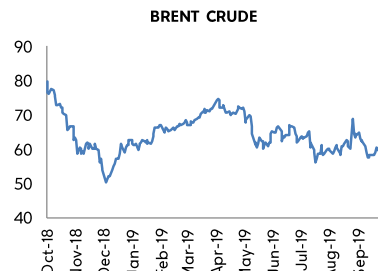
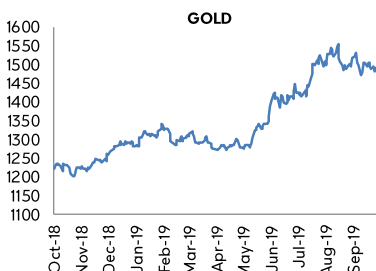
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	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	6.88	-1	-22
BG 8Y yield	0.13	-3	-34
PL 10Y yield	2.04	2	-77



COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1489	-0.1%	16.1%
BRENT CRUDE	59	-0.1%	10.3%
LMEX	2809	0.7%	0.3%



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