

# GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

## HIGHLIGHTS

December 18, 2020

### Global Markets

Congressional leaders are reportedly getting closer to an agreement on a Covid-19 relief stimulus package worth around \$900bn, and according to Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell, lawmakers will probably have to work through the weekend to get it passed. However, EU/UK trade talks remain tense, with fisheries appearing to be the remaining contentious issue to a deal. US stimulus hopes allowed global equities to retain an overall positive tone in spite of increased US/China tensions. In FX markets, the USD remained under pressure, with the DXY index dropping below 90 for the first time in the last 2 ½ years. Adding to the USD's negative tone, the Philly Fed manufacturing activity index fell to a lower than expected 11.1 in December from 26.3 in the prior month and initial jobless claims rose to a four-month high of 885k.

### Greece

According to the preliminary state budget execution data, in the period January-November 2020, the state budget primary balance registered a deficit of -€13.808 bn (modified cash basis) from a surplus of €6.945 bn in the respective period of 2019. Nevertheless, due to an over-performance in net revenues, mainly in taxes and public investment budget revenues, and an under-execution in expenditures, especially in public investment budget expenditures, the January-November 2020 primary deficit was lower by €1.484 bn compared to the respective 2021 Budget target. On the labour market front, despite the deep recession of the Greek economy, the unemployment rate shrunk, albeit mildly, to 16.2% in 2020Q3 from 16.4% in 2019Q3 (quarterly LFS, non-seasonally adjusted data).

### CESEE

According to a report from Scope Ratings released yesterday, regarding the 2021 outlook of the CESEE region, the agency reinstated its recent view that most countries in the region will not be able to return to pre-pandemic levels sooner than 2021. Nevertheless, enhanced economic resilience over recent years has made CEE-11 economies better positioned to cope with global crises such as the severe recession of 2020. The new long-term EU budget presents a major opportunity for EU CESEE countries to boost investment. Specifically, Bulgaria's economy is expected to grow by +3.5% in 2021, after anticipated to contract by -5.0% this year, close to the estimated 2020 output losses of the CESEE average, i.e. -5.3%. After 2021, gradual rebound towards the country's medium-term underlying annual growth rate of 2.5% is envisaged.

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

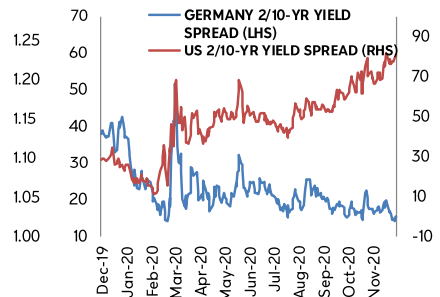
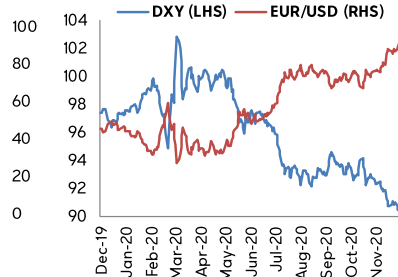
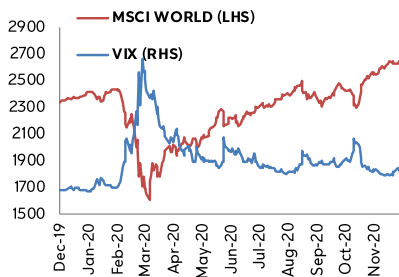
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3722.48	0.58%	15.2%
Nikkei 225	26763.39	-0.2%	13.1%
STOXX 600	397.28	0.3%	-4.5%

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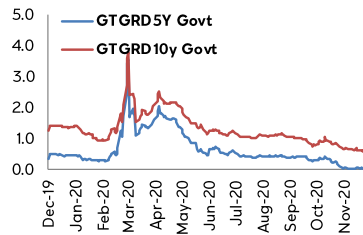
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.2247	-0.2%	9.2%
GBP/USD	1.3519	-0.5%	2.0%
USD/JPY	103.57	-0.4%	4.9%

**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.92	-1	-100
Bund-10yr	-0.57	0	-39
JGB - 10yr	0.01	0	2


**GREECE**
**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.02	0	-47
10Y Bond	0.58	0	-85
Δ(10YBund-10YGG)	1.15	0	-47


**ATHENS GENERAL INDEX**

**EMERGING MARKETS**
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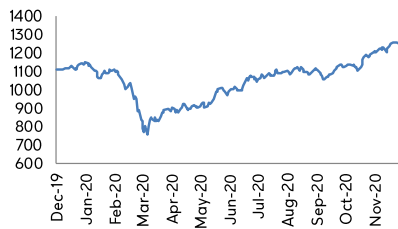
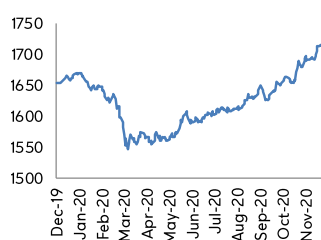
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	439.59	-0.1%	-22.6%
BELEX	712.31	-0.2%	-1114.9%
XU100	1401.48	0.2%	2248.0%

**FOREX**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.4417	0.0%	-4.2%
EUR/RSD	117.57	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	7.7369	-0.4%	-23.1%

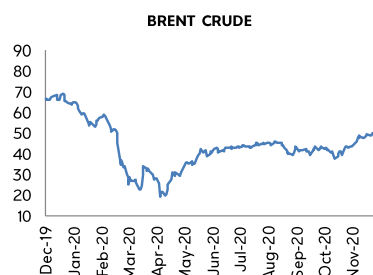
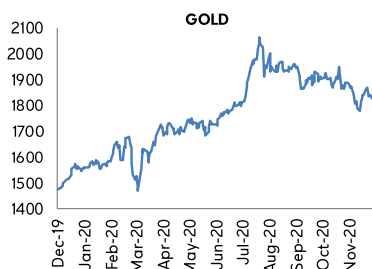
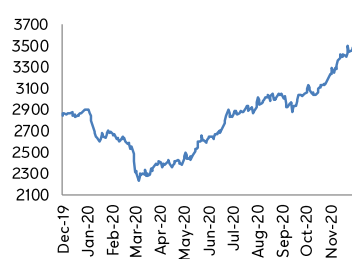
**Government Bonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	5.55	-5	-58
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.24		

**MSCI EM EQUITY INDEX**

**MSCI EM CURRENCY INDEX**

**JPEMBI PLUS INDEX**

**COMMODITIES**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1881	-0.2%	24.0%
BRENT CRUDE	51	-0.4%	-22.3%
LME	3502	0.9%	23.2%


**LONDON METAL EXCHANGE INDEX**


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