



# **GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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# **Global Markets**

Germany's ZEW survey for February yesterday revealed a bigger-than-expected drop in the investor expectations index to 8.7 from January's 26.7 amid concerns about the growth outlook of the Eurozone's largest economy, given its significant trade exposure to China. On the flip side, US data surprised positively showing a 8.1pt rise in the NY Fed's February Empire State business conditions index to a nine-month high of 12.9. In reaction to the above, the EUR/USD marked a fresh near 3-year low of 1.0784, before rebounding slightly above 1.0800 earlier today, still 2.6% lower from late January highs. Elsewhere, the 3m/10yr UST yield curve became inverted again for the first time since mid-October 2019 as coronavirus developments remain a key driver for markets. Looking at today's calendar, focus is on January's US housing data.

#### Greece

According to the preliminary data for the state budget execution on a modified cash basis for Jan-20, the state budget balance posted a deficit of -€766mn against a targeted surplus of €209mn (budget estimates 2020) and a deficit of -€442mn in Jan-19. The underperformance of €743mn or 16% against the target is due to the reduced PIB revenues (-€644mn difference) as well as the increased tax refunds (€98mn difference). State budget expenditures for Jan-20 amounted to €4,681mn, €232mn higher than the target due to increased interest payments by €204mn and increased payments to EU by €141mn. Compared to the respective period of 2019 state budget expenditure were increased by €132mn, mainly due to the increased PIB expenditure by €122mn.

## **CESEE**

Bulgaria: Prime Minister, Boyko Borissov signaled that the government may consider slowing down its efforts towards ERM II accession, given the observed lack of sufficient public consensus. Moreover, he claimed that he considers as a prerequisite the absolute public support in order for the government to proceed vigorously with further European integration, namely entering the Eurozone. However, he did not reject the end of April 2020 as the target date for Bulgaria to receive an ERM II invitation while at the same time he ordered an informative campaign by the competent domestic institutions so as for the general public to gain awareness of the benefits attached to the adoption of the Euro. On the public debt issuance front, the government intends to issue BGN 20mn bonds with 10.5 years maturity.

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# **GLOBAL MARKETS**

Stock market	S		
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3370.29	-0.29%	4.3%
Nikkei 225	23400.70	0.9%	-1.1%
STOXX 600	431.94	0.4%	3.9%



Government Bonds				
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	∆YTD bps	
UST - 10yr	1.56	0	-35	
Bund-10yr	-0.40	0	-22	
IGB - 10vr	-0.05	1	-4	





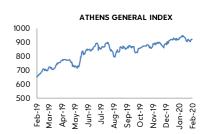


#### **GREECE**

#### **Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbp
5Y Bond	0.31	0	-18
10Y Bond	0.96	0	-47
Δ(10YBund-	1.37	0	-25

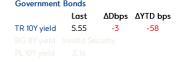




## **EMERGING MARKETS**

Stock mark	ets		
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	552.12	0.2%	-2.8%
BELEX	814.35	-0.4%	157.9%
XU100	120237.50	0.6%	508.0%

FOREX			
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.2688	0.0%	-0.3%
EUR/RSD	117.548	-0.2%	0.2%
LISD/TRY	6.0684	-O 1%	-1 9%



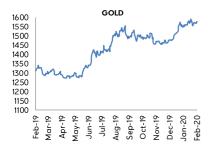


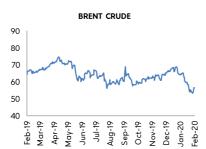


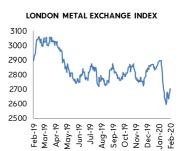


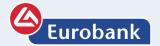
# **COMMODITIES**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1607	0.3%	5.9%
BRENT CRUDE	58	0.8%	-11.8%
LMEX	2674	-0.6%	-5.9%











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