

GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

HIGHLIGHTS

March 20, 2020

Global Markets

Global equity markets bounced back on Friday after a steep plunge earlier this week, government bonds rallied and oil prices experienced their biggest daily advance on record (boosted in part by President Trump's statement that he would intervene in an oil price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia when it was appropriate), following massive fiscal and monetary stimulus by governments and central banks around the world. The Fed's announcement to establish US dollar swap lines with 9 further central banks, adding to the existing swap lines with the ECB, BoE, BoJ, SNB and BoC, likely had a significant positive impact. In FX markets, the US dollar was losing some steam in early European trade after a three-session gaining streak against its major currency peers that lift it to a near three-year peak earlier today and put it on course for its biggest weekly gain since the 2008 financial crisis.

Greece

The Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis announced yesterday a third bundle of measures to alleviate the economic impact of COVID-19 as follows: 1) the beneficiaries of the €800 allowance are further expanded as follows: a. employees in companies that experience a sharp turnover drop, b. sole proprietors and freelancers ex officio, i.e. without having to prove reduction of turnover, c. employees that have been made redundant since the beginning of March, 2) hospital and Civil Protection staff will receive an extra half-salary in recognition of their efforts during the current crisis. The measures taken so far total €10billion, leading to an update of the 2020 budget. Meanwhile, companies in the private sector are given the option to postpone the payment of the Easter grant until June.

CESEE

Bulgaria: The Bulgarian National Bank (BNB) announced yesterday a package of measures worth BGN 9.3bn in total to counter the COVID-19 crisis and its consequences. The measures will be mainly focused on strengthening banks' capital. More specifically, the banking system's full profit amounting to BGN1.6bn will be capitalised while the liquidity of commercial banks will be increased by BGN7bn through the reduction of the latter's foreign exposures. The central bank will also cancel the scheduled increases of the counter-cyclical capital buffer for banks, the effect of which is estimated at ca BGN0.7bn. The measures aim to support the resilience of the domestic banking system and increase its flexibility given the negative impact on corporates and individuals. The BNB stated that it will consider additional measures if necessary.

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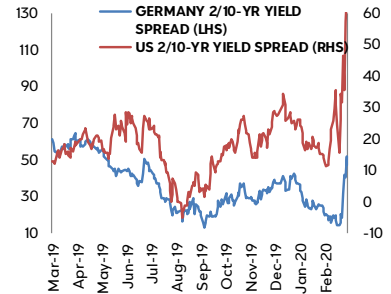
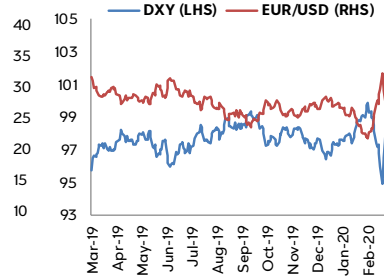
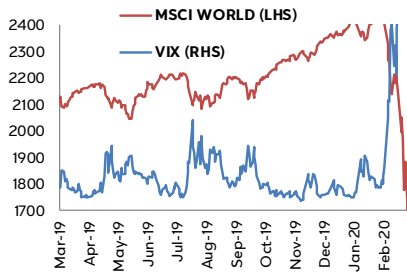
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	2409.39	0.47%	-25.4%
Nikkei 225	16552.83	-1.0%	-30.0%
STOXX 600	287.80	2.9%	-30.8%

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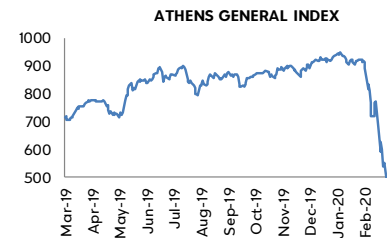
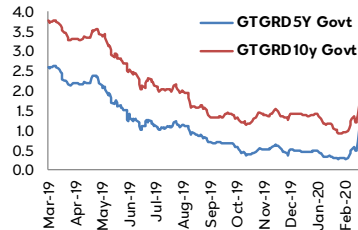
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.0815	1.2%	-3.6%
GBP/USD	1.1834	3.0%	-10.7%
USD/JPY	109.42	1.2%	-0.7%

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.03	-11	-89
Bund-10yr	-0.27	-8	-9
JGB - 10yr	0.08	0	9


GREECE
Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	1.70	0	121
10Y Bond	2.41	0	97
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	2.68	0	106


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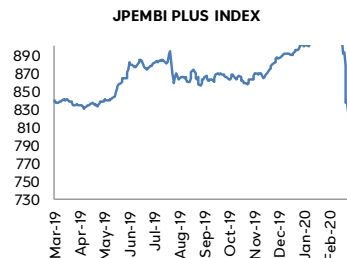
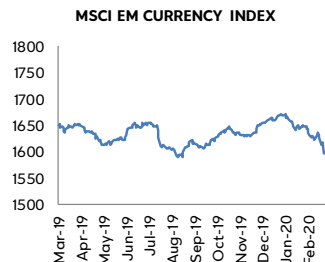
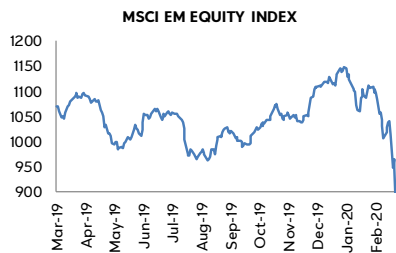
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	405.80	-2.5%	-28.6%
BELEX	620.73	-4.9%	-2257.2%
XU100	87295.12	2.5%	-2371.0%

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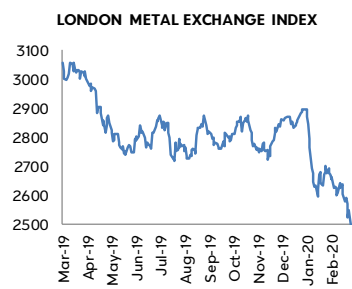
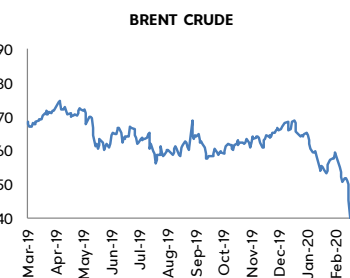
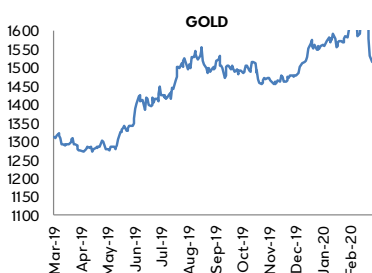
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5233	1.0%	-5.9%
EUR/RSD	117.595	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	6.4813	1.0%	-8.2%

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	9.08	-9	295
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	2.17		


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1508	2.5%	-0.6%
BRENT CRUDE	30	5.3%	-54.6%
LMEX	2319	0.5%	-18.4%



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