

# GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

## HIGHLIGHTS

September 21, 2020

### Global Markets

Investors adopted a cautious stance towards risk assets earlier today, amid fading hopes for additional US fiscal stimulus and a resurgence of COVID-19 infections across Europe. Several European countries announced new restrictions to curb surging infections in some of their largest cities, including France, Denmark and Greece, while UK PM Boris Johnson did not rule out another national lockdown. In FX markets, major currency pairs remained stuck within recent ranges, with the EUR/USD hovering around the 1.1850 level and the GBP/USD holding above 1.29, despite renewed BoE talk of negative rates. Looking at this week's calendar, major data releases include EA preliminary PMIs for September, while Fed Chair Jerome Powell is scheduled to speak three times before US Congress Committees.

### Greece

On privatisations, the plenary session of the Council of State decided on Friday that the company "SHRE/SHRILLC" was rightly excluded from the initial stage of the tender for the Hellinikon casino license. As a result, the tender – a pre-requisite for the financial closing of the Hellinikon concession and thus the disbursement of the €300mn first tranche – may continue. On the economic data front, the overall turnover index in industry (domestic and non-domestic market) in Jul-20 recorded a decrease of 16.2%YoY, while in Jul-19 it had increased by 4.5%YoY. The average overall turnover index in industry for the 12-month period Aug-19 to Jul-20 decreased by 9.6%, compared with the corresponding index of the 12-month period from Aug-18 to Jul-19, when it had increased by 4.7%YoY.

### CESEE

**SERBIA:** The EUR/RSD continued to move in a sideways fashion in the past week, still remaining bound within its narrow range of 117.50-65. Compared with the prior session's settlement, the pair closed almost unchanged at 117.55/60 on Friday. On the data front, the current account deficit (CAD) contracted by 18.3% YoY to €1.5bn in January-July on the back of a lower primary income deficit (-36.3% YoY) and improved services surplus (+36.9% YoY). In July alone, the CAD stood at €121.8mn against €274.7mn in July 2019. According to the NBS forecast, the CAD deficit will narrow to 5% of GDP in 2020 from 6.9% in 2019 reflecting recessionary domestic demand dynamics, lower oil prices and resilient exports. Nevertheless, the CAD is still expected to remain fully financed by €2.3bn in net FDI inflows.

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## GLOBAL MARKETS

### Stock markets

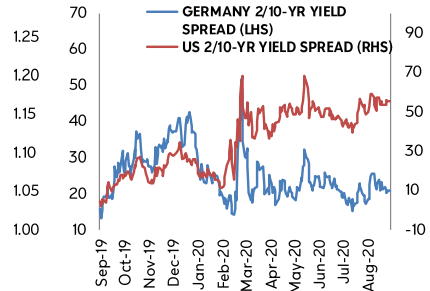
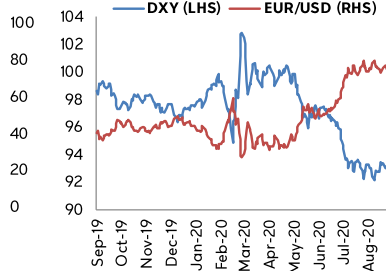
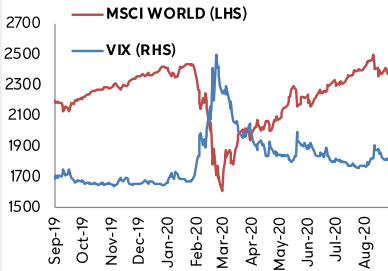
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3319.47	-1.12%	2.7%
Nikkei 225	23360.30	0.2%	-1.3%
STOXX 600	368.78	-0.7%	-11.3%

### FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1864	0.2%	5.8%
GBP/USD	1.2951	0.3%	-2.3%
USD/JPY	104.32	0.2%	4.1%

### Government Bonds

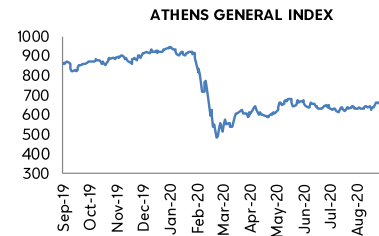
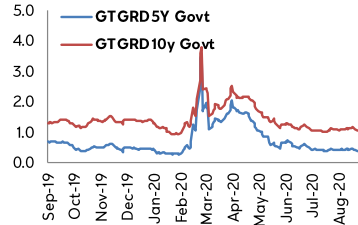
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.69	1	-122
Bund-10yr	-0.49	1	-30
JGB - 10yr	0.02	0	3



## GREECE

### Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.40	0	-9
10Y Bond	1.07	0	-36
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.56	0	-6



## EMERGING MARKETS

### Stock markets

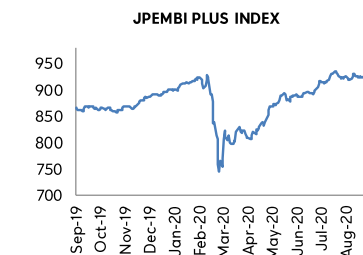
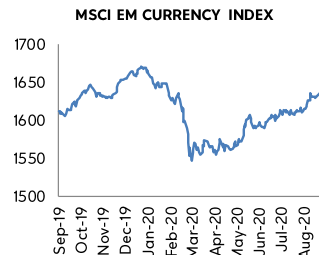
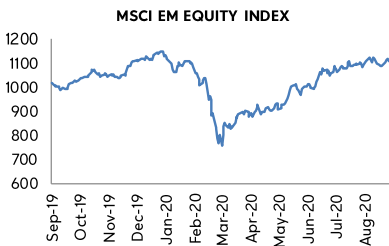
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	424.97	-1.1%	-25.2%
BELEX	688.45	-0.1%	-1412.5%
XU100	1111.96	0.1%	-282.2%

### FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.4557	0.1%	-4.5%
EUR/RSD	117.5	0.1%	0.2%
USD/TRY	7.5691	-0.1%	-21.4%

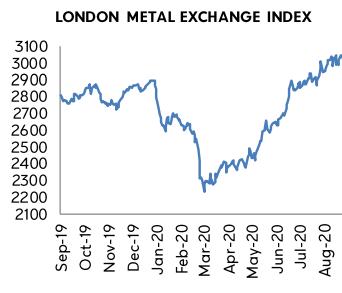
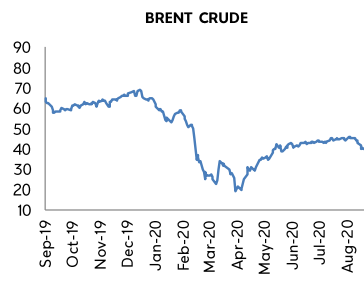
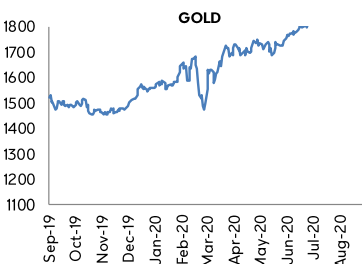
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	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	6.68	-6	55
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.34		



## COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1952	0.1%	28.6%
BRENT CRUDE	43	-0.5%	-34.9%
LMEX	3046	0.4%	7.1%



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