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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

The final US Presidential debate between Donald Trump and Joe Biden was more “well-behaved” than the first one, covering several issues including the pandemic and climate change. However, with polls showing that most of Americans have already made up their mind and more than 47.5mn of mail-in votes have already been cast, last night’s debate is unlikely to have a material impact on the election outcome. Meanwhile, UST and German Bund yields remained close to recent highs and the USD firmed after US House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi reported progress in fiscal stimulus talks. On the data front, September’s US existing home sales surprised positively and EA consumer confidence fell to a lower than expected -15.5 in October, pressured by rising new Covid-19 cases and tighter restrictions.

Greece

According to the Bank of Greece, in August 2020, travel receipts declined by 66.5%YoY, improved against the drop by 84.4%YoY in July 2020. The fall in travel receipts in August 2020 resulted from a 73.3% decline in inbound traveller flows, as average expenditure per trip rose by 27.6%. In January to August 2020, travel receipts totaled €2,684mn, down by 79.7%, relative to the same period of 2019. On the pandemic front, average daily cases for the week ended yesterday rose sharply to 611 from 367 in the previous week, while daily new cases posted another hike at 882 yesterday. The surge in cases prompted the government to step up restrictive measures and impose, among others, a curfew from 12.30am to 5:00am in regions that have reached alert levels 3 and 4.

CESEE

Bulgaria: In the draft budget law for 2021, released on Wednesday, the Ministry of Finance envisaged a -3.9%-of-GDP budget deficit target, compared to the expected -4.1%-of-GDP budget deficit for 2020. Fiscal budgets are forecast to end up with deficits in 2022 and 2023 as well, i.e. -2.0% and -1.8% of GDP respectively. **Serbia:** In the Western Balkans Regular Economic Report released yesterday, the World Bank (WB) reiterated its outlook over a -3.0% contraction in 2020 GDP and return to the previous solid economic growth trajectory over the medium term. Despite the economic slowdown, the unemployment rate stood at an historic low of 7.3% in Q2 2020 on the back of the fiscal stimulus program, which, however, accounts for nearly 13% of GDP so far, leading to a projected fiscal deficit of a record-high 7.6% of GDP.

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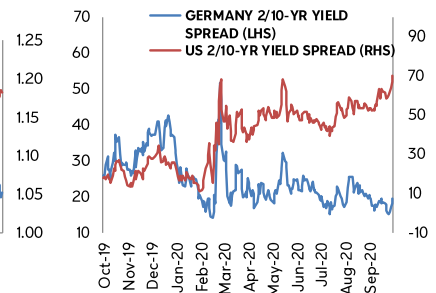
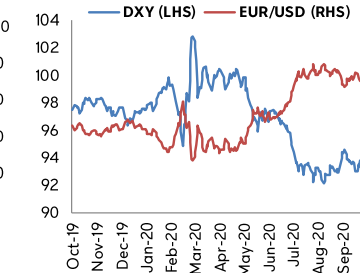
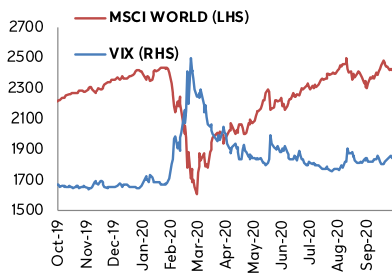
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3453.49	0.52%	6.9%
Nikkei 225	23516.59	0.2%	-0.6%
STOXX 600	360.27	-0.1%	-13.4%

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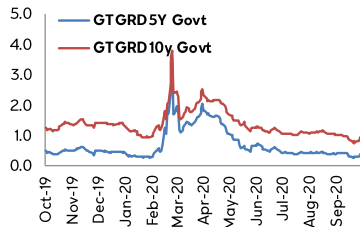
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.18	-0.2%	5.2%
GBP/USD	1.3057	-0.2%	-1.5%
USD/JPY	104.77	0.1%	3.7%

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.84	-1	-108
Bund-10yr	-0.58	-2	-40
JGB - 10yr	0.04	0	5


GREECE
Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.37	0	-12
10Y Bond	0.93	0	-51
Δ(10YBund-10YGG)	1.51	0	-11


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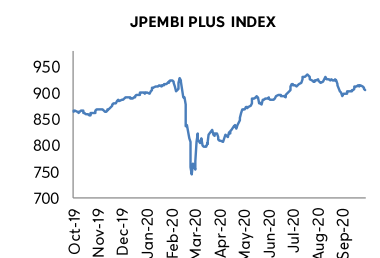
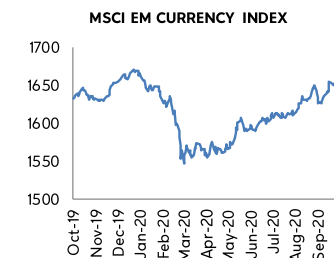
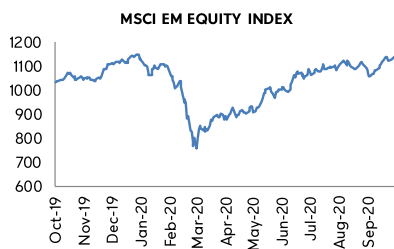
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	429.66	0.4%	-24.4%
BELEX	691.57	0.4%	-1373.6%
XUI100	1198.32	-1.1%	472.5%

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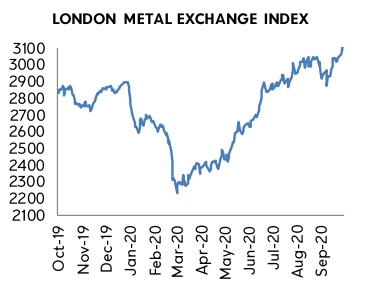
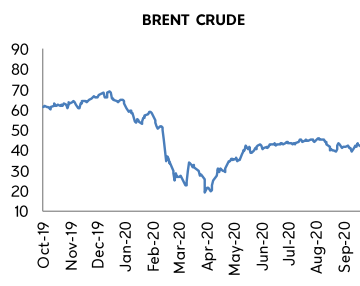
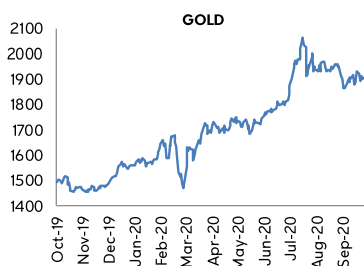
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5843	-0.2%	-7.2%
EUR/RSD	117.595	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	7.9477	-0.2%	-25.1%

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	6.80	-6	66
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.26		


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1906	0.1%	25.6%
BRENT CRUDE	42	-0.6%	-36.1%
LMEX	3108	-0.5%	9.3%



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