

# GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

## HIGHLIGHTS

April 24, 2020

### Global Markets

Reflecting the unprecedented hit of the coronavirus-related containment measures on the Eurozone economic activity, the headline composite PMI dropped further to a fresh record low of 13.5 in April from March's 29.7, surpassing the trough of 36.2 seen during the global financial crisis. Meanwhile, the European Council failed to reach an agreement on the specific features of a post-pandemic Recovery Fund at yesterday's video conference and mandated the European Commission to make a detailed proposal. Against this background, the EUR/USD extended recent losses marking a one-month low below 1.0750 earlier today and poised for its second weekly decline. Elsewhere, risk-off sentiment prevailed on negative developments on the medical treatment of COVID-19, ahead of today's S&P review on Italy's sovereign rating.

### Greece

The government's proposal on the protection of first residence that will succeed the existing framework has reportedly raised concerns by the institutions who requested more detailed quantification of the scheme. According to press, their main objection regards the inclusion to the protection of new debtors that will arise from the COVID19 crisis. In other news, Fitch maintained Greece's sovereign credit rating to 'BB' and revised the outlook to 'stable' from 'positive', due to the impact of COVID19 on economic activity, public finances and external accounts. S&P and DBRS are expected to release their updated ratings tonight.

### CESEE

Bulgaria: According to Prime Minister's, Boyko Borissov's, statements, the government expects Bulgaria to join the ERM II by the end of July. Regarding the last step before the government can apply for entry in the ERM II, this pertains to the FiBank's capital increase by BGN 200mn and is still pending. However, the Financial Supervision Commission appears to have approved this time the submitted proposal, following the rejection of the previous in late 2019. The placement will take place with the issuance of 40mn shares at an issue price of BGN 5 per share. The capital increase will help FiBank to meet the ECB's capital requirements. The Minister of Finance, Vladislav Goranov, stated a few days earlier that FiBank has fulfilled the ECB's capital requirements by ca 70% and will complete the remaining part within a few weeks.

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

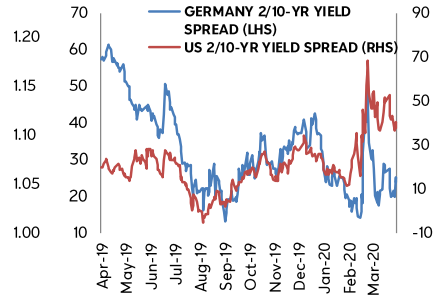
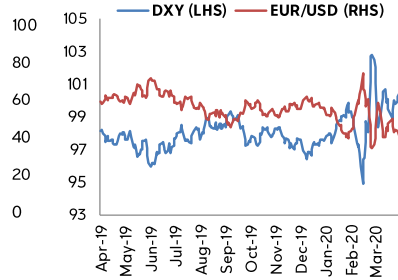
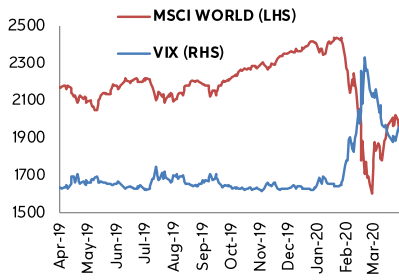
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	2797.80	-0.05%	-13.4%
Nikkei 225	19262.00	-0.9%	-18.6%
STOXX 600	329.51	-1.1%	-20.8%

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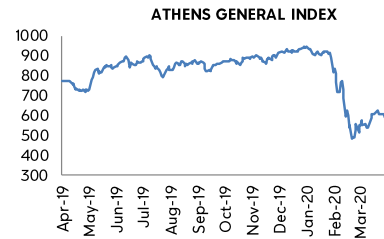
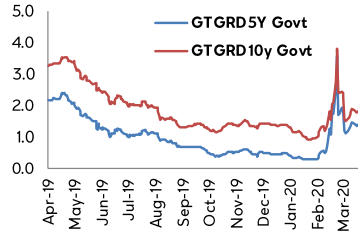
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.0738	-0.4%	-4.2%
GBP/USD	1.2317	-0.2%	-7.1%
USD/JPY	107.73	-0.1%	0.8%

**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.59	-1	-133
Bund-10yr	-0.47	-4	-28
JGB - 10yr	-0.02	-3	-1


**GREECE**
**Government Bonds**

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	1.87	6	138
10Y Bond	2.38	5	95
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	2.85	0	123


**EMERGING MARKETS**
**Stock markets**

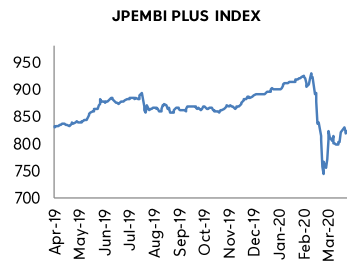
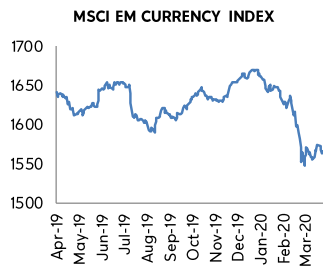
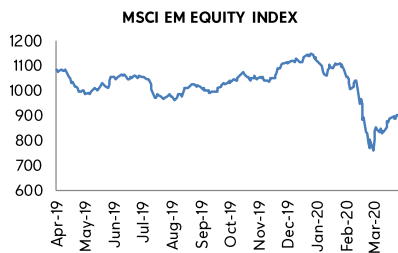
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	442.63	0.0%	-22.1%
BELEX	679.51	-0.5%	-1524.0%
XU100	98617.98	0.5%	-1381.4%

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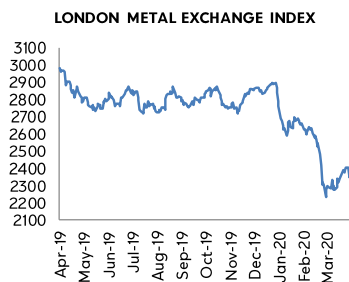
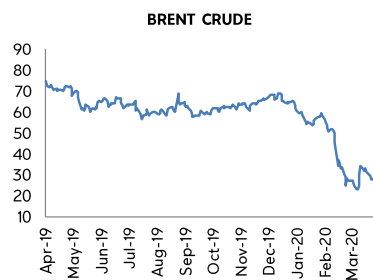
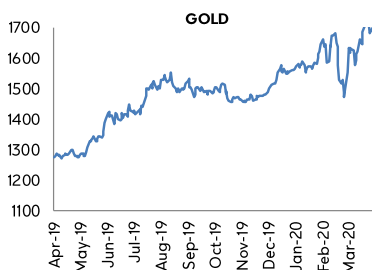
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5393	0.1%	-6.3%
EUR/RSD	117.568	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	6.9765	-0.4%	-14.7%

**Government Bonds**

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	8.37	-8	224
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.33		


**COMMODITIES**

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1730	0.0%	14.0%
BRENT CRUDE	22	1.8%	-67.1%
LME	2384	0.2%	-16.1%



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