

GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

HIGHLIGHTS

July 31, 2020

Global Markets

According to the advance estimate, US Q2 GDP decreased at an annual rate of 32.9%, the steepest pace since the Great Depression, reflecting large declines across all major expenditure components. Turning to the other side of the Atlantic, Germany's Q2 GDP shrunk by an unprecedented 10.1%QoQ, while other major EA economies contracted by an even steeper pace, including France and Spain where economic activity declined by 13.8%QoQ and 18.5%QoQ, respectively. Pressured by weak GDP releases, European bourses traded lower in early trade today, while UST and German Bund yields declined further. In FX markets, the EUR/USD extended recent gains testing levels slightly above 1.19 earlier today, favored by reports suggesting that the US President raised the idea of postponing the US presidential election on the view that mail-in voting could be subject to fraud.

Greece

The economic sentiment indicator increased at 90.8 points in July 2020 from 87.6 and 88.5 points in June and May 2020 respectively. The balance of expectations, even though still at negative territory, improved in industry (-13.3 points in July from -18.1 points in June), services (-34.2 points in July from -46.8 points in June) and construction (-31.7 points in July from -55.8 points in June). On the other hand, the negative expectations balance deteriorated further for consumers (-34.7 points in July from -27.7 points in June) and retail trade (-18.3 points in July from -6.2 points in June).

CESEE

In yesterday's address to the public, Serbia's President Aleksandar Vucic expressed the view that GDP will remain unchanged in 2020, despite the anticipated contraction in Q2 by -9.9% YoY. He added that the country's budget is fully prepared to withstand economic measures and investment plans while at the same time public debt-to-GDP ratio will not exceed 60% in 2020 from 52.4% in April. One day earlier, top officials from Albania, Bosnia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia held a virtual summit to discuss how to address economic stagnation from the pandemic that could derail or delay national efforts to join the European Union, despite the fact that each country stands at a different stage in the EU membership process. The six countries agreed to accelerate the free movement of goods, services, capital, and people in the region and prepare an action plan to consider at their next summit in Sofia, Bulgaria.

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Stock markets

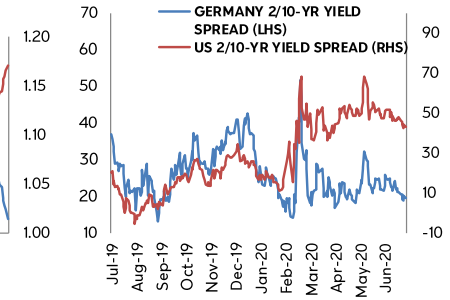
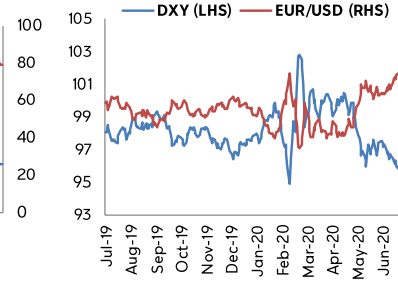
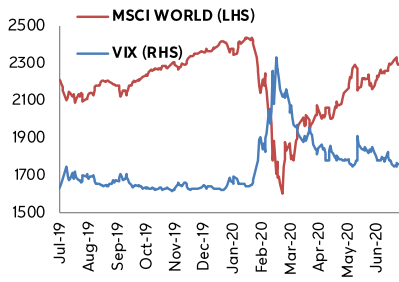
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3246.22	-0.38%	0.5%
Nikkei 225	21710.00	-2.8%	-8.2%
STOXX 600	359.52	-2.2%	-13.5%

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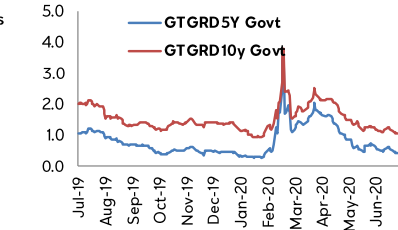
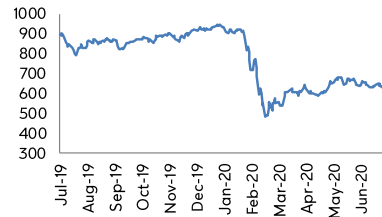
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1893	0.4%	6.1%
GBP/USD	1.3126	0.2%	-1.0%
USD/JPY	104.35	0.4%	4.1%

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	0.53	-2	-139
Bund-10yr	-0.55	-1	-37
JGB - 10yr	0.02	0	3


GREECE
Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.42	0	-7
10Y Bond	1.06	0	-37
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.61	0	-1


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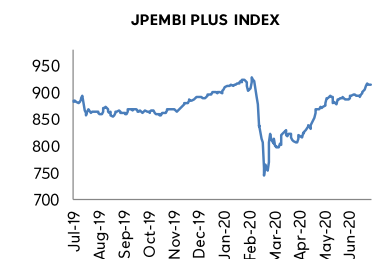
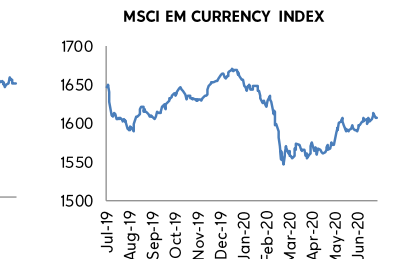
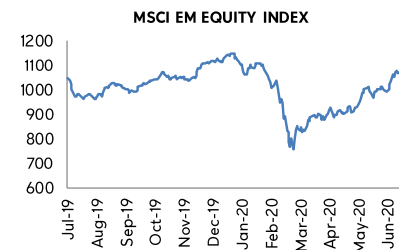
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	439.60	0.3%	-22.6%
BELEX	670.42	0.0%	-1637.4%
XU100	1126.90	-0.8%	-151.6%

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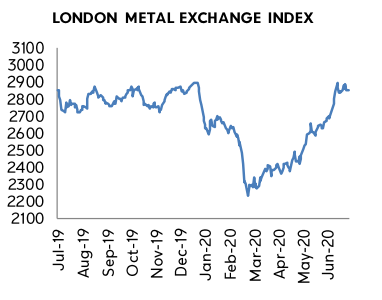
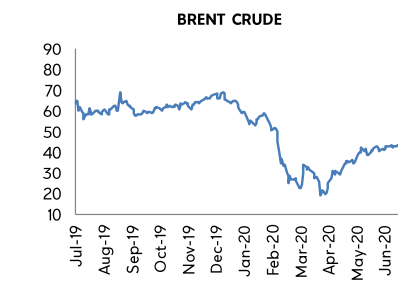
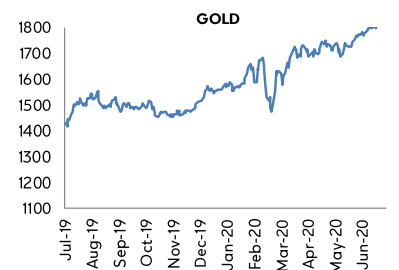
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.4149	-0.1%	-3.6%
EUR/RSD	117.615	0.0%	0.1%
USD/TRY	6.9775	0.2%	-14.7%

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	7.31	25	118
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.28		


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1975	0.9%	30.1%
BRENT CRUDE	43	0.9%	-34.4%
LME	2874	-0.6%	1.1%



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