



# **GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY**

# **HIGHLIGHTS**

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#### **Global Markets**

According to the flash estimate released y-day, Euro area headline inflation eased in June to 1.9%YoY from 2.0%YoY in the prior month, as expected, amid lower energy price inflation while food inflation remained subdued. Core inflation also edged lower to 0.9%YoY from 1.0%YoY in May, as a rise in core goods price inflation (+5bps to 1.2%YoY) was more than offset by a decline in services price inflation (-4bps to 0.7%YoY). Turning to the US, y-day's ADP employment report showed that new jobs in the private sector rose by a higher than expected 692k in June, boding well for Friday's non-farm payrolls report. Strong private payrolls favored the USD with the DXY index hitting a fresh 2½-month high of 92.494 earlier today, while risk sentiment turned cautious again on concerns about the spread of the Delta variant.

#### Greece

According to provisional ELSTAT data, the overall volume index in retail trade in April 2021 increased by 2.2% MoM (seasonally adjusted), and by 39.3% YoY, hitting a 7-month high. Furniture, electrical equipment & household equipment (+165.5% YoY) and books, stationery & other goods (+119.5% YoY) were the two main store categories driving this increase. On the banking front, the combined offering stage of Alpha Holdings' ongoing capital share increase ended yesterday afternoon. The offer oversubscribed, with the final offer price for new shares setting at €1.00 per share. The Athens-based group sought to raise €800m in new capital to facilitate the execution of its strategic growth plan, and take advantage of the investment financing opportunities created by Greece's National Recovery and Resilience Plan.

## **CESEE**

According to the preliminary fiscal results released by CYSTAT, the general government recorded a €512,2mn deficit in January-May 2021 up from €368,6mn in January-May 2020. As a percentage of GDP, the general government deficit widened to -2.3% in 5M-2021 vs. -1.8% in 5M-2020. The aforementioned deterioration in the budget performance reflects the adverse consequences of the Covid19 pandemic and the lockdown measures imposed to contain the spread of the disease. Having declined for two consecutive quarters, in Q1-2021 the residential property price index (RPPI) expanded by 0.5% on a quarterly basis, up from -0.2% and -0.4% in Q4-2020 and Q3-2020 respectively. On an annual basis, the RPPI increased by 0.9%YoY in Q1-2021 compared to 0.8%YoY in Q4-2020, 1.2%YoY in Q3-2020 and 2.2%YoY in Q2-2020.

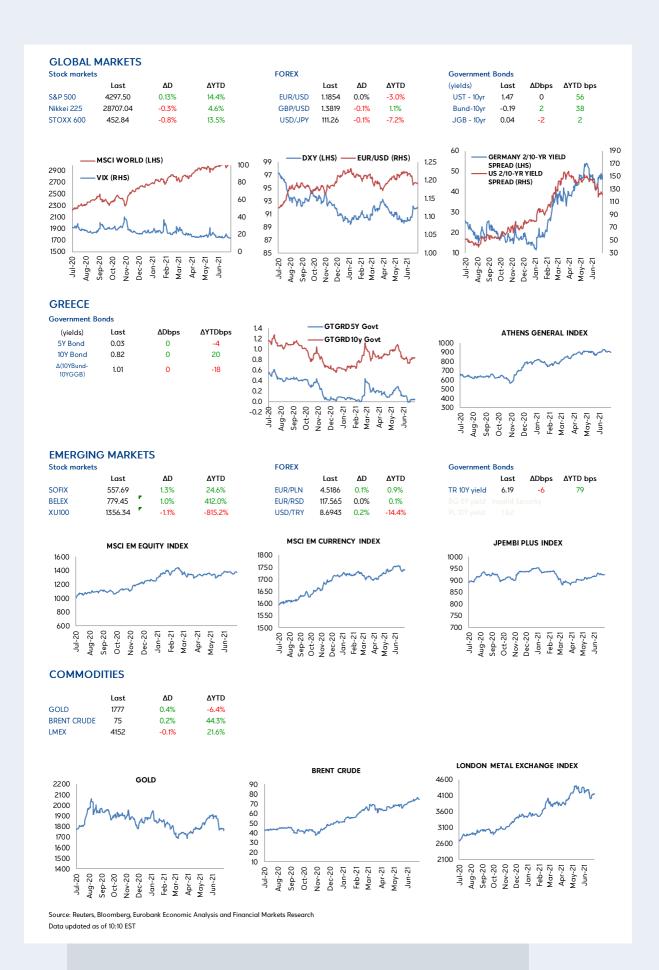
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