

GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

In its latest WEO report released yesterday, the IMF raised its 2021 global growth forecast to 6%, up from 5.5% in its January report, citing unprecedented public spending, primarily by the US and the vaccination rollout programs across the world. However, the IMF warned on widening inequality and a divergence between advanced and less developed economies. US equity markets continued trading near record highs ending the day with negligible losses. The Dow Jones declined by 0.3%, the S&P 500 fell by 0.10% and the NASDAQ eased by 0.05%. US Treasury yields also dipped weighing also on the dollar index, which slipped to a two weeks low. The five-year and ten-year yields dropped to 0.87% and 1.66% respectively. Crude oil prices also strengthened with Brent and WTI rising to 62.9/bbl. and 59.5/bbl. respectively.

Greece

According to the Bank of Greece, economic activity is expected to pick up in Q2-2021 onwards with the real GDP growth rate in 2021 forecasted at 4.2%. This is subject to uncertainty associated with the evolution of the pandemic and the Greek **economy's structural characteristics**. **As regards the speed of recovery, it depends on:** 1) the pace of the vaccinations domestically and globally, 2) keeping in place the fiscal expansionary measures and the emergency measures for the private sector's **debt installments** and 3) the speed of the activation of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan. The general government primary deficit in 2021 is projected to reach 5.3% of GDP. Meanwhile, in its April 2021 WEO, the IMF sees real GDP growth at 3.8% for 2021 and 5% in 2022 and unemployment at 16.6% in 2021 and 15.2% in 2022.

CESEE

CYPRUS: In its latest flagship WEO publication released yesterday, the IMF downgraded its GDP growth country forecast in 2021 to 3.0% down from 4.7% in the previous report published in October 2020. In addition, the IMF now sees GDP growth at 3.9% in 2022 against 3.6% previously. Unemployment is forecasted to climb to 7.5% in 2021 against 7% previously. Finally, inflation is forecasted to rise modestly to 0.5% in 2021 compared to 1% previously. **Moreover, Moody's changed its outlook on the Cypriot banking system to positive from stable. The change was driven by the rating agency's expectation for an economic rebound in 2021, as well as its assessment that the banks' ongoing strategies to reduce problem-loans will likely counter higher new problem-loans stemming from the pandemic.**

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock markets

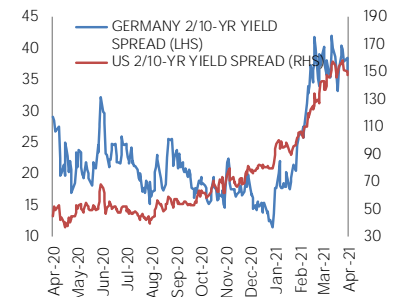
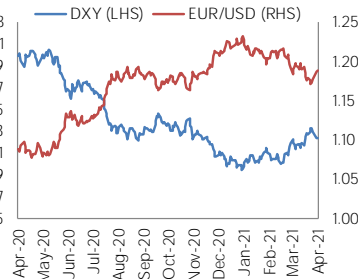
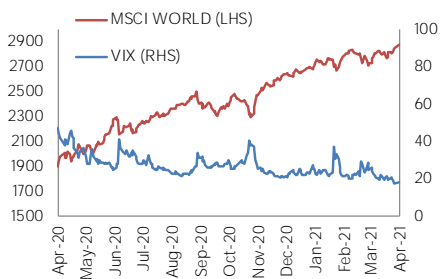
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	4073.94	-0.10%	8.5%
Nikkei 225	29730.79	0.1%	8.3%
STOXX 600	435.26	0.7%	9.1%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1879	0.0%	-2.8%
GBP/USD	1.3791	-0.2%	0.9%
USD/JPY	109.77	0.0%	-5.9%

Government Bonds

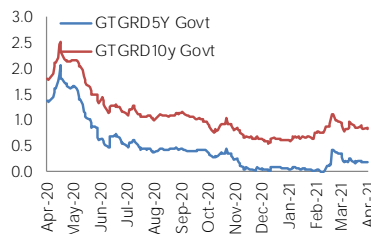
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.63	-3	71
Bund-10yr	-0.34	-3	23
JGB - 10yr	0.10	-2	8



GREECE

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.19	-1	11
10Y Bond	0.84	-1	22
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.18	0	-1



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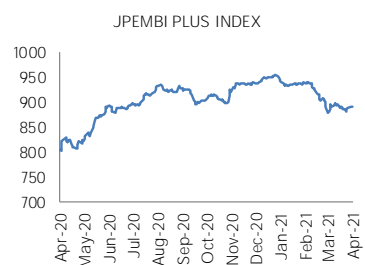
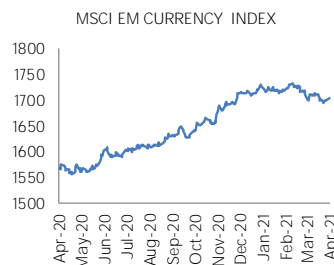
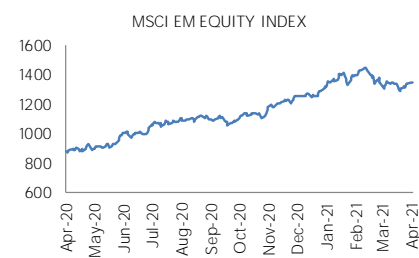
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	501.51	0.3%	12.1%
BELEX	742.26	-1.3%	-84.8%
XU100	1420.59	-1.5%	-380.1%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5949	-0.1%	-0.7%
EUR/RSD	117.6	0.0%	0.0%
USD/TRY	8.1724	-0.3%	-9.0%

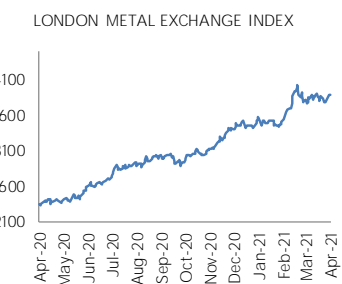
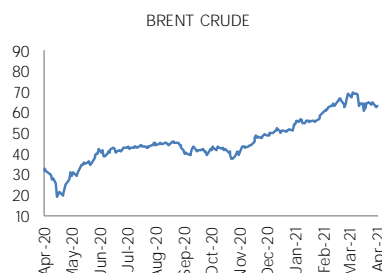
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	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	6.76	-8	136
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.56		



COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1741	-0.1%	-8.3%
BRENT CRUDE	63	0.4%	21.6%
LMEX	3884	2.6%	13.8%



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