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HIGHLIGHTS

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Global Markets

The sell-off in sovereign bonds across both sides of the Atlantic was extended further overnight amid prevailing inflation worries. A poor 7-year UST auction y-day and positive US data did not help either. The 10-yr UST yield rose by an astounding +28.2bps at some point overnight, bringing it at 1.61%, the highest level in over a year, although it fell back some -6bps this morning compared to y-day's close. Sharply higher sovereign bond yields extended a negative impact on equity markets, with Asian bourses ending lower today, tracking Wall Street losses overnight. Favored by the sharp increase in UST yields, the EUR/USD retreated from y-day's 1.2242 seven-week peak, continuing though to hover around 1.2150 in early European trade. The House of Representatives will vote today on US President Joe Biden's \$1.9tn stimulus package.

Greece

In February 2021, the Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI) stood at a four-month high of 91.9, increased by 1.2 points, in line with the evolution of the ESI in the EU and the Euro area, which rose by 1.9 points respectively. Expectations improved in services (+5.7 points), retail (+8.7 points) and construction (+8.8 points) but deteriorated in industry (-0.6 points) and among consumers (-3 points). The Employment Expectations Indicator also increased by 1 point to 106.1. In other news, according to press, the government is planning to set up an electronic platform to better monitor expenditures in all public entities. The project will start with recording the inventory of all supervised organizations as well as all contracts and orders so that resources can then be better allocated and spending cuts can be more targeted.

CESEE

Despite the second Covid-19 wave at play since November, the Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI) in most of the CESEE countries kept improving in February for a second month in a row. The ESI was looking for some direction since autumn after, on one hand, the optimism during the summer months evaporated, while on the other hand, expectations for vaccinations in late December spurred some optimism in the region. The CEE3 data were mixed with ups and downs in all three countries Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic in the last three months. The Indicator in Poland and Serbia improved markedly in February compared to its peers, possibly assisted by the favorable Q4-2020 GDP flash print released earlier this month that led to a milder recession in 2020, not only among the EU but also within the CESEE area.

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock markets

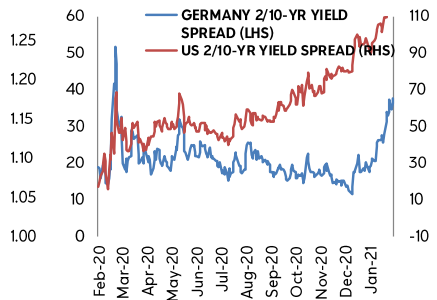
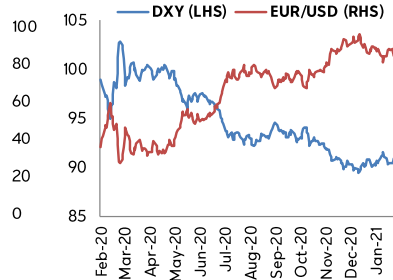
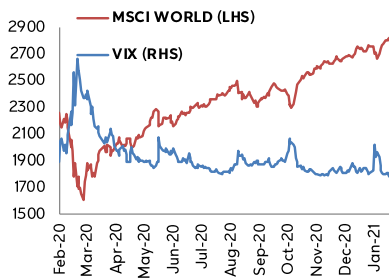
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3829.34	-2.45%	2.0%
Nikkei 225	28966.01	-4.0%	5.5%
STOXX 600	406.36	-1.3%	1.8%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.2152	-0.2%	-0.5%
GBP/USD	1.3932	-0.6%	1.9%
USD/JPY	106.06	0.2%	-2.6%

Government Bonds

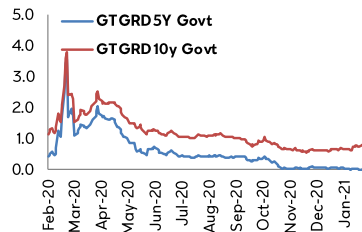
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.48	-4	57
Bund-10yr	-0.25	-2	32
JGB - 10yr	0.16	1	14



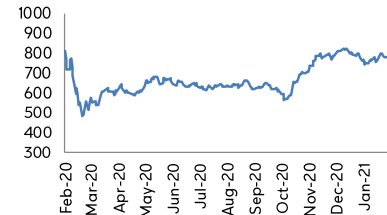
GREECE

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.43	0	35
10Y Bond	1.12	0	50
Δ(10YBund-10YGG)	1.37	0	18



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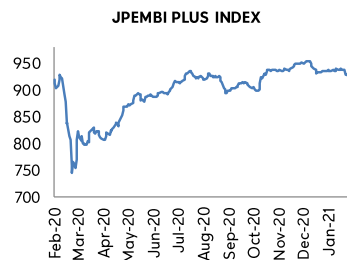
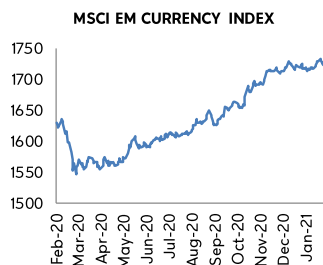
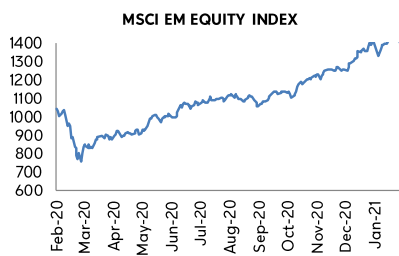
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	497.92	0.0%	11.3%
BELEX	752.49	0.0%	51.8%
XU100	1472.63	-1.0%	-27.7%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5134	0.2%	1.0%
EUR/RSD	117.577	0.0%	0.0%
USD/TRY	7.3357	0.2%	1.4%

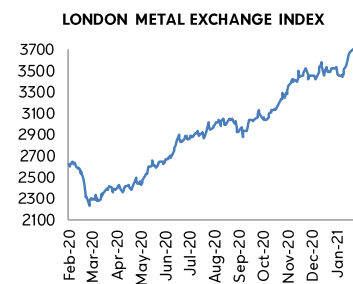
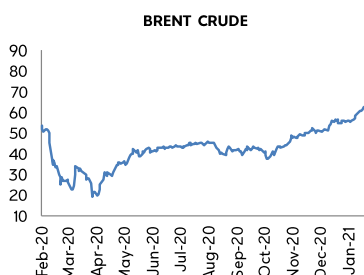
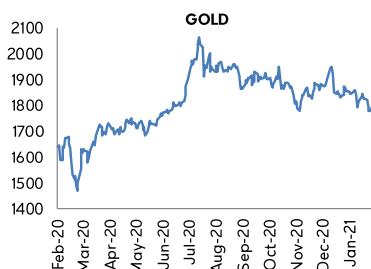
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	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	5.87	1	47
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.55		



COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1761	-0.5%	-7.2%
BRENT CRUDE	66	-1.1%	27.7%
LME	4027	1.0%	17.9%



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