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HIGHLIGHTS

March 29, 2021

Global Markets

Oil prices were lower earlier today, with Brent crude losing 1.5% on the day and standing around \$63.6/bbl at the time of writing, following news that the giant container ship Ever Given has been successfully re-floated after being stuck in the Suez Canal for almost a week. Meanwhile, the USD remained broadly firm on optimism for a strong US economic recovery supported by the rapid progress in vaccinations and sizable fiscal support. Market focus this week is on US President Joe Biden's speech on his new infrastructure plan on Wednesday, reportedly involving around \$3trn in new spending, with part of the cost to be covered by tax increases. On the data front, the main highlights include the US March non-farm payrolls report on Friday and the EA March flash inflation prints on Wednesday.

Greece

In an interview, the Minister of Finance Christos Staikouras stated that the economic measures to combat the consequences of the pandemic may exceed €14bn in 2021, double the size of the funds foreseen in the 2021 Budget. Several tools will be utilised like the financial instrument to cover fixed costs, the extension of the "Bridge II" programme and the 7th round of advance repayment. Additionally, the government is examining ways to support tourism and catering businesses potentially in the form of a "restart capital". On tourism in particular, the Minister argued that Greece will be able to welcome tourists as of May and that tourism revenues in 2021 may be double the size of those in 2020. Finally, he stated that cash reserves now stand at €30bn with long-term loans, from mid-2019 onwards, reaching €22bn.

CESEE

SERBIA: The EUR/RSD pair continued trading quietly in the past week, still hovering within the one-year range of 117.50-117.65. In the fixed income market, all tenors experienced slight yield drops ranging from 3 to 10 bps, compared to the previous week. The yields of the 3-year, 5-year and 12-year government bonds declined by 3, 5 and 10 bps respectively. CYPRUS: Fitch affirmed the long-term sovereign rating of Cyprus at BBB- with a stable outlook. The rating reflects its institutional strength as underlined in its per capita GDP and governance indicators well above its peers plus a record of robust economic growth and sound fiscal policy prior to the Covid-19 shock. These strengths are counterbalanced by balance-sheet weaknesses, in particular high public debt and a weak banking sector.

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Stock markets

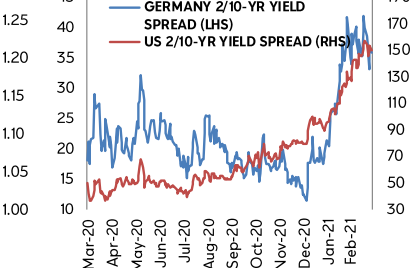
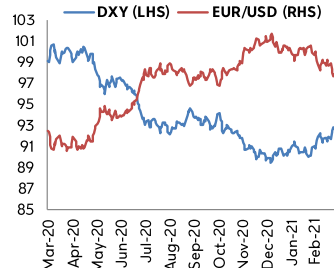
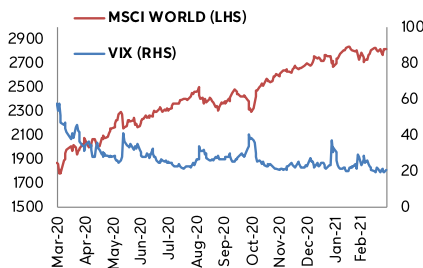
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3974.54	1.66%	5.8%
Nikkei 225	29384.52	0.7%	7.1%
STOXX 600	427.42	0.1%	7.1%

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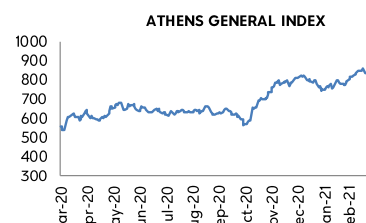
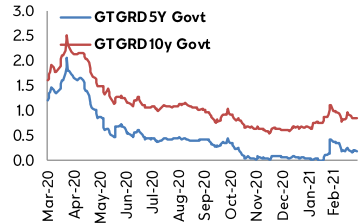
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.179	0.0%	-3.5%
GBP/USD	1.379	0.0%	0.9%
USD/JPY	109.53	0.1%	-5.7%

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.64	-4	72
Bund-10yr	-0.36	-1	21
JGB - 10yr	0.07	-1	5


GREECE
Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	0.19	-1	12
10Y Bond	0.85	-1	22
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.20	0	1


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Stock markets

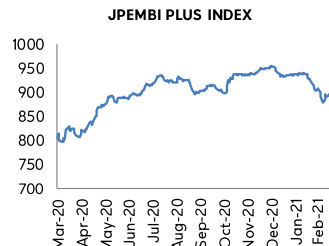
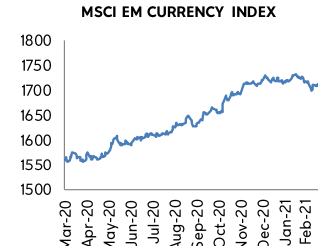
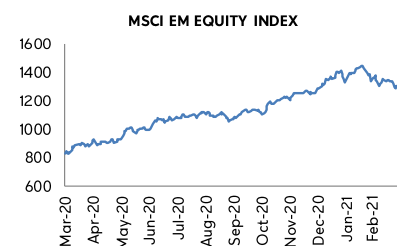
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	501.68	0.4%	12.1%
BELEX	751.83	0.8%	43.0%
XU100	1392.00	0.7%	-573.7%

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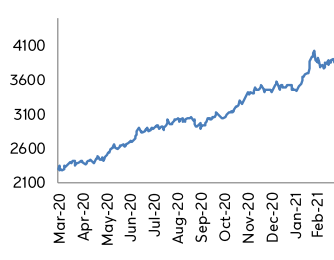
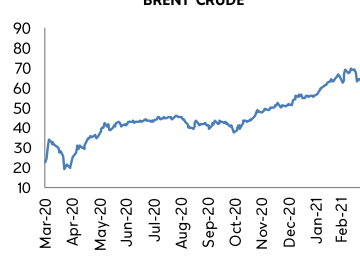
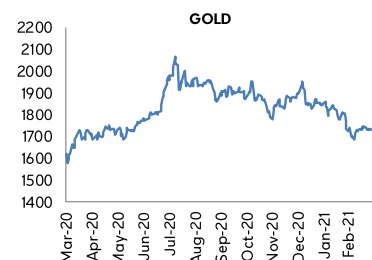
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.64	0.0%	-1.7%
EUR/RSD	117.58	0.0%	0.0%
USD/TRY	8.0806	0.3%	-7.9%

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	7.23	-6	182
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.45		


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1727	-0.3%	-9.0%
BRENT CRUDE	64	-1.1%	23.3%
LME X	3868	2.0%	13.3%



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