

GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

HIGHLIGHTS

August 31, 2021

Global Markets

The European Commission's economic sentiment indicator for the EA fell by 1.5pts to 117.5 in August, the first decline in the last seven months, pressured by worries over the spread of the Delta variant and lingering supply chain disruptions. Separately, US pending home sales unexpectedly dropped by 1.8%MoM in July amidst a further tightening in housing supply, and the Dallas Fed's manufacturing activity index fell by a higher than expected 18.3pts to 9 in August amid labour and raw material shortages. Turning to markets, 10-yr US yields retained post-Jackson Hole gains hovering around 1.28% in early European trade, while the USD remained under broad pressure, pushing the EUR/USD to a three-week high slightly above 1.1830 ahead of today's Eurozone flash CPI estimate for August.

Greece

The Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI) in Greece increased in August for the seven month in a row reaching an 18-month high of 113pts from 111.2pts in July, contrary to the movement of the ESI in the EU-27 and the Euro area that decreased by 1.5pts in both regions. The improvement in Greece is attributed to the amelioration of confidence in industry (+3.1pts), which at 10.5pts posted a multi-decade high, and services by +0.6pts, whilst in all other sectors the sentiment deteriorated as follows: consumers -2.2pts, retail -1.5pts and building activity -1.6pts. Meanwhile, according to the Civil Aviation Authority provisional data, in July 2021 international passenger arrivals to Greece's airports reached 2.8mn, higher by 147% compared to July 2020 and at 69% of the July 2019 levels.

CESEE

The Economic Sentiment Indicator (ESI) came in mixed in the CESEE countries in August, after improving across almost the entire region in July, continuing the positive streak at play since November 2020. While the indicator improved in Bulgaria, Hungary, Croatia and Romania, it eased in the Czech Republic, Latvia and Serbia. The headline indicator posted a small decline overall in the EU and the Euro area in July, broadly driven by the services sector. Nevertheless, the indicator remains at high levels, following the positive streak since the beginning of the year. In other news, the Bulgarian parliament embraced positively at its first reading the caretaker government's budget revision, which envisages 3.5% real GDP growth rate and a budget deficit of 4.4% of the projected GDP in 2021.

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Stock markets

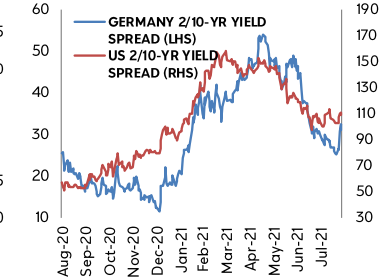
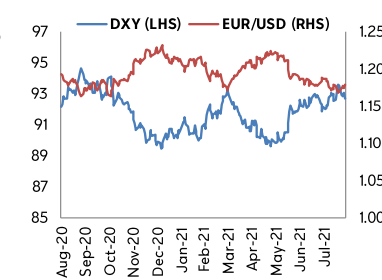
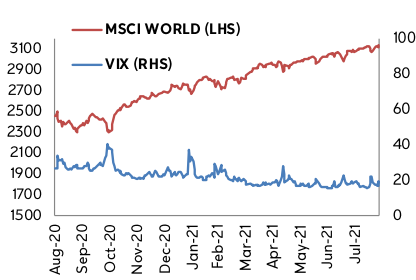
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	4528.79	0.43%	20.6%
Nikkei 225	28089.54	1.1%	2.4%
STOXX 600	472.68	0.1%	18.5%

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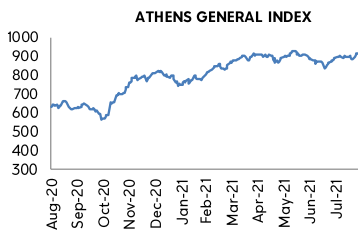
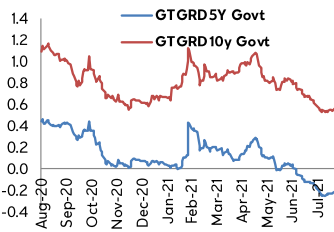
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1829	0.3%	-3.2%
GBP/USD	1.3794	0.2%	0.9%
USD/JPY	109.84	0.1%	-6.0%

Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.28	0	37
Bund-10yr	-0.43	1	14
JGB - 10yr	0.03	0	1


GREECE
Government Bonds

(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Bond	-0.10	0	-18
10Y Bond	0.69	0	7
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	1.12	0	-7


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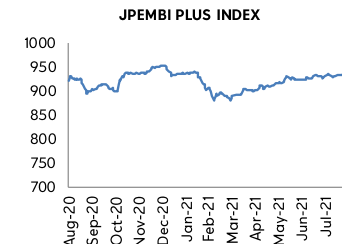
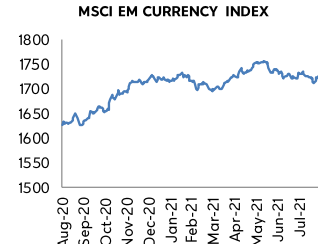
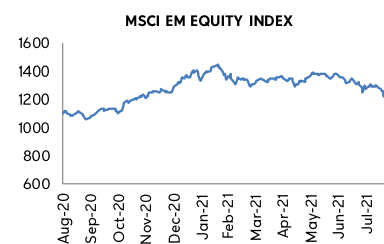
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	572.52	0.5%	27.9%
BELEX	799.73	0.4%	682.9%
XU100	1458.23	0.7%	-125.2%

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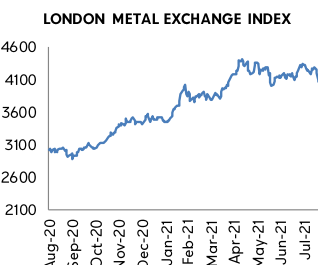
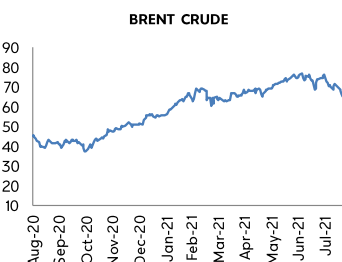
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.5569	0.1%	0.1%
EUR/RSD	117.592	0.0%	0.0%
USD/TRY	8.3364	0.5%	-10.7%

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y yield	5.89	-7	48
BG 8Y yield	Invalid Security		
PL 10Y yield	1.77		


COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1815	0.3%	-4.4%
BRENT CRUDE	73	-0.2%	41.4%
LMEX	4233	1.0%	24.0%



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