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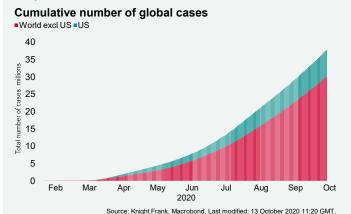
- **COVID-19:** The total number of cases recorded globally has surpassed 38 million, with circa 1.1 million reported deaths according to Johns Hopkins University & Medicine.
- **Equities**: In Europe, stocks are higher this morning, with the STOXX 600, CAC 40 and the DAX all +0.2%, while the FTSE 250 is up +0.5%. In Asia stocks were mostly lower, with the Kospi (-0.9%), Topix and S&P / ASX 200 (both -0.3%), all down on close. Despite the CSI 300 closing -0.7% lower, the total market capitalisation of shares listed in Shanghai and Shenzhen hit \$10.08 trillion, a new record high, according to Bloomberg. In the US, futures for the S&P 500 are up +0.4%.
- **VIX**: After increasing +4.0% yesterday, the CBOE market volatility index is down -1.5% over the morning to 25.7. The Euro Stoxx 50 volatility index has also decreased, contracting -0.2% to 22.9. While the CBOE vix remains elevated compared to its long term average (LTA) of 19.9, the Euro Stoxx 50 vix is below its LTA of 23.9.
- Bonds: The UK 10-year gilt yield has compressed -2bps to 0.22, while both the US 10-year treasury yield and the German 10-year bund yield have contracted -1bp to 0.72% and -0.57%. The Italian 10-year bond yield is down -3bps to 0.64%.
- Currency: Both sterling and the euro have depreciated to \$1.29 and \$1.17, respectively. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK and the eurozone are at 0.37% and 1.20% per annum on a five-year basis.
- Oil: The West Texas Intermediate (WTI) is currently \$40 per barrel this morning, while Brent Crude is now at \$42.31.
- **Baltic Dry:** The Baltic Dry decreased for the fifth consecutive session yesterday, down -4.2% to 1,732. This brings cumulative declines over the last six trading sessions to -17%, albeit the index remains +59% higher than it was at the start of January. Declines were driven by the capsize rate, which has also fallen for the fifth straight session, down -6.7% yesterday.
- **Gold:** The price of gold declined -1% yesterday to \$1,894 per troy ounce. Gold is -8% lower than its record high in August, but remains +24% higher than it was at the start of the year.

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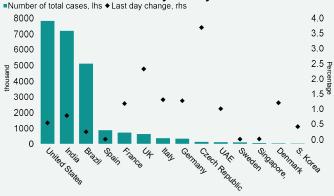
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COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 37.7 million on the 13 October, an increase of 270k new cases over the day prior

Cumulative number of cases by country



The chart presents the number of cumulative cases (left axis) and the percentage change of new cases against the day before (right axis).

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond.

Volatility Index



The CBOE VIX (colloquially known as the Investor fear gauge) is an indication of near term S&P 500 stock price volatility based on underlying options.

Commodities

Gold and non-ferrous metals price, USD



13 Oct D/D (%) YTD (%) Gold, USD 1894 -1.8 24.9 Non-Ferrous Metals, USD 116 3.0 4.7

Brent Crude and West Texas Intermediate oil price

-Brent Crude -West Texas Intermediate (WTI)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Last modified: 13 October 2020 23:10 GMT

Brent crude monitors the level of demand for raw materials and is a measure of economic activity. Lately also influenced by Saudi-Russia price war.

Baltic Dry Index (BDI)

-World, Baltic Exchange, Shipping, Dry Index (BDI), USD



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 13 October 2020 13:00 GMT

Baltic Dry Index is a measure of what it costs to ship raw materials and is a leading indicator of global demand. A lower value means lower demand.

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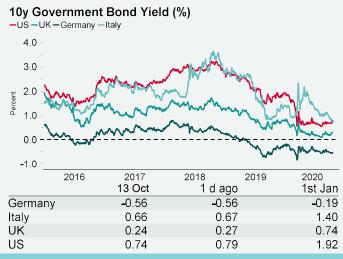
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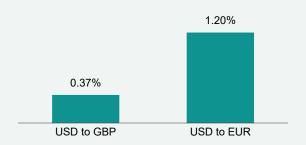
Bonds and currencies





	13 Oct	1 d ago	1st Jan
EUR per GBP	1.11	1.11	1.18
USD per GBP	1.31	1.30	1.32

Currency hedging benefit p.a. based on a five year forward



Source: Knight Frank, Investing.com

Approximate additional return per annum that dollar denominated investors may obtain based on five year currency hedge.

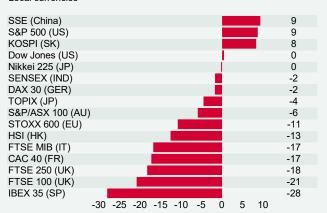
Equity performance: since previous cycle (1st Jan 2007 = 100) -FTSE 250 -DAX -S&P 500 -STOXX 600 -Hang Seng -MIB -IBEX 35 -TOPIX



The chart presents the performance of selected equity indexes since the months prior the global financial crisis (2007).

Equity performance: YTD (%)

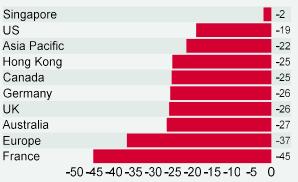
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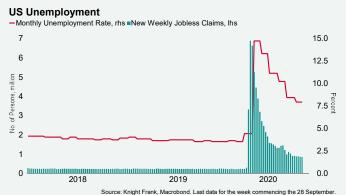
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US indicators



The chart presents the number of Americans that each week file for unemployment benefits (left axis) and the overall monthly unemployment rate (right axis)

2020 Presidential Winner (probability of winning, %)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 14 October 2020 07:00 GMT 14 Oct 1 week ago 1 month ago 40% 37% 45% Trump Biden 66% 67% 59%

Central Banks Policy Rates

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	Current Rate	Rate at 1/1/2020	YTD Change
Advanced Economies			
Australia	0.25%	0.75%	-50 bps
Canada	0.25%	1.75%	-150 bps
Euro Area	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
France	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
Germany	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
Italy	0.00%	0.00%	0 bps
Sweden	0.00%	-0.25%	25 bps
Japan	-0.10%	-0.10%	0 bps
United Kingdom	0.10%	0.75%	-65 bps
United States	0.25%	1.75%	-150 bps
Developing Economies			
Brazil	2.00%	4.50%	-250 bps
China	4.35%	4.35%	0 bps
India	4.00%	5.15%	-115 bps
Mexico	4.25%	7.25%	-300 bps
Russia	4.25%	6.25%	-200 bps
Saudi Arabia	1.00%	2.25%	-125 bps
South Korea	0.50%	1.25%	-75 bps
Turkey	10.25%	12.00%	-175 bps

Central Bank Assets Purchasing Programme

	Lastest (\$)	MoM (%)	YoY (%)		
Advanced Economies				Italy	
Australia	217 bn	0.0%	81.9%		
Canada	413 bn	1.9%	357.1%		
Euro Area	7.93 tn	3.6%	53.9%		
France	1.86 tn	-0.2%	48.9%		
Germany	2.81 tn	3.3%	44.8%	France	
Italy	1.53 tn	1.4%	36.7%		
Sweden	149 bn	1.8%	54.1%		
Japan	6.51 tn	1.0%	22.8%		
United Kingdom	776 bn	-0.2%	-2.3%		
United States	7.07 tn	0.9%	79.2%		
Developing Economies				Spain	
Brazil	502 bn	-12.1%	- 4.8%		
China	5.3 tn	3.7%	5.2%		
India	366 bn	-3.0%	33.9%		
Mexico	216 bn	- 2.0%	6.2%	Japan	
Russia	677 bn	- 1.0%	5.0%		
Saudi Arabia	490 bn	1.4%	-5.4%		
South Korea	443 bn	-6.0%	5.7%	Hong	
Turkey	98.4 bn	- 2.9%	-8.5%	Kong	

UK

USA

ΕU

Fiscal measures details

£330bn+: Government backed loans and guarantees equivalent to 15% of UK GDP. SMEs given access to cash grants. Support for furloughed employees of 80% salary ≤£2,500 per month. Furlough scheme extended until October 2020 with employers sharing the cost from August. Taxable grant for self-employed <£50k trading profit, worth 80% of monthly profits up to £2.5k, paid as a lump sum.

\$3.0tn: 2nd package passed 23rd April, worth \$483 billon, increasing US stimulus to \$3 trillion (15% GDP).

€1.35tn: This includes €240bn to the European Stability Mechanism, and €200bn in EIB guarantees. On 4th June, the ECB extended the pandemic purchase programme (PEPP) until June 2021, purchasing an additional €600bn in bonds, taking total stimulus to €1.35tn.

€750bn: a new recovery package for EU member states announced in July including €390bn in grants and €360 in interest free loans.

€880bn: The emergency aid measure approved on Monday 23rd of March. In June an additional €130bn fiscal stimulus Germany programme including VAT rate cut to 16% from 19% and one off 'children's bonus' payment.

> €400bn: The stimulus announced on the 7th April €25bn: Emergency package to support businesses and

€100bn: : The stimulus announced on the 3rd September €45bn: The aid package for SMEs and other hard-hit sectors announced by the French government on 17th of March. Includes deferred corporate tax, social security charges and two months state payments to laid off workers. €300bn: government backed loans.

€200bn: the aid package includes government loan guarantees to ensure liquidity for SMEs (the government said it would provide businesses with "all the liquidity they need"). other government commitments and private money.

\$2.2tn: Further stimulus announced in late May added \$1.1 trillion to the country's stimulus package, bringing total stimulus to \$2.18 trillion or 40% of GDP.

HK\$10k for every adult citizen (c.£7bn).

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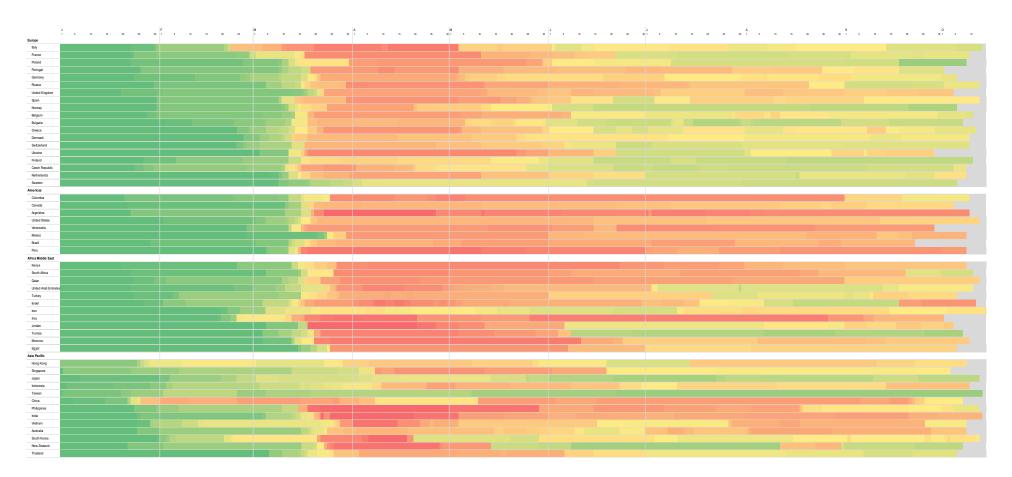
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This chart shows the change in severity of containment measures over time, up to the latest data. Green indicates a score of zero or no restrictions, while the darkest red indicates the highest restrictions or complete bans. Where grey, no new data is available.

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In line with some of the fewest reported cases and the smallest reported deaths attributed to COVID-19, Taiwan has the lowest 'lockdown index' score at 19, indicating the restrictions in place are generally recommendations and are not enforced. Countries including Iraq, Argentina and Colombia have some of the highest 'lockdown index' scores.

For most countries, public transport has the most relaxed restrictions. Taiwan, Tunisia, Norway, Poland, Netherlands and Greece are the only countries with no measures implemented on public events. Meanwhile, across the world, there is some measure of restriction on international travel. However, France is the exception, where international travel is freely permitted with no measures implemented.

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