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Summary

- Internal and key client use only
- COVID-19: The total number of cases recorded globally is circa 72 million, with approximately 1.6 million reported deaths according to Johns Hopkins University & Medicine.
- Equities: In Europe, stocks are higher. The FTSE 250 and the DAX have both added +1.0% this morning, while the STOXX 600 and the CAC 40 are both up +0.9%. In Asia, stocks were mixed, with the Hang Seng (-0.4%) and Kospi (-0.3%) closing lower, while the CSI 300 (+0.9%), Topix (+0.5%) and S&P / ASX 200 (+0.3%) were higher on close. In the US, futures for the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) are both up +0.4%.
- VIX: Following a +2.1% increase over Friday, the CBOE market volatility has decreased -2.8% this morning to 22.7, which remains above its long term average (LTA) of 19.9. The Euro Stoxx 50 volatility index has also decreased, down -5.6% to 22.3, remaining below its LTA of 24.0.
- Bonds: The UK 10-year gilt yield has softened +5bps to 0.22%, while the German 10-year bund yield is up +2bps to -0.62% and the US 10-year treasury yield has added +1bp to 0.91%.
- Currency: Both sterling and the euro have appreciated this morning to \$1.34 and \$1.22, respectively. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK and the eurozone are 0.47% and 1.33% per annum on a five-year basis.
- Baltic Dry: The Baltic Dry increased +4.3% on Friday to 1211, the highest daily increase since the beginning of October, lifting the index +1.2% over the week. Year to date gains in the index are currently at +11%, following cumulative declines of -42% since 6th October. When compared to the peak of 1956 seen on 6th July, the index is down -38%.
- Oil: After increasing +1.1% over the morning, Brent Crude has risen above \$50 per barrel, currently at \$50.51. The West Texas Intermediate (WTI) is also up this morning, increasing +1.0% to \$47.03.
- Brexit: There is currently a 59% likelihood of a trade deal between the UK and the European Union being signed in 2020, according to Oddschecker. This compares to 65% one week ago and 80% last month.

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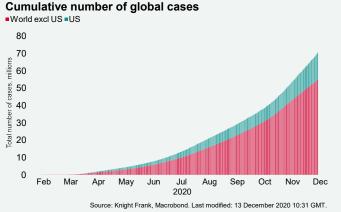
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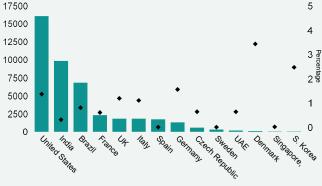
COVID-19



The number of total confirmed cases reached 70.5 million on the 13 December, an increase of 649k new cases over the day prior.

Cumulative number of cases by country

■Number of total cases, lhs ◆Last day change, rhs



Volatility Index –US, S&P 500 Volatility Index (VIX)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond.

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

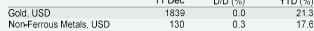
The CBOE VIX (colloquially known as the Investor fear gauge) is an indication of near term S&P 500 stock price volatility based on underlying options.

Commodities

Gold and non-ferrous metals price, USD

-Gold, USD, Ihs-Non-Ferrous Metals Index, USD, rhs





Brent Crude and West Texas Intermediate oil price -Brent Crude --West Texas Intermediate (WTI)



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



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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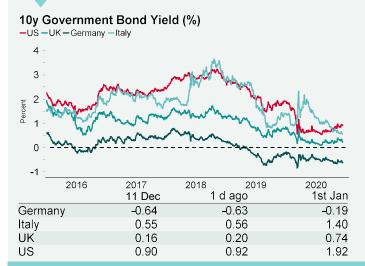
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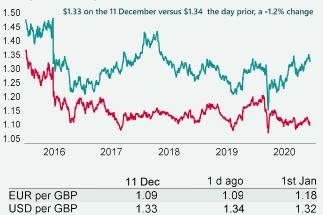


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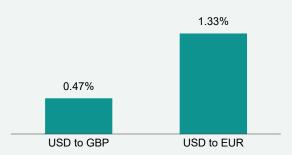
Bonds and currencies



FX Spot Rates -EUR per GBP -USD per GBP



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



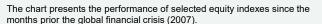
Source: Knight Frank, Investing.com

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

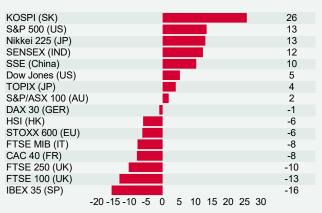
Equity and REIT

Equity performance: since previous cycle (1st Jan 2007 = 100) -FTSE 250 - DAX - S&P 500 - STOXX 600 - Hang Seng - MIB - IBEX 35 - TOPIX 275 250 225 200 175 100 75 50 25 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

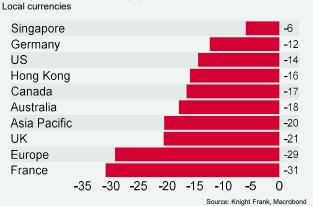
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Equity performance: YTD (%) Local currencies



REIT performance: YTD (%)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

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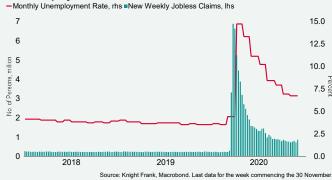
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US Unemployment



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

Central Banks Policy Rates

	Current Rate	Rate at 1/1/2020	YTD Change
Advanced Economies			
Australia	0.10%	0.75%	-65 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	15.00%	12.00%	300 bps

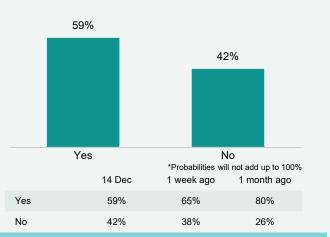
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Central Bank Assets Purchasing Programme

	Lastest (\$)	MoM (%)	YoY (%)
Advanced Economies			
Australia	234 bn	8.4%	96.5%
Canada	394 bn	-0.9%	335.7%
Euro Area	8.36 tn	4.9%	60.6%
France	1.99 tn	4.1%	61.4%
Germany	2.99 tn	7.3%	53.7%
Italy	1.59 tn	1.6%	43.1%
Sweden	156 bn	0.3%	59.8%
Japan	6.8 tn	2.5%	27.2%
United Kingdom	984 bn	4.0%	68.8%
United States	7.24 tn	1.0%	77.2%
Developing Economies			
Brazil	495 bn	-3.6%	-2.6%
China	5.81 tn	4.9%	12.5%
India	393 bn	1.8%	39.0%
Mexico	233 bn	4.6%	11.0%
Russia	679 bn	-1.1%	2.3%
Saudi Arabia	486 bn	-0.1%	-3.0%
South Korea	464 bn	2.5%	10.2%
Turkey	104 bn	4.0%	-5.1%

Probability of a Brexit Deal in 2020



Finand management datails

	Fiscal measures details								
	UK	£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.							
	USA	\$3.0tn: 2 nd package passed 23 rd April, worth \$483 billon, increasing US stimulus to \$3 trillion (15% GDP).							
	EU	 €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. 							
	Germany	€880bn: The emergency aid measure approved on Monday 23 rd of March. In June an additional €130bn fiscal stimulus programme including VAT rate cut to 16% from 19% and one off 'children's bonus' payment.							
_	Italy	€400bn: The stimulus announced on the 7 th April €25bn: Emergency package to support businesses and families.							
	France	€100bn: : The stimulus announced on the 3 rd September €45bn: The aid package for SMEs and other hard-hit sectors announced by the French government on 17 th of March. Includes deferred corporate tax, social security charges and two months state payments to laid off workers. €300bn: government backed loans.							
	Spain	€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.							
	Japan	\$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.							
	Hong Kong	HK\$10k for every adult citizen (c.£7bn).							

Source: Knight Frank, various sources

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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.

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Oxford University

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Overview of the severity of Covid-19 and the resulting containment measures

Co	onfirmed Cases Conf	irmed Deaths	Lockdown Index	Internal Movement	Public Events	Public Transport	
pe							-
taly	1,843,712 2,374,152	64,520 57,554	80				
France Poland	2,374,152	22,864	75				4
ortugal	348,744	5,559	78				a
Sermany	1,350,810	22,106	68				a
ussia	2,629,699	46,404	48				
United Kingdom	1,849,403	64,170	54				4
Spain Norway	1,730,575 41,003	47,624 387	/1				4
Belgium	608,137	17,951	50				
Bulgaria	179,449	5,688	57				
Greece	124,534	3,625	84				_
Denmark	109,758	941	45				
Switzerland	373,831	5,985	46			<u> </u>	
Ukraine	918,444	15,691	62				
Finland	30,810	453	45				A
Czech Republic Netherlands	579,079	9,535 10,048	62				A
Sweden	613,487 320,098	7,514	56				<u> </u>
nericas	320,098	7,514	69			-	
Colombia	1,425,774	39,053	60				
Canada	464,443	13,451	64				
Argentina	1,498,160	40,766	79				
United States	16,253,219	299,168	72				_
Venezuela	107,786	954	88				
Mexico	1,250,044	113,953	72				
azil	6,901,952	181,402	60				
eru ca Middle East	980,943	36,544	68				
nya	91,892	1,587	63				
South Africa	860,964	23,276	49				
Qatar	140,961	240	65				
United Arab Emirates	184,949	617	49				
Turkey	1,836,728	16,417	63				<u> </u>
Israel	357,176	2,999	74				
Iran	1,108,269	52,196	71				
Iraq	574,634	12,579	48				
lordan	259,614	3,365	79				_
Tunisia Morocco	111,361 399,609	3,894 6,624	69				<u> </u>
Egypt	399,609	6,624	60				_
a Pacific	121,010	0,820	00				-
ong Kong, China	7,541	117	71				
ingapore	58,320	29	47				
apan	180,639	2,481	46				
ndonesia	617,820	18,819	64				_
South Korea	43,484	587	67				
China	86,741	4,634	82				
Philippines	449,400	8,733	63				_
India	9,884,100	143,355	69				_
Vietnam Australia	1,397	35	47				<u> </u>
Australia New Zealand	28,037 2,096	908 25	47				_
New Zealand Thailand	4,237	60	22 50				<u> </u>
Malaysia	83,475	415	80				
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	Lockdown	ndex key & Scale					
	No Restricti			Internal movements	Public events	Public transport	
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						Recommended	1
		estrictions: 51 – 75		Restriction Rec	quired	Required	2
	Hignest Res	trictions / Ban: 76 – 100					

In line with some of the fewest reported cases and the smallest reported deaths attributed to COVID-19, New Zealand has the lowest 'lockdown index' score at 22, 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. 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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Ban on high risk regions 3

Total border closure

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