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# Summary

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- COVID-19: The total number of recorded cases globally has now exceeded 11 million, with 528k reported deaths, according to the World Health Organisation. One quarter of the cases are in the US.
- Equities: In Europe, the STOXX 600 is up +1.5%, while the DAX and the FTSE 250 have seen increases of +1.9% and +1.5%. In Asia, the CSI 300 closed +5.7% higher, the biggest one-day rise since February 2019. The Hang Seng (3.8%), Kospi (+1.7%) and Topix (+1.6%) were also up on close. In the US, futures for the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial Average are +1.7% and +2.1%.
- VIX: The CBOE market volatility index and the Euro Stoxx 50 volatility price index remain below 30, sitting at 28.50 and 28.11 respectively. Both indices remain above their long term averages however, indicating further expectations of near-term volatility.
- Bonds: The UK 10-year gilt yield, US 10-year treasury yield and German 10-year bund yield are currently 0.21%, 0.69% and -0.43%.
- Currency: Both sterling and the euro have slightly appreciated this morning to \$1.25 and \$1.13, respectively. Hedging benefits for US dollar denominated investors into the UK and the eurozone are currently 0.27% and 1.11% per annum on a five-year basis.
- Baltic Dry: The Baltic Dry has increased for 25 consecutive sessions, up +3.9% to 1,894 on Friday. The index was
  last this high on 16<sup>th</sup> October and has recovered by 1,501 points since mid-May. This indicates improving demand
  for raw materials and subsequently manufacturing, as well as some adjustment to the supply side.
- Oil: Brent Crude and the West Texas Intermediate (WTI) both remain above \$40, currently at \$43.52 and \$40.88 per barrel, respectively.
- UK Construction: The Construction PMI increased to 55.3 in June from 28.9 in May, considerably above market expectations of 47.0. This is the steepest increase in the index since July 2018. Figures above 50 are considered expansionary.

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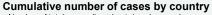
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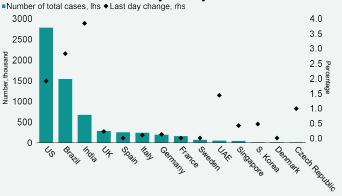
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# COVID-19

Cumulative number of global cases World excl US US 12 ₽ 10 8 ğ ÷ 6 4 **Fotal** 2 0 6 13 20 27 5 12 19 26 2 9 16 23 30 7 14 21 28 4 11 18 25 2 9 2020 Feb 2020 Mar 2020 Apr 2020 May 2020 Jun Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 05 July 2020 17:31 GMT.

The number of total confirmed cases reached 11.1 million on the 5 July, an increase of 203k new cases over the day prior.





Volatility Index



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Last modified: 05 July 2020 00:00 GMT

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

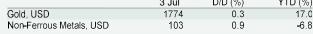
The CBOE VIX (colloquially known as the Investor fear gauge) is an indication of near term S&P 500 stock price volatility based on underlying options.

# 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)



Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond. Last modified: 05 July 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



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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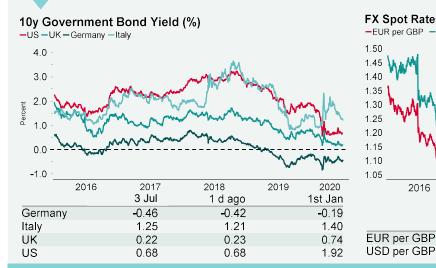
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# **Bonds and currencies**



#### FX Spot Rates -EUR per GBP -USD per GBP

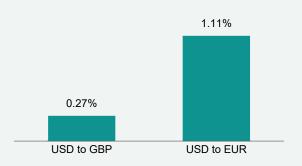


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## Currency hedging benefit p.a. based on a five year forward

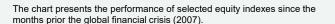


Source: Knight Frank, Investing.com

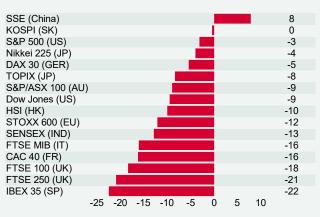
Approximate additional return per annum that dollar denominated investors may obtain based on five year currency hedge.

# Equity performance: since previous cycle (1st Jan 2007 = 100) -FTSE 250 -DAX -S&P 500 -STOXX 600 -Hang Seng -MIB -IBEX 35 -TOPIX 250 225 200 175 150 125 100 75 50 25 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

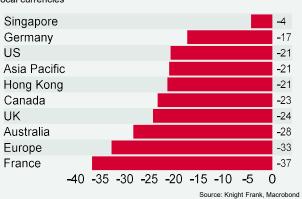
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#### Equity performance: YTD (%) Local currencies



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# **US** indicators

**US Unemployment** -Monthly Unemployment Rate, rhs New Weekly Jobless Claims, Ihs



70 60 50 te 40 30 20 10

**Central Bank Assets Purchasing Programme** 

2020 Presidential Winner (probability of winning, %)

-Trump -Biden

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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	0.25%	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	2.25%	4.50%	-225 bps			
China	4.35%	4.35%	0 bps			
India	4.00%	5.15%	-115 bps			
Mexico	5.00%	7.25%	-225 bps			
Russia	4.50%	6.25%	-175 bps			
Saudi Arabia	1.00%	2.25%	-125 bps			
South Korea	0.50%	1.25%	-75 bps			
Turkey	8.25%	12.00%	-375 bps			
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	Lastest (\$)	MoM (%)	YoY (%)			
Advanced Economies						
Australia	194 bn	3.5%	54.0%			
Canada	340 bn	22.2%	293.3%			
Euro Area	7.01 tn	14.7%	31.9%			
France	1.54 tn	3.8%	25.8%			
Germany	2.46 tn	13.2%	23.2%			
Italy	1.27 tn	4.7%	16.6%			
Sweden	133 bn	4.9%	35.6%			
Japan	6.02 tn	2.4%	14.7%			
United Kingdom	745 bn	-0.6%	-6.3%			
United States	7.01 tn	-1.9%	83.6%			
Developing Economies						
Brazil	517 bn	7.6%	-7.0%			
China	5.15 tn	1.2%	-0.9%			
India	349 bn	<b>-</b> 2.0%	33.7%			
Mexico	218 bn	5.7%	6.4%			
Russia	631 bn	-1.8%	1.2%			
Saudi Arabia	468 bn	1.5%	<b>-</b> 10.6%			
South Korea	433 bn	3.8%	1.0%			
Turkey	107 bn	-1.7%	14.5%			

#### **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 UK ≤£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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> package passed 23<sup>rd</sup> April, worth \$483 billon, USA increasing US stimulus to \$3 trillion (15% GDP). €1.35tn: This includes €240bn to the European Stability Mechanism, and €200bn in EIB guarantees. On 4<sup>th</sup> June, the ECB extended the pandemic purchase programme EU (PEPP) until June 2021, purchasing an additional €600bn in bonds, taking total stimulus to €1.35tn €880bn: The emergency aid measure approved by the German Cabinet on Monday 23rd of March. In June an additional €130bn fiscal stimulus programme including VAT Germany rate cut to 16% from 19% and one off 'children's bonus' payment. **€400bn:** The stimulus announced on the 7 April to help businesses hurt by a national lockdown. Italy €25bn: Emergency package to support businesses and families. €45bn: The aid package for SMEs and other hard-hit sectors announced by the French government on 17<sup>th</sup> of March. Includes deferred corporate tax, social security France 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 Spain 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 Japan 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).

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.

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

			Covid-19 and the							
	Confirmed Cases Co	onfirmed Deaths	Lockdown Index	Internal Movement	Public Events	Public Transport		Workplace	Schools	
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	240,961	34,818	39							
and	166,378 35,146	29,875	<u> </u>							
ugal	42,782	1,492	67							
many	195,674	9,003	55							
ia	661,165	9,683	73							
d Kingdom	283,757	43,995	70							1
in	250,103	28,368	38							1
way	8,902 61,727	251	34 46							1
gium garia	5,315	9,765	48							
28	3,458	192	43							
ark	12,815	606	63							1
rland	31,884	1,685	31							
e	45,887	1,185	64							1
and	7,241	328	30							
h Republic	12,178	351	35							
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as	10,039	3,411	40							
mbia	106,110	3,641	87							1
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у	202,284 27,542	325	64							ł.
	232,863	11,106	45							1
	53,708	2,160	93							1
an	1,136	9	48							1
sia	1,178	50	27							1
cco	12,969	229	74							
t cific	71,299	3,120	55							ł.
Kong	1,242	7	42							( III)
apore	44,310	26	54							
an	19,068	976	28							1
nesia	59,394	2,987	68							1
aiwan	445	7	19							1
ith Korea	12,967	282	57							
na	84,830	4,641	71							1
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am	355	-	52							
ralia	8,001	104	70							
Zealand	1,180	22	19							1
ind	3,180	58	54							1
sia	8,643	121	40							1 - C
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In line with some of the fewest reported cases and the smallest reported deaths attributed to COVID-19, New Zealand and Taiwan have the lowest 'lockdown index' score at 19, indicating the restrictions in place are generally recommendations and are not enforced. Countries including Iraq, Kenya and Peru have some of the highest 'lockdown index' scores.

For most countries, public transport has the most relaxed restrictions. Taiwan, Tunisia, Norway, Hong Kong and New Zealand 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, Italy and Iran are the exceptions, where international travel is freely permitted with no measures implemented.

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Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond, Oxford University, Last Updated: 06/07/2020

Ban on high risk regions

Total border closure

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