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#### **NEED TO KNOW**

#### 2 November 2021

### 15bps

BoE forecast rate hike November Heightened expectations for interest rate rises. Markets are currently pricing in a 15bps rise from the Bank of England (BoE) when its monetary policy committee meet on Thursday, fuelled by hawkish comments from the central bank's governor, Andrew Bailey. Markets will also be looking to the Federal Reserve on Wednesday to see whether it too will increase rates. Inflation concerns are the primary driver of rate hike expectations, with economic growth less supportive: in the US, Q3 GDP figures showed that the economy grew +2% y-y, its slowest rate of expansion since the pandemic began. In Europe, the ECB envisages no interest rate increases in 2022.

### £16bn

Amount raised in first two sales of UK Green Gilts Climate emergency takes centre stage as COP26 gets underway. New pledges abound, such as Boris Johnson's announcement of a further £1bn towards international climate finance by 2025, bringing the UK's overall contribution to £12.6bn. The UK is in fact fast becoming a world leader in green finance, having been an early and enthusiastic adopter of Green gilts (and with its latest order book 12 times oversubscribed). Longer term, green gilts could represent another pool of capital for real estate investors to tap into. For the real estate sector, another key focus at the summit will come on the 11th of November, when the topics of cities and the built environment feature on the programme.

+6.0%

OBR Forecast 2022 UK GDP Growth An upbeat economic outlook from the OBR. Making life easier for Rishi Sunak at last week's budget and spending review, the Office for Budget Responsibility's (OBR) assessment of the UK economy was much more positive now than at the last budget in March. Instead of a +4% increase in 2021, the OBR is now forecasting +6.5% GDP growth, the strongest acceleration in 50 years. The OBR also expects the economy to reach its pre-pandemic level in Q1 2022, faster than previously anticipated. In terms of the budget itself, we have outlined here the implications for real estate.

#### Markets price in rate hikes sooner than previously anticipated BoE tightening priced within 6m BoE tightening priced within 12m 1.2 1.0 0.8 0.6 0.4 0.0 -0.2 Oct 18 Apr 19 Oct 19 Apr 20 Oct 20 Apr 21 Source: Refinity, Knight Frank

Sources: Bank of England, Financial Times, HM Treasury, OBR, ONS, Trading Economics, Knight Frank Treasury, Compared to the Compared Compared Treasury Compared Treasury, Compared Tre

# LOOKING AHEAD UK GDP

Next week, UK GDP figures for September will be released, providing a more up to date picture of the health of the UK economy. Over the month of August, the UK economy grew 0.4%, making GDP just 0.8% below pre-pandemic levels. The greatest contributor to August's GDP increase was the services sector, which saw output grow by 0.3%, underpinned by expansion in Accommodation and food service activities, amongst others.

### **Fed Rate Decision**

The US Federal Reserve will announce its interest rate decision on Wednesday, alongside any changes to its current asset purchasing programme. It is expected that the Fed will begin to scale back its current \$120bn a month bond buying programme ahead of any rate rise. Reflecting more aggressive near-term tightening expectations, the US 2-year Treasury yield has jumped 25 basis points since the end of September to 0.53%, its highest level since March 2020.

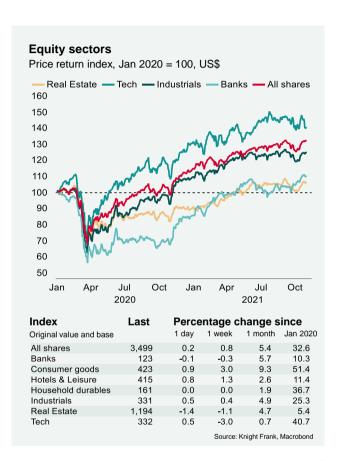
### **Unemployment**

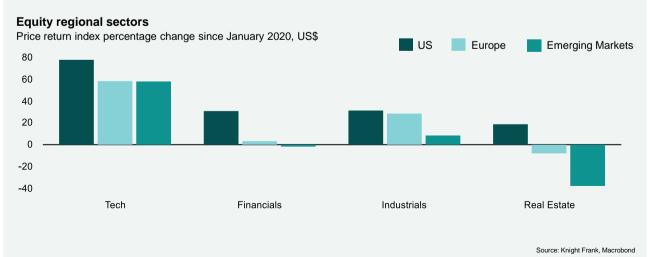
Unemployment rate statistics will be released this week for Europe, Italy, Norway, New Zealand, Canada and the US. In September, the US labour market showed signs of recovery, with unemployment dropping to 4.8%, its lowest level since the pandemic began and down from 5.2% in the month prior. However, the jobless rate remains elevated compared to prepandemic levels of c. 3.5%.



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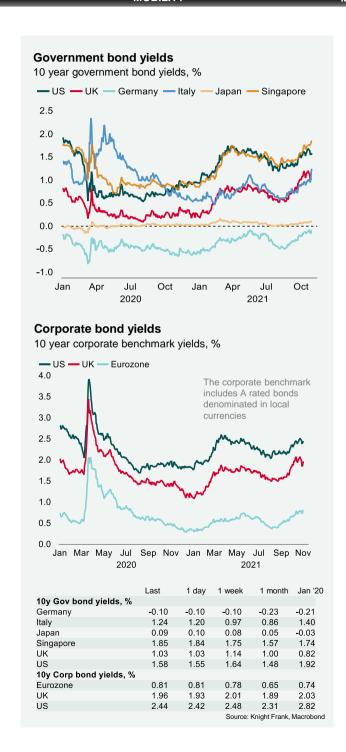


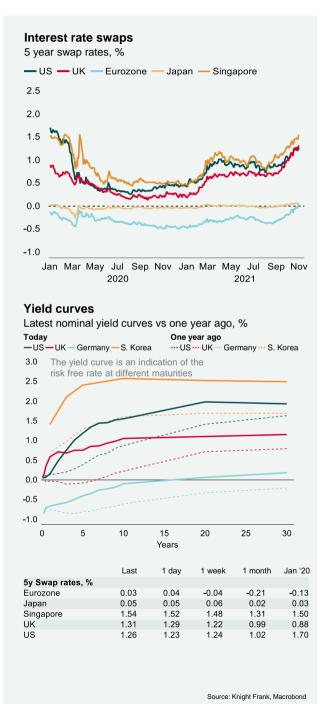






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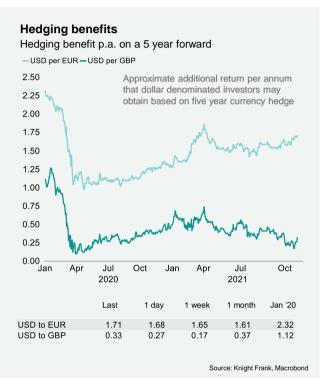






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#### Inflation and monetary policy

	Inflation rate (%)				Interest ra	tes (%)	Asset pur	
	Oct	Sep	Aug	Jul	Last	Jan '21	Lastest (\$)	
ustralia 1	n/a	3.0	3.0	3.0	0.10	0.10	446 bn	
nada	n/a	4.4	4.1	3.7	0.25	0.25	391 bn	
na	n/a	0.7	8.0	1.0	4.35	4.35	6.07 tn	
o Area	4.1	3.4	3.0	2.2	0.00	0.00	9.75 tn	
nce	2.6	2.2	1.9	1.2	0.00	0.00	2.28 tn	
many	4.5	4.1	3.9	3.7	0.00	0.00	3.24 tn	
a	n/a	4.3	5.3	5.6	4.00	4.00	463 bn	
	2.9	2.5	2.0	1.9	0.00	0.00	1.8 tn	
n	n/a	0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.10	-0.10	6.36 tn	
li Arabia	n/a	0.6	0.3	0.4	1.00	1.00	499 bn	
th Korea	3.2	2.5	2.6	2.6	0.75	0.50	493 bn	
n	5.5	4.0	3.3	2.9	0.00	0.00	487 bn	
den	n/a	2.5	2.1	1.4	0.00	0.00	176 bn	
	n/a	3.1	3.2	2.0	0.10	0.10	1.17 tn	
	n/a	5.4	5.2	5.3	0.25	0.25	8.56 tn	

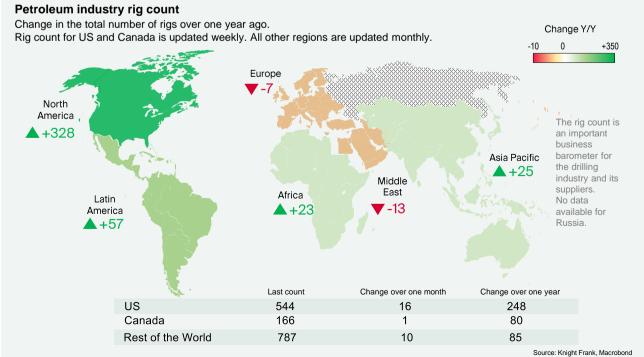
1. Australia Inflation rate is only available on a quarterly basis.

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



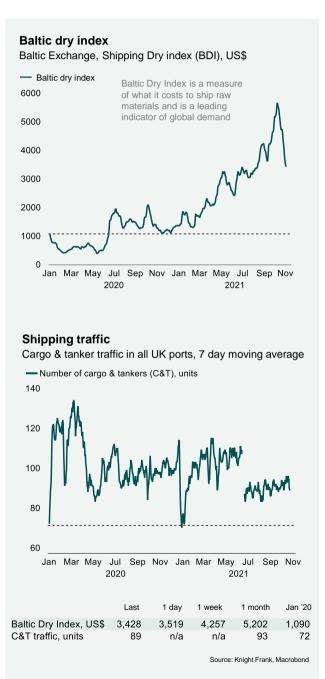
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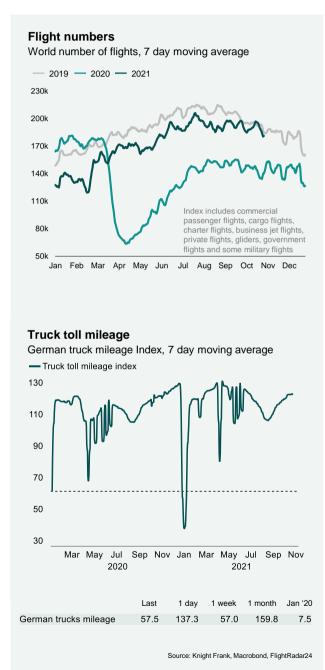






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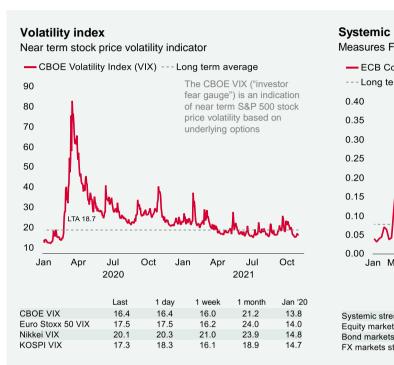


#### UK REITs by sector US REITs by sector UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, GBP£ — All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail Healthcare — Residential — FTSE 250 175 175 150 150 125 125 100 100 75 75 50 50 25 25 0 0 Jan Apr Jul Oct Apr Jul Oct Jan Jan 2021 Index, gross total return Percentage change since Original value and base Last 1 day 1 week 1 month Jan '20 All REITs 1,031 -1.3 0.0 3.4 0.7 All REITs Office 2,507 -0.9 -1.7 -15.4 Office Industrial 1,869 -2.3 0.2 6.9 50.7 Industrial Retail -0.1 0.3 0.3 -77.1 83 Retail Healthcare 2,351 -1.4 -0.8 3.7 2.0 Healthcare Residential 1.484 -0.6 0.7 -2.7 Residential **FTSE 250** 18.738 0.9 10.0 S&P500

#### US NAREIT gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, US\$ — All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail Healthcare — Residential — S&P500 Oct Jul Jul Oct Apr Jan Apr 2020 2021 Index, gross total return Percentage change since Original value and base Last 1 day 1 week 1 month Jan'20 -0.5 24,730 0.9 8.3 22.7 -3.7 2.160 0.4 -1.8 4.9 3 485 -0.9 1.0 15.0 598 1.234 0.2 1.0 9.4 8.1 4,259 -0.8 1.4 3.5 2.7 2,537 -1.5 0.2 7.0 30.2 9,642 0.4 1.5 7.2 47.1 Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



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#### Systemic stress Measures FX, money, sovereign and bond yield volatility - ECB Composite Indicator of Systemic Stress (CISS) --- Long term average The CISS is an indicator of instability across the whole financial system (hence "systemic stress") LTA 0.0774 Jan Mar May Jul Sep Nov Jan Mar May Jul Sep Nov 2020 2021 Jan'20 Last 1 week 1 month 0.034 0.022 0.042 0.066 Systemic stress composite Equity markets stress sub index 0.021 0.026 0.057 0.009 Bond markets stress sub index 0.039 0.027 0.041 0.020 FX markets stress sub index 0.026 0.007 0.016 0.004

#### Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

#### Workplace mobility

Google Workplace Mobility Index change since March '20, %

7 day moving average of daily office visitors compared to each country's baseline (5 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).

		Last	1 week	1 month
Brazil		19	9	16
Nigeria		4	5	6
South Korea		3	-1	-21
Turkey		0	3	-1
South Africa		<b>-</b> 2	-3	-10
Mexico		<del>-</del> 2	-3	-2
India		<b>-</b> 6	-14	-7
Japan		<b>-</b> 9	-10	-19
Italy		-13	-13	-12
Germany		-16	-18	-8
Australia		-17	-17	-25
France		-17	-11	-10
Singapore		-20	-21	-13
Canada		-21	-26	-20
US		-21	-22	<del>-</del> 20
Russia		-23	-15	-16
Netherlands		-24	-22	-13
UK		-31	-27	<b>-</b> 23

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond

#### **Public transport mobility**

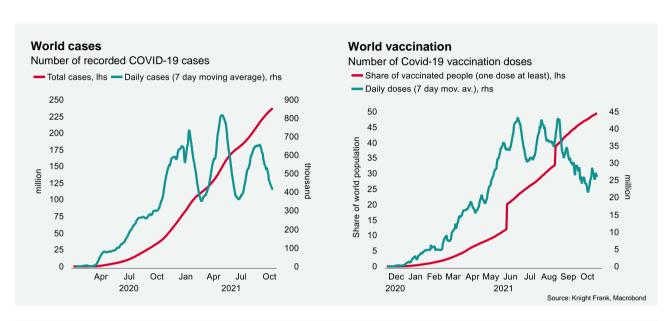
Citymapper Mobility Index change since March '20, %

7 day moving average of daily trips planned and taken compared to each city's baseline (4 week average between Jan 2020 - Feb 2020).





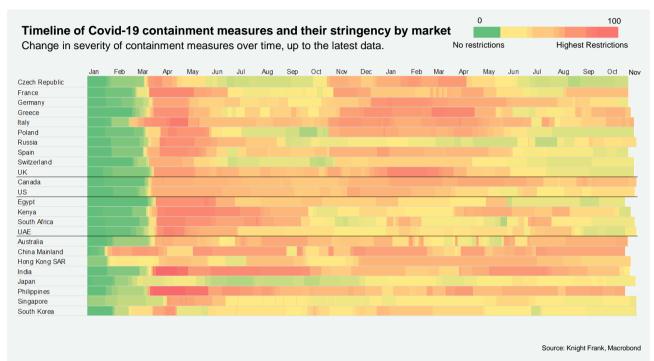
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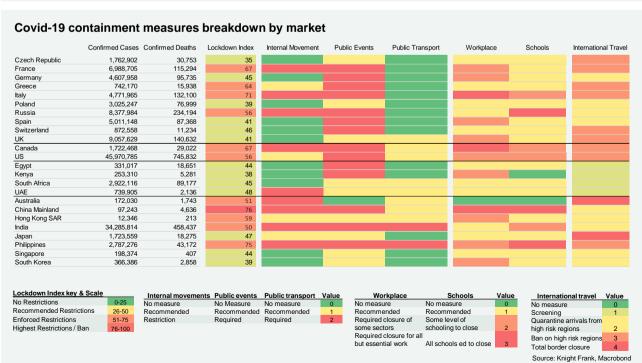


#### Cases and vaccinations breakdown by country Total cases New cases People vaccinated New doses 1 week ago 1 month ago Thousands Population (%) Millions Last day Last 7days av. 27,567 Australia 0.2 1.221 2,160 2.389 19,186 159,201 Brazil 21.8 10,693 11,716 17,756 74 249,051 29.845 78 10.247 Canada 1.7 2,592 2,551 4,278 1,100,842 76 568,469 China 0.1 99 47 44 4,478 77 427 311 Denmark 0.4 1,532 1,349 6.9 6.361 4.993 4.858 51,173 76 18.888 France 4.6 9,658 6,573 10,118 57,727 69 21,058 Germany 0.7 6 639 64 2 710 Greece 2,722 2,075 2.232 12,514 733,543 53 823,745 India 34.3 14,306 26,727 Ireland 0.4 1,963 1,725 1,267 3,810 76 442 4.8 4,525 4,094 46,630 77 21,602 3,723 Italy Japan 1.7 254 246 1.673 98,090 78 86,543 12,989 76 1,853 Netherlands 6.307 1,702 2.1 8.219 496 4,201 77 449 Norway 0.2 153 500 89 749 9,012 874 Portugal 1.1 763 604 Russia 8.6 40,402 37,930 24,522 55,464 38 68,678 Saudi Arabia 0.5 46 47 44 24,209 69 9,266 2,478 4.760 81 3,317 0.2 3,163 3,383 Singapore South Africa 2.9 230 300 1,678 15,315 26 21,698 80 1,686 62,961 South Korea 0.4 1,190 2,485 41,139 Spain 5.0 1.241 1.092 2.137 38,036 81 13,167 UK 9.1 37,667 38,740 35,742 49,956 73 47,351 US 66 45.6 86,733 27,430 117,242 221,520 171,931 Change since People vaccinated Share of population **Total cases** Total (mn) 1 week ago 1 month ago Total (mn) Last 1 week ago 1 month ago World 247 49.5% 1.2% 5.3% 720 48.8% 45.7%



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#### **ESG FUNDS & SUSTAINABLE FINANCE**

### **7**x

- The growth of capital inflow into ESG funds in 2020
- Inflows into ESG funds grew sevenfold to \$15bn between 2019 and 2020.
- ESG funds have taken \$84 out of every net \$100 flowing into equity funds over the same period.

48%

The growth of sustainable bonds in Q1 2021 vs Q4 2020

- Global sustainable finance bond issuance increased 48% to \$286.5bn in Q1 2021 compared to the previous quarter, the highest quarterly level on record.
- Sustainable finance bonds' share of global debt capital markets reached 11.5% in Q1 2021, up from 9.5% in Q4 2020.

62%

The growth in sustainable equity in Q1 2021 vs Q4 2020

ICE UEA

- Equity issuance from sustainable companies increased 62% over the quarter to \$11.2bn in Q1 2021.
- The Americas accounted for 75% of the sustainable equity market, followed by Europe (24%).

#### **EMISSION TARGETS**

### **UN IPCC**

Under all emissions scenarios outlined in the UN's IPCC report, temperatures will pass 1.5°C above 1850-1900 levels by 2040 and extreme weather occurrences will be more frequent. Therefore, the Paris Agreement's goal of stabilising temperatures at 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels by the end of the century will require significant action.

As result, the UK, US and EU have accelerated their emissions targets:

- **UK**: to reduce emissions by 78% before 2035 (vs 1990 levels).
- EU: to cut emissions by at least 55% by 2030 (vs 1990 levels).
- US: to cut emissions by 52% by 2030 (vs 2005 levels).

#### **EU AND UK EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM TRACKER**

EU Allowance (EUA) and UK Allowance (UKA) grant the entitlement to emit one tonne of carbon dioxide equivalent gas. EU daily carbon market price, ICE EUA Futures, € 60 50 40 30 10 Jul Oct Jul Oct Jan Apr Jan Apr 2020 2021 Percentage change since, % Price, €

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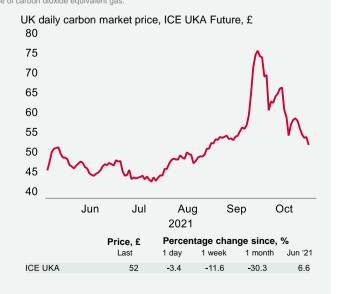
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### **MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

								Gov.	Gov. Debt/	
arket	Population	GDP			Interest		Inflation	Inflation Jobless		
NOT	million	\$tn	YoY	QoQ	rate	rate		rate		
tralia	26	1,331	9.6%	0.7%	0.10%	3.0%		4.6%	4.6% -4.3%	4.6% -4.3% 24.8%
stria	9	429	4.8%	3.3%	0.00%	3.6%		6.5%	6.5% -8.9%	6.5% -8.9% 83.9%
elgium	12	515	4.7%	1.8%	0.00%	4.2%		6.4%	6.4% -9.4%	6.4% -9.4% 114.1%
Brazil	212	1,445	12.4%	-0.1%	7.75%	10.3%		13.2%	13.2% -13.4%	13.2% -13.4% 88.8%
anada	38	1,643	12.7%	-0.3%	0.25%	4.4%	6	6.9%	6.9% -15.9%	6.9% -15.9% 117.8%
China Mainland	1,444	14,723	4.9%	0.2%	3.85%	0.7%	4.9	%	% -3.7%	% -3.7% 66.8%
Denmark	6	352	9.8%	2.8%	-0.60%	2.2%	3.3%		-3.5%	-3.5% 42.2%
gypt	101	363	2.9%	2.9%	8.25%	6.6%	7.3%		-9.0%	-9.0% 88.0%
Euro Area	342	12,933	3.7%	2.2%	0.00%	4.1%	7.5%		-7.2%	-7.2% 98.0%
inland	6	271	7.5%	2.1%	0.00%	2.5%	7.0%		-5.4%	
rance	67	2,603	3.3%	3.0%	0.00%	2.6%	8.0%		-9.2%	-9.2% 115.7%
Germany	83	3,806	2.5%	1.8%	0.00%	4.5%	3.4%		-4.2%	
Hong Kong SAR	7	347	5.4%	0.1%	0.86%	1.4%	4.5%		-12.0%	
ndia	1,347	2,623	20.1%	2.1%	4.00%	4.4%	6.9%		-9.4%	
ndonesia	270	1,058	7.1%	3.3%	3.50%	1.7%	6.3%	-	6.5%	6.5% 38.5%
reland	5	419	21.6%	6.3%	0.00%	3.7%	6.4%	-5.	0%	0% 59.5%
srael	9	402	15.4%	3.9%	0.10%	2.5%	5.2%	-11.79		
aly	60	1,886	3.8%	2.6%	0.00%	2.9%	9.3%	-9.5%		
apan	126	5,065	7.6%	0.5%	-0.10%	0.2%	2.8%	-12.6%		266.2%
letherlands	17	912	10.4%	3.8%	0.00%	2.7%	3.1%	-4.3%		54.5%
ligeria	206	432	5.0%	-13.9%	11.50%	16.6%	33.3%	-3.8%		35.0%
Norway	5	362	6.1%	1.1%	0.25%	4.1%	4.2%	-3.4%		46.0%
Philippines	110	361	11.8%	-1.3%	2.00%	4.8%	6.9%	-7.5%		53.5%
Poland	38	594	11.1%	2.1%	0.50%	6.8%	5.6%	-7.0%		57.5%
Romania	19	249	13.9%	1.9%	1.50%	6.3%	5.2%	-9.2%		47.3%
Russia	146	1,484	10.5%	0.0%	7.50%	7.4%	4.3%	-3.8%		17.8%
Singapore	6	340	6.5%	0.8%	0.07%	2.5%	2.6%	-13.9%		131.0%
South Africa	59	302	19.3%	1.2%	3.50%	5.0%	34.4%	-12.3%		83.0%
South Korea	52	1,631	4.0%	0.3%	0.75%	2.5%	3.0%	-6.1%		42.6%
Spain	47	1,281	2.7%	2.0%	0.00%	5.5%	14.6%	-11.0%		120.0%
Sweden	10	538	4.7%	1.8%	0.00%	2.5%	8.2%	-3.1%		39.9%
Switzerland	9	748	7.7%	1.8%	-0.75%	0.9%	2.6%	-2.6%		42.9%
Turkey	84	720	21.7%	0.9%	16.00%	19.6%	12.1%	-3.4%		39.5%
JAE	10	421	-6.1%	2.0%	1.50%	0.6%	5.0%	-0.8%		36.9%
JK	67	2,708	23.6%	5.5%	0.10%	3.1%	4.5%	-14.9%		94.9%
JS	329	20,937	4.9%	2.0%	0.25%	5.4%	4.8%	-14.9%		128.1%

Source: Trading Economics



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