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### **NEED TO KNOW**

6 July 2021

**2,286**UK M&A deals

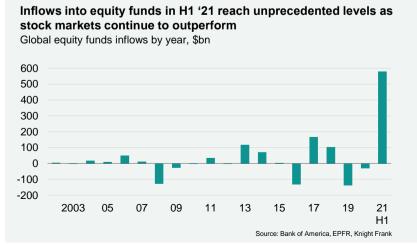
Global private equity groups are announcing bids for UK companies at the fastest pace in many years. With a focus on consumer products and services, the level of M&A activity seen in 2021 has already reached two thirds that of 2020, buoyed by the perception that UK companies represent good value.

2.9%
Real Estate's average
GVA growth
2010 - 2018

The UK's real estate sector has been growing more rapidly than previously thought. Following recent revisions to the way that gross value added (GVA) is calculated in national accounts, new estimates suggest the sector saw annual growth of 2.9% between 2010 and 2018, up from 2.1% under the previous methodology.

**62.4**UK Service PMI June 2021

Activity across Europe rebounded in June, with the Spanish, Eurozone and Italian service PMI's increasing at their fastest pace in 20 years, 14 years and three years, respectively. Meanwhile in the UK, the services PMI was 62.4 in June, beating expectations of 61.7, albeit down from 62.9 in May. However, this was still the second highest reading since October 2013 with the sector recording its strongest rate of job creation since June 2014.



Sources: Refinitiv, ONS, Trading Economics, Oxford Economics, Knight Frank

### **WEEK AHEAD**

### Oil

This week, the OPEC+ members will reconvene to finalise oil outputs for the remainder of the year. Brent crude surpassed \$77 per barrel on Monday, its highest level since October 2018. Also due this week is the Baker Hughes oil rig count, which will reveal the latest number of oil rigs in the US and Canada. There were 475 active oil rigs in the US as at 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021, compared to 263 one year ago.

### **Trade Balance**

Trade balance figures for France, Germany, Norway and the UK are due this week for May. In April, the UK's total imports of goods, excluding precious metals, increased by £1.4bn or 3.9%, with increases seen with both non-EU and EU countries. This was the highest level of monthly goods imports since records began in 1997. However, UK exports fell by 0.6%, following two consecutive months of growth.

# Industrial Production

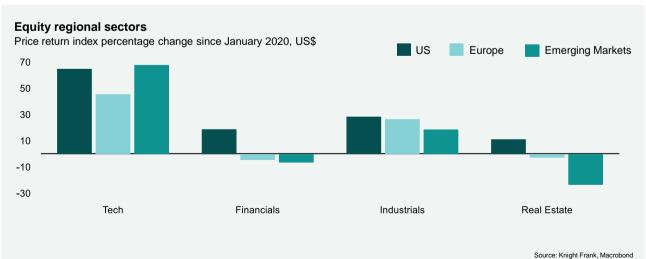
May's industrial production figures will be released for France, Germany, Italy, Spain and the UK this week. In April, the UK's industrial production increased 27.5% year on year, its largest increase ever recorded.



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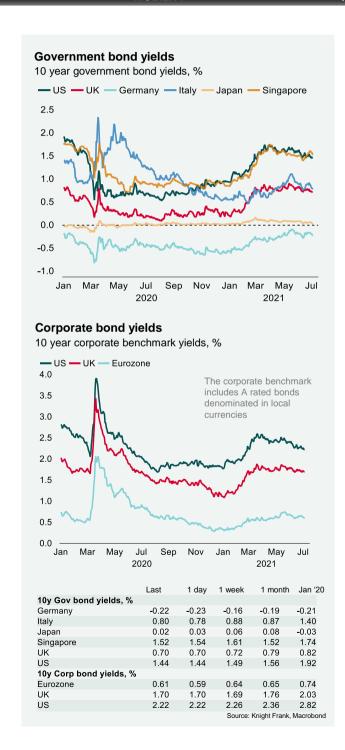


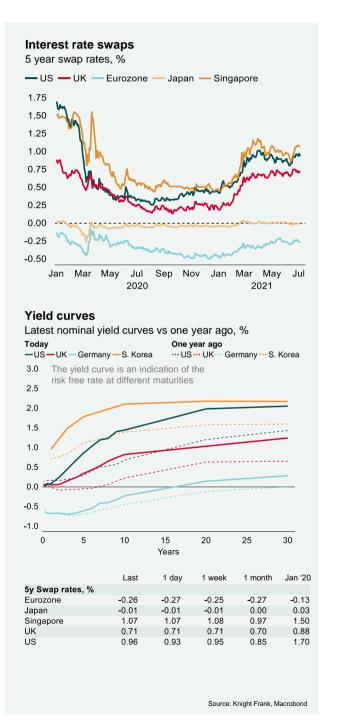






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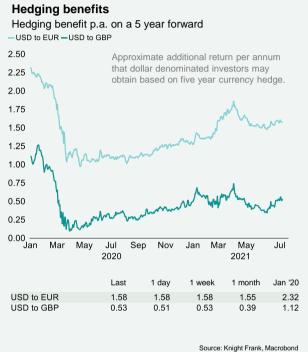






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#### Monetary policy

### Central banks policy rates

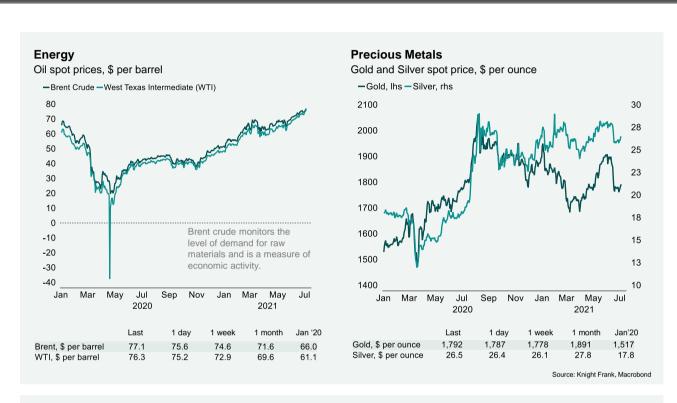
#### Central banks asset purchasing programme

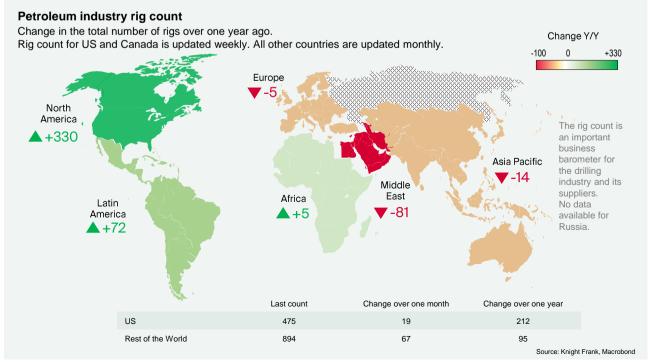
	Last	Value at Jan '21	Value at Jan '20	Lastest (\$)	MoM change	YoY change			
Australia	0.10%	0.10%	0.75%	405 bn	14.1%	109.3%			
Canada	0.25%	0.25%	1.75%	395 bn	2.5%	15.9%			
China, Mainland	4.35%	4.35%	4.35%	6.06 tn	2.8%	17.7%			
Euro Area	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	9.39 tn	0.5%	35.8%			
France	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	2.2 tn	0.9%	42.1%			
Germany	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	3.17 tn	-0.8%	38.3%			
India	4.00%	4.00%	5.15%	401 bn	0.9%	14.6%			
Italy	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.81 tn	2.4%	41.9%			
Japan	-0.10%	-0.10%	-0.10%	6.46 tn	-2.5%	7.4%			
Saudi Arabia	1.00%	1.00%	2.25%	487 bn	-0.3%	4.0%			
South Korea	0.50%	0.50%	1.25%	493 bn	-0.1%	13.8%			
Spain	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	487 bn	2.6%	44.4%			
Sweden	0.00%	0.00%	-0.25%	162 bn	1.2%	21.9%			
UK	0.10%	0.10%	0.75%	1.14 tn	-2.6%	45.3%			
US	0.25%	0.25%	1.75%	8.08 tn	1.9%	15.1%			

Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



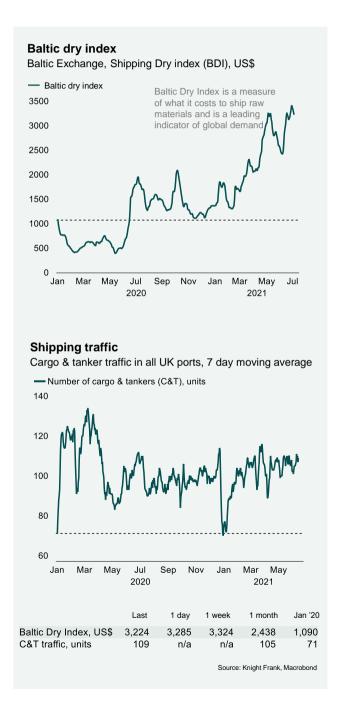
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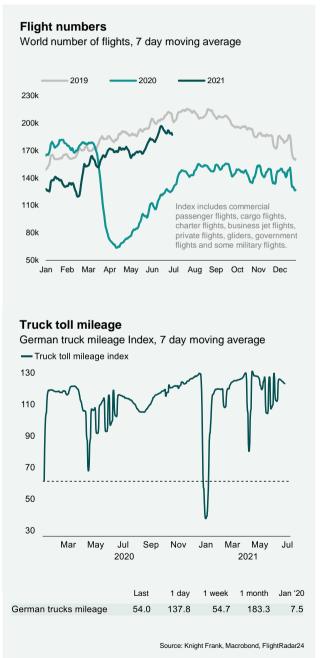






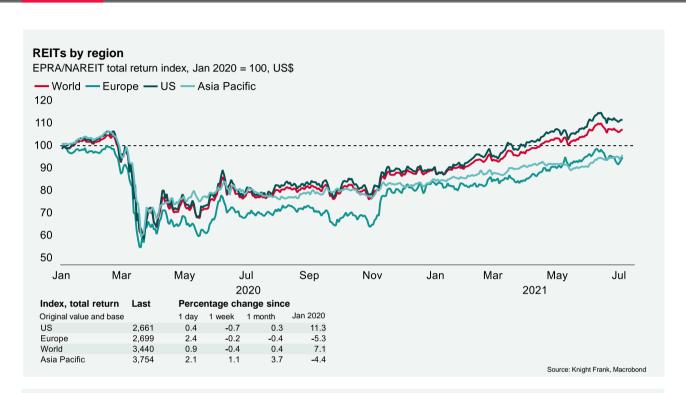
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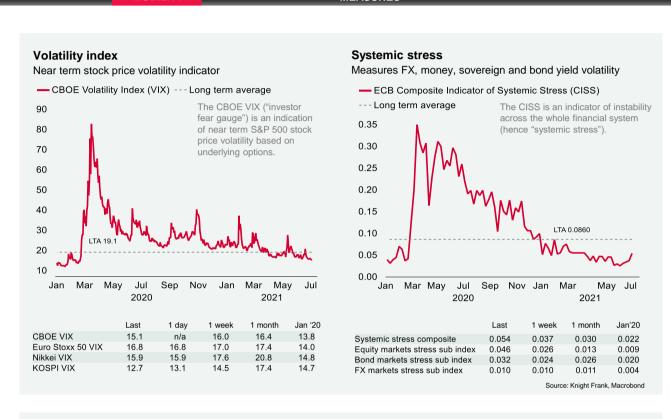
US REITs by sector

#### **UK REITs by sector** UK EPRA gross total return index, Jan 2020 = 100, GBP£ All REITs — Office — Industrial — Retail Healthcare — Residential — FTSE 250 150 125 100 75 50 25 0 Apr Jul Oct Apr Jul Jan Jan 2020 2021 Index, gross total return Percentage change since Original value and base Last Jan '20 1 day 1 week 1 month All REITs 986 2.5 1.2 2.0 -3.6 Office 2,550 2.3 8.0 -14.0 -1.1 Industrial 1,635 2.1 8.0 5.4 31.8 Retail 98 2.6 0.6 -3.7 -72.8 Healthcare 2,378 0.9 4.9 1.6 2.0 Residential 1,510 4.2 2.3 1.8 -1.1 **FTSE 250** 18.467 8.4

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All REITs		22,808	0.9	0.2	1.5	13.2
Office		2,120	0.3	<b>-</b> 1.5	-2.1	-5.5
Industrial		2,978	0.9	-0.9	0.2	36.5
Retail		1,143	8.0	0.6	-1.1	0.1
Healthcare		4,267	0.6	<b>-</b> 0.5	2.7	2.9
Residential		2,253	1.5	0.4	2.5	15.6
S&P500		9,059	1.3	2.0	3.7	38.2
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#### 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).



#### **Public transport mobility**

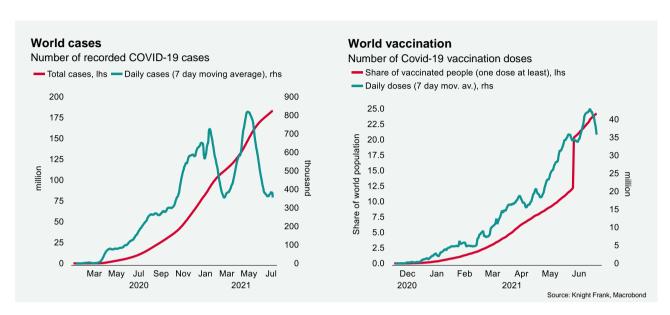
Citymapper Mobility Index change since March '20, %

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





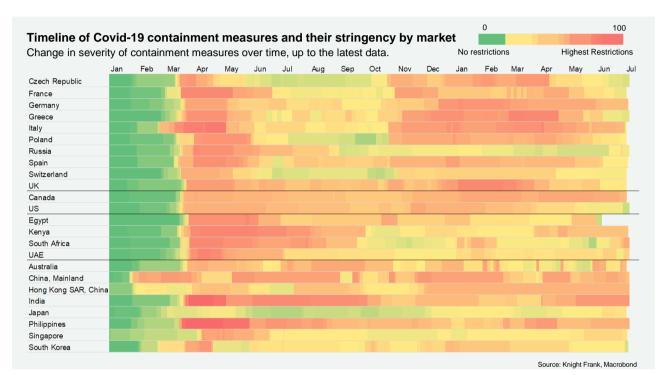
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#### Cases and vaccinations breakdown by country Total cases New cases People vaccinated New doses 1 week ago 1 month ago Millions Population (%) Millions Last day Last 7days av. 17,858 Australia 0.0 23 42 13 6,346 25 Brazil 18.7 54,556 64,134 83,391 77,654 37 173,407 Canada 542 25.882 69 73.532 1.4 344 2,167 0.1 117 498 622,000 43 2,443,102 China 64 392 3,406 59 0.3 174 927 6,634 Denmark France 5.7 2.549 1.459 6.953 33,961 50 83,137 Germany 3.7 212 219 2,294 46,971 56 100,285 Greece 0.4 798 235 1,106 4 988 48 12.480 India 30.6 39,796 46,148 120,529 284,455 21 598,942 7,427 Ireland 0.3 562 361 529 2,654 54 Italy 4.3 806 780 2,556 34,751 57 74,067 Japan 8.0 1,458 1,299 2,598 31,622 25 123,261 Netherlands 1.7 1,239 504 2,398 10,317 60 13,119 Norway 0.1 349 288 2,731 50 7,125 2.041 1,496 430 60 Portugal 0.9 6,071 25,451 Russia 5.6 24,353 21,650 9,145 24,969 17 89,601 Saudi Arabia 0.5 1,173 1,218 1,201 16,705 48 22,882 0.1 61 Singapore 14 13 3,550 8.926 South Africa 2.1 16,585 15,036 5,668 3,314 6 10,905 South Korea 30 0.2 711 501 744 14,931 15,347 3,591 4,497 Spain 3.8 25,948 56 81,316 UK 4.9 23,818 14,623 6,140 45,274 67 43,152 182,413 US 33.4 8,426 18,568 55 148,509 Change since Share of population **Total cases** People vaccinated Total (mn) 1 week ago 1 month ago Total (mn) Last 1 week ago 1 month ago World 183 1.4% 6.4% 720 24.2% 23.4% 11.6%



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#### Covid-19 containment measures breakdown by market Confirmed Cases Confirmed Deaths Public Events Public Transport International Travel Lockdown Index Workplace Schools Czech Republic 1,668,040 30,311 38 France 5 718 270 110 270 44 Germany 91,068 Greece 426 963 12 722 42 4,263,797 127,680 47 Italy Poland 2.880.308 75,085 50 47 5,568,104 136,279 Russia 3,866,475 80,934 48 Switzerland 703.783 10.895 UK Canada 4,930,534 128,231 1,425,267 26,336 US Egypt 33,723,095 605,567 186,053 3,690 Kenya South Africa 2.075.409 62.171 UAE 641.049 1,839 Australia 91,892 11,943 China, Mainland 4,636 66 Hong Kong SAR, China India 30,585,229 402,728 808,220 14,812 Japan Philippines 1.441.746 25,192 62.630 Singapore 2,032 Lockdown Index key & Scale Internal movements Public events Public transport No measure No Measure No measure Recommended Recommended Recommended Workplace International travel No Restrictions Recommended Restrictions 0-25 No measure No measure Recommended Recommended Recommended Screening Quarantine arrivals from 26-50 Enforced Restrictions Restriction Required closure of Some level of schooling to close Highest Restrictions / Ban high risk regions Required closure for all Ban on high risk regions All schools ed to close Total border closure Source: Knight Frank, Macrobond



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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.
  - Three quarters of this new ESG capital (\$11.3bn) flowed into active funds.

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. This marks the highest quarterly level on record and more than double the amount seen in the same quarter last year.
  - Green bonds accounted for the largest share (\$131.3bn), followed by social bonds (\$91.8bn) and sustainability bonds (\$42.2bn).
  - Europe accounted for \$177.6bn or 62% of total sustainable finance bonds issued in Q1 2021, followed by the Americas (18%) and APAC (15%).
- Sustainable finance bonds' share of global debt capital markets reached 11.5% in Q1 2021, up from 9.5% in Q4 2020.

26%

The growth of sustainable loans in Q1 2021 vs Q4 2020

- The market for sustainable syndicated loans reached \$113.6bn in Q1 2021, a 26% increase over Q4 2020 and more than 130% higher than the Q1 2020 total.
- Europe accounted for the largest share (53%), followed by the Americas (32%) and APAC (10%).

62%

The growth in sustainable equity in Q1 2021 vs Q4 2020

- 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**

### UK

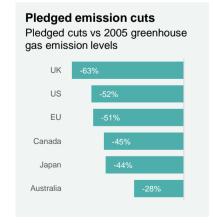
The British government accelerated its climate change target, by announcing a new pledge to reduce carbon emissions by 78% compared to 1990 levels, by 2035. This compares to the previous target of cutting emissions by 68% by 2030.

### EU

Under a new law agreed between member states and the EU Parliament, the bloc pledged to cut carbon emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared with 1990 levels.

### US

President Biden announced that America would aim to cut its greenhouse gas emissions 50 percent to 52 percent below 2005 levels by 2030.





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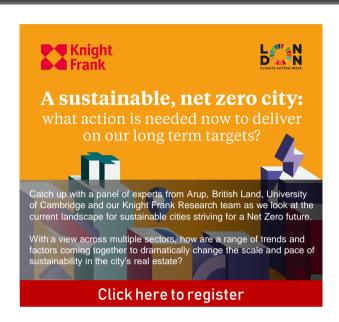
### **MACROECONOMIC INDICATORS**

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								Gov.	Debt/	
Market	Population million	GDP \$tn	YoY	QoQ	Interest rate	Inflation rate	Jobless rate	Budget % of GDP	GDP %	
Australia	26	1,331	1.1%	1.8%	0.10%	1.1%	5.1%	-4.3%	24.8%	П
Austria	9	429	-5.5%	-1.1%	0.00%	2.8%	7.0%	-8.9%	83.9%	
Belgium	12	515	-0.6%	1.0%	0.00%	1.6%	6.5%	-9.4%	114.1%	
Brazil	212	1,445	1.0%	1.2%	4.25%	8.1%	14.7%	-13.4%	75.8%	
Canada	38	1,643	0.3%	1.4%	0.25%	3.6%	8.2%	-15.9%	117.8%	
China, Mainland	1,444	14,723	18.3%	0.6%	3.85%	1.3%	5.0%	-3.7%	66.8%	
Denmark	6	355	-0.8%	-1.0%	-0.50%	1.7%	4.0%	-1.1%	42.2%	
Egypt	101	363	2.9%	2.9%	8.25%	4.8%	7.4%	-9.0%	90.0%	
Euro Area	342	12,933	-1.3%	-0.3%	0.00%	1.9%	7.9%	-7.2%	98.0%	
Finland	6	271	-1.0%	-0.1%	0.00%	2.2%	9.6%	-5.4%	69.2%	
France	67	2,603	1.2%	-0.1%	0.00%	1.5%	8.1%	-9.2%	115.7%	
Germany	83	3,806	-3.1%	-1.8%	0.00%	2.3%	3.7%	-4.2%	69.8%	
Hong Kong SAR, China	7	347	7.9%	5.4%	0.86%	1.0%	6.0%	-12.0%	38.4%	
India	1,347	2,623	1.6%	2.1%	4.00%	6.3%	11.9%	-9.4%	69.6%	
Indonesia	270	1,058	-0.7%	-1.0%	3.50%	1.3%	6.3%	-6.5%	38.5%	
Ireland	5	419	11.8%	7.8%	0.00%	1.7%	7.6%	-5.0%	59.5%	
Israel	9	402	-0.5%	-1.6%	0.10%	1.5%	5.5%	-11.7%	71.1%	
Italy	60	1,886	-0.8%	0.1%	0.00%	1.3%	10.5%	-9.5%	155.8%	
Japan	126	5,065	-1.6%	-1.0%	-0.10%	-0.1%	3.0%	-10.3%	266.2%	
Netherlands	17	912	-2.4%	-0.8%	0.00%	2.1%	3.3%	-4.3%	54.5%	
Nigeria	206	432	0.5%	-13.9%	11.50%	17.9%	33.3%	-3.8%	35.0%	
Norway	5	362	-1.4%	-0.6%	0.00%	2.7%	5.0%	6.4%	40.6%	
Philippines	110	361	-4.2%	0.3%	2.00%	4.5%	8.7%	-7.5%	53.5%	
Poland	38	594	-0.9%	1.1%	0.10%	4.4%	6.1%	-7.0%	57.5%	
Romania	19	249	-0.2%	2.8%	1.25%	3.8%	5.5%	-9.2%	47.3%	
Russia	146	1,484	-0.7%	-0.2%	5.50%	6.0%	4.9%	-3.8%	17.8%	
Singapore	6	340	1.3%	3.1%	0.25%	2.4%	2.9%	-13.9%	131.0%	
South Africa	59	302	-3.2%	4.6%	3.50%	5.2%	32.6%	-12.3%	83.0%	
South Korea	52	1,631	1.9%	1.7%	0.50%	2.4%	3.8%	-6.1%	42.6%	
Spain	47	1,281	-4.2%	-0.4%	0.00%	2.6%	16.0%	-11.0%	120.0%	
Sweden	10	538	0.0%	0.8%	0.00%	1.8%	9.8%	-3.1%	39.9%	
Switzerland	9	748	-0.5%	-0.5%	-0.75%	0.6%	3.1%	-2.6%	42.9%	
Turkey	84	720	7.0%	1.7%	19.00%	17.5%	13.9%	-3.4%	39.5%	
UAE	10	421	-6.1%	2.0%	1.50%	-0.5%	5.0%	-0.8%	36.9%	
UK	67	2,708	-6.1%	-1.6%	0.10%	2.1%	4.7%	-14.3%	97.4%	
US	329	20,937	0.4%	6.4%	0.25%	5.0%	5.9%	-14.9%	107.6%	

Source: Trading Economics



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