



## Corporate credit spreads have tightened significantly, despite record-high levels of debt and increased insolvency risks

- The US corporate business debt-to-GDP ratio has increased rapidly over the past decade, surpassing its historical high in Q1:2020, to circa 75% of 2019 US GDP (euro area business debt-to-GDP is at circa 110%). Moreover, alternative indicators of the leverage of businesses were approaching their highest level in 20 years at the beginning of 2020. According to data from the provider Refinitiv, the ratio of Net Debt to EBITDA for publicly traded US non-financial/non-energy companies was circa 2x as of Q1:2020 from 1.5x in 2015. The following factors could pose a risk to these firms and their stakeholders: i) a historically high level of business debt; ii) tight bank lending standards; and iii) a higher cost of debt (both bank and market-based), particularly among the riskiest firms.
- The interest coverage ratio of US corporate businesses remained high in Q1:2020, suggesting room for maneuver vis-à-vis interest repayments from internal resources. However, as the distribution of COVID-19 economic effects remains uncertain, earnings declines will imply significantly lower interest coverage ratios, which could trigger an increase in firms' default risk. Note that S&P500 bottom-line earnings declined by 14% YoY in Q1:2020, while analyst consensus estimates for full-year 2020 EPS growth are circa -20%. For euro area businesses, consensus estimates for full-year 2020 EPS growth are circa -26%. Finally, Investment Grade and Speculative Grade cost of debt has increased materially.
- Data from the April 2020 Federal Reserve SLOOS indicate that a significant share of US banks tightened standards on commercial and industrial loans in the first quarter of 2020 (net percentage of reporting banks is 40%). While bank loans represent only 15% of US corporate debt, this development, if sustained, could pose additional headwinds to the external financing process of US firms. On the other side of the Atlantic, euro area banks' credit standards for loans to enterprises tightened only modestly in Q1:2020 (net percentage of reporting banks at +4% following +1% in Q4:2019). Note that the degree of tightening was very modest compared with 2008 (+60%) and 2012 (+30%), albeit euro area banks appeared reluctant to fully evaluate the effects of COVID-19 relative to companies' credit risk.
- The aggressive monetary policy response, particularly in the US, has lessened dislocations in credit markets, partially offsetting the March sell-off. Note that the Federal Reserve, via its corporate credit facilities, could purchase single-name bonds, as well as shares in Investment Grade ETFs and a limited amount of shares in High Yield ETFs with a potential firepower of up to \$750bn both in the primary and in the secondary market [actual purchases so far in the secondary market: \$0bn]. On the other side of Atlantic, the ECB has stepped up its investment-grade rated corporate bond purchases in the past few weeks by EUR 5bn. This brings its total purchases to EUR 27bn Year-to-Date, as the PEPP (announced on March 18th with a maximum amount of EUR 750bn) opens the door for circa EUR 130bn of additional corporate bond purchases based on the historical CSPP (Corporate Sector Purchase Programme) /APP (Asset Purchase Programme) allocation key, on top of the EUR 200bn actual purchases since the CSPP was introduced. All in, US IG corporate bond spreads have recovered a significant portion of their Covid-19 related widening, with the riskier spectrum still lagging (see graph below). On a weekly basis, credit spreads rallied due to (cont'd on page 2)

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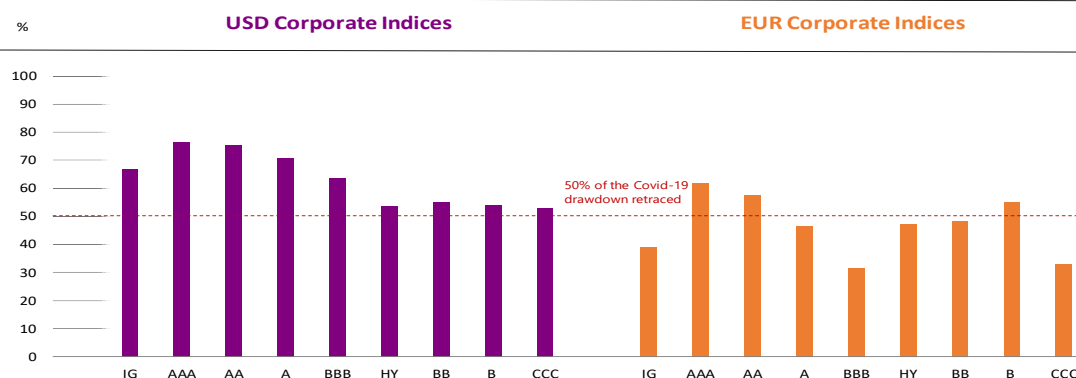
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Corporates: Cost of Marketable Debt - Percent of Recovery since COVID19-related Peak



Source: NBG Research, Bloomberg

Charts of the week

... investors' risk-on mode and higher oil prices, with USD Investment Grade down by 23 bps to 197 bps (EUR: down by 12 bps to 184 bps) and USD Speculative Grade down by 72 bps to 706 bps (EUR: down by 43 bps to 616 bps).

### US housing market declined sharply in April due to the lockdown

- **The latest housing market data suggest that activity in the sector slowed sharply in April.** Specifically, housing starts declined by an unprecedented 30.2% mom (-29.8% yoy) in April, following a -18.6% mom in March (+6.4% yoy), to 891k, below consensus estimates for 900k. On a similar note, building permits fell by 20.8% mom (-16.7% yoy) from -5.7% mom (+5.3% yoy) in March (consensus for 1000k). Furthermore, existing home sales fell by 17.8% mom (-17.2% yoy) in April, from -8.5% mom (+0.8% yoy) in March, to 4.33 mn (on an annualized basis), largely in line with consensus estimates. The weak outcomes in April (as well as in March) were due to the Covid-19 lockdown effective as of mid-March. Thus, as the restrictive measures are gradually lifted, housing activity is expected to resume. In the event, the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) survey index – that captures homebuilders' confidence for new home sales – rose in May, by 7 pts to 37 in May, although it remains at relatively low levels, weighed down by the ongoing uncertainty in the labor market (see below) and supply-side challenges (e.g. constrained availability of building materials).

### A large number of US citizens applied for unemployment insurance for a 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive week

- **US initial jobless claims were 2.4 mn in the week ending May 15<sup>th</sup>, largely in line with consensus estimates.** The cumulative figure since the week ending March 20<sup>th</sup> reached a staggering 38.6 mn, in view of the restrictive measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 (thus 4.3 mn on average per week in that period | previously the weekly record high was 0.7 mn in 1982). More importantly, continuing claims reached 25.1 mn in the week ending May 8<sup>th</sup> or 16% of the total workforce. Recall, however, that caution is warranted in applying a direct analogy of that ratio to the official unemployment rate as estimated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in its monthly Employment Situation report, in view of definitional differences as well as other comparability issues related to the distinct reference periods, methodologies, and reporting practices of the two data sources. In the event, the respective report for May -- due on June 5<sup>th</sup> -- will be closely monitored.

### Euro area PMIs recovered slightly in May, albeit remaining well below the expansion/contraction threshold of 50

- **Euro area PMIs improved in May, on the back of the gradual easing of the Covid-19 lockdown.** Specifically, the composite index was 30.5 in May from 13.6 in April (and 29.7 in March). Although the latest outcome modestly exceeded consensus estimates for 27.0, it remains well below the expansion/contraction threshold of 50.0 and thus is indicative of declining economic activity. Recall also that the recent readings are the weakest on record (since July 1998) by a wide margin, with the previous low at 36.2 in February 2009. The services PMI under-performed, coming out at 28.7 versus 12.0 in April, with hotels, restaurants, as well as travel and tourism industries, remaining paralyzed. The manufacturing PMI stood at a higher, but still subdued, 39.5 from 33.4 in April, with the output component (the part of the

manufacturing survey which is incorporated in the calculation of the headline composite index) at 35.4 (18.1 in April). Widespread employment reductions were again cited in both sectors, with the respective component of the composite PMI rising only modestly (+4 pts to 37.4). At the same time, average prices charged, remained depressed in view of weak demand, with the respective PMI component at the lowest since 2009 in services and since 2016 in manufacturing, as firms continued to offer discounts to support sales (that development was also aided by lower input costs, linked to reduced wage burdens and low oil prices). Consumer confidence also improved, by 3.2 pts, albeit to a still weak -18.8 in May (average since 2001: -11.5). Overall, the latest data support the view for a sharp fall in GDP during Q2, of close to 9% on a quarterly basis.

- **Regarding performance by country,** in France, the composite PMI was 30.5 in May, compared with 11.1 in April (28.9 in March). In Germany, the composite PMI was 31.4 in May, compared with 17.4 in April. On a similar note, the IFO business survey partly recovered, rising by 5.3 pts to 79.5, albeit remaining at relatively weak levels (average of 97.3 since 2005). The improvement in May was solely due to the expectations component (expectations for business conditions in the next six months | +10.7 pts to 80.1), while the assessment of current conditions deteriorated slightly further (-0.5 pts to 78.9). An improvement occurred in all surveyed sectors (manufacturing, services, trade, construction), albeit business confidence remained subdued in all cases.

### UK PMIs improved in May, albeit still pointing to reduced business activity

- **UK business confidence partly improved in May, albeit remaining particularly depressed, in view of the ongoing public health crisis.** Overall, the survey results were heavily affected by the pandemic, with banks reporting that the changes in both standards and demand across loan categories occurred late in March (the responses were gathered between March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>) as the economic outlook shifted following the rapid global spread of COVID-19. Regarding corporates, 42% of banks reported tightening lending standards for commercial and industrial (C&I) loans to large and middle corporations and 40% to small firms. The PMI in the dominant services sector (80% of UK GDP) rose to 27.8 compared with 13.4 in April (and 34.5 in March). The recent outcomes are by far the lowest on record (the survey started in 1996), with many travel, tourism and leisure firms reporting no activity at all. According to Markit, circa 55% of respondents cited a drop in business activity compared with April and only 12% cited a rise (mainly linked to greater demand for some technology services). The manufacturing PMI came out at 40.6 in May, up from 32.6 in April (the output component was 34.9). Around 54% of respondents cited a decrease in output compared with April and 24% reported an expansion (mostly linked to products related to healthcare). Notably, among manufacturing industries, those related to the automotive supply chain reported the sharpest drop in demand. Overall, the composite PMI improved to 28.9 in May from 13.8 in April, although remaining well below the expansion/contraction threshold of 50.0 and signaling only a modest easing in the recent downturn in economic activity. Note also that the latest readings underperform, by a wide margin, the previous record low (38.1 in November 2008).

## Equities

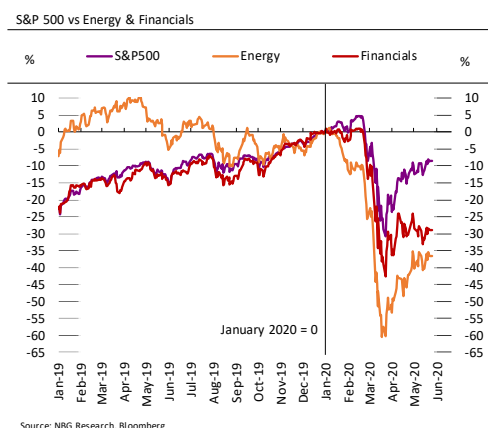
- Global equity markets rose in the past week, as optimism over a medical breakthrough and the gradual lifting of social distancing measures more than offset renewed US-China trade tensions.** Overall, the MSCI ACWI ended the week up by +2.8% (-13% ytd), with Developed Markets (+3.2% wow | -12% ytd) overperforming their Emerging Markets peers (+0.5% wow | -19% ytd). The S&P500 rose by 3.2% wow (-9% ytd), reaching the highest level since March 6th on Wednesday (2972). Regarding sectors, Autos (+14.2% wow) and Energy (+6.1% wow) overperformed, with the latter being supported by higher oil prices. On the other side of the Atlantic, the Eurostoxx rose by 4.4% wow, and by a further 1.3% on Monday. Cyclical sectors such as travel & leisure (+6% wow) and Autos (+6% wow) outperformed in the past week, on hopes that the easing of Covid-19 lockdowns will lead to a faster economic recovery. In Japan, the Nikkei 225 rose by 1.8% wow and by a further 1.7% on Monday after the BoJ launched a new lending program totalling ¥30tn to support small businesses which are struggling due to the coronavirus. In China, the CSI 300 declined by 2.3% wow after the authorities proposed imposing national security laws on Hong Kong, raising prospects of fresh protests.

## Fixed Income

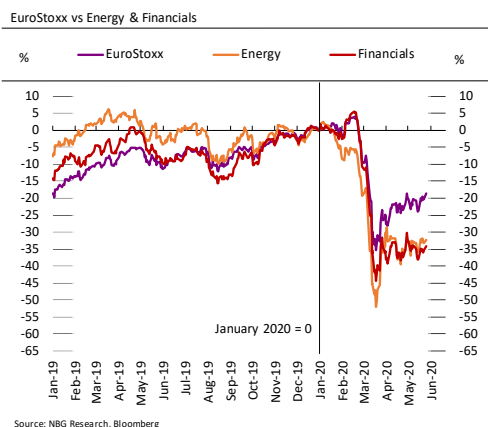
- Government bond yields were mixed in the past week.** Specifically, the US 10-year yield ended the week stable at 0.66% and the 2-year yield rose by 2 bps to 0.17%. More importantly, the UK 10-year yield declined by 6 bps wow to 0.17% (0.16% historic low in March), as financial markets are pricing in negative interest rates by the BoE by the end of the year (41% probability vs 10% in the past week). As a result, yields on two- and five-year government bonds, that are the most sensitive to monetary policy, recorded all-time lows (-5 bps wow to -0.05% and -10 bps wow to -0.02%, respectively). In addition, note that at Wednesday's auction, £3.75bn of gilts maturing in July 2023 were sold at an average yield below zero (-0.003%) for the first time ever. In Germany, the 10-year yield rose by 4 bps to -0.49%. Periphery bond yield spreads declined heavily in the past week, after a European Union proposal for a recovery fund that could provide grants to help the hardest-hit economies due to Covid-19. Specifically, in Italy, the 10-year spread declined by -31 bps to 208 bps; in Spain, it fell by 18 bps to 111 bps; and in Portugal, by -19 bps to 122 bps. **Corporate bond spreads narrowed significantly in the past week, especially in the High Yield spectrum due to risk-on.** Indeed, EUR HY bond spreads decreased by 43 bps to 616 bps and their US counterparts narrowed by 72 bps to 706 bps (due to higher oil prices). In the investment grade spectrum, EUR spreads fell by 12 bps to 184 bps and USD spreads declined by 23 bps to 197 bps.

## FX and Commodities

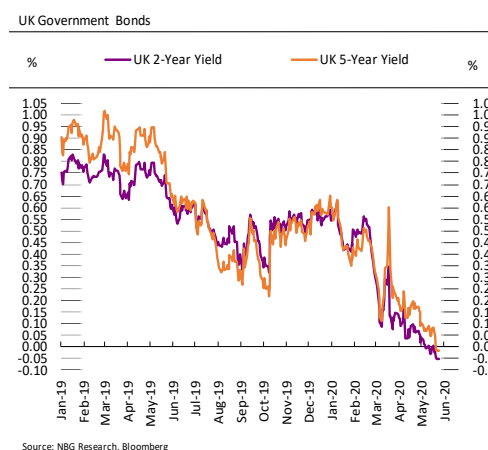
- In foreign exchange markets, the euro rose against the US Dollar in the past week (+0.7% to \$1.090),** following the proposal by France and Germany of a €500bn Recovery Fund to offer grants to regions and sectors hardest hit by the coronavirus crisis. However, on Friday, the US dollar rose (+0.4% against the euro | +0.5% against a basket of trade-weighted currencies-DXY), supported by safe-haven demand. The British Pound recorded small losses in the past week (-0.2% wow against the euro to €/0.896), despite the weaker-than-expected economic data and the risk of sub-zero interest rates.
- In commodities, oil prices rose in the past week, due to the continued decline in US oil inventories, and the easing of lockdown measures that boost hopes for a recovery in fuel demand.** Specifically, US oil inventories declined for a second consecutive week by 5 million barrels to 526 million barrels for the week ending May 15th. Overall, Brent ended the week up by 14% to \$33.6/barrel (-45% ytd), and the WTI rose by 9.6% to \$34.5/barrel (-48% ytd), both at a 2-month high.



Graph 1.



Graph 2.



Graph 3.

**Quote of the week:** "We are in the midst of an economic downturn without modern precedent. It was sudden, and it is severe... While the burden is widespread, it is not evenly spread... Those taking the brunt of the fallout are those least able to bear it", **Fed Chair, Jerome Powell, May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020.**

### Interest Rates & Foreign Exchange Forecasts

10-Yr Gov. Bond Yield (%)	May 22nd	3-month	6-month	12-month	Official Rate (%)	May 22nd	3-month	6-month	12-month
<b>Germany</b>	-0.49	-0.50	-0.40	-0.30	<b>Euro area</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>US</b>	0.66	0.90	1.00	1.20	<b>US</b>	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
<b>UK</b>	0.17	0.32	0.36	0.54	<b>UK</b>	0.10	0.10	0.08	0.08
<b>Japan</b>	0.00	-0.10	-0.07	-0.02	<b>Japan</b>	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10

Currency	May 22nd	3-month	6-month	12-month	May 22nd	3-month	6-month	12-month	
<b>EUR/USD</b>	1.09	1.13	1.13	1.15	<b>USD/JPY</b>	107	105	105	103
<b>EUR/GBP</b>	0.89	0.88	0.87	0.87	<b>GBP/USD</b>	1.22	1.28	1.30	1.32
<b>EUR/JPY</b>	117	119	118	118					

Forecasts at end of period

### Economic Forecasts

United States	2018a	Q1:19a	Q2:19a	Q3:19a	Q4:19a	2019a	Q1:20a	Q2:20f	Q3:20f	Q4:20f	2020f
<b>Real GDP Growth (YoY) (1)</b>	2,9	2,7	2,3	2,1	2,3	2,3	0,3	-11,3	-8,2	-5,7	-6,2
<b>Real GDP Growth (QoQ saar) (2)</b>	-	3,1	2,0	2,1	2,1	-	-4,8	-37,6	17,1	13,8	-
<b>Private Consumption</b>	3,0	1,1	4,6	3,1	1,8	2,6	-7,6	-44,7	22,2	17,2	-8,1
<b>Government Consumption</b>	1,7	2,9	4,8	1,7	2,5	2,3	0,7	4,3	4,5	4,5	2,8
<b>Investment</b>	4,6	3,2	-1,4	-0,8	-0,6	1,3	-2,6	-28,8	9,0	8,1	-5,5
<b>Residential</b>	-1,5	-1,1	-2,9	4,6	6,5	-1,5	21,0	-37,3	10,4	4,7	-0,8
<b>Non-residential</b>	6,4	4,4	-1,0	-2,3	-2,5	2,1	-8,6	-25,9	8,6	8,9	-6,8
<b>Inventories Contribution</b>	0,1	0,5	-1,0	0,0	-1,2	0,1	-0,6	-1,2	0,8	0,6	-0,5
<b>Net Exports Contribution</b>	-0,4	0,8	-0,8	-0,2	1,9	-0,2	1,8	-0,6	-0,9	-0,7	0,5
<b>Exports</b>	3,0	4,2	-5,7	0,9	2,1	0,0	-8,7	-14,5	7,9	5,9	-3,7
<b>Imports</b>	4,4	-1,5	0,0	1,8	-8,4	1,0	-15,3	-8,4	10,9	8,1	-5,3
<b>Inflation (3)</b>	2,5	1,7	1,8	1,7	2,1	1,8	2,1	0,2	0,5	0,7	0,9

Euro Area	2018a	Q1:19a	Q2:19a	Q3:19a	Q4:19a	2019a	Q1:20f	Q2:20f	Q3:20f	Q4:20f	2020f
<b>Real GDP Growth (YoY)</b>	1,9	1,4	1,2	1,3	1,0	1,2	-3,2	-11,8	-8,8	-6,4	-7,6
<b>Real GDP Growth (QoQ saar)</b>	-	1,9	0,6	1,2	0,4	-	-14,2	-30,7	15,9	11,1	-
<b>Private Consumption</b>	1,4	1,7	0,7	2,0	0,5	1,3	-17,5	-38,1	21,2	17,0	-9,5
<b>Government Consumption</b>	1,1	1,9	1,8	2,3	1,4	1,7	0,9	7,1	5,9	3,4	3,2
<b>Investment</b>	2,4	3,7	21,4	-14,4	18,9	5,5	-28,6	-44,1	27,3	18,9	-11,8
<b>Inventories Contribution</b>	0,0	-1,6	0,4	-0,7	-0,4	-0,5	-0,2	-0,6	0,3	0,3	-0,3
<b>Net Exports Contribution</b>	0,4	1,4	-4,6	3,9	-3,4	-0,5	3,0	-1,1	-1,8	-2,3	-0,3
<b>Exports</b>	3,3	3,8	0,2	2,6	1,2	2,5	-4,6	-29,2	26,4	9,9	-3,5
<b>Imports</b>	2,7	1,1	11,0	-5,4	9,2	3,8	-10,7	-29,8	33,7	16,0	-3,2
<b>Inflation</b>	1,8	1,4	1,4	1,0	1,0	1,2	1,1	0,4	0,5	0,6	0,7

a: Actual, f: Forecasts, 1. Seasonally adjusted YoY growth rate, 2. Seasonally adjusted annualized QoQ growth rate, 3. Year-to-year average % change

### 12-Month View & Key Factors for Global Markets

	US	Euro Area	Japan	UK
<b>Equity Markets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Massive Fiscal loosening will support the economy but wont avoid a recession</li> <li>- 2020 EPS growth expectations have further room to fall from +2%. Earnings will contract in 2020</li> <li>- Forget aggressive share buybacks for now due to political pressures</li> <li>- Peaking profit margins</li> <li>- Protectionism and trade wars</li> <li>- P/Es (Valuations) are in line with long-term averages despite P/E contraction of more than 20% since February highs (19x)</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral/Positive</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Still high equity risk premium relative to other regions</li> <li>+ Modest fiscal loosening in 2020 excluding Germany (5% of GDP)</li> <li>- 2020-2021 EPS estimates may turn pessimistic as economic growth fails to pick up</li> <li>- Political uncertainty (Italy, Brexit) could intensify</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Still aggressive QE and "yield-curve" targeting by the BoJ</li> <li>- Signs of policy fatigue regarding structural reforms and fiscal discipline</li> <li>- Strong appetite for foreign assets</li> <li>- JPY appreciation in a risk-off scenario could hurt exporters</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ 65% of FTSE100 revenues from abroad</li> <li>+ Undemanding valuations in relative terms</li> <li>- Elevated Policy uncertainty to remain due to the outcome of the Brexit negotiating process</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Neutral/Negative</b></p>
<b>Government Bonds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Valuations appear rich with term-premium below 0%</li> <li>+ Sizeable fiscal deficit</li> <li>+ Underlying inflation pressures if Fed seek makeup strategies</li> <li>- Global search for yield by non-US investors continues</li> <li>- Safe haven demand</li> <li>- Fed to remain at ZLB in the course of 2020-2021</li> <li>- Fed: Unlimited QE purchases</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Slightly higher yields expected</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Valuations appear excessive compared with long-term fundamentals</li> <li>- Political Risks</li> <li>- Fragile growth outlook</li> <li>- Medium-term inflation expectations remain low</li> <li>- ECB QE net purchases</li> <li>- ECB QE "stock" effect</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Higher yields expected</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Sizeable fiscal deficits</li> <li>+ Restructuring efforts to be financed by fiscal policy measures</li> <li>- Safe haven demand</li> <li>- Extremely dovish central bank</li> <li>- Yield-targeting of 10-Year JGB at around 0%</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Stable yields expected</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Elevated Policy uncertainty to remain due to the outcome of the Brexit negotiating process</li> <li>+ Inflation expectations could drift higher ahead of EU/UK negotiations</li> <li>- The BoE is expected to remain on hold with risks towards rate cuts</li> <li>- Slowing economic growth post-Brexit</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Higher yields expected but with Brexit risk premia working on both directions</b></p>
<b>Foreign Exchange</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Safe-haven demand</li> <li>- Fed's interest rate differential disappeared following cuts to 0%-0.25%</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Broadly Flat EUR against the USD with high volatility around \$1.10</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Reduced short-term tail risks</li> <li>+ Higher core bond yields</li> <li>+ Current account surplus</li> <li>- Sluggish growth</li> <li>- Deflation concerns</li> <li>- The ECB's monetary policy to remain extra loose (Targeted-LTROs, ABSs, Quantitative Easing)</li> </ul> <p>● <b>Broadly Flat EUR against the USD with high volatility around \$1.10</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Safe haven demand</li> <li>+ More balanced economic growth recovery (long-term)</li> <li>- Inflation is bottoming out</li> <li>- Additional Quantitative Easing by the Bank of Japan if inflation does not approach 2%</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Slightly higher JPY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Transitions phase negotiations</li> <li>+ Valuations appear undemanding with REER 6% below its 15-year average</li> <li>- Sizeable Current account deficit</li> <li>- Elevated Policy uncertainty to remain due to the outcome of the Referendum and the negotiating process</li> </ul> <p>▲ <b>Higher GBP expected but with Brexit risk premia working on both directions</b></p>

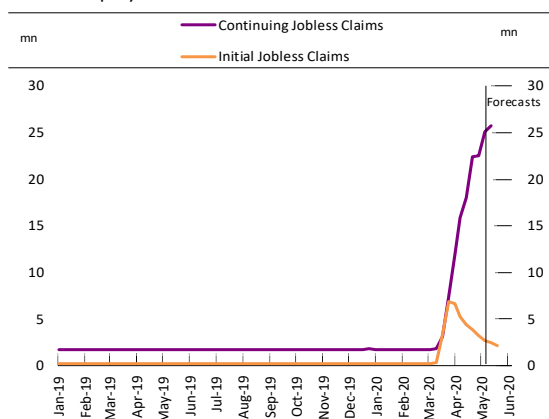
## Economic Calendar

In the US, the 2nd estimate for Q1 GDP is released. Moreover, the ISM manufacturing survey for May and the weekly initial and continuing jobless claims will be closely monitored for a more updated view of economic conditions.

In the euro area, attention turns to April's money supply data, particularly regarding credit to the private sector from commercial banks. Furthermore, May's flash estimate for CPI is released. According to consensus, the annual growth for the headline index will near zero, mostly due to reduced energy prices (alongside weak overall demand).

In China, the manufacturing PMIs for May will be closely monitored for a better assessment of the economic recovery post-lockdowns.

US Unemployment Insurance Claims



Source: NBG Research, FRED Economic Data

**Economic News Calendar for the period: May 19 - June 1, 2020**

Tuesday 19				Wednesday 20				Thursday 21									
<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>			
Housing starts (k)	April	900	-	891	1276	FOMC Minutes	April 29				Initial Jobless Claims (k)	May 16	2400	-	2438	2687	
Building permits (k)	April	1000	+	1074	1356	<b>UK</b>					Continuing Claims (k)	May 9	24250	-	25073	22548	
<b>UK</b>						CPI (YoY)	April	0.9%	-	0.8%	1.5%	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	May	40.0	-	39.8	36.1
ILO Unemployment Rate	March	4.3%	+	3.9%	4.0%	CPI Core (YoY)	April	1.4%		1.4%	1.6%	Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook	May	-40.0	-	-43.1	-56.6
<b>GERMANY</b>						<b>EURO AREA</b>						Existing home sales (mn)	April	4.22	+	4.33	5.27
ZEW survey current situation	May	-87.6	-	-93.5	-91.5	Consumer Confidence Indicator	May	-23.8	+	-18.8	-22.0	<b>UK</b>					
ZEW survey expectations	May	30.0	+	51.0	28.2						Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	May	37.2	+	40.6	32.6	
											Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	May	24.0	+	27.8	13.4	
											<b>JAPAN</b>						
											PMI manufacturing	May			38.4	41.9	
											Exports YoY	April	-22.2%	+	-21.9%	-11.7%	
											Imports YoY	April	-13.2%	+	-7.2%	-5.0%	
											<b>EURO AREA</b>						
											Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	May	38.0	+	39.5	33.4	
											Markit Eurozone Services PMI	May	25.0	+	28.7	12.0	
											Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	May	27.0	+	30.5	13.6	
Friday 22				Monday 25													
<b>UK</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>GERMANY</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>								
Retail sales Ex Auto MoM	April	-15.0%	-	-15.2%	-3.8%	GDP (QoQ)	Q1:20	-2.2%	-	-2.2%	-2.2%						
<b>JAPAN</b>						GDP (wda, YoY)	Q1:20	-2.3%	-	-2.3%	-2.3%						
CPI (YoY)	April	0.2%	-	0.1%	0.4%	IFO- Business Climate Indicator	May	78.5	+	79.5	74.3						
Core CPI (YoY) - ex. Fresh Food	April	-0.1%	-	-0.2%	0.4%	IFO- Current Assessment	May	80.0	-	78.9	79.5						
Core CPI (YoY) - ex. Fresh Food and Energy	April	0.2%		0.2%	0.6%	IFO- Expectations	May	75.0	+	80.1	69.4						
						Private Consumption (QoQ)	Q1:20	-2.0%	-	-3.2%	0.0%						
						Government Spending QoQ	Q1:20	0.6%	-	0.2%	0.3%						
Tuesday 26				Wednesday 27				Thursday 28									
<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>			<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>			
S&P Case/Shiller house price index 20 (YoY)	March	3.40%	..	3.47%						GDP (QoQ, annualized)	Q1:20	-4.8%	..	-4.8%			
New home sales (k)	April	480	..	627						Personal Consumption	Q1:20	-7.5%	..	-7.6%			
Conference board consumer confidence	May	87.0	..	86.9						Initial Jobless Claims (k)	May 23	2100	..	2438			
										Continuing Claims (k)	May 16	25750	..	25073			
										Pending home sales (MoM)	April	-15.0%	..	-20.8%			
										Durable goods orders (MoM)	April	-19.8%	..	-14.7%			
										Durable goods orders ex transportation (MoM)	April	-15.0%	..	-0.4%			
										<b>EURO AREA</b>							
										Economic Confidence	May	70.7	..	67.0			
Friday 29				Monday 1													
<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>EURO AREA</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>US</b>		<b>S</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>P</b>			
Personal income (MoM)	April	-6.5%	..	-2.0%	CPI Estimate YoY	May	0.1%	..	0.4%	ISM Manufacturing	May	43.0	..	41.5			
Personal spending (MoM)	April	-12.8%	..	-7.5%	Core CPI (YoY)	May	0.8%	..	0.9%	Construction spending	April	-7.6%	..	0.9%			
PCE Deflator (YoY)	April	0.5%	..	1.3%	M3 money supply (YoY)	April	8.1%	..	7.5%	<b>CHINA</b>							
PCE Core Deflator (YoY)	April	1.1%	..	1.7%						Manufacturing PMI	May	51.0	..	50.8			
<b>JAPAN</b>										Caixin PMI Manufacturing	May	49.7	..	49.4			
Jobless Rate	April	2.7%	..	2.5%													
Retail sales (MoM)	April	-6.9%	..	-4.6%													
Retail sales (YoY)	April	-11.2%	..	-4.7%													
Industrial Production (MoM)	April	-5.6%	..	-3.7%													
Industrial Production (YoY)	April	-10.6%	..	-5.2%													
Construction Orders YoY	April	..	..	-14.3%													
<b>GERMANY</b>																	
Retail sales (MoM)	April	-10.5%	..	-4.0%													
Retail sales (YoY)	April	-14.3%	..	-1.2%													

Source: NBG Research, Bloomberg  
S: Bloomberg Consensus Analysts Survey, A: Actual Outcome, P: Previous Outcome



**Equity Markets** (in local currency)

Developed Markets		Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)	2-year change (%)	Emerging Markets		Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)
US	<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	2955	3,2	-8,5	4,7	8,1	<b>MSCI Emerging Markets</b>	52821	0,0	-14,1	-4,3	
Japan	<b>NIKKEI 225</b>	20388	1,8	-13,8	-3,6	-10,1	<b>MSCI Asia</b>	807	-1,0	-11,7	-0,8	
UK	<b>FTSE 100</b>	5993	3,3	-20,5	-17,1	-23,0	<b>China</b>	79	-2,6	-7,4	6,6	
Canada	<b>S&amp;P/TSX</b>	14914	1,9	-12,6	-7,7	-7,6	<b>Korea</b>	613	2,5	-11,3	-1,1	
Hong Kong	<b>Hang Seng</b>	22930	-3,6	-18,7	-15,9	-25,2	<b>MSCI Latin America</b>	73988	4,1	-26,1	-16,8	
Euro area	<b>EuroStoxx</b>	322	4,4	-20,2	-11,2	-18,0	<b>Brazil</b>	262490	6,1	-28,3	-13,5	
Germany	<b>DAX 30</b>	11074	5,8	-16,4	-7,4	-14,7	<b>Mexico</b>	33269	0,4	-17,1	-15,4	
France	<b>CAC 40</b>	4445	3,9	-25,7	-15,8	-20,1	<b>MSCI Europe</b>	5171	4,8	-18,9	-7,8	
Italy	<b>FTSE/MIB</b>	17316	2,8	-26,3	-14,0	-24,4	<b>Russia</b>	1159	5,5	-14,9	-1,9	
Spain	<b>IBEX-35</b>	6698	3,4	-29,9	-26,5	-33,2	<b>Turkey</b>	1281809	3,7	-14,7	11,6	

**World Market Sectors** (MSCI Indices)

in US Dollar terms		Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)	2-year change (%)	in local currency		Current Level	1-week change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	1-Year change (%)
<b>Energy</b>		123,5	5,4	-37,3	-36,8	-48,0	<b>Energy</b>		130,5	5,1	-35,3	-35,7
<b>Materials</b>		230,8	4,3	-15,2	-3,4	-17,1	<b>Materials</b>		227,1	4,0	-12,9	-2,1
<b>Industrials</b>		219,7	5,7	-20,5	-11,1	-15,5	<b>Industrials</b>		219,8	5,5	-19,6	-10,8
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>		258,6	4,2	-7,1	4,6	2,8	<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>		251,3	4,1	-6,4	4,8
<b>Consumer Staples</b>		225,0	0,5	-10,4	-4,2	4,2	<b>Consumer Staples</b>		228,9	0,3	-9,0	-3,8
<b>Healthcare</b>		276,1	0,2	-1,1	15,0	20,8	<b>Healthcare</b>		274,8	0,0	-0,3	15,1
<b>Financials</b>		86,9	3,4	-30,9	-22,4	-30,4	<b>Financials</b>		88,9	3,2	-29,4	-21,6
<b>IT</b>		323,0	3,6	3,9	28,5	33,6	<b>IT</b>		313,7	3,6	4,1	28,6
<b>Telecoms</b>		74,2	3,7	-4,2	5,8	14,4	<b>Telecoms</b>		77,8	3,6	-3,7	5,9
<b>Utilities</b>		130,2	2,8	-13,3	-5,6	5,2	<b>Utilities</b>		135,4	2,6	-12,1	-4,8

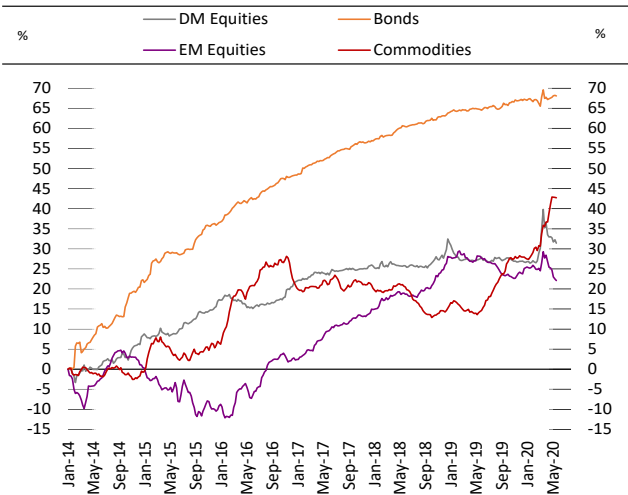
**Bond Markets (%)**

10-Year Government Bond Yields		Current	Last week	Year Start	One Year Back	10-year average	Government Bond Yield Spreads (in bps)		Current	Last week	Year Start	One Year Back
US		0,66	0,64	1,92	2,32	2,29	<b>US Treasuries 10Y/2Y</b>		49	50	35	17
Germany		-0,49	-0,53	-0,19	-0,12	0,98	<b>US Treasuries 10Y/5Y</b>		33	34	23	20
Japan		0,00	0,00	-0,01	-0,06	0,43	<b>Bunds 10Y/2Y</b>		19	20	42	52
UK		0,17	0,23	0,82	0,95	1,84	<b>Bunds 10Y/5Y</b>		19	20	29	40
Greece		1,71	2,07	1,47	3,43	9,79	<b>Corporate Bond Spreads (in bps)</b>		Current	Last week	Year Start	One Year Back
Ireland		0,13	0,10	0,12	0,51	3,28	<b>EM Inv. Grade (IG)</b>		267	287	150	172
Italy		1,59	1,86	1,41	2,64	3,07	<b>EM High yield</b>		855	924	494	513
Spain		0,63	0,76	0,47	0,85	2,83	<b>US IG</b>		197	220	101	128
Portugal		0,73	0,88	0,44	1,01	4,59	<b>US High yield</b>		706	778	360	422
<b>US Mortgage Market (1. Fixed-rate Mortgage)</b>		Current	Last week	Year Start	One Year Back	10-year average	<b>Euro area IG</b>		184	196	94	126
<b>30-Year FRM<sup>1</sup> (%)</b>		3,4	3,4	4,0	4,3	4,2	<b>Euro area High Yield</b>		616	659	308	408
<b>vs 30Yr Treasury (bps)</b>		204	208	156	158	123						

**Foreign Exchange & Commodities**

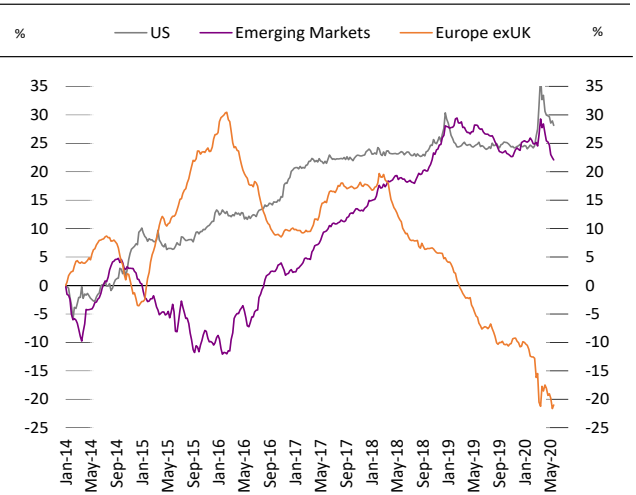
Foreign Exchange		Current	1-week change (%)	1-month change (%)	1-Year change (%)	Year-to-Date change (%)	Commodities		Current	1-week change (%)	1-month change (%)	1-Year change (%)
<b>Euro-based cross rates</b>							<b>Agricultural</b>		295	0,2	-2,5	-10,4
EUR/USD		1,09	0,7	0,7	-2,5	-2,8	<b>Energy</b>		202	9,1	41,4	-57,4
EUR/CHF		1,06	0,7	0,7	-5,6	-2,4	<b>West Texas Oil (\$)</b>		34	14,0	173,2	-41,9
EUR/GBP		0,90	0,2	2,1	1,4	5,9	<b>Crude Brent Oil (\$)</b>		35	9,6	77,8	-49,0
EUR/JPY		117,34	1,2	0,6	-4,3	-3,6	<b>Industrial Metals</b>		1026	2,5	1,3	-13,2
EUR/NOK		10,90	-1,6	-6,5	11,3	10,7	<b>Precious Metals</b>		2013	-0,5	1,2	32,9
EUR/SEK		10,54	-1,1	-3,6	-2,0	0,3	<b>Gold (\$)</b>		1735	-0,5	1,2	35,2
EUR/AUD		1,67	-1,2	-2,6	2,9	4,4	<b>Silver (\$)</b>		17	3,6	14,0	17,9
EUR/CAD		1,53	0,0	-0,4	1,4	4,8	<b>Baltic Dry Index</b>		498	22,4	-28,2	-53,4
<b>USD-based cross rates</b>							<b>Baltic Dirty Tanker Index</b>		735	-13,7	-51,8	10,4
USD/CAD		1,40	-0,8	-1,2	3,9	7,7						
USD/AUD		1,53	-1,9	-3,3	5,6	7,3						
USD/JPY		107,64	0,5	-0,1	-1,8	-0,9						

Global Cross Asset ETFs: Flows as % of AUM



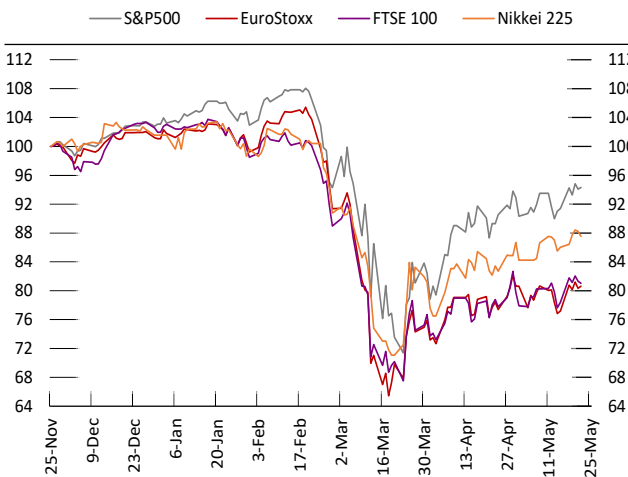
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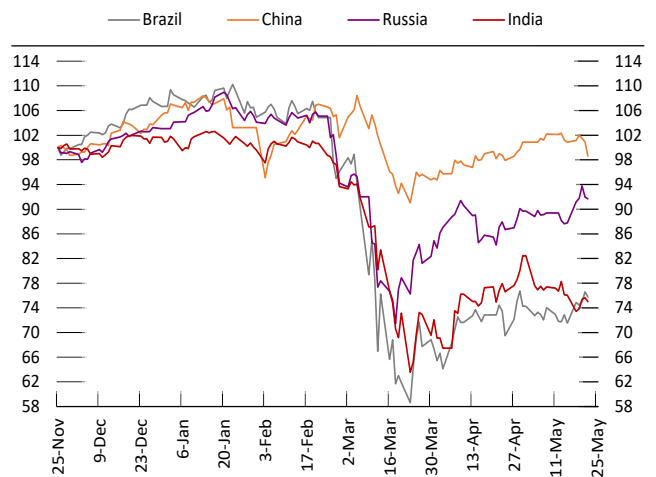
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Equity Market Performance - G4



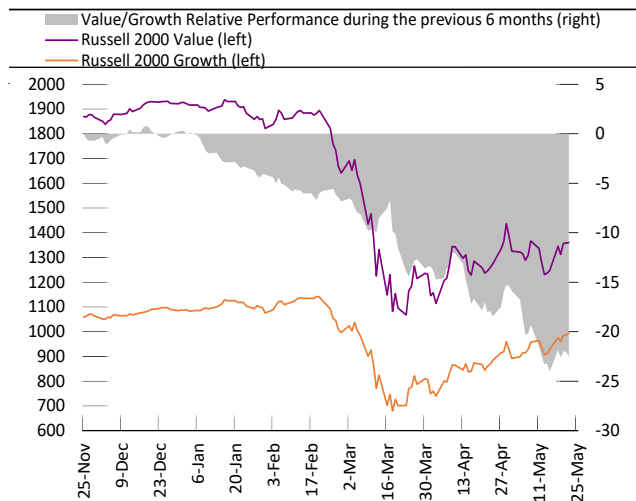
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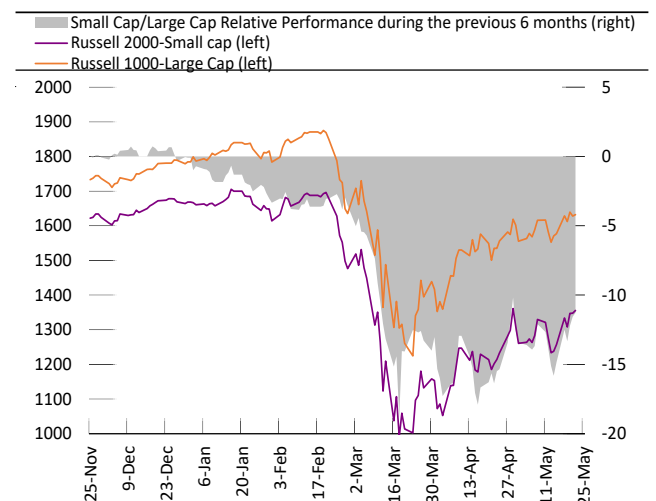
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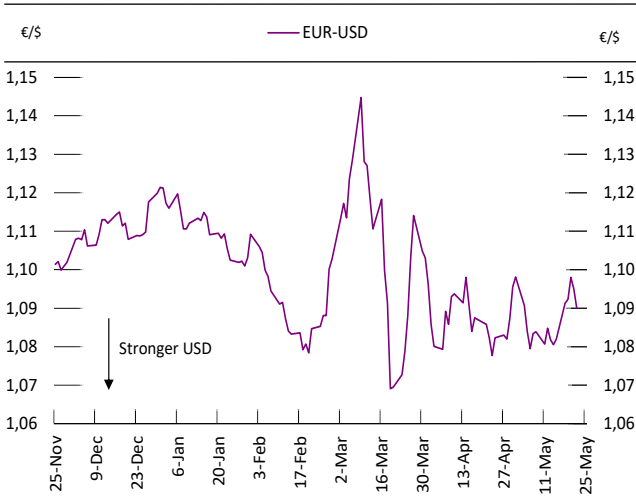
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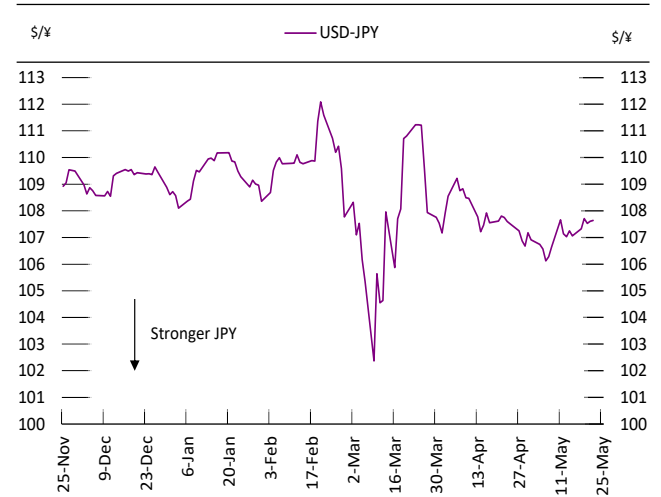
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EUR/USD



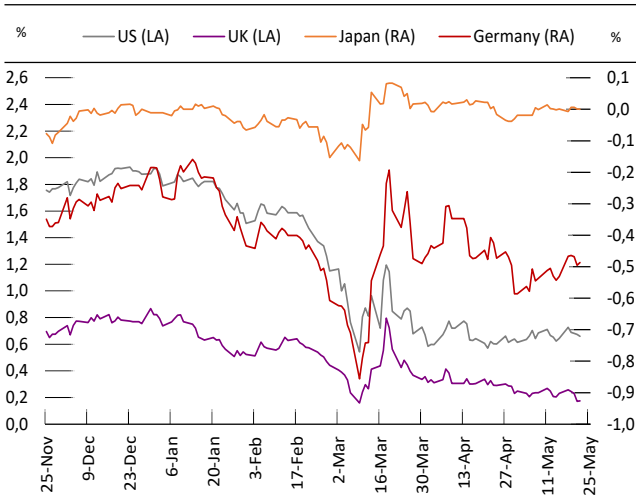
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JPY/USD



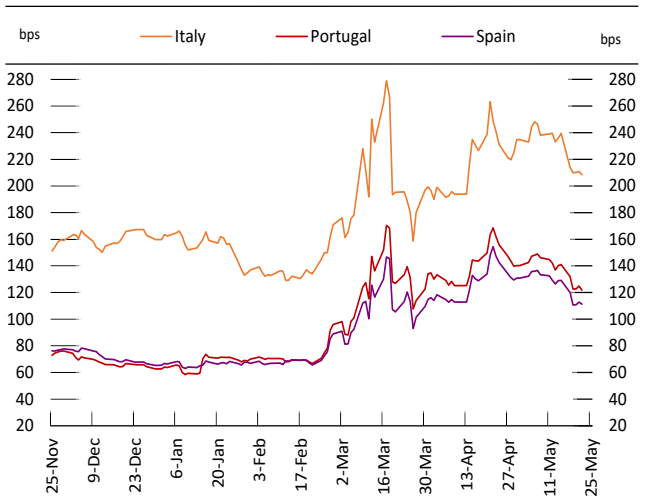
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10- Year Government Bond Yields



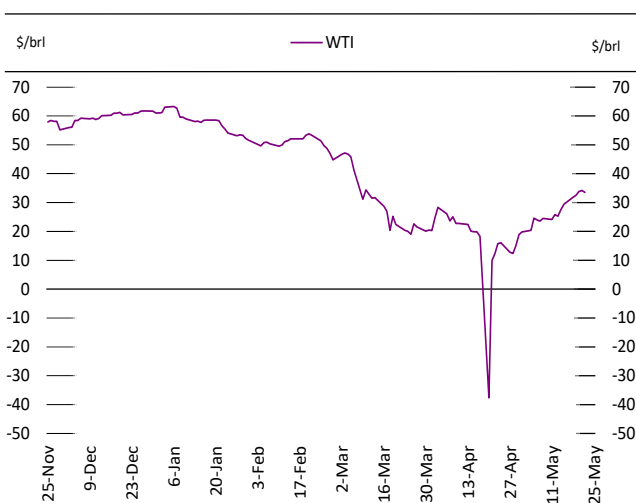
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10- Year Government Bond Spreads



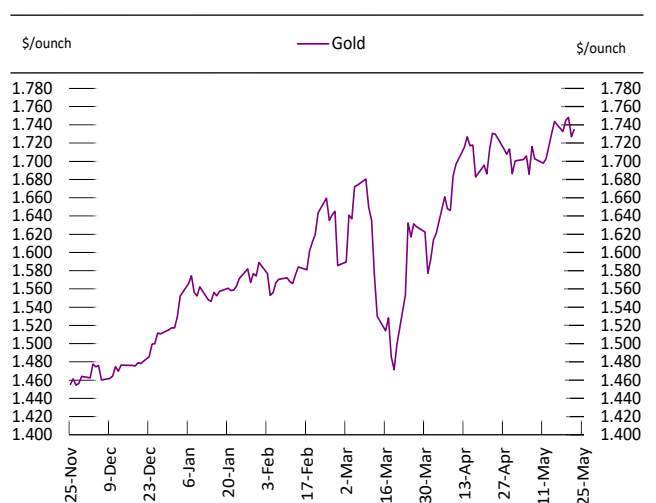
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West Texas Intermediate (\$/bbl)



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Gold (\$/ounce)



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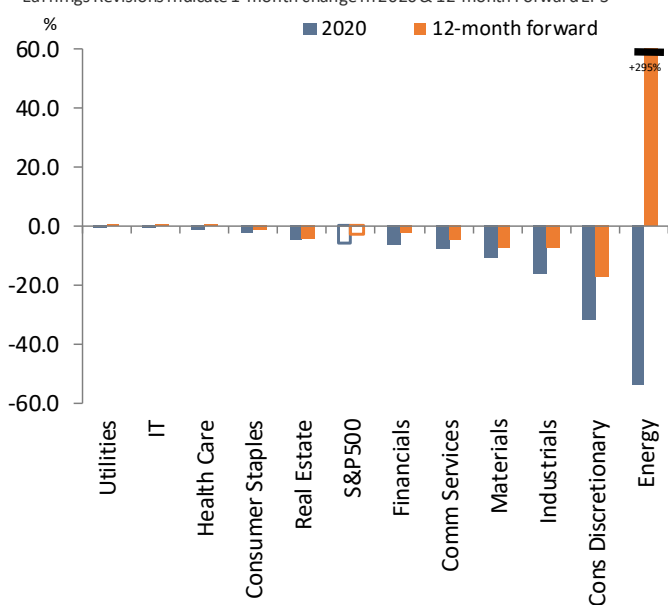
### US Sectors Valuation

	Price (\$)			EPS Growth (%)		Dividend Yield (%)		P/E Ratio				P/BV Ratio			
	22/5/20	% Weekly Change	%YTD	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	12m fwd	10Yr Avg	2019	2020	12m fwd	10Yr Avg
<b>S&amp;P500</b>	2955	3.2	-8.5	1.2	-21.4	1.8	2.0	20.3	23.4	21.3	15.2	3.7	3.3	3.2	2.5
<b>Energy</b>	289	6.1	-36.7	-29.0	N/A	3.8	5.9	21.8	N/A	N/A	18.5	1.6	1.2	1.3	1.7
<b>Materials</b>	333	4.0	-13.7	-15.6	-21.5	2.1	2.4	20.2	22.8	20.8	14.8	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.5
<b>Financials</b>															
<b>Diversified Financials</b>	607	3.0	-18.2	1.6	-29.6	1.4	1.9	16.2	18.6	16.9	13.9	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.5
<b>Banks</b>	226	5.3	-40.6	9.0	-53.3	2.6	4.6	12.3	16.0	13.5	10.9	1.4	0.8	0.8	1.0
<b>Insurance</b>	337	5.4	-23.5	15.8	-5.5	2.2	3.1	13.4	10.8	10.4	10.9	1.5	1.1	1.1	1.1
<b>Real Estate</b>	202	5.6	-15.8	1.9	-7.1	3.1	3.6	21.0	19.1	18.5	18.2	3.7	3.1	3.1	3.0
<b>Industrials</b>															
<b>Capital Goods</b>	552	7.2	-24.0	-7.0	-27.2	1.9	2.3	21.2	21.7	19.6	15.6	5.5	3.7	3.6	3.4
<b>Transportation</b>	631	9.2	-19.6	6.6	N/A	1.9	2.2	14.7	N/A	N/A	12.5	4.3	3.7	3.7	3.4
<b>Commercial Services</b>	318	3.1	-8.0	12.8	-10.5	1.3	1.5	28.5	28.4	27.1	20.1	6.0	4.9	4.8	3.5
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>															
<b>Retailing</b>	2750	2.6	12.3	4.2	-26.0	0.8	0.6	33.3	50.0	43.2	21.9	13.3	12.7	11.8	6.5
<b>Consumer Services</b>	1009	6.8	-22.6	5.1	-95.6	2.1	1.9	24.0	418.4	265.3	20.0	16.3	18.5	19.3	7.1
<b>Consumer Durables</b>	297	9.7	-20.2	-0.4	-29.2	1.5	1.8	19.7	22.4	20.6	16.9	4.1	3.2	3.3	3.2
<b>Automobiles and parts</b>	82	14.2	-31.6	-16.4	N/A	4.2	1.6	8.5	N/A	N/A	7.9	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.7
<b>IT</b>															
<b>Technology</b>	1625	3.9	2.0	2.6	0.5	1.3	1.4	21.6	21.1	20.0	12.7	9.7	11.2	11.4	3.9
<b>Software &amp; Services</b>	2480	2.3	7.9	11.1	5.8	1.0	1.0	29.3	29.0	27.6	17.5	7.9	8.0	7.6	5.2
<b>Semiconductors</b>	1267	5.5	2.0	-12.2	0.3	1.8	1.9	18.9	19.1	18.1	14.0	5.5	5.2	5.1	3.1
<b>Communication Services</b>	180	4.5	-1.0	3.0	-13.7	1.2	1.2	21.8	24.3	22.5	17.4	3.5	3.2	3.1	2.9
<b>Media</b>	672	5.1	3.1	3.8	-14.6	0.4	0.4	27.4	31.8	28.6	20.2	4.2	3.9	3.7	3.2
<b>Consumer Staples</b>															
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing</b>	476	0.5	-4.3	2.9	-4.4	1.7	1.8	21.5	21.9	21.3	16.3	4.6	4.4	4.2	3.2
<b>Food Beverage &amp; Tobacco</b>	625	0.6	-12.6	-1.7	-4.7	3.3	3.8	19.7	18.1	17.5	17.6	5.3	4.6	4.5	4.9
<b>Household Goods</b>	698	-0.6	-6.1	6.6	4.6	2.3	2.5	25.8	23.1	22.6	19.4	8.9	8.1	8.0	5.1
<b>Health Care</b>															
<b>Pharmaceuticals</b>	987	-2.2	0.1	11.0	3.2	2.2	2.4	16.1	15.5	14.9	14.5	6.3	5.3	5.0	3.8
<b>Healthcare Equipment</b>	1301	1.0	-5.6	9.9	-6.3	1.0	1.1	20.7	20.6	19.2	15.4	3.8	3.3	3.1	2.6
<b>Utilities</b>	286	3.0	-13.0	4.9	3.1	3.1	3.7	20.7	17.6	17.2	15.9	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.6

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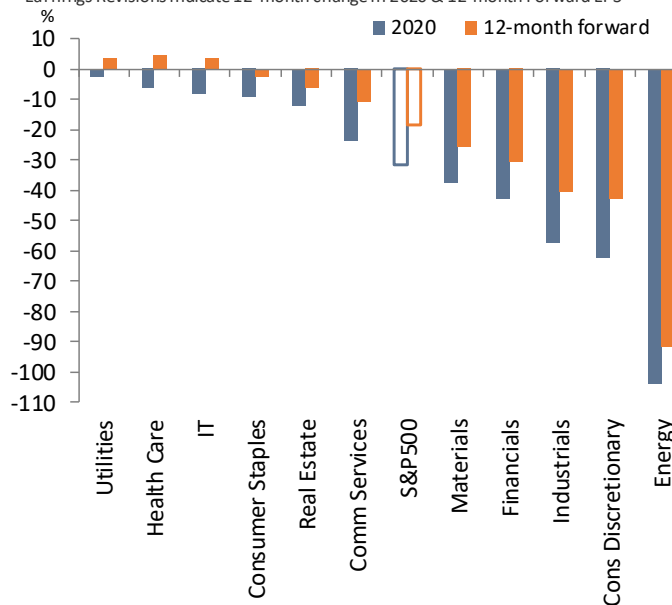
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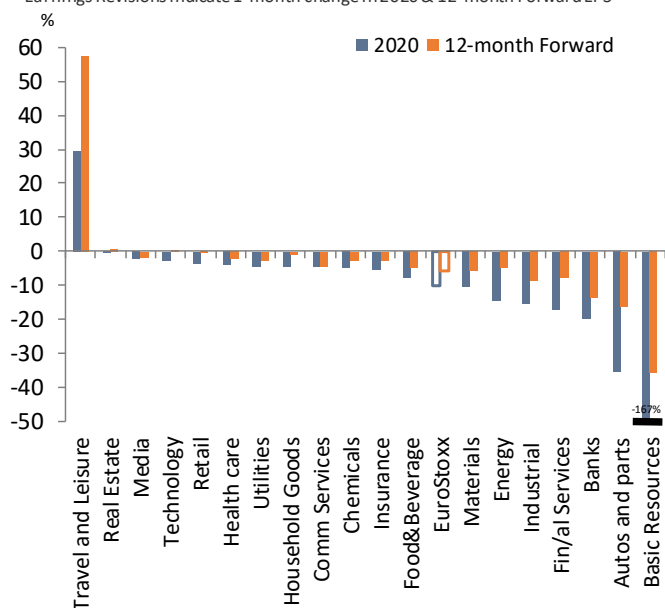
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	Price (€)			EPS Growth (%)		Dividend Yield (%)		P/E Ratio				P/BV Ratio			
	22/5/20	% Weekly Change	%YTD	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	12m fwd	10Yr Avg	2019	2020	12m fwd	10Yr Avg
<b>EuroStoxx</b>	322	4.4	-20.2	2.4	-33.5	3.1	3.0	16.8	19.9	17.7	13.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.4
<b>Energy</b>	219	3.9	-33.2	-9.8	-66.6	4.9	7.4	13.8	27.2	21.5	11.6	1.3	0.9	0.9	1.1
<b>Materials</b>	366	5.9	-25.0	14.1	-35.9	3.2	3.7	15.4	18.2	16.1	14.2	1.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
<b>Basic Resources</b>	145	4.4	-29.2	-61.6	N/A	3.3	3.1	19.3	N/A	N/A	14.6	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.8
<b>Chemicals</b>	1011	5.1	-14.0	-13.3	-15.3	2.7	3.1	21.8	22.5	20.9	15.2	2.1	1.8	1.8	2.2
<b>Financials</b>															
<b>Fin/ai Services</b>	464	3.0	-8.0	25.4	-34.1	2.4	2.7	15.8	21.6	19.8	14.2	1.7	1.3	1.2	1.3
<b>Banks</b>	52	4.8	-45.8	-1.3	-55.0	5.7	3.9	9.2	11.1	9.7	9.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.7
<b>Insurance</b>	208	4.7	-31.3	13.0	-11.0	4.8	7.2	11.0	8.4	7.9	9.2	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9
<b>Real Estate</b>	184	1.8	-25.3	0.1	-2.7	4.2	5.0	19.1	14.7	14.2	16.8	1.0	0.8	0.8	1.0
<b>Industrial</b>	716	6.5	-23.9	11.4	-37.0	2.3	2.3	20.4	24.4	21.1	15.3	3.2	2.4	2.3	2.3
<b>Consumer Discretionary</b>															
<b>Media</b>	175	2.0	-21.8	5.4	-15.9	2.9	3.2	17.2	15.9	14.9	15.2	2.4	1.8	1.8	1.8
<b>Retail</b>	548	3.2	-8.9	2.8	-19.3	2.5	2.3	25.2	28.4	25.7	19.1	4.3	3.3	3.2	3.1
<b>Automobiles and parts</b>	338	6.9	-30.4	-12.2	-71.9	3.7	1.8	8.7	21.2	15.9	8.3	0.9	0.6	0.6	1.0
<b>Travel and Leisure</b>	153	6.0	-28.6	-10.1	N/A	2.2	0.7	16.8	N/A	N/A	13.6	2.0	1.5	1.5	2.0
<b>Technology</b>	587	6.0	-3.2	5.8	-9.6	1.2	0.9	26.9	27.8	25.3	18.3	4.2	3.6	3.5	3.0
<b>Communication Services</b>	248	-0.3	-14.2	-14.3	5.8	4.2	4.9	17.5	14.1	13.6	14.1	1.9	1.5	1.5	1.8
<b>Consumer Staples</b>															
<b>Food&amp;Beverage</b>	442	2.3	-26.1	16.8	-28.8	2.1	2.2	20.5	21.2	19.3	18.5	2.7	1.8	1.8	2.6
<b>Household Goods</b>	930	3.9	-13.1	6.9	-20.6	1.6	1.6	29.6	31.8	29.1	20.9	6.1	4.9	4.7	3.8
<b>Health care</b>	827	2.2	-4.9	7.3	-2.5	2.1	2.2	20.1	19.0	18.0	15.2	2.4	2.2	2.1	2.1
<b>Utilities</b>	310	5.4	-10.7	57.3	-1.5	4.5	5.2	16.2	14.5	13.9	12.7	1.6	1.3	1.3	1.1

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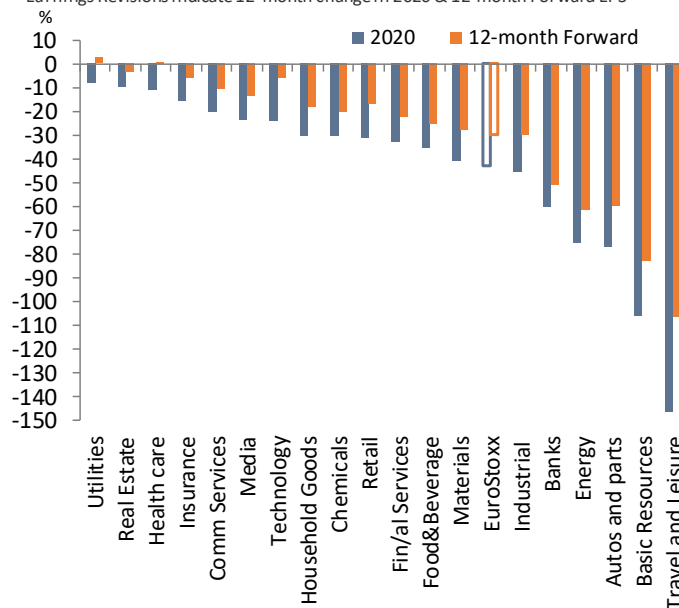
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