

# Weekly Market Snapshot

21st February 2020

# News highlights

- Equity markets ended the week mostly lower (with the notable exception of Chinese bourses) on renewed fears of the coronavirus impact and the multiplication of infection cases outside China. Gold rallied to its highest level in over 7 years, while the 30-year yield on US-Treasuries reached the lowest level ever seen.
- Apple lowered its revenue guidance stating that it would not meet quarterly revenue expectations due to the impact of the coronavirus, which will limit both iPhone production and product demand in China. Investors appeared worried that this could be the "prelude" to a series of earnings downgrade.
- China cut its benchmark lending rates in an effort to support the economy. Fiscal stimulus was also at play with the adaptation of social charges for SMEs. There was also talk of a FIXED INCOME (local currency, total return) government bailout for China's stressed airline companies and a takeover of troubled regional airline, Hainan Airlines.
- Intesa Sanpaolo SpA launched one of the biggest European banking deals since the financial crisis, perhaps catalysing a long-awaited consolidation wave among Italian banks with an unsolicited € 4.8 billion bid for smaller rival UBI Banca. While Intesa was active in growing, HSBC announced a radical downsizing by slashing about 35,000 jobs and \$100bn in assets over the next 3 years in a plan to scale back operations in the US and Europe (notably the UK) while focusing more on Asia and the Middle East.
- Following last week's downgrade of Kraft to the high yield universe, the rating downgrade of Macy's (to BB+ by S&P) and Renault (to Ba1 by Moody's) stoked fears of a potential uptick in fallen angels (investment grade debt downgraded to high vield).

EQUITIES (local currency, price change)

|            | Last Price | 5 days | YTD   |       | 5 Years |
|------------|------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| US         |            |        | Local | EUR   |         |
| S&P 500    | 3 338      | -1.3%  | 3.3%  | 6.8%  | 58.2%   |
| Nasdaq     | 9 577      | -1.6%  | 6.7%  | 10.4% | 93.2%   |
| Dow Jones  | 28 992     | -1.4%  | 1.6%  | 5.1%  | 59.8%   |
| Europe     |            |        |       |       |         |
| Stoxx 50   | 3 800      | -1.1%  | 1.5%  | 1.5%  | 8.9%    |
| DAX        | 13 579     | -1.2%  | 2.5%  | 2.5%  | 22.9%   |
| CAC        | 6 030      | -0.7%  | 0.9%  | 0.9%  | 24.8%   |
| FTSE       | 7 404      | -0.1%  | -1.8% | -0.7% | 7.1%    |
| AEX        | 617        | -1.9%  | 2.1%  | 2.1%  | 31.4%   |
| BEL 20     | 4 078      | -2.6%  | 3.1%  | 3.1%  | 12.5%   |
| SMI        | 11 111     | -0.2%  | 4.7%  | 7.0%  | 25.0%   |
| EM & Asia  |            |        |       |       |         |
| Nikkei 225 | 23 387     | -1.3%  | -1.1% | -0.5% | 27.6%   |
| Hang Seng  | 27 309     | -1.8%  | -3.1% | 0.2%  | 10.0%   |
| India      | NA         | -0.2%  | -0.2% | 2.8%  | 40.8%   |
| Russia     | 3 106      | 0.3%   | 2.0%  | 2.0%  | 73.3%   |
| Brazil     | 113 681    | -0.6%  | -1.7% | -7.0% | 121.9%  |

| ·                |   | Yield | 5 days | YTD  | 5 Years |
|------------------|---|-------|--------|------|---------|
| US               |   |       |        |      |         |
| Government       |   | 1.47  | 0.8%   | 2.9% | 15.3%   |
| Investment Grade |   | 2.47  | 0.6%   | 3.2% | 26.7%   |
| High Yield       |   | 5.16  | 0.1%   | 1.2% | 33.2%   |
| Europe           |   |       |        |      |         |
| Government       | - | 0.04  | 0.4%   | 2.7% | 13.3%   |
| Investment Grade |   | 0.32  | 0.1%   | 1.3% | 12.0%   |
| High Yield       |   | 2.91  | 0.1%   | 1.2% | 24.8%   |
| EM               |   |       |        |      |         |
| Global HC USD    |   | 4.22  | 0.5%   | 2.6% | 34.4%   |

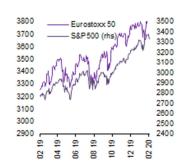
## **EUR VERSUS MAJOR CURRENCIES**

|     | Last   | 5 days | YTD   | 5 Years |
|-----|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| USD | 1.08   | 0.1%   | -3.3% | -16.1%  |
| JPY | 120.99 | 1.7%   | -0.6% | 20.2%   |
| CHF | 1.06   | -0.3%  | -2.2% | -12.3%  |
| GBP | 0.84   | 0.8%   | -1.0% | 5.0%    |

### COMMODITIES

|       | Last     | 5 days | YTD    |       | 5 Years |
|-------|----------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
|       |          |        | USD    | EUR   |         |
| Brent | 58.50    | 2.1%   | -11.4% | -8.3% | -46.7%  |
| Gold  | 1 643.41 | 3.7%   | 8.3%   | 12.0% | -6.9%   |

Equities (price, local currency)



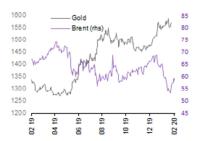
**EUR vs. USD** 



#### **Bonds (Yield)**

#### Gold & Brent (USD)





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