

Weekly Market Snapshot

31st January 2020

News highlights

- The World Health Organization declared international health emergency over coronavirus. The number of people infected is now above the SARS in 2003 while the mortality rate, though tragic, is significantly lower than SARS
- Equity benchmarks faced significant losses last week, with US market erasing this year's gains. Yet, strong earnings result of some US mega-cap helped to contain indices losses.
- Risk-off environment was exacerbated by the downward trend in bond yields. The Treasury yield curve inverted again by the end of the week (3m Bill vs 10y US-T)
- While it is still too early to fathom the full impact of the virus, flight cancellations, shuttered businesses, supply-chain disruptions and reduced Chinese consumer spending will likely to have a temporary effect on global economic activity.
- The Eurozone economy grew at a slower-than-expected rate in the fourth quarter, with the French economy contracting probably in relation to the strikes over pension reform. Good news was from Germany with officials raising marginally their 2020 GDP forecast in expectation of the German economy has reached a 'turning point'.
- BOE leaves monetary policy on hold while presenting a significantly lower growth forecast affected by lower supply (rather than demand).
- This week, market participant will closely monitor the reopening of China's financial markets (with PBoC already announcing to provide additional liquidity) as well as the Iowa Democratic caucuses, the first actual voting in the 2020 US Presidential race. President Trump will deliver the State of the Union Address on Tuesday with the impeachment vote scheduled for Wednesday. Until there is more information on coronavirus containment, that issue will remain front and center.

	Last Price	5 days	YTD		5 Years
US			Local	EUR	
S&P 500	3 226	-2.1%	-0.2%	1.2%	61.7%
Nasdaq	9 151	-1.8%	2.0%	3.3%	97.4%
Dow Jones	28 256	-2.5%	-1.0%	0.3%	64.6%
Europe					
Stoxx 50	3 641	-3.7%	-2.8%	-2.8%	8.6%
DAX	12 982	-4.4%	-2.0%	-2.0%	21.4%
CAC	5 806	-3.6%	-2.9%	-2.9%	26.1%
FTSE	7 286	-4.0%	-3.4%	-2.6%	8.0%
AEX	590	-4.0%	-2.5%	-2.5%	30.9%
BEL 20	3 908	-2.4%	-1.2%	-1.2%	10.7%
SMI	10 628	-2.0%	0.1%	1.7%	26.7%
EM & Asia					
Nikkei 225	23 205	-2.6%	-1.9%	-0.3%	31.3%
Hang Seng	26 313	-5.9%	-6.7%	-5.1%	7.4%
India	40 723	-2.1%	-1.3%	-0.5%	39.5%
Russia	3 077	-2.2%	1.0%	-0.7%	86.7%
Brazil	113 761	-3.9%	-1.6%	-6.6%	142.5%

FIXED INCOME (local currency, total return)

	Yield	5 days	YTD	5 Years
US				
Government	1.49	0.9%	2.4%	12.2%
Investment Gr	2.53	0.6%	2.3%	23.4%
High Yield	5.52	-0.3%	0.0%	33.8%
Europe				
Government -	0.03	1.2%	2.4%	12.8%
Investment Gr	0.34	0.3%	1.2%	12.1%
High Yield	3.15	-0.3%	0.2%	25.1%
EM				
Global HC US	4.30	0.4%	1.5%	33.8%

EUR VERSUS MAJOR CURRENCIES

	Last	5 days	YTD	5 Years
USD	1.11	0.6%	-1.1%	-14.2%
JPY	120.17	-0.3%	-1.3%	19.4%
CHF	1.07	-0.2%	-1.5%	-11.7%
GBP	0.84	-0.3%	-0.7%	5.4%

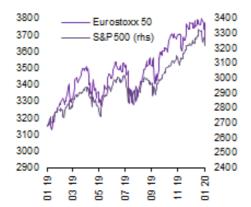
COMMODITIES

	Last	5 days	YTD		5 Years
			USD	EUR	
Brent	58.16	-4.2%	-11.9%	-10.7%	-47.0%
Gold	1 589.16	1.1%	4.7%	6.1%	-9.9%

EUR vs. USD



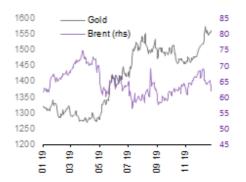
Equities (price, local currency)



Bonds (Yield)

Gold & Brent (USD)





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