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Main News

- **European stocks traded higher on Monday after US equities reached fresh highs last week** and as official PMI data for China showed both factory and services activities expanded in August as the economy continues to recover from the pandemic. Meanwhile, investors keep closely monitoring coronavirus developments as Europe is battling the second wave of infections.
- **The US Dollar Index fell 0.7%** on the back of rising inflation expectations after the Federal Reserve announced its new policy framework. US 10-year Treasury yields dipped 3bp to 0.72%. Gold rose 1.8% to USD 1,965 an ounce.
- **Saudi Aramco discovered two oil and gas fields** in northern parts of Saudi Arabia. Gas is flowing from Hadabat Al-Hajara field near the Iraqi border at an average daily rate of 16 million standard cubic feet, in addition to 1,944 barrels of condensates. The nearby Abraq at-Tulul field is producing 3,000 barrels a day of crude, 49,000 barrels of condensates and 1.1 million cubic feet of gas. Aramco said it will drill more wells to evaluate how much energy the fields hold.
- **China's biggest banks suffered their worst profit decline** in more than a decade as a cascade of loans to businesses across the country are going bad. ICBC, CCB, AgBank and BOC all posted drops of at least 10% in first-half profit. Loan loss provisions jumped between 27% and 97%. The lenders warned the second half continues to be challenging.
- **Berkshire Hathaway bought slightly more than 5%** of Itochu, Marubeni, Mitsubishi Corp., Mitsui & Co. and Sumitomo Corp. over the past year, and signaled it may increase those holdings. The purchases are valued at more than \$6 billion. Berkshire pledged to only hold as much as 9.9% unless approved by the investee firms. "I hope that in the future there may be opportunities of mutual benefit," Warren Buffett said.

Main Markets

	Close	WTD	YTD		Close	WTD	YTD
Equities							
S&P 500	3508.01	3.40%	8.58%	MSCI World	2456.86	2.77%	4.17%
DAX	13118.38	1.88%	-0.99%	Eurostoxx 50	3337.8	1.59%	-10.88%
Nikkei	23139.76	-0.09%	-2.18%	HSCEI	10029.64	-0.11%	-10.19%
S&P Bse Se	38861.97	2.83%	-5.80%	Brazil Ibovespa	102142.90	0.65%	-11.68%
Commodities							
Gold Spot	1958.51	1.24%	29.08%	WTI	43.37	1.17%	-28.97%
Currencies							
EUR/USD	1.1895	0.89%	6.08%	USD/CAD	1.31	-0.58%	0.68%
EUR/CHF	1.0752	0.09%	-0.96%	USD/CNY	6.86	-0.78%	-1.50%
GBP/EUR	1.1186	1.03%	-5.40%	USD/RUB	73.85	1.07%	19.21%
Swap Rate							
10Y US Rate	0.721	15.13%	-61.24%	3M Libor	0.24088	-4.71%	-87.38%
10Y EU Rate	-0.136	38.67%	-166.67%	3M Euribor	-0.48	2.35%	-24.54%
Central Bank Rates							
Fed Funds	0.25	N/A	N/A	ECB Rate	0.00	N/A	N/A

Week Ahead

- **The central Central bank speak dominates the week**, with officials from the Fed, ECB and BOE weighing in ahead of blackout periods. Fed Vice Chair Richard Clarida, Governor Lael Brainard and New York's John Williams are among seven scheduled speakers. ECB VP Luis de Guindos, Chief Economist Philip Lane, and members Jens Weidmann and Klaas Knot also appear. BOE policy makers including Andrew Bailey testify in front of lawmakers mid-week. There are at least three other chances to hear from the BOE from Wednesday to Friday.
- Oil Surveys to Offer Supply Clues / Euro-Area Inflation May Slow / U.S. Jobs Report Due Friday

EARNINGS WHISPERS					Most Anticipated Earnings Releases				
for the week beginning					August 31, 2020				
Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Before Open	After Close	Before Open	After Close	Before Open	After Close	Before Open	After Close	Before Open	
Catalent	zoom	WANGA SPORTS	at home	macy's inc	Cloudera	Capital Ship Company	DocuSign		
MOOG Corporation	scansource		ARM BLOCK	跟谁学	CLOUDERA	momo	BROADCOM		
I-MAG	MONTEBISHI		SHOE CARNIVAL	CSX Technology Inc.	ZUORA	Michaels	Smith & Wesson		
			CALERES	Vista Bradley	mongoDB	ciena	yext		
			AVID SERVICES	嘉德金科	PAGERDUTY	DULUTH TRADING	DOMO		
			jamf	SECTRA ENERGY	FIVE BELOW	SIGNET	Medallia		
					eGain	TORO	Cooper		
					SAC	Donaldson	TILLY'S		
					smartsheet	GENESCO	OXFORD		
						Quanex			

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Quote of the week

«However impenetrable it seems, if you don't try it, then you can never do it.»

Andrew J Wiles

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