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### Main News

- **Most Asian stocks gained, led by China**, after the PBOC move and on optimism President Xi Jinping's visit to Shenzhen this week will result in further plans to open the economy to foreign investors. Hong Kong equities also gained, while Japanese shares bucked the trend. S&P 500 futures fluctuated. Crude and gold declined. Treasuries won't trade today due to a U.S. holiday.
- **While European stocks swung between gains and losses in a volatile session on Monday**, as investors weigh optimism about further stimulus in the US and concerns over surging coronavirus infections and new restrictions in several countries across the region. Spain declared a state of emergency in Madrid and nearby cities, and more restrictions on public life and businesses were imposed. Meantime, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is expected to announce more local measures later in the day, while Italy will also decide on new restrictions.
- **Christine Lagarde headlines today** as the guardians of the global economy gather virtually for the IMF-World Bank meetings. Over the weekend her ECB colleagues stressed the case for stimulus. Rising public debt levels don't threaten central bank independence, and strong fiscal support in the euro area bolsters the effect of monetary policy, Isabel Schnabel wrote in FAZ. Ignazio Visco told Corriere della Sera the ECB's loose monetary policy will be needed for some time, and Philip Lane groused to the WSJ about the inflation outlook.
- **The U.S. stimulus saga dragged on.** Donald Trump and Nancy Pelosi blamed each other for a lack of progress. The president said the GOP is "having a hard time" with the House speaker, while Pelosi called the administration's offer "grossly inadequate." White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow said he expects Steven Mnuchin and Pelosi to continue talks this week.
- **Trump was cleared by his doctor.** He's no longer a coronavirus transmission risk to others and has met the criteria to end self-isolation, Sean Conley said. He didn't say if Trump tested negative. The president made a short campaign-style speech at the White House Saturday and will hold campaign events in Florida today before moving on to Pennsylvania and Iowa.

### Main Markets

	Close	WTD	YTD		Close	WTD	YTD
<b>Equities</b>							
S&P 500	3477.37	3.85%	7.63%	MSCI World	2427.36	2.75%	2.92%
DAX	13051.23	2.85%	-1.49%	Eurostoxx 50	3273.12	2.58%	-12.60%
Nikkei	23619.69	2.29%	-0.16%	HSCEI	9617.85	0.00%	-13.88%
S&P Bse Se	40509.49	0.02%	-1.80%	Brazil Iboves	97976.70	4.21%	-15.28%
<b>Commodities</b>							
Gold Spot	1922.95	1.22%	26.74%	WTI	41.15	11.07%	-32.61%
<b>Currencies</b>							
EUR/USD	1.1825	0.93%	5.46%	USD/CAD	1.31	-1.41%	1.01%
EUR/CHF	1.0759	-0.24%	-0.89%	USD/CNY	6.69	-1.42%	-3.86%
GBP/EUR	1.1014	-0.25%	-6.86%	USD/RUB	76.84	-1.73%	24.05%
<b>Swap Rate</b>							
10Y US Rate	0.814	14.17%	-56.24%	3M Libor	0.2205	-5.57%	-88.45%
10Y EU Rate	-0.221	6.36%	-208.33%	3M Euribor	-0.51	-0.20%	-32.12%
<b>Central Bank Rates</b>							
Fed Funds	0.25	N/A	N/A	ECB Rate	0.00	N/A	N/A

## Week Ahead

- **A key theme at this week's IMF meetings** will be how long to keep fiscal taps open and how that challenges politicians in charge of national budgets. The short-run concerns for investors is that governments will stall the recovery by spending too little. The fund publishes its World Economic Outlook tomorrow.
- **Brexit talks face a critical moment on Oct. 15**, the date U.K. PM Boris Johnson said he'll abandon talks with the EU unless there's an outline for a trade deal in place. Bloomberg Economics expects enough progress will be made to convince him talks should continue. EU leaders also meet Oct. 15-16 to discuss topics including the divorce.
- Lagarde, Bailey, Clarida Speak / Milken Institute, Apple Hold Events / U.S. Banks Kick Off Earnings Season.



## Quote of the week

« One never notices what has been done; one can only see what remains to be done. »  
Marie Curie Skłodowska

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