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Main News

- **Major European bourses traded lower on Monday**, as investors continued to worry about rising bond yields and inflation expectations, which could force central banks to start tightening policy sooner than expected. Meanwhile, traders continue to follow coronavirus numbers and vaccine rollouts across Europe. In the UK, PM Johnson is set to unveil his lockdown exit plan.
- **The stimulus package heading for a U.S.** House vote this week slightly exceeds \$1.9 trillion, the CBO said, so congressional Democrats must make about \$31 billion in cuts before the bill can pass the Senate.
- **The yield on the benchmark US 10-year Treasury note soared to 1.37%** on Monday, touching a new 1-year high, amid inflationary concerns arising from strong economic activity and further fiscal stimulus. Still, Fed officials recently reiterated inflation is expected to move up and that they were still prepared to keep their easy monetary policy on track.
- **The ECB and BOE are busy**, too Christine Lagarde comments today, followed by others including Chief Economist Philip Lane and VP Luis de Guindos.
- **Oil prices rose 1% on Monday**, with WTI trading around \$59.8 a barrel and Brent about \$63.5 a barrel, after reports that oilfield crews in Texas may need several weeks to resume normal operations following last week's deep freeze weather. At the same time, traders were upbeat following reports that about a third of the COVID-19 vaccine doses delayed by last week's winter weather in the US have been delivered over the weekend. Oil markets were already basking in the glow of improved demand sentiment, which, along with OPEC-led output cuts, brought prices to pre-pandemic levels earlier this month. Traders now await the next OPEC+ meeting on March 4th where the cartel is expected to discuss April output quotas.

Main Markets

Equity Market (Total Return)					Government Bonds			
	Level	1-Day	MTD	YTD		2Y	5Y	10Y
MSCI World (local)	6 259	0.0%	5.4%	4.6%	United States	0.11	0.61	1.38
Dow Jones Industrial Avg.	31 494	0.0%	5.2%	3.2%	Germany	-0.68	-0.60	-0.28
S&P 500	3 907	0.0%	5.3%	4.2%	United Kingdom	0.07	0.31	0.73
Nasdaq 100	13 581	0.0%	5.2%	5.5%	Switzerland	-0.77	-0.54	-0.22
EuroStoxx 50	3 713	0.0%	6.8%	4.8%	Italy	-0.33	0.06	0.65
CAC 40	5 774	0.0%	6.9%	4.2%	Spain	-0.46	-0.20	0.38
DAX	13 993	0.0%	4.2%	2.0%	Portugal	-0.55	-0.19	0.28
SMI	10 705	0.0%	1.1%	0.0%	Japan	-0.10	-0.07	0.13
FTSE 100	6 624	0.0%	3.6%	2.8%	China		3.07	3.27
IBEX 35	8 152	0.0%	5.1%	1.3%	Brazil	5.30		8.02
FTSE MIB	23 136	0.0%	7.2%	4.4%	Russia	5.11	6.20	6.93
MOEX Russia	3 446	-0.6%	5.2%	4.9%				
Topix	1 929	0.5%	6.6%	6.9%	** All in local currency			
Hang Seng	30 645	-1.0%	8.3%	12.5%	Credit			
Hang Seng China Enterprises	12 107	-1.6%	8.0%	12.7%		Now	Last Month	2019 YE
KOSPI (S. Korea)	3 108	-0.9%	4.4%	8.1%	Developed Markets			
Bovespa (Brazil)	118 431	0.0%	2.9%	-0.5%	iTraxx Europe	48	52	48
S&P/BMV IPC (Mexico)	44 900	0.0%	4.5%	1.9%	iTraxx Europe Crossover	251	269	242
					US Inv. Grade 5y	52	56	50
					US High Yield 5y	295	319	293
Commodities					Emerging Markets (Hard Currency)			
	Level	1-Day	MTD	YTD				
WTI Crude	59.2	0.00%	13.49%	22.09%	EM Sovereigns	314	324	323
Brent Crude	62.7	0.97%	13.25%	21.39%	EM Barclays OAS	264	280	281
Gold	1 794.5	0.57%	-2.88%	-5.47%				
Silver	27.4	0.56%	1.69%	3.94%				

Week Ahead

- This week's earnings releases include Palo Alto Networks Inc. (Monday), Home Depot Inc., Medtronic Inc., Square Inc. and Toll Brothers Inc. (Tuesday), NVIDIA Corporation (Wednesday) as well as Moderna Inc. and Salesforce com Inc. (Thursday).
- This week's economic releases include the Leading Index (Monday), Consumer Confidence, Richmond Fed Manufacturing Index (Tuesday), MBA Mortgage Applications and New Home Sales (Wednesday), Durable Goods Orders, Initial Jobless Claims and Core PCE (Thursday) as well as PCE Deflator and Univ. of Michigan Survey (Friday).

EARNINGS WHISPERS		Most Anticipated Earnings Releases									
		for the week beginning									
		February 22, 2021									
		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
		Before Open	After Close	Before Open	After Close	Before Open	After Close	Before Open	After Close	Before Open	After Close

Quote of the week

«When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful.»

Malala Yousafzai

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