

GLOBAL & REGIONAL DAILY

HIGHLIGHTS

December 23, 2019

Global Markets

Major European bourses opened lower earlier today on profit-taking ahead of the Christmas holiday break, following recent hefty gains amid increasing optimism on the trade front. Both the US and China officially confirmed earlier this month that they have reached an agreement on a long-awaited Phase One trade deal and US President Donald Trump said over the weekend that they will “very shortly” sign the deal. In FX markets, the GBP remained under pressure on lingering market worries over the risk of a no-deal Brexit, while in fixed income markets, yields of USTs and German Bunds moved lower earlier today, shrugging off Friday’s data showing that the US maintained its moderate pace of expansion, with an annualized growth rate of 2.1% in Q3 according to the third estimate. In terms of economic data releases this week, focus is on the US ISM manufacturing index for December and the US non-farm payrolls report, both on Friday, while in the Euro area, we expect preliminary HICP figures for December on Tuesday.

Greece

According to the Bank of Greece’s Interim Report on Monetary Policy 2019, real growth for 2019 is expected to exceed the current Eurosystem projection of 1.9% as a result of the recent revision of the quarterly GDP data by ELSTAT. GDP growth forecasts for 2020 and 2021 are at 2.4% and 2.5%, respectively. The primary surplus in Enhanced Surveillance terms is expected at 3.5%-of-GDP for 2019 and 2020, lower than 3.7% and 3.6%-of-GDP, respectively, envisioned in the 2020 Budget.

CESEE

Bulgaria: The European Parliament (EP) approved the lifting of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism (CVM) monitoring on Bulgaria after reviewing the European Commission’s (EC) positive conclusions regarding Bulgaria’s progress in the fight against corruption. David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament, sent a letter to the EC, in which he stated that the EP’s Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) decided to support the EC’s suggestion to end the monitoring on Bulgaria. The committee also pointed out the necessity of a new comprehensive mechanism on the rule of law, encompassing all EU member states, which should build up on the lessons learned from the CVM.

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GLOBAL MARKETS

Stock markets

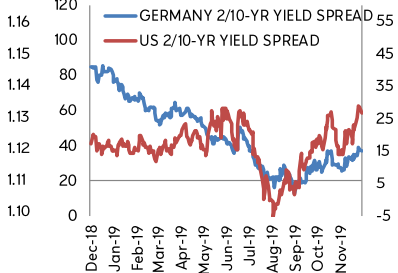
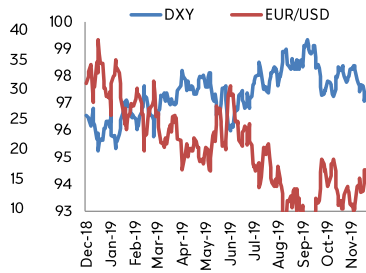
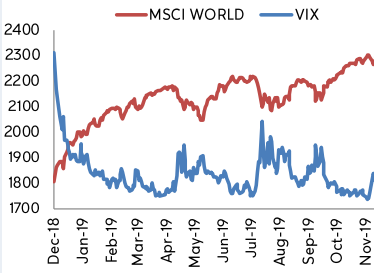
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
S&P 500	3221.22	0.49%	28.5%
Nikkei 225	23821.11	0.0%	19.0%
STOXX 600	417.78	-0.1%	23.7%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/USD	1.1086	0.1%	-3.3%
GBP/USD	1.3029	0.2%	2.1%
USD/JPY	109.36	0.1%	0.3%

Government Bonds

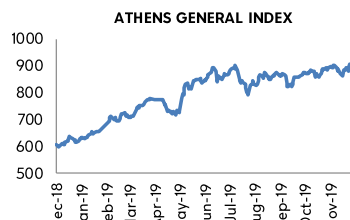
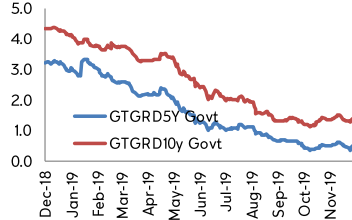
(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
UST - 10yr	1.90	-2	-78
Bund-10yr	-0.26	0	-50
JGB - 10yr	0.02	0	1



GREECE

Government Bonds

	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTDbps
5Y Yield	0.48	-3	-270
10Y Yield	1.40	-2	-295
Δ(10YBund-10YGGB)	165.70	-2	-245



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Stock markets

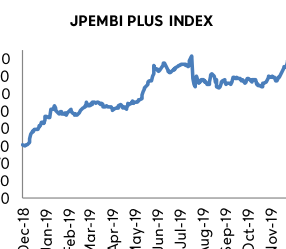
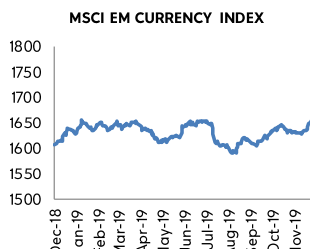
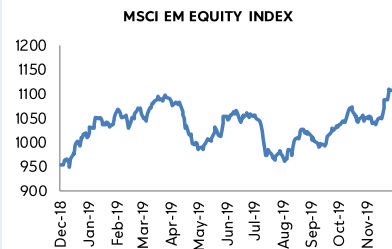
	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
SOFIX	557.76	1.7%	-6.2%
BELEX	768.96	-0.2%	95.4%
XU100	111652.50	0.4%	2233.1%

FOREX

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
EUR/PLN	4.254	0.0%	0.8%
EUR/RSD	117.5	0.1%	0.7%
USD/TRY	5.9318	0.1%	-10.8%

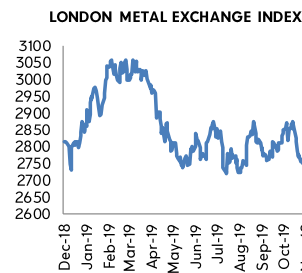
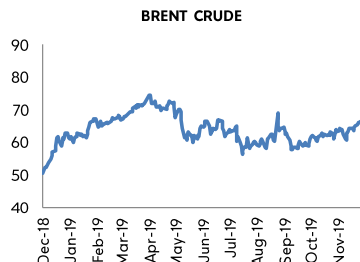
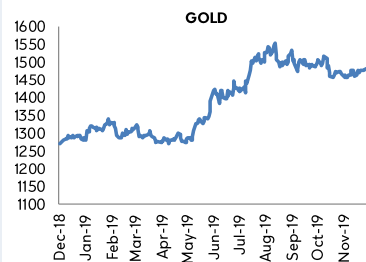
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(yields)	Last	ΔDbps	ΔYTD bps
TR 10Y	6.14	-3	-97
BG 8Y	0.16	0	-31
PL 10Y	2.07	0	-74



COMMODITIES

	Last	ΔD	ΔYTD
GOLD	1485	0.4%	15.8%
BRENT CRUDE	66	-0.3%	22.6%
LMEX	2860	0.0%	2.1%



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