

Markets paused for breath on virus concerns

Snapshot



Sovereign Bonds
Corporate Bonds
Gold



World Equities
Oil
Copper

Week Ahead

29 Jan

FOMC rate decision

30 Jan

Bank of England Interest Rate Decision

31 Jan

Eurozone GDP Q4 and January Inflation figures released.

Stocks and crude oil are tumbling once again, with havens including the yen and Treasuries jumping, as fears deepen about the impact of the deadly coronavirus on near-term growth. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note plunged to its lowest level in about three months on Friday.

Last week was a short one for traders, as U.S. equity markets were closed on Monday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Italy's Matteo Salvini suffered a stinging defeat in a key regional vote, providing a much-needed boost to Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte's fragile government and making a snap general election less likely. In France and Germany, the largest economies in the Eurozone, a positive start to the year was noted, with combined output growth at a five-month high in January.

	1 Week Return 20.01.20 to 27.01.20		Year to Date Return 31.12.19 to 27.01.20	
	Local Currency	Euro	Local Currency	Euro
World	-0.8%	-0.3%	1.6%	3.4%
U.S.	-1.0%	-0.3%	2.2%	3.9%
Europe	-0.2%	-0.2%	2.2%	2.2%
Ireland	0.5%	0.5%	-0.4%	-0.4%
U.K.	-0.9%	0.4%	0.6%	1.1%
Japan	-0.7%	1.1%	0.9%	2.5%
Hong Kong	-3.2%	-2.7%	0.6%	2.5%
Corporate Bonds	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.7%
Sovereign Bonds	1.4%	1.4%	1.8%	1.8%

Equities

- Global markets closed lower for the shortened trade week.
- Hong Kong fell by – 3.2% in local terms, leading losses among major markets.

Fixed Income & FX

- The U.S. 10-year yield finished at 1.62% last week. The German equivalent finished at -0.37%. The Irish 10 year bond yield finished at 0.11%.
- The Euro/U.S. Dollar exchange rate remained at 1.10, whilst Euro/GBP was at 0.84.

Commodities

- Oil fell back finishing the week at \$53 per barrel.
- Gold increased to \$1,583 per troy ounce.
- Copper decreased to \$5,900 per tonne.

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