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ADDRESSING THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE CORONAVIRUS: WAITING FOR THE FISCAL POLICY IMPULSE

Wall Street has entered a bear market, having declined more than 20% from its high. Equity markets globally have seen huge declines this week and corporate bond spreads have widened significantly. Despite the positive news from China, the combination of an uninterrupted international propagation of the coronavirus has dealt a blow to expectations about the growth outlook for the next several months. The oil shock has made matters worse. Central banks have reacted. After the Fed rate cut last week, the Bank of England cut rates as well and the ECB also took several measures to support activity. The instrument of choice at the present juncture is fiscal stimulus of a sufficient size. Both in the US and the eurozone, we are still waiting for this impulse.

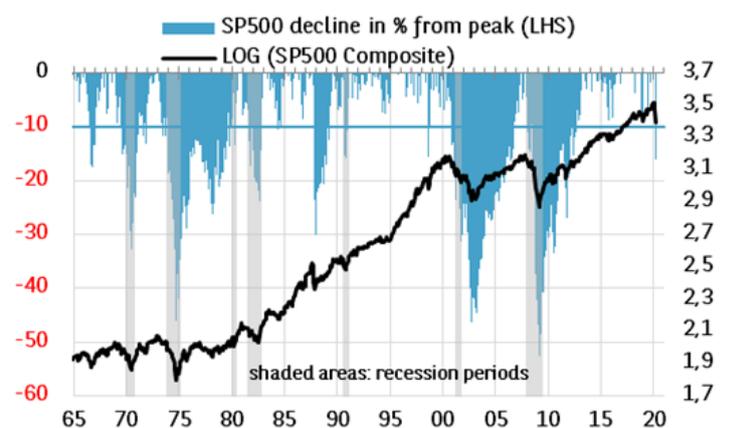
When on the day that the European Central Bank announces a carefully crafted package of easing measures, European equities experience their biggest decline in history and the Euro Stoxx 50 index finishes the session 12.4% down, one thing is clear: monetary policy will not be able to boost growth expectations to any sufficient degree. This does not imply that the Governing Council decisions were useless, quite on the contrary. The additional longer-term refinancing operations address possible bank funding strains. The new conditions on the TLTRO III - where the interest rate can be as low as -0.75%, i.e. 25 basis points below the deposit rate; banks will be able to borrow from the ECB up to 50% of their stock of eligible loans - provide a clear incentive for banks to meet the loan demands of their clients. The extra EUR 120 bn envelope for asset purchases, with a specific focus on corporate paper, will hopefully limit the rise in corporate bond yields on the back of investor concerns about the growth outlook.

This last point has become the dominating issue. In a "buy on dips" world, equity market declines are limited and short-lived because the growth outlook is barely dented. In addition, bond yield declines push investors back into "risk on" mode. Today, the situation is totally different and the investor attitude as well. Confidence in the growth outlook has dropped. ECB President Lagarde acknowledged that the ECB staff forecasts published this week are already outdated following the latest news on the epidemic. The recent OECD interim economic assessment of the coronavirus impact distinguishes between a base scenario and a "domino" scenario of broader contagion. Clearly, the latter has become the more relevant one for today's situation. It's a scenario of barely 1.5% growth for the world economy, which corresponds to a recession. The ever broadening reach of the epidemic means that more and more countries are faced with the decline of demand and disruption of supply earlier seen in China and hence a worsening of their economic outlook.

In a matter of 10 days, the Federal Reserve implemented an inter-meeting rate cut of 50 basis points, the Bank of England proceeded likewise and the ECB adopted a three-pronged approach to provide more monetary accommodation. Yet, over the same period financial conditions tightened: Wall Street entered a bear market, declining more than 20% from its highs, European equities dropped even more, credit spreads widened significantly, market liquidity is becoming an issue. Obviously, the oil shock has made matters worse, putting pressure on producers

whilst the reaction of demand will remain subdued due to travel bans, lockdowns and, more generally, a drop in confidence and a feeling of uncertainty. This is a situation where fiscal policy needs to step in. Several European countries have already taken measures. Italy is preparing a fiscal stimulus of about EUR 12bn, has extended financial support for part-time unemployment and increased a guarantee fund for SMEs. There will be financial compensation for companies which are confronted with a decline in sales of more than 25% and a moratorium for loans from households and companies. France is allowing for delays in paying social charges or taxes, guarantees on short-term company loans have been introduced, rules concerning part-time unemployment have been simplified, the coronavirus is considered as force majeure for public sector purchases. In Spain, discussions are ongoing but one measure has already been taken: the moratorium on repaying loans for financially fragile households has been extended from 2 to 4 years.

THE DECLINE OF S&P500 IN A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE



SOURCE : STANDARD & POOR'S , FEDERAL RESERVE, NBER, BNP PARIBAS

The importance of being able to deliver a significant, collective response in terms of fiscal policy goes well beyond the current crisis situation.



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In Germany, the government aims that no German enterprise will go bankrupt and no job will be lost because of the coronavirus. To this end two temporary measures have been taken: increased access to the government-subsidised short-time work scheme (Kurzarbeit) and providing liquidity to companies suffering a virus-related cash crunch through the state investment bank KfW. In the Netherlands measures have been taken in terms of the short-time work and self-employed people without employees may call on the social assistance scheme for self-employed. Credit conditions have been loosened for SMEs that are partly guaranteed by the State: the State guarantee of the loan will be temporarily increased from 50% to 90% and the maximum credit amount has been increased. In the Netherlands, enterprises pay tax on their expected profits. They can now ask for a lower tax assessment if their profits are affected by the coronavirus.

These and other measures are of a more microeconomic nature. They are very much targeted and essential to alleviate the shock for households and companies which are impacted the most, but will be insufficient to compensate for the shortfall in demand. This calls for macro fiscal policy, i.e. giving a sizeable boost to demand. In the US, after the promises of President Trump to come up with something big, we're still waiting for anything concrete. Promises were followed by

disappointment and contributed to the decline of the equity markets. For the eurozone, the urgency was emphasized by Christine Lagarde "It's fiscal first and foremost. So if you look at the fiscal measures that have been announced for the moment in the euro area, which we have done yesterday, if you recap all that has been announced - not including the European Commission - you arrive at a total of about €27 billion, which is more or less a quarter of 1% of the GDP of the euro area. Hence the reason why we are calling in our introductory statement for an ambitious and collective fiscal response."¹ One should add that, the importance of being able to deliver a significant, collective response in terms of fiscal policy goes well beyond the current crisis situation. It's about the credibility of, when necessary, to be able to act collectively.

William De Vijlder

1. Source : ECB, *Introductory statement and press conference by Christine Lagarde, President of the ECB, Luis de Guindos, Vice-President of the ECB, Frankfurt am Main, 12 March 2020*



MARKETS OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW

Week 6-3-20 to 12-3-20

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| ▼ CAC 40 | 5 139 | ▶ 4 044 | -21.3 % |
| ▼ S&P 500 | 2 972 | ▶ 2 481 | -16.5 % |
| ↗ Volatility (VIX) | 41.9 | ▶ 75.5 | +33.5 pb |
| ▼ Euribor 3M (%) | -0.47 | ▶ -0.49 | -1.6 bp |
| ▼ Libor \$ 3M (%) | 0.90 | ▶ 0.77 | -12.4 bp |
| ↗ OAT 10y (%) | -0.40 | ▶ -0.19 | +21.6 bp |
| ▼ Bund 10y (%) | -0.73 | ▶ -0.74 | -1.4 bp |
| ↗ US Tr. 10y (%) | 0.71 | ▶ 0.81 | +10.5 bp |
| ▼ Euro vs dollar | 1.13 | ▶ 1.11 | -2.0 % |
| ▼ Gold (ounce, \$) | 1 668 | ▶ 1 571 | -5.8 % |
| ▼ Oil (Brent, \$) | 45.6 | ▶ 32.8 | -28.1 % |

Interest Rates

| | | highest 20 | lowest 20 | | highest 20 | lowest 20 |
|-------------|-------|----------------|----------------|--|------------|-----------|
| € ECB | 0.00 | 0.00 at 01/01 | 0.00 at 01/01 | | | |
| Eonia | -0.46 | -0.45 at 01/01 | -0.46 at 11/03 | | | |
| Euribor 3M | -0.49 | -0.38 at 02/01 | -0.49 at 12/03 | | | |
| Euribor 12M | -0.37 | -0.24 at 03/01 | -0.37 at 12/03 | | | |
| \$ FED | 1.25 | 1.75 at 01/01 | 1.25 at 04/03 | | | |
| Libor 3M | 0.77 | 1.91 at 01/01 | 0.77 at 09/03 | | | |
| Libor 12M | 0.75 | 2.00 at 01/01 | 0.74 at 09/03 | | | |
| £ BoE | 0.25 | 0.75 at 01/01 | 0.25 at 11/03 | | | |
| Libor 3M | 0.38 | 0.80 at 08/01 | 0.38 at 11/03 | | | |
| Libor 12M | 0.52 | 0.98 at 01/01 | 0.52 at 11/03 | | | |

Yield (%)

| | | highest 20 | lowest 20 |
|--------------|-------|----------------|----------------|
| € AVG 5-7y | -0.12 | 0.10 at 02/01 | -0.28 at 04/03 |
| Bund 2y | -0.94 | -0.58 at 14/01 | -1.00 at 09/03 |
| Bund 10y | -0.74 | -0.19 at 01/01 | -0.84 at 09/03 |
| OAT 10y | -0.19 | 0.08 at 01/01 | -0.42 at 09/03 |
| Corp. BBB | 1.33 | 1.33 at 12/03 | 0.65 at 20/02 |
| \$ Treas. 2y | 0.47 | 1.59 at 08/01 | 0.34 at 09/03 |
| Treas. 10y | 0.81 | 1.91 at 01/01 | 0.50 at 09/03 |
| High Yield | 7.88 | 7.88 at 12/03 | 5.44 at 21/02 |
| £ gilt. 2y | 0.18 | 0.61 at 08/01 | 0.10 at 11/03 |
| gilt. 10y | 0.27 | 0.83 at 01/01 | 0.17 at 09/03 |

EXCHANGE RATES

| 1€ = | | highest 20 | lowest 20 | 2020 |
|------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| USD | 1.11 | 1.14 at 09/03 | 1.08 at 19/02 | -1.3% |
| GBP | 0.88 | 0.88 at 12/03 | 0.83 at 18/02 | +4.3% |
| CHF | 1.06 | 1.09 at 01/01 | 1.06 at 12/03 | -2.8% |
| JPY | 117.11 | 122.70 at 16/01 | 117.09 at 09/03 | -4.0% |
| AUD | 1.76 | 1.76 at 12/03 | 1.60 at 01/01 | +10.5% |
| CNY | 7.74 | 7.94 at 09/03 | 7.55 at 19/02 | -1.0% |
| BRL | 5.39 | 5.40 at 09/03 | 4.51 at 02/01 | +19.3% |
| RUB | 82.81 | 84.53 at 09/03 | 67.75 at 10/01 | +18.8% |
| INR | 82.24 | 84.60 at 09/03 | 77.21 at 17/02 | +2.6% |

At 12-3-20

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COMMODITIES

| Spot price, \$ | | highest 20 | lowest 20 | 2020 | 2020(€) |
|----------------|-------|----------------|----------------|--------|---------|
| Oil, Brent | 32.8 | 69.1 at 06/01 | 32.8 at 12/03 | -50.6% | -49.9% |
| Gold (ounce) | 1 571 | 1 674 at 24/02 | 1 521 at 01/01 | +3.3% | +4.6% |
| Metals, LME | 2 524 | 2 894 at 20/01 | 2 524 at 12/03 | -11.2% | -10.1% |
| Copper (ton) | 5 425 | 6 270 at 14/01 | 5 425 at 12/03 | -11.8% | -10.6% |
| CRB Foods | 321 | 341.5 at 21/01 | 321 at 12/03 | -5.1% | -3.9% |
| wheat (ton) | 198 | 2.4 at 21/01 | 198 at 12/03 | -13.6% | -12.5% |
| Corn (ton) | 143 | 1.5 at 23/01 | 143 at 27/02 | -0.4% | -3.2% |

At 12-3-20

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EQUITY INDICES

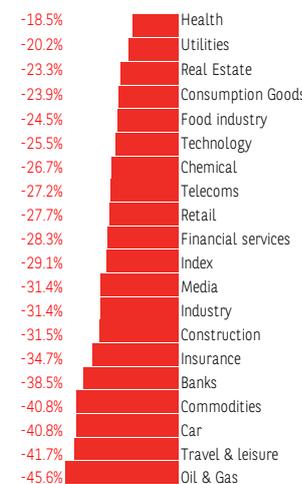
| | Index | highest 20 | lowest 20 | 2020 |
|----------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| World | | | | |
| MSCI World | 1 777 | 2 435 at 12/02 | 1 777 at 12/03 | -24.7% |
| North America | | | | |
| S&P500 | 2 481 | 3 386 at 19/02 | 2 481 at 12/03 | -23.2% |
| Europe | | | | |
| EuroStoxx50 | 2 545 | 3 865 at 19/02 | 2 545 at 12/03 | -32.0% |
| CAC 40 | 4 044 | 6 111 at 19/02 | 4 044 at 12/03 | -3.2% |
| DAX 30 | 9 161 | 13 789 at 19/02 | 9 161 at 12/03 | -30.9% |
| IBEX 35 | 6 391 | 10 084 at 19/02 | 6 391 at 12/03 | -3.3% |
| FTSE100 | 5 237 | 7 675 at 17/01 | 5 237 at 12/03 | -3.1% |
| Asia | | | | |
| MSCI, loc. | 802 | 1 034 at 20/01 | 802 at 12/03 | -2.0% |
| Nikkei | 18 560 | 24 084 at 20/01 | 18 560 at 12/03 | -21.5% |
| Emerging | | | | |
| MSCI Emerging (\$) | 883 | 1 147 at 17/01 | 883 at 12/03 | -2.1% |
| China | 77 | 90 at 13/01 | 77 at 12/03 | -9.9% |
| India | 453 | 609 at 17/01 | 453 at 12/03 | -20.3% |
| Brazil | 1 233 | 2 429 at 02/01 | 1 233 at 12/03 | -37.2% |
| Russia | 487 | 857 at 20/01 | 487 at 12/03 | -28.7% |

At 12-3-20

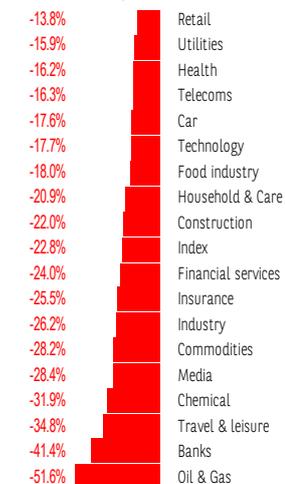
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PERFORMANCE BY SECTOR (Eurostoxx50 & S&P500)

Year 2020 to 12-3, €



Year 2020 to 12-3, \$



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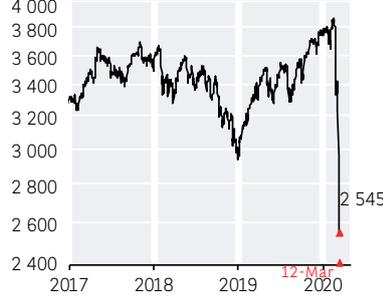


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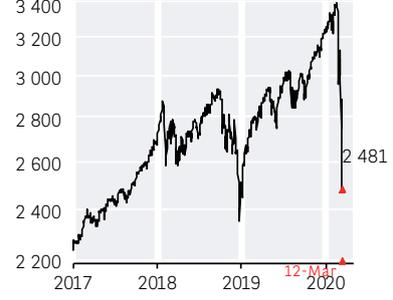
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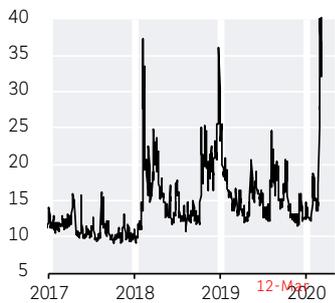
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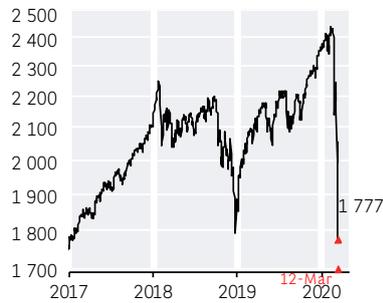
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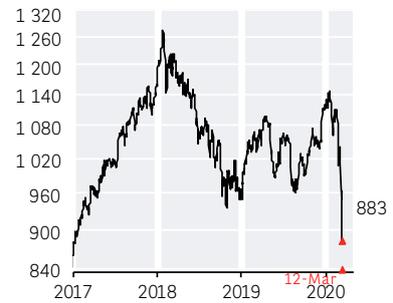
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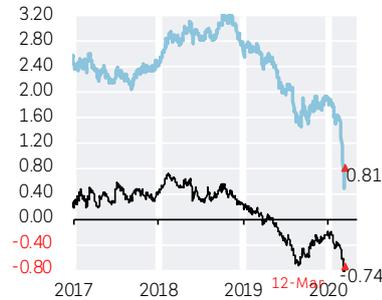
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MSCI EMERGING (USD)



10Y BOND YIELD, TREASURIES VS BUND



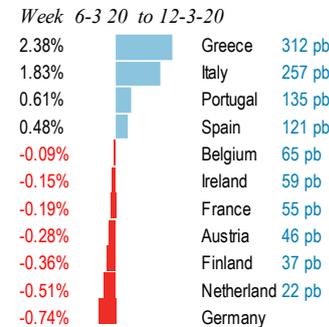
—Bunds —US Treasuries

10Y BOND YIELD



—Bunds —OAT

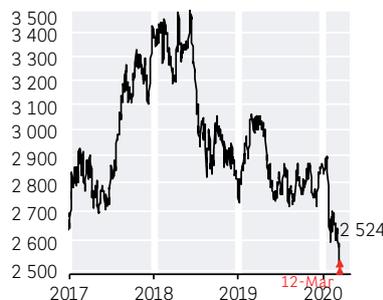
10Y BOND YIELD & SPREADS



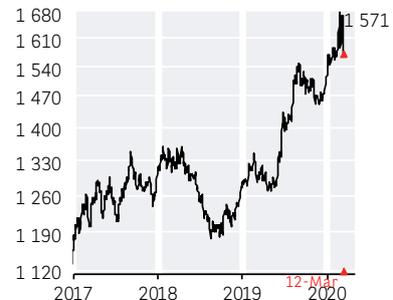
OIL (BRENT, USD)



METALS (LMEX, USD)



GOLD (OUNCE, USD)



SOURCE: THOMSON REUTERS,



ECONOMIC PULSE

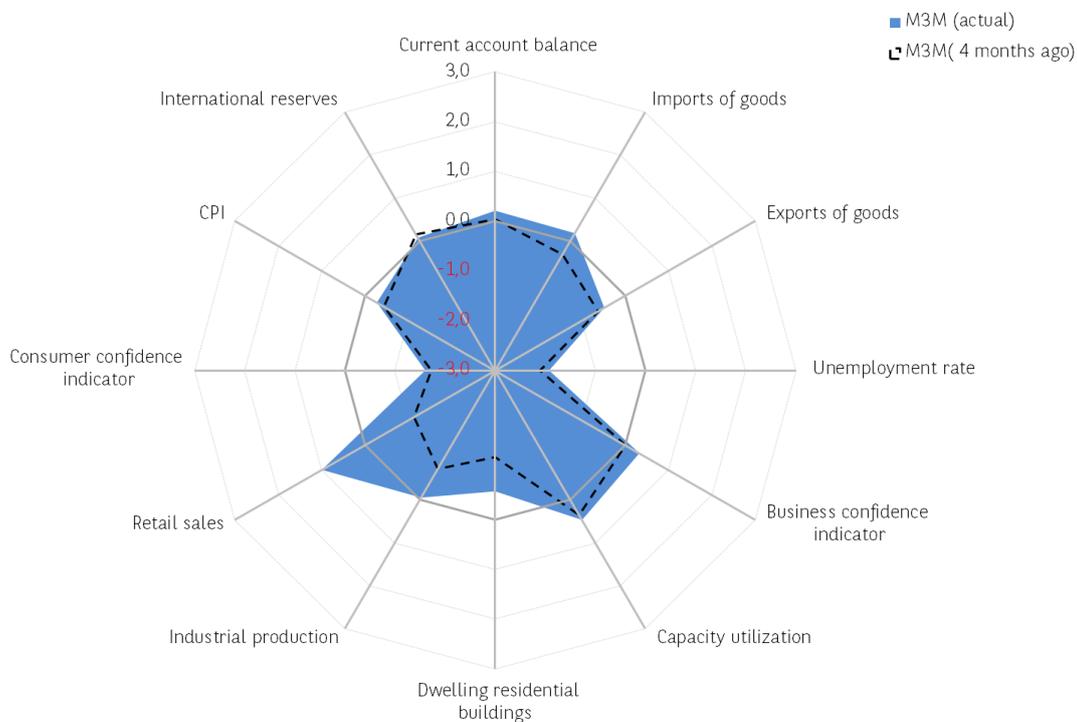
A RESILIENT TURKISH ECONOMY

Our indicators show a rather resilient Turkish economy given the global slowdown and uncertainties linked to the military operation in Syria. Indeed, real GDP rebounded markedly in Q42019 (+5.9% yoy compared with 1% in Q3) thanks to a sustained private consumption. Moreover, business confidence has recovered. Household confidence has deteriorated with the rise in unemployment but consumer credit has skyrocketed as a result of very attractive borrowing conditions offered by public banks in the wake of monetary easing (the policy rate has been lowered to 10.75% from still 24% at end-July). The recent fall in oil

prices is a blessing for the country as it should offset the increase of the non-oil trade deficit caused by the depreciation of the currency and the significant participation of Turkish industries in global value chains. There is a caveat to this overall positive picture: it does not take into account the disruptive impact of Covid-19 as data (surveys included) were collected before the spreading of the outbreak.

François Faure

QUARTERLY CHANGES



SOURCE: THOMSON REUTERS, BNP PARIBAS

The indicators in the radar are all transformed into z-scores. By construction, the z-scores have mean zero and their values, which indicate how far the indicator is removed from its long-term average, are in the interval between -3 and 3 in almost all cases. In the radar chart, the blue area shows the actual conditions of economic activity. It is compared with the situation four months earlier (dotted-line). An expansion of the blue area signals an improvement.



ECONOMIC SCENARIO

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UNITED STATES

- The concern about the spreading of the coronavirus is increasing. It would mean that domestic demand would suffer in addition to the, already visible, negative impact on travel and tourism and in terms of supply chain disruption. Beyond this temporary impact, growth should remain moderate, supported by household spending (consumption and housing). The picture is more mixed for corporate investment. Easy financial and monetary conditions should remain a factor supporting growth but the near term prospects depend on how the epidemic evolves.

CHINA

- The Covid-19 shock represents a severe shock on both demand and supply, which has led us to revise strongly downwards our real GDP growth forecast for 2020 (-1.2pp). The shock should be temporary -activity is already recovering- but economic prospects are still downbeat. In spite of the US-China trade truce, Chinese exports to the US remain heavily taxed. Meanwhile, the rebalancing of China's growth sources, which implies a stronger expansion of private consumption and deleveraging of corporates, should continue to be a long and hard process.
- Since the outbreak of the virus, the central bank and the government have considerably stepped up measures to support the economy.

EUROZONE

- After showing signs of stabilization in the manufacturing sector towards the end of 2019, the first half of 2020 will be significantly affected by the Coronavirus outbreak in view of the repercussions of the growth slowdown and supply disruption in China, but also as a consequence of the propagation of the epidemic in the eurozone and other countries
- In this context and given the drop in oil prices, total inflation should remain well below the 2% target. In spite of the recent (slight) increase in core inflation and the resilience in the labor market, inflationary pressures would remain subdued.
- The ECB has eased policy further.

FRANCE

- A marked technical rebound was likely after the unexpected GDP contraction in Q4 2019 (1st estimate) but this expectation is jeopardized by the coronavirus outbreak which darkens the H1 2020 growth outlook.
- The core story of our scenario is unchanged however. The French economy should decelerate a bit further while continuing to show resilience. Households' consumption should get a boost from the tax cuts and the jobs recovery. We forecast business investment to be less strong and exports to stay weak given the less supportive global backdrop. Core inflation remains very subdued.

INTEREST RATES AND FX RATES

- In the US, the unusual inter-meeting rate cuts shows the concern of the Fed about the growth outlook in relation to the epidemic. We expect that it will keep on reducing its policy rate this year. Treasury yields have seen a big drop, reflecting expectations of monetary easing but also a flight to safety. Eventually, given the temporary nature of the coronavirus epidemic, this should be followed by a rebound in yields but the timing is completely unclear.
- In the eurozone, the ECB's state-dependent forward guidance and the

sluggishness of the inflation process imply that the very accommodative environment will remain in place for a long time. The epidemic has led to more easing though not in the form of a rate cut. The movement of bond yields will be very much influenced by what happens to US yields, and hence, in the near term, by news about the epidemic. Sovereign spreads in the eurozone should remain tight, in particular given the additional QE of EUR 120bn until year-end.

- We expect that the Bank of Japan will refrain from further monetary easing, despite the bleak economic environment.
- Growing concerns about the global economic impact of the coronavirus has caused a jump in risk aversion which has benefitted the euro. Expectations of more Fed rate cuts also play a role. In the longer run, we expect the euro to strengthen somewhat once activity starts to normalise.

GROWTH & INFLATION

| % | GDP Growth | | | Inflation | | |
|----------------|------------|--------|--------|-----------|--------|--------|
| | 2019 | 2020 e | 2021 e | 2019 | 2020 e | 2021 e |
| Advanced | 1,6 | 1,3 | 1,5 | 1,4 | 1,5 | * |
| United-States | 2,3 | 1,6 | 1,8 | 1,8 | 2,2 | * |
| Japan | 1,0 | 0,2 | 0,5 | 0,5 | 0,6 | * |
| United-Kingdom | 1,4 | 1,0 | 1,5 | 1,8 | 1,5 | * |
| Euro Area | 1,2 | 0,7 | 1,5 | 1,2 | 0,9 | 1,1 |
| Germany | 0,6 | 0,1 | 1,5 | 1,4 | 1,1 | 1,4 |
| France | 1,2 | 1,0 | 1,3 | 1,3 | 1,0 | 1,1 |
| Italy | 0,2 | 0,0 | 0,7 | 0,6 | 0,5 | 0,5 |
| Emerging | | | | | | |
| China | 6,1 | 4,5 | * | 2,9 | 3,2 | * |
| India** | 5,8 | 5,5 | * | 4,3 | 4,5 | * |
| Brazil | 1,0 | 1,5 | * | 3,7 | 3,4 | * |
| Russia | 1,1 | 1,6 | * | 4,5 | 3,7 | * |

Source : BNP Paribas Group Economic Research (e: Estimates & forecasts)

** Fiscal year from April 1st of year n to March 31st of year n+1

* under review

SOURCE: BNP PARIBAS GROUP ECONOMIC RESEARCH (E: ESTIMATES & FORECASTS)
*FISCAL YEAR FROM 1ST APRIL OF YEAR N TO MARCH 31ST OF YEAR N+1

INTEREST & EXCHANGE RATES

| Interest rates, % | 2019 | | 2020 | | | | 2018 | 2019 | 2020e |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | Q3 | Q4 | Spot | Q2e | Q3e | Q4e | | | |
| End of period | | | | | | | | | |
| Fed Funds | | | | | | | | | |
| US "upper end" | 2.00 | 1.75 | 1.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 0.25 | 2.50 | 1.75 | 0.25 |
| T-Notes 10y | 1.67 | 1.92 | 0.82 | * | * | * | 2.69 | 1.92 | * |
| Ezone Deposit rate | -0.50 | -0.50 | -0.60 | -0.60 | -0.60 | -0.60 | -0.50 | -0.50 | -0.60 |
| Bund 10y | -0.57 | -0.19 | -0.75 | * | * | * | 0.25 | -0.19 | * |
| OAT 10y | -0.28 | 0.08 | -0.37 | * | * | * | 0.71 | 0.08 | * |
| UK Base rate | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.25 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.50 | 0.75 | 0.75 | 0.50 |
| Gilts 10y | 0.40 | 0.83 | 0.26 | * | * | * | 1.27 | 0.83 | * |
| Japan Bol Rate | -0.06 | -0.05 | -0.07 | -0.10 | -0.10 | -0.10 | -0.07 | -0.05 | -0.10 |
| JGB 10y | -0.22 | -0.02 | -0.07 | * | * | * | 0.00 | -0.02 | * |
| Exchange Rates | | | | | | | | | |
| End of period | | | | | | | | | |
| USD EUR / USD | 1,09 | 1,12 | 1,14 | 1,12 | 1,13 | 1,14 | 1,14 | 1,12 | 1,14 |
| USD / JPY | 108 | 109 | 104 | 108 | 106 | 105 | 110 | 109 | 105 |
| GBP / USD | 1,23 | 1,32 | 1,30 | 1,35 | 1,36 | 1,39 | 1,27 | 1,32 | 1,39 |
| USD / CHF | 1,00 | 0,97 | 0,93 | 1,00 | 0,99 | 1,00 | 0,99 | 0,97 | 1,00 |
| EUR EUR / GBP | 0,89 | 0,83 | 0,87 | 0,83 | 0,83 | 0,82 | 0,90 | 0,83 | 0,82 |
| EUR / CHF | 1,09 | 1,09 | 1,06 | 1,12 | 1,12 | 1,14 | 1,13 | 1,09 | 1,14 |
| EUR / JPY | 118 | 122 | 119 | 121 | 120 | 120 | 125 | 122 | 120 |

Source: BNP PARIBAS GLOBAL MARKETS (E: ESTIMATES), * under review, last update 11/03/2020

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LATEST INDICATORS

In Japan, the contraction of GDP in the 4th quarter of 2019 was even larger than initially estimated whereas the drop in the Eco Watchers Survey for February shows the worries about the coronavirus impact. In Germany, industrial production declined in January versus the year before but far less so than in December. Although its industrial sentiment index was stable, the Banque de France nevertheless forecasts 1st quarter growth be slower than initially expected (0,1% versus 0,3%). In the US, small business sentiment was stable. The Bank of England lowered its base rate from 0,75 to 0,25%, in addition to other easing measures. The ECB maintained its policy rates but took other easing measures, of which a temporary additional QE envelope of EUR 120bn until the end of this year. Its strong insistence however was on the need for coordinated and decisive fiscal policy action.

| DATE | COUNTRY | INDICATOR | PERIOD | ACTUAL | PREVIOUS |
|------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|
| 03/09/2020 | Japan | GDP Annualized SA QoQ | 4Q | -7.1% | -6.3% |
| 03/09/2020 | Japan | Eco Watchers Survey Current SA | Feb | 27.4 | 41.9 |
| 03/09/2020 | Germany | Exports SA MoM | Jan | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| 03/09/2020 | Germany | Industrial Production WDA YoY | Jan | -1.3% | -6.8% |
| 03/09/2020 | France | Bank of France Ind. Sentiment | Feb | 96 | 96 |
| 03/10/2020 | Japan | Machine Tool Orders YoY | Feb | -30.1% | -35.6% |
| 03/10/2020 | France | Private Sector Payrolls QoQ | 4Q | 0.5% | 0.2% |
| 03/10/2020 | France | Industrial Production YoY | Jan | -2.8% | -3.0% |
| 03/10/2020 | Eurozone | Employment YoY | 4Q | 1.1% | 1.0% |
| 03/10/2020 | United States | NFIB Small Business Optimism | Feb | 104.5 | 104.3 |
| 03/10/2020 | Eurozone | GDP SA QoQ | 4Q | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| 03/11/2020 | United Kingdom | Industrial Production YoY | Jan | -2.9% | -1.8% |
| 03/11/2020 | United Kingdom | U.K. Government Announces 2020 Budget | | | |
| 03/11/2020 | United States | CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY | Feb | 2.4% | 2.3% |
| 03/12/2020 | Eurozone | Industrial Production WDA YoY | Jan | -1.9% | -4.1% |
| 03/12/2020 | United States | PPI Ex Food and Energy YoY | Feb | 1.4% | 1.7% |
| 03/12/2020 | Eurozone | ECB Deposit Facility Rate | Mar | -0.500% | -0.500% |
| 03/13/2020 | Germany | CPI EU Harmonized YoY | Feb | 1.7% | 1.7% |
| 03/13/2020 | France | CPI EU Harmonized YoY | Feb | 1.6% | 1.6% |
| 03/13/2020 | United States | U. of Mich. Sentiment | Mar | 95,9 | 101.0 |
| 03/13/2020 | United States | U. of Mich. 5-10 Yr Inflation | Mar | 2.3% | 2.3% |

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CALENDAR: THE WEEK AHEAD

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COMING INDICATORS

The highlight of next week is the meeting of the FOMC. The market is pricing in another rate cut but attention will also focus on what Jerome Powell will say during his press conference. The Bank of Japan is also meeting so, again, the focus is on whether more easing (in the form of QE) will be announced. Several data will be released in China for the month of February. In the US we have the job openings index and, for the month of February, retail sales, housing market data and the index of leading indicators. In addition, we have the Philadelphia business outlook which will offer a glimpse of how March is evolving.

| DATE | COUNTRY | INDICATOR | PERIOD | CONSENSUS | PREVIOUS |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| 03/16/2020 | Japan | Core Machine Orders YoY | Jan | -- | -3.5% |
| 03/16/2020 | China | Industrial Production YTD YoY | Feb | -3.0% | 5.7% |
| 03/16/2020 | China | Retail Sales YTD YoY | Feb | -1.7% | 8,0% |
| 03/16/2020 | China | Property Investment YTD YoY | Feb | -- | 9.9% |
| 03/16/2020 | China | Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY | Feb | -2.0% | 5.4% |
| 03/16/2020 | United States | Empire Manufacturing | Mar | 6.1 | 12.9 |
| 03/17/2020 | Japan | Industrial Production YoY | Jan | -- | -2.5% |
| 03/17/2020 | United Kingdom | ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths | Jan | -- | 3.8% |
| 03/17/2020 | Germany | ZEW Survey Expectations | Mar | -- | 8.7 |
| 03/17/2020 | Eurozone | ZEW Survey Expectations | Mar | -- | 10.4 |
| 03/17/2020 | United States | Retail Sales Control Group | Feb | 0.5% | 0,0% |
| 03/17/2020 | United States | Industrial Production MoM | Feb | 0.4% | -0.3% |
| 03/17/2020 | United States | JOLTS Job Openings | Jan | -- | 6423 |
| 03/17/2020 | United States | NAHB Housing Market Index | Mar | 75 | 74 |
| 03/18/2020 | Japan | Exports YoY | Feb | -- | -2.6% |
| 03/18/2020 | Japan | Imports YoY | Feb | -- | -3.6% |
| 03/18/2020 | Eurozone | EU27 New Car Registrations | Feb | -- | -7.5% |
| 03/18/2020 | Eurozone | CPI Core YoY | Feb | -- | 1.2% |
| 03/18/2020 | United States | Housing Starts MoM | Feb | -4.9% | -3.6% |
| 03/18/2020 | United States | Building Permits MoM | Feb | -3.9% | 9.2% |
| 03/18/2020 | United States | FOMC Rate Decision (Upper Bound) | Mar | 1.00% | 1.25% |
| 03/19/2020 | United States | Philadelphia Fed Business Outlook | Mar | 12.5 | 36.7 |
| 03/19/2020 | United States | Leading Index | Feb | 0.1% | 0.8% |
| 03/19/2020 | Japan | BOJ Policy Balance Rate | Mar | -- | -0.1% |

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