

The Market Place

- Global equities rose +1.5% last week on the back of further positive news regarding vaccine rollouts
- The UK becomes the first country to approve the Pfizer/BioNTech covid-19 vaccine, which will be rolled out this week
- Brent crude rose +2.2% ending the week at \$49.3 a barrel
- Gold rose +2.9% to end the week at \$1838.9 an ounce

US

The large-cap US equity benchmark returned +1.7% over the week.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose 12 basis points to 0.96%.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is meeting this week to discuss whether the Pfizer/ BioNTech vaccine will be given emergency use authorisation.

The manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) edged higher to 56.7 in November from 53.4 in October.

The ISM Services index came in at 55.9, the second consecutive monthly decline of the reading, though it remains above 50, the level which splits expansion from contraction.

The jobs report showed that 245k jobs were added in November, easing from 610k in October, as the unemployment rate fell to 6.7%.

Pending home sales fell -1.1% in October, against +1.0% expected, in the second consecutive month of decline.

President-elect Biden is reported to be planning to conduct a full review of the existing trade deal with China.

Europe

The main continental European equity index fell -0.4% last week.

The November Euro Area manufacturing and composite PMIs came in at 53.8 and 45.3 respectively.

The Euro Area unemployment rate fell slightly to 8.4% in October from 8.5% in September. This reading came in line with expectations.

German retail sales rose by 2.6% in October, against 1.2% expected.

Germany's preliminary inflation data for November showed an accelerating decline in prices. Italy saw more moderate deflation over the same period.

UK

UK equities rose +0.3% on the week

Brexit negotiations are ongoing as divisions remain on key issues.

The Internal Market Bill, which sought to break sections of the Withdrawal Agreement with the EU, arrives back at the House of Commons for further debate.

The UK manufacturing PMI was 55.6 for November.

Mortgage approvals rose to 97.5k in October, their highest level since 2007.

Asia / ROW

The global emerging markets equity benchmark rose +1.7% last week

China's official manufacturing PMI for November was 52.1 against 51.5 expected, with the services reading at 56.4, bringing the composite reading to 55.7, beating last month's 55.3 reading.

The US House of Representatives has passed a bill that could lead to Chinese companies being delisted from US exchanges if regulators aren't given access to their audits.

Japan's manufacturing PMI was 49, South Korea read 52.9 and India read 56.3



Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 04 Dec 2020	Month to date	YTD 2020	12 Months
Developed Market Equities					
United States	USD	1.7%	2.2%	15.9%	20.4%
United Kingdom	GBP	3.0%	4.6%	-11.9%	-7.5%
Continental Europe	EUR	-0.4%	0.5%	0.1%	2.7%
Japan	JPY	-0.6%	1.2%	5.5%	6.8%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	1.0%	3.2%	18.5%	26.6%
Australia	AUD	0.5%	1.8%	2.0%	3.4%
Global	USD	1.5%	2.2%	13.7%	17.9%
Emerging markets equities					
Emerging Europe	USD	4.3%	6.2%	-15.9%	-9.9%
Emerging Asia	USD	1.2%	3.5%	24.1%	33.8%
Emerging Latin America	USD	5.8%	7.8%	-16.9%	-10.0%
BRICs	USD	0.0%	2.4%	14.5%	23.6%
China	USD	-1.6%	1.2%	27.5%	39.5%
MENA countries	USD	0.3%	0.2%	-3.1%	1.9%
South Africa	USD	1.7%	5.2%	-8.0%	0.8%
India	USD	2.6%	2.6%	6.3%	7.8%
Global emerging markets	USD	1.7%	3.8%	14.4%	23.4%
Bonds					
US Treasuries	USD	-0.8%	-0.9%	7.7%	7.1%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	0.1%	-0.1%	10.2%	10.1%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	-0.3%	-0.5%	8.8%	9.2%
US High Yield	USD	0.9%	0.8%	5.9%	8.0%
UK Gilts	GBP	-1.0%	-0.8%	6.5%	5.6%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	-0.1%	0.0%	7.1%	7.5%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	-0.3%	-0.2%	4.7%	3.9%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	0.0%	0.0%	2.6%	2.6%
Euro High Yield	EUR	0.6%	0.6%	2.1%	3.2%
Japanese Government	JPY	0.0%	0.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%
Australian Government	AUD	-0.6%	-0.6%	4.2%	2.3%
Global Government Bonds	USD	0.0%	0.0%	8.4%	8.4%
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Global Convertible Bonds	USD	1.4%	1.4%	21.9%	25.1%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	0.2%	0.4%	5.4%	8.3%

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Property					
US Property Securities	USD	2.1%	3.6%	-8.4%	-8.6%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	0.2%	0.8%	-6.4%	-8.8%
Asia Property Securities	USD	-2.1%	0.0%	-11.1%	-6.9%
Global Property Securities	USD	1.1%	2.4%	-8.0%	-6.0%
Currencies					
Euro	USD	1.6%	1.6%	8.1%	9.6%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	1.2%	0.9%	1.6%	2.9%
Japanese Yen	USD	-0.1%	0.2%	4.3%	4.6%
Australian Dollar	USD	0.6%	1.1%	5.9%	8.5%
South African Rand	USD	0.4%	1.7%	-7.9%	-3.8%
Swiss Franc	USD	1.6%	1.7%	8.6%	11.1%
Chinese Yuan	USD	0.7%	0.7%	6.6%	7.9%
Commodities & Alternatives					
Commodities	USD	0.0%	0.7%	-12.1%	-8.5%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	-2.1%	-0.6%	7.9%	13.2%
Oil	USD	2.2%	3.5%	-25.4%	-21.8%
Gold	USD	2.9%	3.4%	20.8%	24.7%
Hedge funds	USD	0.3%	0.5%	4.7%	6.1%



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