

The Market Place

- Global rose 0.2% last week
- G7 countries will discuss an international system of recognising vaccination certificates to support the resumption of global travel
- Brent crude fell -3.3% last week to \$66.4 a barrel
- Gold rose 2.1% to \$1881.3 per ounce

US

US equities fell -0.4% last week

Weekly initial jobless claims declined to a post-pandemic low of 444k against expectations of 450k

The Composite PMI reading increased to 68.1, its highest reading since 2009. The service sector component of the survey was particularly strong, jumping to a record 70.1 in May, from 64.7 in the previous month

The Conference Board's Leading Economic Index was up 1.6%, beating expectations of 1.3%

The latest Federal Reserve meeting minutes were released, with the biggest development being that some officials believe that conversations about tapering are coming

The New York Fed's Empire State manufacturing survey for May fell to 24.3 ahead of 23.9 expected

Housing releases saw a slight miss against expectations, with housing starts down to an annualised rate of 1.569m in April (vs 1.704m expected)

Europe

European equities rose 0.7% last week

In the Euro Area, the headline PMI rose to 56.9, a three-year high, beating expectations of 55.1

German producer prices increased by 5.2% year-on-year in April, slightly ahead of expectations, marking the fastest pace of growth in nearly a decade

German Manufacturing PMI was also at a robust 64.0 slightly behind the 65.9 expected

UK

UK equities fell -0.3% last week

CPI inflation rose to 1.5% in March in line with expectations, up from 0.7% in February, marking the fastest pace of price growth in over a year

UK Services PMI rose to 61.8, slightly missing expectations of 62.2

The house price index showed average house prices were up 10.2% year-on-year in March, the fastest pace of house price growth since before the global financial crisis

The unemployment rate fell to 4.8% in the three months to end March against expectations of 4.9%

Asia / ROW

The benchmark Global Emerging Markets index returned 1.7% last week

Japanese equities rose 1.1% over the week

Chinese equities rose 2.5% last week

Japan's preliminary Q1 annualised GDP print came in at -5.1% quarter-on-quarter, lower than the -4.5% expected

The Composite PMI reading in Japan fell to 48.1 from 51.0 last month

The Japanese government panel approved the use of the Moderna and AstraZeneca vaccines, joining the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine that's already been approved



Performance

Asset Class/Region	Currency				
		Week ending 21 May 2021	Month to date	YTD 2021	12 Months
Developed Market Equities					
United States	USD	-0.4%	-0.5%	11.1%	42.5%
United Kingdom	GBP	-0.3%	1.4%	11.0%	19.9%
Continental Europe	EUR	0.7%	2.0%	12.2%	35.1%
Japan	JPY	1.1%	0.3%	6.5%	30.4%
Asia Pacific (ex Japan)	USD	1.7%	-1.7%	3.8%	46.0%
Australia	AUD	0.3%	0.4%	8.4%	30.5%
Global	USD	0.2%	0.3%	10.1%	44.0%
Emerging markets equities					
Emerging Europe	USD	1.9%	7.2%	9.7%	30.8%
Emerging Asia	USD	2.1%	-2.4%	2.1%	46.4%
Emerging Latin America	USD	-1.3%	4.1%	2.2%	51.7%
BRICs	USD	2.3%	-0.2%	1.0%	38.2%
China	USD	2.5%	-2.9%	-2.0%	30.6%
MENA countries	USD	0.6%	0.6%	16.6%	40.9%
South Africa	USD	1.7%	2.6%	14.8%	55.0%
India	USD	4.0%	5.3%	9.1%	74.7%
Global emerging markets	USD	1.7%	-1.2%	3.6%	46.0%
Bonds					
US Treasuries	USD	0.1%	0.0%	-3.9%	-4.5%
US Treasuries (inflation protected)	USD	-0.4%	0.7%	0.3%	6.5%
US Corporate (investment grade)	USD	0.2%	0.2%	-3.4%	3.9%
US High Yield	USD	-0.1%	-0.1%	1.9%	16.7%
UK Gilts	GBP	0.3%	-0.4%	-7.3%	-8.6%
UK Corporate (investment grade)	GBP	0.2%	-0.3%	-4.2%	3.9%
Euro Government Bonds	EUR	0.3%	-0.6%	-4.0%	0.2%
Euro Corporate (investment grade)	EUR	-0.1%	-0.4%	-1.1%	5.1%
Euro High Yield	EUR	0.0%	-0.1%	2.1%	15.3%
Japanese Government	JPY	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.3%	-1.0%
Australian Government	AUD	0.4%	0.2%	-3.4%	-2.8%
Global Government Bonds	USD	0.4%	0.4%	-4.2%	1.5%
Global Bonds	USD	0.3%	0.4%	-3.2%	4.1%
Global Convertible Bonds	USD	2.0%	-1.6%	-0.2%	25.8%
Emerging Market Bonds	USD	0.2%	0.9%	-4.6%	4.6%



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Property					
US Property Securities	USD	0.7%	-1.1%	15.9%	41.4%
Australian Property Securities	AUD	0.5%	-0.2%	1.6%	23.9%
Asia Property Securities	USD	2.0%	-0.3%	6.4%	17.9%
Global Property Securities	USD	1.1%	-0.2%	10.8%	37.0%
Currencies					
Euro	USD	0.2%	1.1%	-0.5%	11.0%
UK Pound Sterling	USD	0.3%	2.3%	3.6%	15.7%
Japanese Yen	USD	0.4%	0.3%	-5.2%	-1.2%
Australian Dollar	USD	-0.7%	0.1%	0.4%	17.7%
South African Rand	USD	1.1%	3.6%	4.9%	26.2%
Swiss Franc	USD	0.4%	1.5%	-1.6%	7.9%
Chinese Yuan	USD	0.0%	0.6%	1.4%	10.6%
Commodities & Alternatives					
Commodities	USD	-1.5%	0.1%	21.3%	59.1%
Agricultural Commodities	USD	-0.9%	-1.5%	18.8%	58.3%
Oil	USD	-3.3%	-1.2%	28.3%	84.2%
Gold	USD	2.1%	6.3%	-0.7%	9.1%
Hedge funds	USD	0.3%	-0.3%	2.8%	13.6%

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