

MACRO DAILY

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Macro developments

- RBI voted to keep policy rate unchanged and maintained accommodative stance. RBI would like to wait for inflation to fall before reducing rates any further. It allowed for one-time restructuring for corporates and households impacted by pandemic. Additionally, liquidity of Rs 100bn has been provided for NABARD and NHB. LTV ratio of gold loans has also been increased to 90% from 75% earlier.
- US jobless claims fell by 249,000 to 1.19mn for the week ending 1 Aug 2020. This was the lowest level since 14 Mar 2020; just when the COVID-19 pandemic began. Thus, sudden drop in jobless claims following two successive weeks of increase, signals improvement in the employment scenario.
- China's exports surprised positively rising by 7.2% in Jul'20 versus 0.5% in Jun'20 and est.: 0.6% decline. The surge is associated with re-opening of manufacturing and services sectors globally, implying higher demand for Chinese products. On the other hand, imports fell by 1.4% versus 2.7% increase in Jun'20 and est. 0.9% rise, indicating weak domestic demand.

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Markets

- **Bonds:** Global yields closed mixed. US 10Y yield fell by 1bps (0.54%) due to uncertainty surrounding fiscal stimulus. UK 10Y yield fell by 2bps (0.11%) as BoE refrained from any additional stimulus. China 10Y yield rose by 1bps (2.99%) supported by upbeat macro data. Crude prices fell by 0.2% (US\$ 45/bbl) amidst rising US inventory. India's 10Y yield rose by 3bps (5.86%) as RBI maintained status quo. It is trading at 5.87% today.
- **Currency:** Barring CNY, other global currencies closed broadly higher against the dollar. DXY fell a tad by 0.1% awaiting US payroll report. GBP rose by 0.2% as BoE kept policy rate unchanged. INR closed flat after RBI's decision. It is trading lower today in line with other Asian currencies.
- **Equity:** Global indices ended mixed amidst escalated concerns over US-China trade relations. FTSE (1.3%) declined the most as BoE decided to keep the rates unchanged. Sensex (1%) on the other hand ended in green as RBI announced regulatory measures while keeping the rates on hold. However, it is trading lower today in line with other Asian stocks.



FIG 1 – MOVEMENT IN KEY GLOBAL ASSET CLASSES

Particulars	Current	1D	1W	1M	3M	12M
10Y yields (Δ bps)						
US	0.54	(1)	(1)	(14)	(10)	(118)
UK	0.11	(2)	2	(9)	(13)	(41)
Japan	0.02	1	0	(2)	2	21
Germany	(0.53)	(3)	1	(10)	1	3
India	5.86	3	4	3	(17)	(54)
China	2.99	1	5	(5)	37	(6)
2Y yields (Δ bps)						
US	0.12	0	0	(4)	(2)	(150)
UK	(0.04)	2	5	3	(3)	(51)
Japan	(0.10)	2	3	3	4	13
Germany	(0.70)	0	2	(1)	6	16
India	4.20	1	0	5	(19)	(165)
China**	2.24	4	0	15	112	(28)
Currencies (Δ %)						
EUR	1.1877	0.1	0.3	5.0	9.6	6.2
GBP	1.3143	0.2	0.4	5.2	6.3	8.3
JPY	105.5500	0	(0.8)	1.7	0.7	0.5
AUD	0.7236	0.6	0.6	3.8	11.4	6.4
INR	74.9275	0	(0.1)	(0.3)	1.1	(6.0)
CNY	6.9535	(0.2)	0.8	0.9	1.8	1.3
Equity & Other indices (Δ %)						
Dow	27,387	0.7	4.1	4.2	14.7	3.8
FTSE	6,027	(1.3)	0.6	(4.1)	1.5	(17.3)
DAX	12,592	(0.5)	1.7	(1.1)	17.0	6.3
NIKKEI	22,418	(0.4)	0.4	(1.3)	13.9	8.9
Shanghai Comp	3,386	0.3	3.0	1.6	17.9	21.2
SENSEX	38,025	1.0	0.8	4.2	20.9	1.9
Brent (US\$/bbl)	45.09	(0.2)	5.0	4.6	53.1	(21.4)
Gold (US\$/oz)	2,064	1.2	5.5	15.6	20.2	37.5
CRB Index	379.6	1.2	0.5	5.0	6.0	(5.3)
Rogers Agri Index	697.4	0.1	0.2	1.8	6.2	(2.2)
LIBOR (3M)*	0.24	(1)	(1)	(3)	(19)	(194)
INR 5Y Swap*	5.22	6	4	(10)	(4)	(106)
India FII data (US\$ mn)						
	5 Aug	4 Aug	WTD	MTD	CYTD	FYTD
FII-Debt	(43.2)	16.3	(54.7)	(54.7)	(14,582.3)	(4,822.8)
FII-Equity	(29.2)	116.6	1,090.9	1,090.9	(197.3)	6,405.7

Source: Bloomberg, Bank of Baroda | *Indicates change in bps | **1Y yield

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