

Top things to know for the week ahead

DXY likely to hold on to some gains this week

Markets to focus on Fed Chair Jerome Powell's testimony before Congress this week after 10-year Treasury yields broke 1.30% last week. That said, we don't expect the central banker to deviate far from his latest dovish comments, at least in the short-term as the economy remains far from its targets. The most recent minutes of the Fed's January meeting mostly reinforces this as well, with little indication from even the most hawkish leaning members of signs for a policy adjustment. Expect some strength in the dollar as a result, as yields remain on its upside trajectory, at least for now. Consequently, we see DXY retesting the resistance at 90.92 but end with only a slight upside bias over the week in what is more of a sideways move. We note this seems especially likely with GBP/USD showing some upside resistance with fading call option interest.

Expect personal income to jump in January thanks to stimulus checks, while consumption sees a strong but smaller gain thanks to broad based spending. Our expectations for income is similar to economists' forecasts of about a 10% spike in January thanks to more than US\$130 billion in stimulus payouts in the month. Retail sales surging 5.3% in January is already a strong signal of better-than-expected consumption in the month as well. We estimate personal spending closer to about 2.6% during the month as a result, driven by a broad consumption across industries thanks to stimulus payouts and inflation expectations. That said, we don't see a better-than-expected report strongly influencing the dollar due to relatively strong market expectations.

Data Watch

Day	Time (GMT +8:00)	Related Currency	Events/Indicators
Mon	17:00	EUR	Germany IFO Business Climate
Tue	01:00	USD	United States Fed's Kaplan Takes Part in Moderated Q&A
	15:00	GBP	United Kingdom Jobless Claims Change
	15:00	GBP	United Kingdom ILO Unemployment Rate 3Mths
	18:00	EUR	Eurozone CPI YoY
	23:00	USD	United States Conf. Board Consumer Confidence
	23:00	USD	United States Conf. Board Expectations
Wed	09:00	NZD	New Zealand RBNZ Official Cash Rate
	10:00	NZD	New Zealand RBNZ Governor News Conference After OCR Decision
	23:00	USD	United States New Home Sales
Thu	17:00	EUR	Eurozone M3 Money Supply YoY
	21:30	USD	United States Durable Goods Orders
	21:30	USD	United States Initial Jobless Claims
	21:30	USD	United States GDP Annualized QoQ
Fri	05:45	NZD	New Zealand Trade Balance NZD
	07:30	JPY	Japan Tokyo CPI Ex-Fresh Food YoY
	07:50	JPY	Japan Industrial Production MoM
	21:30	USD	United States Personal Income/Spending
	23:00	USD	United States U. of Mich. Sentiment

Discount in gold may prove to be a strong alternative for crude

Rebalancing profits from crude oil towards gold may prove beneficial to portfolios. Crude oil prices, in our view, is trading at extended levels and due for a pullback with downside risk growing (due to OPEC+ upcoming meeting and US refinery closures). With the large discount gold is trading at against the S&P500 and other commodities and potentially more short-term downside with low inflows, the yellow metal is growing more attractive as an inflation hedge especially if able to enter the yellow metal at mid 1,700's.

Commodity Against DXY (Rebased to 100)

4-week chart

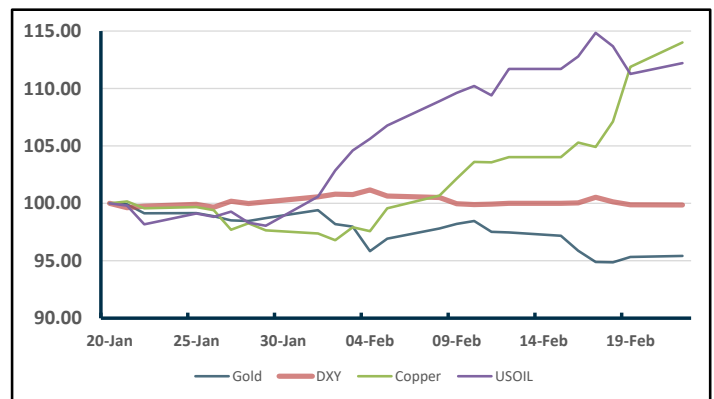


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Weekly Market Snapshot

Index Returns					
	Latest Price	1 week	MTD	QTD	YTD
Equities					
S&P 500	3,906.71	-0.71%	19.35%	4.01%	4.01%
DJ Industrial Average	31,494.32	0.11%	9.60%	2.90%	2.90%
Nasdaq	13,580.78	-1.64%	49.21%	5.37%	5.37%
Euro Stoxx 50	3,713.46	0.48%	-0.61%	4.53%	4.53%
MSCI EAFE Small Cap	302.71	-0.42%	17.81%	4.36%	4.36%
FTSE 100	6,624.02	0.52%	-11.49%	2.53%	2.53%
DAX	13,993.23	-0.40%	4.86%	2.00%	2.00%
CAC 40	5,773.55	1.23%	-3.05%	4.00%	4.00%
Hang Seng	30,644.73	1.56%	12.83%	12.54%	12.54%
MSCI World	2,806.47	-0.44%	18.24%	4.33%	4.33%
ASX 200	6,793.79	-0.19%	-3.38%	3.14%	3.14%
NIKKEI	30,017.92	1.69%	28.39%	9.38%	9.38%
CSI 300	5,780.09	-0.06%	43.72%	11.35%	11.35%
China A50	20,002.46	-0.25%	44.40%	13.41%	13.41%
TWSE	16,362.29	3.54%	34.84%	10.92%	10.92%
Fixed Income					
Barclays Aggregate	547.86	-0.63%	6.31%	-1.94%	-1.94%
Barclays Euro Aggregate	270.79	-0.83%	0.70%	-1.66%	-1.66%
Barclays US High Yield	2,368.32	-0.05%	8.28%	1.29%	1.29%
Barclays Euro High Yield	427.83	0.24%	3.20%	1.82%	1.82%
Barclays TIPS	125.91	-1.36%	6.32%	-1.36%	-1.36%
JPM EMBI Global Divers	975.56	-1.12%	1.93%	-1.97%	-1.97%
Other					
DJ US Real Estate	346.20	-0.92%	-7.93%	3.37%	3.37%
S&P GSCI	470.09	1.32%	17.89%	14.81%	14.81%
US Dollar Index	90.36	-0.13%	-7.78%	0.47%	0.47%
VIX	22.05	10.42%	34.53%	-3.08%	-3.08%

Commodities					
	Latest Price	31/1/20	31/12/20	30/11/20	31/12/18
Prices					
WTI Oil (\$/barrel)	59.24	53.33	48.52	45.34	45.41
Brent Oil (\$/barrel)	62.91	59.81	51.80	47.59	53.80
Gold (\$/oz)	1,784.25	1,576.83	1,898.36	1,776.95	1,282.49
Silver (\$/oz)	27.29	17.56	26.40	22.64	15.50
Copper	4.07	2.55	3.52	3.42	2.63
Corn	5.43	3.84	4.84	4.20	3.75
Coffee	1.28	1.02	1.28	1.21	1.02
Natural Gas	3.07	1.88	2.54	2.88	2.94

Currencies					
	Latest Price	31/1/20	31/12/20	30/11/20	31/12/18
Prices					
EURUSD	1.2119	1.1010	1.2216	1.1927	1.1467
GBPUSD	1.4016	1.3021	1.3670	1.3323	1.2754
USDJPY	105.45	109.02	103.25	104.31	109.69
USDCNH	0.8963	0.9732	0.8852	0.9089	0.9821
USDCAD	1.2615	1.3199	1.2725	1.3001	1.3637
AUDUSD	0.7869	0.6754	0.7694	0.7344	0.7049
NZDUSD	0.7299	0.6527	0.7184	0.7017	0.6719
USDCNH	6.4542	6.9697	6.5028	6.5839	6.8706

Crypto Currencies					
	Latest Price	31/1/20	31/12/20	30/11/20	31/12/18
Prices					
BTC/USD	55,628.98	9,354.71	28,996.3	19,378.6	3,674.18
XRP/USD	0.5604	0.2370	0.2249	0.6477	0.3458
LTC/USD	238.09	60.15	124.11	86.61	29.51
DSH/USD	329.27	125.84	99.30	111.75	79.95

Rates & Spreads					
	Latest Rate	31/1/20	31/12/20	30/11/20	31/12/18
Rates					
Fed Funds Target	0.25%	1.75%	0.25%	0.25%	2.50%
ECB Depo Rate	-0.50%	-0.50%	-0.50%	-0.50%	-0.40%
3 Month US Dollar Libor	0.18%	1.78%	0.24%	0.23%	2.81%
US Treasuries 2 Year	0.10%	1.41%	0.12%	0.15%	2.49%
US Treasuries 10 Year	1.34%	1.58%	0.91%	0.84%	2.68%
German Bunds 2 Year	-0.69%	-0.64%	-0.72%	-0.75%	-0.62%
German Bunds 10 Year	-0.31%	-0.38%	-0.57%	-0.57%	0.24%
Japan Gov't Bonds 10 Year	0.11%	-0.05%	0.02%	0.03%	-0.01%
UK Gilts 10 Year	0.70%	0.52%	0.20%	0.31%	1.28%
Swiss Gov't Bonds 10 Year	-0.26%	-0.72%	-0.58%	-0.55%	-0.28%

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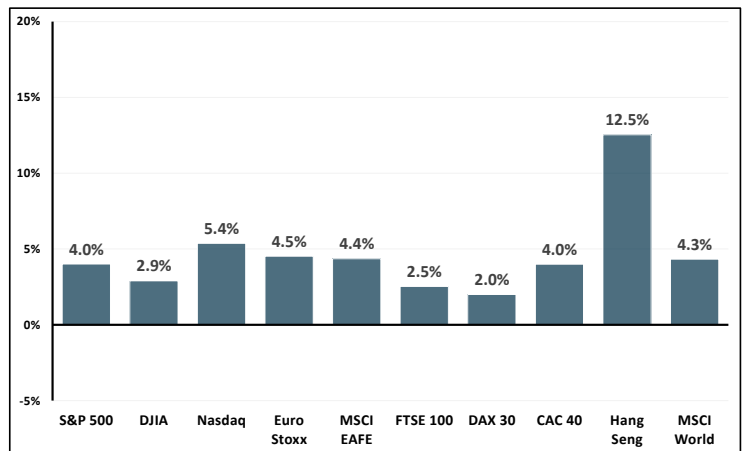


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Global Currency Returns (Weekly)

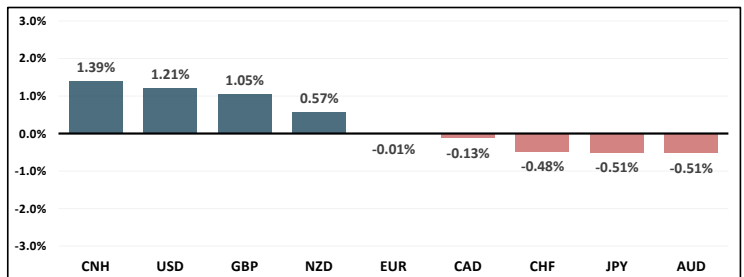


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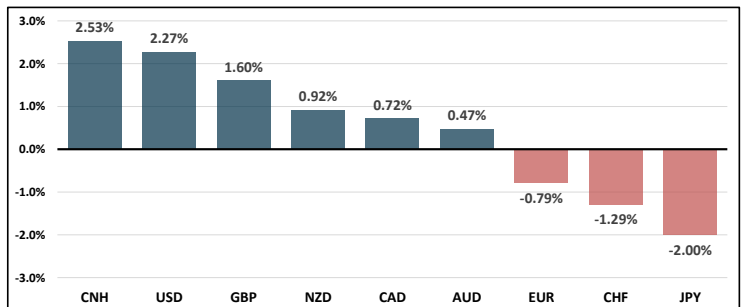
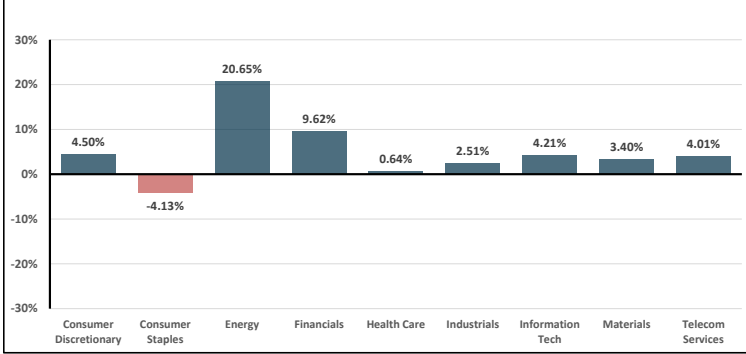


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S&P 500 Index Sector Returns

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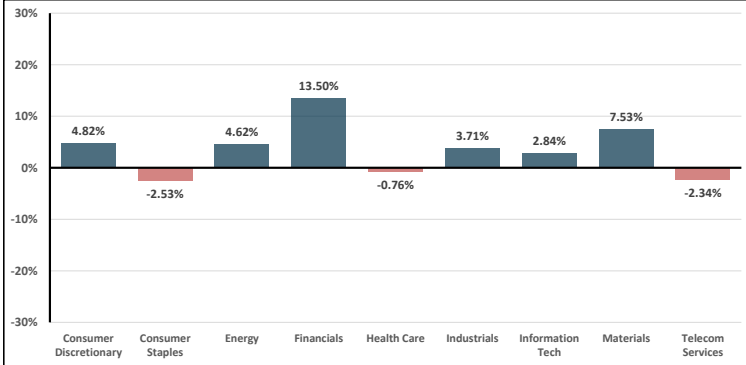
S&P 500 Index Trendline

1 Year Chart



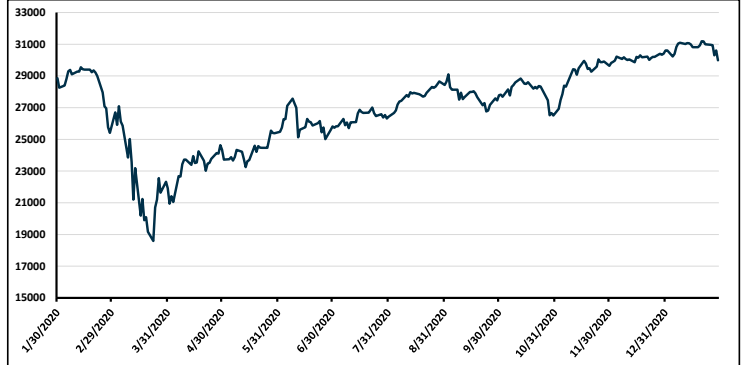
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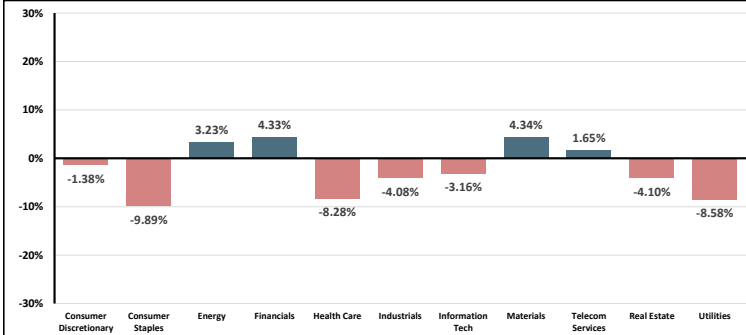
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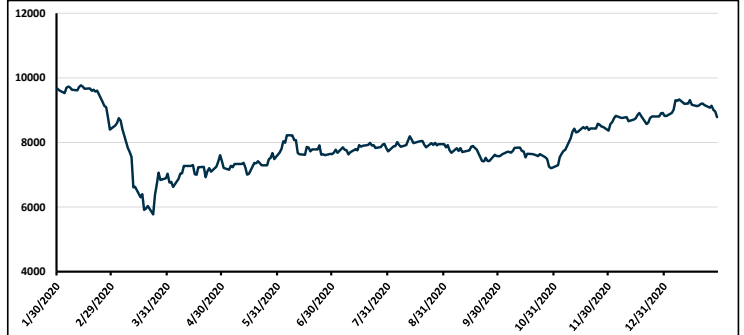
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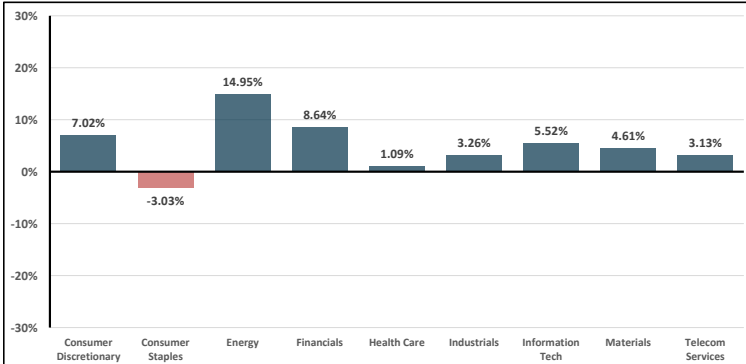
FTSE 100 Index

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MSCI World Index Sector Returns

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MSCI World Index

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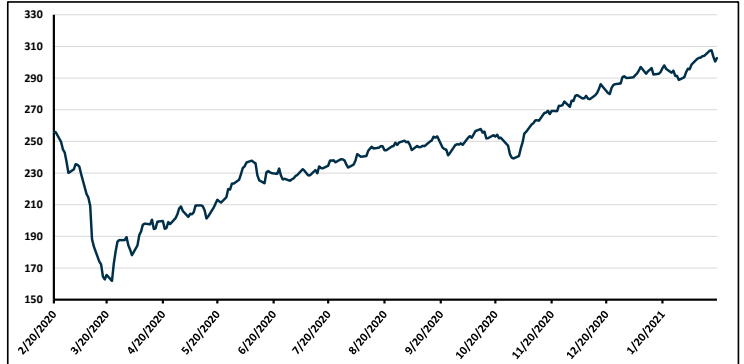


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