

Index Returns (%)	Close	1 Week	YTD
S&P 500	3,477	4%	7%
DJIA	28,587	3%	(1%)
FTSE 100	6,017	2%	(21%)
KOSPI 100	2,392	3%	10%
Nikkei 225	23,620	3%	2%
Hangsen	24,119	3%	(16%)
Shanghai	3,272	2%	6%
DFMGI	2,214	(2%)	(20%)
MSM 30	3,604	(0%)	(10%)
Nifty 50	11,914	4%	(2%)

Yield (%)	9-Oct-2020	2-Oct-2020	1 Year ago
10 Yr U.S. Gov. Bond	0.79	0.70	1.76
3 Mnth LIBOR	0.22	0.23	1.99
3 Mnth EURIBOR	(0.51)	(0.51)	(0.42)
OMAN - Yield (%)			
	9-Oct-2020	2-Oct-2020	1 Year ago
Oman 5yr Gov. Bond	4.11	4.66	4.01
Oman 10yr Gov. Bond	6.39	7.01	6.22
Oman 30yr Gov. Bond	7.60	8.11	7.40
OMIBOR (ON)		1.88*	2.41
OMIBOR (1Week)		2.05*	2.61

Currencies	9-Oct-2020	2-Oct-2020	1 Year ago
USD/CAD	1.31	1.33	1.33
EUR/USD	1.18	1.17	1.10
EUR/GBP	0.91	0.91	0.89
Commodities			
	9-Oct-2020	2-Oct-2020	1 Year ago
Brent Crude (USD/ bbl)	43	39	59
Natural Gas (USD/ MMBtu)	3	2	2
Gold (USD/ t oz)	1,930	1,900	1,494
Silver (USD/ t oz)	25	24	18
Copper (USD/ lb)	308	298	261

Global Market Overview

US

On the hopes of a new USD 1.8 tn. virus- relief proposal, stocks continued their rally

- Market sentiment got a boost as White House signaled its interest in passing a comprehensive fiscal stimulus deal prior to the upcoming November elections
- The S&P 500 Index had its best weekly gain in the last three months
- The benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose during the week and touched its highest level in four months
- U.S. crude oil prices climbed around 10%, closed above the \$40 per barrel level for the week

Europe

- European stocks posted a second consecutive week of gains on Friday as some companies set a promising tone for the earning season
- UK stocks closed at a three weeks high as the progress in Brexit talks and announcement of new job support plans veiled the worries about a fresh surge in COVID-19 cases

GCC

- Oman re-imposed lockdown: In an attempt to curb the increasing COVID 19 cases the supreme committee has decided to impose lockdown between 8 pm and 5 am from October 11 to 24
- National Commerce Bank, Saudi Arabia's largest lender by assets, to acquire its peer Samba Financial Group for USD 15.0 bn.

Other Key Markets

- China: Services PMI rose to 54.8 in September from 54.0 in August, signaling the 5th straight month of improvement for the services sector and the latest evidence of strong, post-COVID-19 recovery
- Tracking the global market, Indian market ended the week with gains

Key events to watch for the week ahead

- US: Third quarter earning season will kick off - In the coming week reports from Johnson & Johnson, JPMorgan Chase, Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, Wells Fargo and Citigroup are expected
- On the economic data front, important releases to follow include:
 - US** retail sales and industrial production, **UK** jobs report
 - Eurozone** industrial output & **China** inflation and trade balance

* As on 30/09/2020

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