



Today's Highlights

- **Virus Update:** California approves USD 500 Mn corona virus package; New Zealand approves a package equalling 4% of GDP to counter the contagion; Canada closes its borders for foreigners
- Philippines shuts its financial markets till Thursday after virus rout while Korean and Indonesian local currencies continue their decline
- Overnight US markets end down with three consecutive days of more than 9% swings. VIX index is at its highest ever level of 82
- Asian risky assets trading sideways with Australia and Hong Kong indices up while Japan trading with negative bias while S&P futures reach limit up this morning
- US Treasury 10-year yields at 0.76% while Italy's 10-year bond yields cross 2% for the first time in 9 months
- Credit spreads continue to widen with Investment grade OAS crossing 200 Bps or the first time since 2012
- HY Bond Index spreads reach the levels last seen in 2009 with EM Debt OAS at 558 and Global HY OAS at 918
- Egypt becomes the latest MENA country to join the stimulus efforts cutting rates by 300 Bps
- Joe Biden wins Washington Democratic primary

CHART: WTD Bond index returns



S&P 500	2386	-11.98%	DFM	1843	-6.15%
Eurostoxx	2450	-5.25%	ADX	3548	-7.83%
Topix	1279	3.42%	Tadawul	5960	-5.21%
Hang Seng	23306	1.05%	Sensex	32012	1.98%
US 10yr	0.77%	6.78 bps	Gold	1502	-0.79%
US 2yr	0.38%	6.34 bps	WTI	29.99	4.49%
Bund 10yr	-0.46%	8.3 bps	EUR/\$	1.118	-0.04%
Gilts 10yr	0.44%	2.5 bps	GBP/\$	1.226	-0.11%

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