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Index Returns (%)				Yield (%)				Currencies			
	Close	1 Week	YTD		15-May-2020	8-May-2020	1 year ago		15-May-2020	8-May-2020	1 year ago
S&P 500	2,864	(2%)	(12%)	10 Yr U.S. Govt. Bond	0.64	0.69	2.37	USD/CAD	1.41	1.39	1.35
DJIA	23,685	(3%)	(18%)	3 Mnth LIBOR	0.38	0.43	2.52	EUR/USD	1.08	1.08	1.11
FTSE 100	5,800	(2%)	(23%)	3 Mnth EURIBOR	-0.27	-0.25	-0.31	EUR/GBP	0.89	0.87	0.88
KOSPI 100	1,927	(1%)	(11%)	OMAN - Yield (%)				Commodities			
Nikkei 225	20,037	(1%)	(14%)		15-May-2020	8-May-2020	1 year ago		15-May-2020	8-May-2020	1 year ago
Hangsen	23,797	(2%)	(17%)	Oman 5yr Gov. Bond	7.53	8.80	5.03	Brent Crude (USD/ bbl)	33	31	72
Shanghai	2,868	(1%)	(7%)	Oman 10yr Gov. Bond	8.40	9.09	5.9*	Natural Gas (USD/ MMBtu)	2	2	2
DFMGI	1,894	(1%)	(32%)	Oman 30yr Gov. Bond	8.91	9.18	7.82	Gold (USD/ t oz)	1,756	1,714	1,276
MSM 30	3,422	(2%)	(14%)	OMIBOR (ON) **30th April 2020		1.79**	2.39	Silver (USD/ t oz)	17	16	14
Nifty 50	9,137	(1%)	(25%)	OMIBOR (1Week) **30th April 2020		2.08**	2.53	Copper (USD/ lb)	233	241	274

Global Market Overview

US

Market retreat as investors react to a row of weak economic data

- As a result of lock down measures, Retail sales and Industrial production data for the month of April reported their steepest declines on record
 - Retail sales dropped 16.3% against the expected 12.3% drop and the total Industrial production fell 11.2% marking its largest drop in 101 years
- Market sentiments also got dented by Trump administration's decision to cut off chip supplies to Huawei, which would mount US-China tensions

Oil climbed for a third week amid signs of demand pick, output cuts

- Oil prices reached the highest level since mid march on the signs of demand rebound as many economies decide to reopen

Europe

Markets slid on doubts of speedy recovery

- Markets witnessed a wave of selling amid investor fears of an extended economic downturn
- Britain's economy shrank by 2% in the first quarter, biggest drop since late 2008 and record drop of 5.8% in March as COVID-19 escalated and the government shut down much of the country

GCC

- The UAE announced a two phased plan to open the nations economy along with a USD 79bn. stimulus plan in phase one to support the economy
- The governments of Abu Dhabi and Dubai are in talks to support Dubai's economy by linking up assets of two emirates
- Central bank of Oman revealed that the Sultanate's nominal GDP declined 4% in 2019,
- Oman decided a further 5% cut from budgets of government entities and the military in an attempt mitigate the impact of coronavirus pandemic in its fiscal position

Other Key Markets

- Most of the Asian stocks closed in red amid the uncertainties in US – China relations
- Indian government announced a special package of USD 265bn. to support the economy
- China's economic activity improved for the month of April: Monthly data released on Friday reported an improvement from its March level with industrial production, retail sales, fixed asset investment all showing improvement

Key events to watch for the week ahead

- Japan and Germany's Q1 GDP growth rate** plus the monthly **UK CPI, the unemployment rate and retail sales data** expected to dominate the week
- US- FOMC minutes & CPI inflation** would be eagerly watched to see if there are any signs of deflationary pressure
- Full-year numbers from **Ryanair, Imperial Brands and Marks & Spencer, plus Walmart** are expected to be released in the coming week, these would be closely monitored to gauge the market direction

*As on 07/30/2019