

## Sarasin Global Strategy and Outlook

Making sense of the market recovery...a review of Q2 market performance

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## Global stimulus measures on an extraordinary scale...

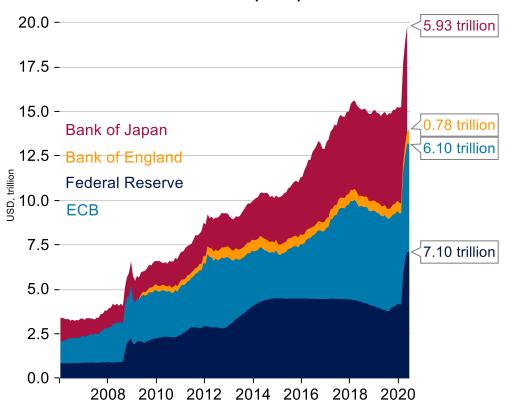


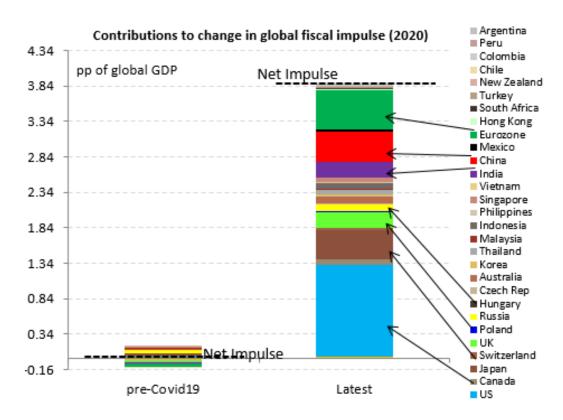
#### **Major Central banks**

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#### **Global Fiscal policy**

#### Central bank balance sheets (USD)





The global fiscal deficit in our forecast increases from-3.3% to - 12.6% GDP in 2020.

Source: UBS Global Fiscal Tracker T

Source: Macrobond



## Global asset class returns Q2 2020

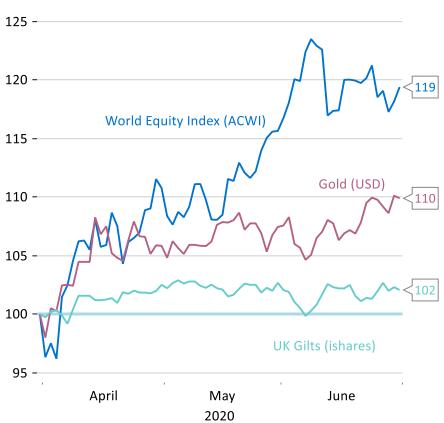
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#### Equities rally reverses much of Q1 losses...

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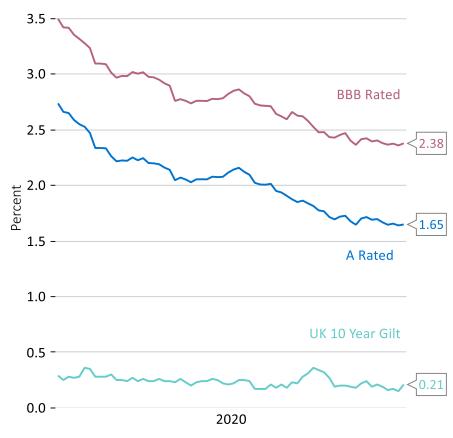
#### **Strong rally in UK corporate bonds**

#### **Global Asset Class Returns Q2 2020**



Source: Macrobond

#### **Sterling Fixed Income Yields Q2 2020**



Source: Macrobond

## An extraordinary recovery in equities and commodities...

## **Global equity rally continues**

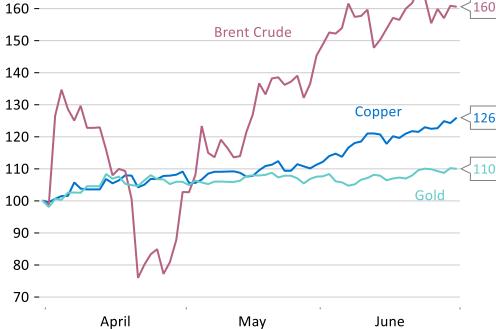


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Commodity prices recover led by oil

#### **Global Equity Returns Q2 2020** 130 -125 -World Index (ACWI) 120 -115 -<u>×</u> 110 **Emerging Markets** 105 **UK FT All Share** 100 95 -90 -April May June 2020





2020

**Commodity Returns Q2 2020** 

Source: Macrobond

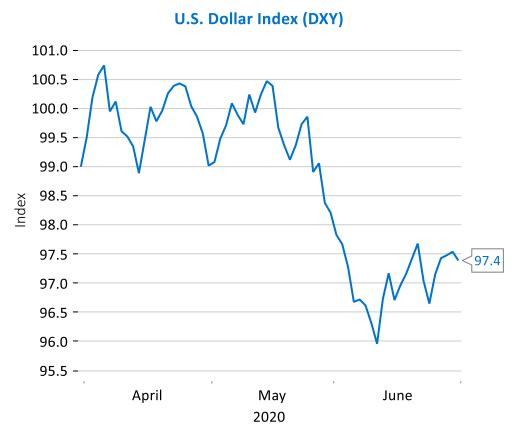
# Dollar weakness continues to ease financial conditions globally...helping equity volatility fall

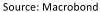


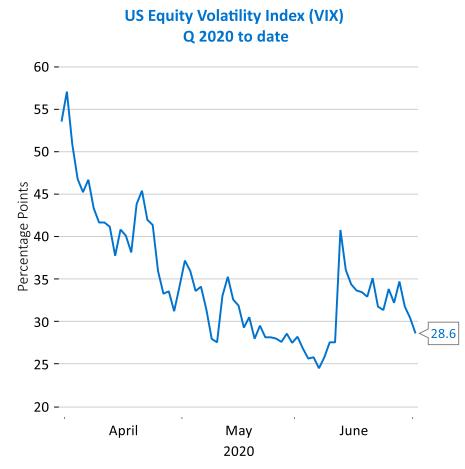
Dollar weaker over the Quarter...



Volatility continues to fall...







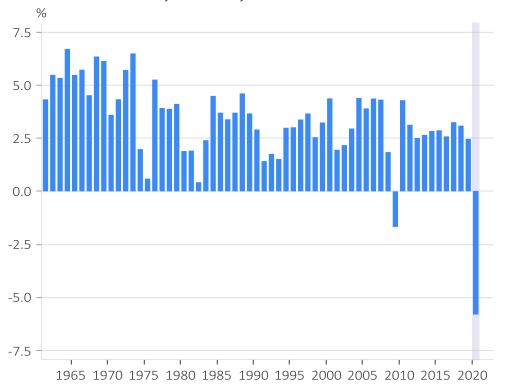
Source: Macrobond

## **Economic outlook:** Depth of recession becoming clearer, but outlook clouded even when activity can fully resume



2020 Recession is likely to be worse than 2008-09

#### Global GDP, USD, real



We assume that the economies will be shutdown by 25% - 40% across regions and countries don't fully resume by the end of the year with around 2.5%-5% still remaining closed



## **Rebound in the US labour market**

Anecdotally pace of employment growth has slowed in last weeks as virus spreads

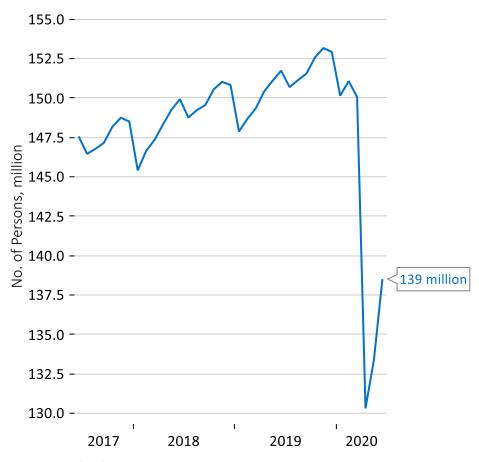


#### **Number of working Americans climbs**



#### Unemployment fell for a second month

#### **US Employment, Nonfarm Payroll**







Source: Macrobond

## Strong rebound in business surveys but economy remains very fragile...



UK survey moves back above 50



**UK Economic shock still traumatic** 

#### **Manufacturing Surveys PMI, Markit**

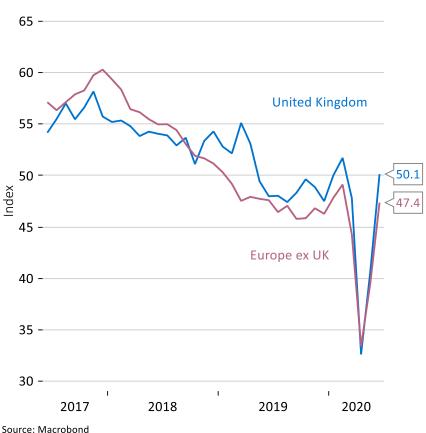
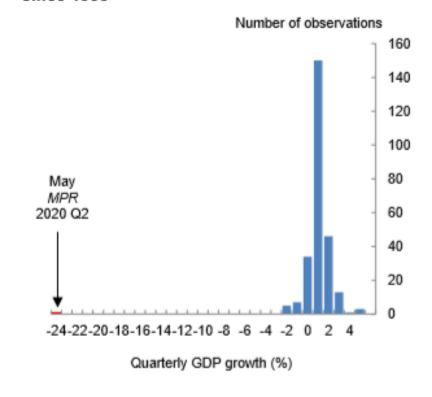


Chart 3: Distribution of quarterly GDP growth since 1955



Source: ONS and Bank calculations

From speech given by Andrew G Haldane Chief Economist Bank of England 30.6.2020



## Economic damage severe but a global recovery has begun



Fiscal and monetary policy the most expansionary in post-war history...



#### **Global strategy update July 2020**

Bonds	<ul> <li>Neutral – Corporate yields attractive with central bank support</li> <li>Underweight gilts – interest rates suppressed, yield curve management likely</li> <li>Overweight investment grade credit – attractive yield premium plus central bank support</li> <li>Caution high yield and emerging market debt</li> </ul>
Equities	<ul> <li>Neutral – Earnings yield attractive, gradual improvement in earnings &amp; dividend visibility</li> <li>Overweight global equities – thematic earnings still robust</li> <li>Neutral UK equities – valuations attractive, discount still likely on UK assets</li> <li>Underweight emerging market equities. Extent of economic and social damage from COVID-19 under estimated</li> </ul>
Alternatives	<ul> <li>Overweight – Long-term inflation plus returns attractive</li> <li>Neutral other alternatives – infrastructure and renewables</li> <li>Overweight uncorrelated alternatives - gold to hedge against unprecedented policy stimulus and debt</li> </ul>
Cash	<ul> <li>Underweight – zero or negative yield in all markets</li> <li>No currency preference</li> </ul>
Risks	Current: Resurgence in virus in H2 2020, emerging world economic crisis, no-deal Brexit  Longer-term: Damage to global trade linkages, balance sheet impairment for corporates and households, long-term rise in government debt, COVID19 damage to most vulnerable in society

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