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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



Central bank balance sheets (USD)

Global Fiscal policy



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

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Global asset class returns Q2 2020



An extraordinary recovery in equities and commodities...

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Global equity rally continues

Global Equity Returns Q2 2020





2020

Commodity Returns Q2 2020

Commodity prices recover led by oil

Source: Macrobond

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



Source: Macrobond

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

	Sarasin Forecasts		
	2020		2021
	2020	New forecasts	
China	-2.2%	1.0%	8.7%
US	-5.0%	-4.5%	3%
Eurozone	-9.0%	-9.5%	6.1%
UK	-9.0%	-10.3%	7.2%
Japan	-8.5%	-4.2%	1.4%
World	-5.8%	-5.8%	4.2%

2020 Recession is likely to be worse than 2008-09



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



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



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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	 Neutral – Corporate yields attractive with central bank support Underweight gilts – interest rates suppressed, yield curve management likely Overweight investment grade credit – attractive yield premium plus central bank support Caution high yield and emerging market debt 		
Equities	 Neutral – Earnings yield attractive, gradual improvement in earnings & dividend visibility Overweight global equities – thematic earnings still robust Neutral UK equities – valuations attractive, discount still likely on UK assets Underweight emerging market equities. Extent of economic and social damage from COVID-19 under estimated 		
Alternatives	 Overweight – Long-term inflation plus returns attractive Neutral other alternatives– infrastructure and renewables Overweight uncorrelated alternatives - gold to hedge against unprecedented policy stimulus and debt 		
Cash	 Underweight – zero or negative yield in all markets No currency preference 		
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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