

**Key Data Updates**

Global indices	Close	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
DJIA	29,983	-2.70%	-2.04%
S&P 500	3,714	-1.43%	-1.11%
Nasdaq	13,071	0.56%	1.42%
Nikkei	27,663	-3.00%	0.80%
FTSE100	6,407	-4.87%	-0.82%
CAC40	5,399	-3.79%	-2.74%
DAX	13,433	-2.57%	-2.08%

China/HK indices	Close	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
SHCOMP	3,483	-2.34%	0.29%
CSI300	5,352	-1.94%	2.70%
ChiNext	3,097	-0.76%	-0.44%
HSI	28,284	-1.02%	3.87%
HSCEI	11,209	-0.99%	4.38%

Commodities	Close (US\$)	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
WTI Oil (bbl)	52.20	-0.31%	7.58%
Brent Oil (bbl)	55.88	1.42%	7.88%
Gold Spot (oz)	1,848	1.05%	-2.67%
CMX Silver (oz)	26.91	8.24%	1.90%
CMX Copper (lb)	355.60	-1.28%	1.05%
LME Zinc (mt)	2,557	-4.52%	-6.33%
LME Aluminum (mt)	1,982	-0.46%	0.42%

Forex Currencies	Close	2W Chg (%)	YTD (%)
DXY	90.58	-0.21%	0.72%
EUR / USD	1.21	0.45%	-0.65%
USD / CNH	6.45	-0.50%	-0.78%
USD / JPY	104.68	0.80%	1.38%
GBP / USD	1.37	0.87%	0.28%
USD / CAD	1.28	0.35%	0.41%
AUD / USD	0.76	-0.77%	-0.65%
USD / CHF	0.89	-0.08%	0.58%

Source: Bloomberg

**Financial News Highlights**

- FTSE Russell decided to put on ice the removal of five more Chinese companies from its key indexes after the US government had re-issued a general permit, foreign media reported. The five Chinese companies are CGN POWER (01816.HK), CNNP (601985.SH), CSICL (601989.SH), INSPUR INT'L (00596.HK) and SINOCHEN INTERNATIONAL (600500.SH).
- The International Monetary Fund (IMF) lifted its 2021 global economic growth forecast by 0.3 pts to 5.5%, given economic revival driven by Covid vaccine launch. IMF forecast China's economic growth at 8.1% this year and 5.6% next year.
- TSMC (TSM.US) and such other Taiwanese chipmakers are weighing price hikes on auto chips by as much as 15% from late-February the soonest as the worldwide chip shortage has distorted auto production, the Nikkei learnt from inside sources. TSMC and UMC have been in talks with the Netherlands' chip maker NXP and Japan's Renesas over the price increment issue, said the insiders.
- The European Union is proposing a plan to lessen its dependence on the US dollar, reported Financial Times. The EU plans to safeguard the economy and financial independence, according to European Commission's draft policy document.

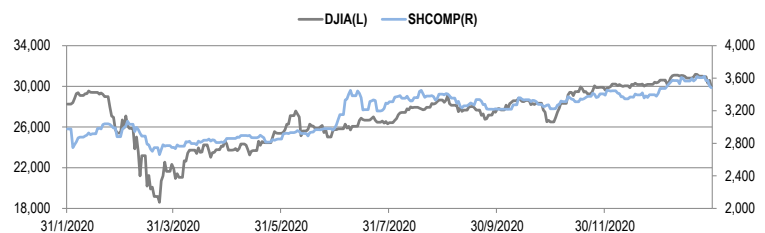
**Charts of the Week**


Fig. 1 One year performance of Dow Jones and Shanghai Composite

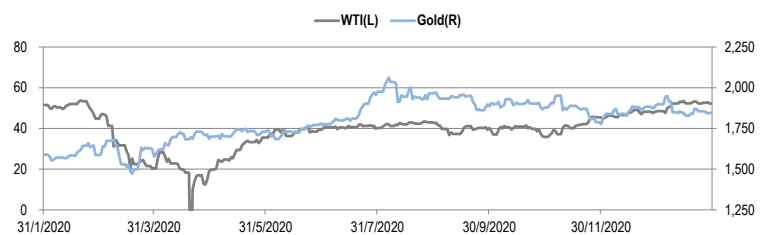


Fig. 2 One year performance of WTI oil and Gold spot

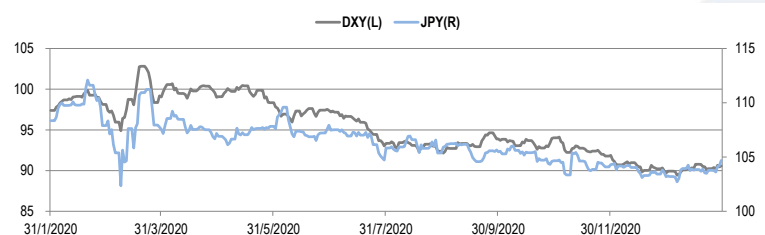


Fig. 3 One year performance of DXY and USD/JPY