

Key Global Indices

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	Last Close	1D% Chg	5D% Chg	1M% Chg	1Y% Chg		Last Close	1D% Chg	5D% Chg	1M% Chg	1Y% Chg
FTSE 100	6,382.4	↑ 2.6%	3.9%	10.9%	-11.5%	S&P 500	3,122.9	↑ 1.4%	2.9%	9.9%	11.4%
FTSE 250	17,897.1	↑ 2.6%	4.4%	12.2%	-5.8%	DJIA	26,269.9	↑ 2.0%	2.8%	10.6%	3.7%
DJSTOXX 50	3,036.0	↑ 2.5%	5.1%	9.7%	-1.4%	Nasdaq	9,682.9	↑ 0.8%	2.9%	11.2%	28.6%
FTSEurofirst 300	1,435.6	↑ 2.6%	5.3%	11.8%	-2.2%	Nikkei 225*	22,631.0	↑ 0.1%	5.6%	15.3%	10.8%
German DAX 30	12,487.4	↑ 3.9%	7.1%	19.3%	4.3%	Shanghai Composite*	2,912.7	↓ -0.4%	-0.2%	2.2%	2.1%
France CAC 40	5,022.4	↑ 3.4%	7.1%	14.7%	-4.7%	DJIA at London close	26,167.8				*Time - GMT 3:30

FTSE 100



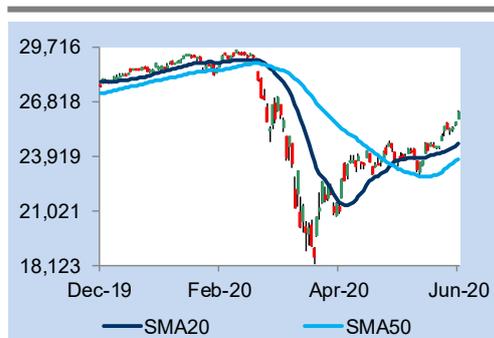
UK Market Snapshot

UK markets closed in the green yesterday, as an upbeat Chinese services PMI data, lifted the investor sentiment. Chemring Group surged 26.2%, after the defence contractor reported a rise in its interim pretax profit and backed its full year expectations. TUI climbed 8.5%, after the airline firm reached a compensation agreement with Boeing over the grounding of 737 MAX planes. Royal Dutch Shell jumped 4.4%, following reports that the company is planning to raise more than \$2.0 billion by selling a stake in the common facilities at its Queensland Curtis LNG plant in Australia. C&C Group advanced 4.2%, following a rise in its annual net revenue and pretax profit. Ibstock rose 0.7%. The clay brick manufacturer posted a drop in its quarterly sales and revealed plans to slash around 375 jobs. The FTSE 100 advanced 2.6%, to close at 6,382.4, while the FTSE 250 rose 2.6%, to end at 17,897.1.

US Market Snapshot

US markets closed higher yesterday, supported by gains in technology and financial sector stocks. Cheesecake Factory rallied 16.3%, after the restaurant chain reported positive initial results for its newly reopened restaurants and revealed plans to reopen most of its restaurants by mid-June. Coty soared 13.4%, following reports that the company is in talks with reality TV star, Kim Kardashian West, over possible beauty products collaboration. Zoom Video Communications jumped 7.6%, after the video conferencing company's first quarter revenue and earnings came in above analysts' estimates and it doubled its revenue guidance for the full year. On the flipside, Campbell Soup dropped 6.1%. The food producer reported better than expected revenue and earnings in the third quarter and lifted its 2020 earnings forecast. The S&P 500 gained 1.4%, to settle at 3,122.9. The DJIA rose 2%, to settle at 26,269.9, while the NASDAQ added 0.8%, to close at 9,682.9.

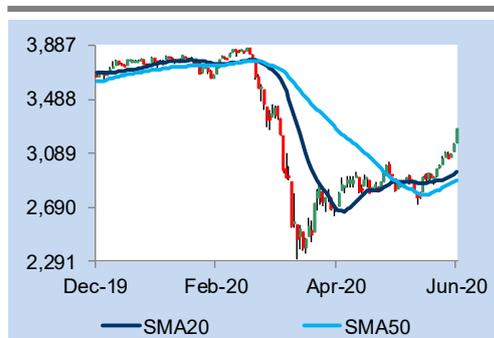
DJIA



Europe Market Snapshot

European markets finished on a stronger footing yesterday, buoyed by gains in insurance and technology sector stocks. Renault soared 10.5%, after a top broker raised its target price on the stock to €28.0 from €20.0 and upgraded its rating to 'Buy' from 'Neutral'. AXA jumped 8.9%, after the insurer declared a final dividend for 2019, despite request from regulators to cancel dividend payments. Deutsche Lufthansa advanced 5.6%. The German airline's net loss widened in the first quarter, due to the coronavirus pandemic. On the contrary, Elektro dropped 6.7%, following the resignation of its Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Richard Hausmann. Novartis eased 0.1%, after the US Food and Drug Administration extended its review of the company's supplemental biologics license application for its multiple sclerosis treatment, ofatumumab. The FTSEurofirst 300 index advanced 2.6%, to settle at 1,435.6. The German DAX Xetra climbed 3.9%, to settle at 12,487.4, while the French CAC-40 jumped 3.4%, to close at 5,022.4.

DJ Euro STOXX50



Asia Market Snapshot

Markets in Asia are trading mostly higher this morning. In Japan, Asahi Kasei and Tokio Marine Holdings have advanced 2.0% and 2.4%, respectively. Meanwhile, Nissan Motor and Mitsui E&S Holdings have dropped 2.9% and 3.0%, respectively. In Hong Kong, China Unicom Hong Kong and Swire Pacific have eased 0.9% and 1.0%, respectively. Meanwhile, Geely Automobile Holdings and Sino Biopharmaceutical have gained 0.5% and 0.6%, respectively. In South Korea, HMM and Daewoong have climbed 8.8% and 10.0%, respectively. Meanwhile, Saehwa IMC and Moonbae Steel have declined 5.8% and 5.9%, respectively. The Nikkei 225 index is trading 0.1% higher at 22,631.0. The Hang Seng index is trading 0.3% down at 24,248.6, while the Kospi index is trading 0.3% higher at 2,154.5.

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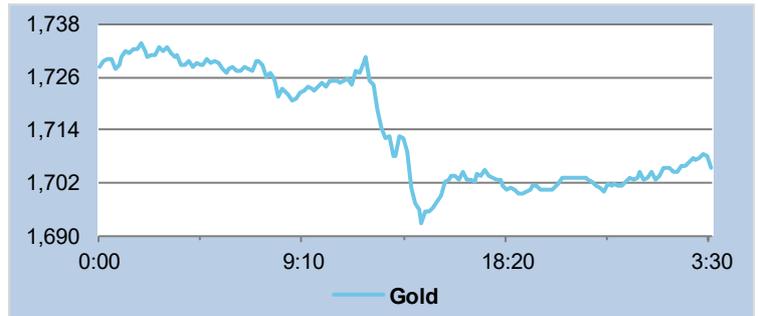
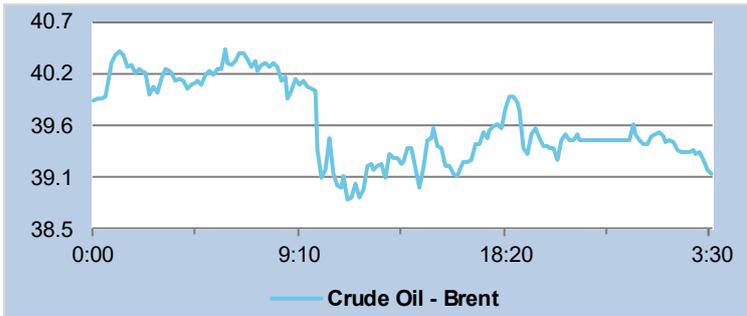
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Company Name	Results	Currency	Full Year Consensus	
			Estimated EPS	Estimated Revenue (Mn)
Renewi Plc	Final	EUR	0.04	1,715.25
Pennon Group Plc	Final	GBP	0.56	1,409.83
Ninety One Plc	Q1	GBP	0.13	529.75
Intermediate Capital Group Plc	Final	GBP	0.70	452.00
Vp Plc	Final	GBP	0.96	375.67
Auto Trader Group Plc	Final	GBP	0.22	371.65
Euromoney Institutional Investor Plc	Interim	GBP	0.36	339.83
Young & Co's Brewery Plc	Final	GBP	0.66	311.33
Amigo Holdings Plc	Final	GBP	0.13	286.50
Renold Plc	Final	GBP	0.02	190.00
Hummingbird Resources Plc	Final	USD	(0.01)	150.67
Phoenix Global Resources Plc	Final	USD	(0.01)	132.00
Braemar Shipping Services Plc	Final	GBP	0.22	123.00
Impax Asset Management Group Plc	Interim	GBP	0.12	78.40
Fulcrum Utility Services Ltd	Final	GBP	0.01	44.70
Helical Plc	Final	GBP	0.08	30.75
Chamberlin Plc	Final	GBP	(0.10)	26.40
Palace Capital Plc	Final	GBP	0.14	20.80
Tissue Regenix Group Plc	Final	GBP	(0.01)	12.50
Hydrodec Group Plc	Final	USD	(0.19)	11.60
Allied Minds Plc	Final	USD	(0.07)	3.00
McKay Securities Plc	Final	GBP	0.10	-
Armadale Capital Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Actual Experience Plc	Interim	GBP	-	-
Tower Resources Plc	Final	USD	-	-
Escape Hunt Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Ascent Resources Plc	Final	GBP	-	-

Note: All Estimates are for Full Year

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Commodity

- At 0330GMT today, Brent crude oil one month futures contract is trading 1.76% or \$0.70 lower at \$39.09 per barrel. Yesterday, the contract climbed 0.56% or \$0.22, to settle at \$39.79 per barrel, after the Energy Information Administration reported that the US crude oil inventories dropped by 2.1 million barrels in the week ended 29 May 2020.
- At 0330GMT today, Gold futures contract is trading 0.46% or \$7.80 higher at \$1705.60 per ounce. Yesterday, the contract declined 1.59% or \$27.40, to settle at \$1697.80 per ounce, as a broad-based rally in global equity markets and a smaller than expected job loss in the US private sector, dented demand appeal for the safe-haven asset.



Currency

- At 0330GMT today, the EUR is trading 0.12% lower against the USD at \$1.1219, ahead of the European Central Bank's interest rate decision, along with the Euro-zone retail sales data for April, due in a few hours. Additionally, investors await the US trade balance data for April and weekly initial jobless claims data, slated to be released later today. Yesterday, the EUR strengthened 0.56% versus the USD, to close at \$1.1233, after the Euro-zone services PMI rose more than expected in May, while the region's unemployment rate advanced less than expected in April. In other economic news, the US services PMI improved in May, whereas factory orders dropped for the second consecutive month in April.
- At 0330GMT today, the GBP is trading 0.27% lower against the USD at \$1.2541, ahead of the UK consumer confidence index and construction PMI data, both for May, scheduled to be released later today. Yesterday, the GBP strengthened 0.19% versus the USD, to close at \$1.2575, after the UK services PMI advanced more than expected in May.



Bitcoin

- At 0330GMT today, BTC is trading 1.04% higher against the USD at \$9682.85. Yesterday, BTC advanced 0.64% against the USD to close at \$9583.65. In a key development, Spanish telecommunications conglomerate, Telefónica introduced a free tool, VCrypt Decryptor, to recover data encrypted by the VCryptor ransomware. In another development, a China-based subsidiary of Walmart, Sam's Club, has joined forces with blockchain-based supply chain management platform, VeChain (VET), to trace food products sold by the shopping chain.

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UK Top Sector Performers

Sector	Current Price	1D Change	1D (%) Change	1M (%) Change	1Y (%) Change
Life Insurance	6302.94	406.52	6.9%	16.2%	-14.8%
Oil Equipment & Services	4645.55	286.76	6.6%	21.2%	-46.5%
Aerospace & Defence	3607.35	178.71	5.2%	8.6%	-19.6%
Automobiles & Parts	3391.82	167.23	5.2%	28.0%	-41.1%
Banks	2422.68	113.53	4.9%	7.4%	-35.8%

Key Economic News

UK services PMI advanced in May

In the UK, the final services PMI advanced to a level of 29.00 in May, compared to a reading of 13.40 in the prior month. Market anticipation was for the services PMI to rise to 28.00.

Euro-zone services PMI rose in May

In the Euro-zone, the final services PMI registered a rise to a reading of 30.50 in May, compared to a level of 12.00 in the previous month. Markets were expecting services PMI to rise to a reading of 28.70.

Euro-zone unemployment rate climbed in April

In the Euro-zone, the unemployment rate recorded a rise to 7.30% in April, compared to a revised reading of 7.10% in the previous month. Markets were expecting the unemployment rate to rise to a level of 8.20%.

German services PMI advanced in May

In Germany, the final services PMI rose to a level of 32.60 in May, compared to a reading of 16.20 in the previous month. Markets were expecting the services PMI to advance to a level of 31.40.

German unemployment rate rose in May

In Germany, the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate registered a rise to 6.30% in May, compared to a level of 5.80% in the prior month. Markets were expecting the unemployment rate to a rise to 6.20%.

US services PMI advanced in May

In the US, the final services PMI rose to a level of 37.50 in May, compared to a level of 26.70 in the prior month. Markets were expecting the services PMI to rise to a level of 36.90.

Share Tips, Bids and Rumours

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- [The Times \(Tempus share tips\)](#): "Sell" C&C Group; "Hold" Zoom Video Communications.
- [The Guardian](#): India's telecom-to-oil conglomerate Reliance Industries has completed a massive \$7 billion rights issue in what it touted as the world's biggest by a non-financial institution in a decade.
- [Financial Times](#): Warner Music owner Len Blavatnik has cashed in part of his investment in the music industry with the \$1.9 billion sale of shares, in the biggest U.S. IPO of the year.
- [The Daily Telegraph](#): Tiffany's \$16 billion takeover by French luxury giant LVMH is in doubt amid concerns about debt and the economic fallout from coronavirus.
- [The Times](#): Total, the French oil company, has struck a deal with SSE to buy a majority stake in a £3 billion project to build Scotland's biggest offshore wind farm.
- [The Times](#): Dechra Pharmaceuticals has launched a placing, potentially for about £140 million, to help to fund acquisitions and bolster its finances.
- [Financial Times](#): Nomura is "seriously" examining its Greater China strategy and the scale of its operations in Hong Kong as relations between Beijing and the former British colony deteriorate.
- [Financial Times](#): Facebook has gained a foothold in Indonesia, south-east Asia's largest economy, with an investment in ride-hailing company Gojek.
- [The Times \(Comment\)](#): Johnson's obsession with state aid creates more problems than it solves.

Newspaper Summary

The Times

Markets rally after global recovery signs: Global equity markets enjoyed a strong rally after data from the world's two largest economies offered signs of a post-lockdown economic recovery.

Brace yourselves for no-deal Brexit, Bank of England Governor Andrew Bailey tells big high street banks: Leading high street banks have been warned by the Bank of England to bolster their planning for a no-deal Brexit as worries grow that Britain will fail to strike a trade deal with the European Union.

Frankie & Benny's closures threaten 3,000 job losses: Up to 3,000 jobs are at risk in the casual dining sector after the owner of the Frankie & Benny's chain decided not to reopen many of its branches when the lockdown is lifted.

Amigo founder James Benamor threatens to sell stake: The founder of Amigo Holdings has threatened to sell his controlling stake in the troubled guarantor lender if other shareholders do not back his attempt to oust the company's board.

Chemring pays dividends after profits from U.S. defence orders: American military spending has boosted profits for Chemring, the defence group.

Wizz Air will have 'most aircraft flying by October': Wizz Air has given the most upbeat prognosis of any big airline on a recovery in the aviation industry, saying that the eastern European low-cost carrier will be operating 80% of its services later this year and hopes to be flying more full than empty.

No women behind the wheel at Aston Martin Lagonda: A leading investor group has rebuked Aston Martin Lagonda for having no women on its board.

Weak demand forces brick companies to cut 600 jobs: Hundreds of jobs are to go at Britain's two big listed brick manufacturers after both forecast big declines in demand for the year and warned that trade would not return to 2019 levels in 2021.

Dechra Pharmaceuticals' £140 million share placing: Dechra Pharmaceuticals has launched a placing, potentially for about £140 million, to help to fund acquisitions and bolster its finances.

The Independent

U.K. should prepare for unemployment levels not seen since 1980s, former Chancellors warn: The Government must be prepared for unemployment levels to hit highs not seen in the U.K. since the 1980s, according to two former Chancellors.

Nissan warns Sunderland factory 'unsustainable' after Brexit without EU trade deal: Nissan has warned that its Sunderland factory will be unsustainable if the U.K. does not secure a trade deal with the EU.

Financial Times

Total acquires 51% stake in £3 billion North Sea wind project: Total is to acquire a majority stake in a £3 billion North Sea renewable energy project from U.K. utility SSE, marking the French oil major's first significant move into offshore wind.

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Wirecard forecasts no damage to business from pandemic: Wirecard announced that a strong additional surge in online transactions in Asia and Europe had compensated for the negative effects of coronavirus on its payments processing business.

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CQS's Hintze blames 'unprecedented' crisis for huge losses: Billionaire investor Sir Michael Hintze has blamed an "unimaginable" market crisis for the roughly \$1.4 billion of losses suffered by his CQS hedge fund in just two months during this year's coronavirus pandemic.

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HSBC publicly supports China's national security law for Hong Kong: HSBC has openly supported the national security law China is imposing on Hong Kong, breaking the bank's silence on the legislation opposed by the U.K. government.

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Axa to defy regulators with dividend payment: French insurer Axa said it plans to pay a dividend to shareholders, defying the recommendations of regulators worried that the coronavirus crisis will leave the industry facing huge claims.

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Nomura reviews scale of operations in Hong Kong: Nomura is "seriously" examining its Greater China strategy and the scale of its operations in Hong Kong as relations between Beijing and the former British colony deteriorate, according to the Chief Executive of Japan's largest investment bank.

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Blackstone's property arm assets swell to €250 billion: Blackstone has tightened its grip on the crown of world's largest real estate manager for a fourth consecutive year after property assets controlled by the New York-listed group surged to nearly €250 billion.

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IWG takes over office vacated by rival WeWork: IWG, the world's largest flexible workspace company, has made its first move to capitalise on the retrenchment of WeWork, taking over a Hong Kong office vacated by its rival.

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SMBC Aviation warns of tough two years for leasing industry: Aircraft lessors are facing roughly two years of lower rental rates due to the collapse in air travel, according to SMBC Aviation Capital, which deferred delivery of 68 Boeing 737 Max jets for four to five years.

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Lufthansa Chief says €9 billion bailout larger than needed for survival: Lufthansa Chief Executive Carsten Spohr has admitted that the group's €9 billion bailout package from the German government is larger than what it needs to

survive, and is designed to ensure the airline maintains a "global leading position".

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U.K. car retailer reports strong sales in reopened showrooms: The U.K.'s fifth-biggest motor retailer by revenues sold more cars through its showrooms in England in the first two days they reopened this week than it would during normal pre-Covid-19 levels.

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Tui agrees compensation deal with Boeing over 737 groundings: Tui, Europe's largest tour operator, has agreed compensation worth an estimated €300 million from Boeing for the grounding of the jet maker's 737 Max fleet, giving a much-needed cash boost to the struggling holiday company.

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Snap says it will stop promoting Trump's account: Snap has said it will cease to promote Donald Trump's account on its platform for "inciting racial violence", becoming the latest social media group to clamp down on the U.S. President's content and provoke his campaign's ire.

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Warner Music lands \$1.9 billion share sale for Blavatnik: Warner Music owner Len Blavatnik has cashed in part of his investment in the music industry with the \$1.9 billion sale of shares, in the biggest U.S. initial public offering of the year.

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M&S cuts share awards for two top executives: Marks and Spencer has cut share awards for its two top executives this year because of a sharp fall in the value of the company's stock.

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ZoomInfo prices \$8 billion IPO above expectations: The business database provider ZoomInfo raised \$935 million from an initial public offering that received strong investor demand, the second signal within 24 hours that the market for new U.S. public listings is thawing after a three-month freeze.

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Facebook takes Indonesia foothold with Gojek deal: Facebook has gained a

foothold in south-east Asia's largest economy with an investment in ride-hailing company Gojek, Indonesia's biggest unicorn.

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U.K. government scolds BA for its approach to job cuts: The U.K. government has warned airlines to act with "social responsibility" as MPs and unions hit out at British Airways' move to cut jobs and change terms and conditions while workers are on furlough.

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Wizz Air Chief hits out at U.K. quarantine plan for air passengers: Britain's determination to press ahead with a quarantine for airline passengers is pointless and unnecessarily "harsh", given that the country remains one of the worst hit in Europe by coronavirus, according to József Váradi, Chief Executive of one of Europe's fastest growing airlines, Wizz Air.

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Lex:

U.S. biotech: Moderna's art: Shares soar after promising but preliminary results in trial of coronavirus vaccine.

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Nomura/Hong Kong: beyond our Ken: The territory is starting to look like the worst of all worlds for foreign banks, brokers and fund managers.

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Wizz Air: up and away: If you believe in a V-shaped recovery, the low-cost carrier is the stock to fly you there.

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Lombard:

SSP pays it out, then asks investors to pay it back: SSP's day job is providing basic sustenance — sausage rolls and sandwiches — to rail and air travellers. The coronavirus crisis has allowed it to show it has deft culinary skills, too. On Wednesday it passed an invention test worthy of a MasterChef final. It dished up a recipe to turn shareholders' 6p final dividend into shares that made fellow contestant easyJet's offering look heavy and undercooked.

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The Daily Telegraph

British Airways warned it could lose Heathrow landing slots amid jobs row: British Airways could be stripped of prized landing slots at Heathrow airport because it is cutting staff while still taking advantage of the taxpayer-backed furlough scheme, a Minister has suggested.

JCB gets £600 million government loan as 'insurance policy': Digger maker JCB has won approval for a £600 million taxpayer-backed loan as it struggles with a plunge in construction work worldwide.

The Questor Column:

Questor: after a near 40% gain in six weeks, we'll pocket our winnings and sell Barclays: Rarely does this column tip a stock and advise its sale only six weeks later. But today we put our preference for long-term investing to one side to bank a 38% profit on a share we rated a buy in late April. That share is Barclays and the reason for its sale, apart from a very handsome return in such a short period, is that the stock has performed exactly as we hoped but perhaps more quickly than we expected. Our point when we tipped Barclays was that, by sending its share price down to the same extent as Lloyds' in response to the coronavirus crisis, the market had missed its key advantage over its rival: its investment bank. While ordinary banking for individuals and businesses is under the cosh as each suffers from the lockdown, investment banking is enjoying a purple patch because so many firms are tapping investors for new funds in order to shore up their balance sheets while the pandemic stifles their business. When companies ask investors for new money, they normally do so with the help of an investment bank. So the pain being endured by Barclays' retail side is being offset to some degree by the hay being made at its investment banking arm. Lloyds, in common with almost all Barclays' other European rivals, has no investment bank, but the two lenders' shares had still fallen more or less in lockstep in the weeks before our tip. We felt this reflected temporary blindness on the part of the

market and tipped Barclays on the basis that before long, investors were bound to notice its key advantage over its rivals. Well, they have. Since our tip, Barclays' share price has risen by 38%, while Lloyds' has managed only 9%. Stocks more broadly, as measured by the FTSE 100 index, have recovered by about 10% over the same period. So the strong outperformance we expected from Barclays on the basis of its investment banking advantage has already come to pass. Of course, that outperformance, and indeed Barclays' good run in absolute terms, could well continue but we are inclined to sell now. Partly this is because such a large gain in so short a period feels too good to ignore, but we do have misgivings about the longer-term prospects of all banks, Barclays included. All lenders are likely to be hit by a rise in defaults in the coming recession. Their profitability also suffers when interest rates are extremely low. And the boom in investment banking revenues from companies that are having to raise new capital is unlikely to last long. Time to bag our profits. Questor says, "Sell".

Daily Mail

Restaurateurs attack 'greedy' delivery firms like Deliveroo, Uber Eats and Just Eat for charging up to 35% per item: Food delivery giants are forcing restaurants to pay high commission rates and risk driving many out of business, traders have warned.

M&S head Steve Rowe lands £143,000 windfall despite retailer falling out of the FTSE 100 and cancelling dividends: The head of Marks & Spencer has collected £143,000 of shares despite the retailer falling out of the FTSE 100 and cancelling dividends.

The Scottish Herald

Kimpton Blythswood Square hotel tells staff they are at risk of redundancy: Staff at the five-star Kimpton Blythswood Square hotel in Glasgow have been told they are at risk of redundancy.

Fintech secures funding for next wave of video conferencing: A Scottish fintech

start-up is set to increase its headcount by a third following a successful six-figure seed funding round.

Dundee refill shop sees sales surge after home delivery move: A refill shop founded by a chartered accountant who wanted to help people reduce waste has recorded a surge in sales after moving into home delivery amid the coronavirus lockdown.

Pryme role for Murray at Dundee company: Pryme Group, the Dundee-based manufacturing firm, has installed Kerrie Murray as its new Chief Executive.

The Scotsman

Edinburgh healthtech firm Manus Neurodynamica nets six-figure funding: An Edinburgh-based company whose technology can help diagnose Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders has closed a £750,000 financing round.

Cards account for half of all payments for the first time: Transactions on credit and debit cards accounted for over half of all payments for the first time last year, a report has found.

Tennent's owner burning through £6 million a month as pubs remain shut: Tennent's owner C&C Group has revealed it is losing some €7 million (£6.2 million) a month while pubs and restaurants remain closed during the coronavirus lockdown.

Marie Macklin's Halo Urban Generation Company and CSIC in Kilmarnock smart homes partnership: The Halo Urban Regeneration Company – founded by Marie Macklin – and Construction Scotland Innovation Centre (CSIC) have unveiled a partnership they say will bring "world-class" smart homes of the future to Kilmarnock.

Edinburgh video conferencing fintech seals six-figure funding despite Covid complexities: An Edinburgh financial technology company is hoping to usher in a new age of "digital client service" for professional advisers after securing a six-figure funding injection.

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