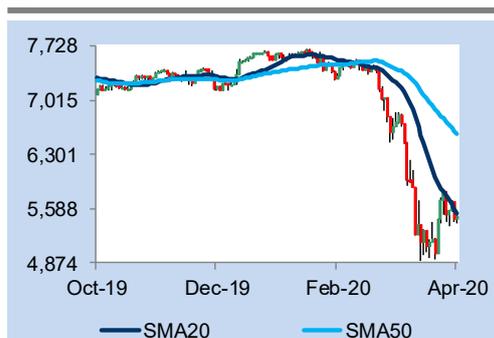


Key Global Indices

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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	5,480.2	↑ 0.5%	-5.8%	-18.4%	-26.1%	S&P 500	2,526.9	↑ 2.3%	-3.9%	-15.9%	-12.1%
FTSE 250	14,436.8	↓ -0.8%	-6.1%	-26.7%	-26.2%	DJIA	21,413.4	↑ 2.2%	-5.0%	-17.4%	-18.3%
DJSTOXX 50	2,686.8	↑ 0.9%	-1.4%	-13.6%	-15.4%	Nasdaq	7,487.3	↑ 1.7%	-4.0%	-13.8%	-5.2%
FTSEurofirst 300	1,231.3	↑ 0.6%	-2.7%	-17.2%	-19.4%	Nikkei 225*	17,873.4	↑ 0.3%	-4.5%	-15.5%	-17.9%
German DAX 30	9,570.8	↑ 0.3%	-4.3%	-20.1%	-19.9%	Shanghai Composite*	2,775.5	↓ -0.2%	-5.1%	-7.1%	-13.5%
France CAC 40	4,221.0	↑ 0.3%	-7.1%	-21.7%	-22.8%	DJIA at London close	21,205.9				*Time - GMT 3:30

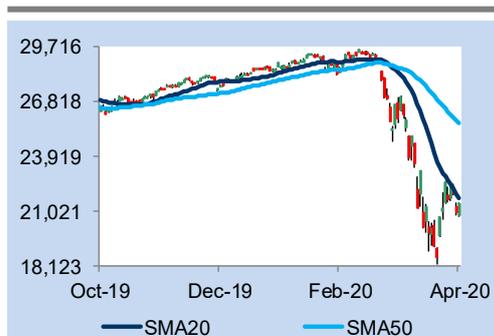
FTSE 100



UK Market Snapshot

UK markets finished mixed yesterday, as gains in energy and mining sector stocks were offset by losses in financial and industrial sector stocks. Safestore Holdings advanced 5.3%, after announcing that its stores in the UK, Paris and Barcelona will remain open despite restrictions placed by several national governments. British Land gained 2.9%, following a rating upgrade on the stock to 'Hold' from 'Underperform'. Segro rose 1.1%, after the property investment company confirmed that it will pay a final dividend for 2019. On the flipside, Bakkavor Group sank 19.3%, after the food provider withdrew its financial outlook for 2020 and suspended its final dividend, due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Centrica plummeted 8.6%, after the company cancelled its dividend and slashed its capital spending by £200.0 million to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. The FTSE 100 advanced 0.5%, to close at 5,480.2, while the FTSE 250 fell 0.8%, to end at 14,436.8.

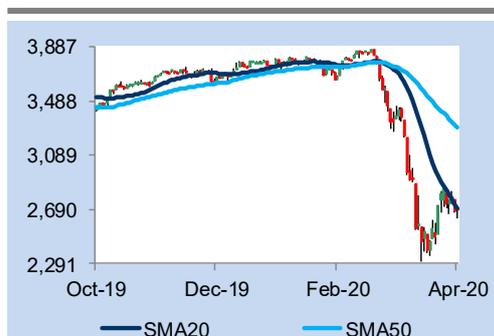
DJIA



US Market Snapshot

US markets closed higher yesterday, lifted by gains in energy and technology sector stocks. Apache surged 16.7%, after the oil exploration company revealed a significant oil discovery off the coast of Suriname in South America. Stanley Black & Decker advanced 3.9%, after the toolmaker announced its plans to reduce non-essential staff and withdrew its financial guidance for 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Walt Disney added 2.2%, after a top broker upgraded its rating on the stock to 'Overweight' from 'Neutral'. On the contrary, Walgreens Boots Alliance dropped 6.3%. The drugstore chain reported better than expected revenue and earnings in the second quarter. Altria Group fell 3.7%, after the Federal Trade Commission filed a complaint against the company's proposed stake sale in e-cigarette maker, Juul Labs. The S&P 500 gained 2.3%, to settle at 2,526.9. The DJIA rose 2.2%, to settle at 21,413.4, while the NASDAQ added 1.7%, to close at 7,487.3.

DJ Euro STOXX50



Europe Market Snapshot

European markets finished in the green yesterday, supported by gains in energy and healthcare sector stocks. Novartis rose 2.4%. The drugmaker scrapped the sale of its US dermatology and generic pill assets to Aurobindo Pharma, after failing to get approval from a US regulator. Sodexo gained 0.9%, after announcing that its top executives have agreed for pay cuts to help fund a €30.0 million programme to aid staff facing layoffs as a result of the coronavirus crisis. Georg Fischer added 0.2%, after the company launched a comprehensive cost measure package in several regions, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. On the contrary, Credit Agricole fell 1.4%, after the lender cancelled its final dividend for 2019, following a recommendation from the European Central Bank. The FTSEurofirst 300 index gained 0.6%, to settle at 1,231.3. The German DAX Xetra rose 0.3%, to settle at 9,570.8, while the French CAC-40 added 0.3%, to close at 4,221.0.

Asia Market Snapshot

Markets in Asia are trading mostly higher this morning. In Japan, Tokyu, CyberAgent and Inpex have advanced 3.2%, 3.6% and 3.7%, respectively. Meanwhile, Dentsu Group, Sekisui House and Taisei have fallen 2.8%, 3.0% and 3.2%, respectively. In Hong Kong, CNOOC, Link REIT and Sands China have declined 1.4%, 1.6% and 2.0%, respectively. Meanwhile, Power Assets Holdings, MTR and Hengan International Group have risen 1.7%, 2.3% and 4.0%, respectively. In South Korea, Samsung Electronics and LG Electronics have added 0.2% each. Meanwhile, Hyundai Motor, Kia Motors and Korea Aerospace Industries have lost 0.8%, 1.9% and 2.2%, respectively. The Nikkei 225 index is trading 0.3% higher at 17,873.4. The Hang Seng index is trading 0.6% down at 23,142.7, while the Kospi index is trading marginally higher at 1,725.6.

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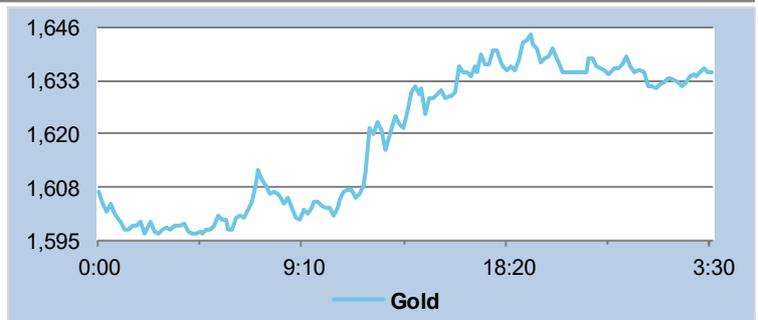
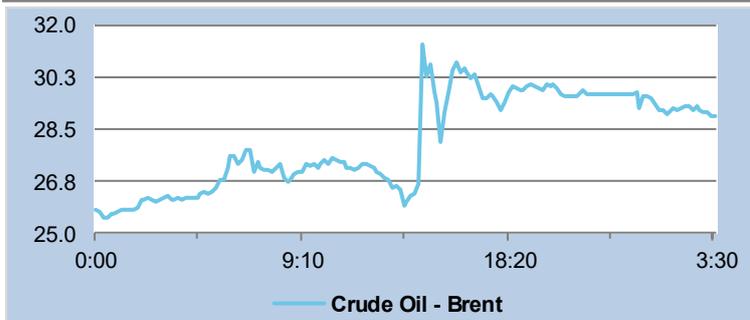
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Company Name	Results	Currency	Full Year Consensus	
			Estimated EPS	Estimated Revenue (Mn)
HSS Hire Group Plc	Final	GBP	0.01	329.00
M&C Saatchi Plc	Final	GBP	0.11	250.50
Non-Standard Finance Plc	Final	GBP	0.04	184.33
CPP Group Plc	Final	GBP	-	123.00
Oxford Biomedica Plc	Final	GBP	(0.18)	70.43
Immotion Group Plc	Final	GBP	(0.02)	3.70
Shield Therapeutics Plc	Final	USD	(0.06)	3.68
Bidstack Group Plc	Final	GBP	(0.02)	0.15
Schroder AsiaPacific Fund Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
BlackRock World Mining Trust Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Henderson High Income Trust PL	Final	GBP	-	-
Mobeus Income & Growth VCT Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Concurrent Technologies Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Mobeus Income & Growth 4 VTC Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Tiziana Life Sciences Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Eddie Stobart Logistics Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Sound Energy Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Hunters Property Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Big Sofa Technologies Group Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Boston International Holdings Plc	Final	GBP	-	-
Erris Resources Plc	Final	EUR	-	-

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Commodity

- At 0330GMT today, Brent crude oil one month futures contract is trading 3.37% or \$1.01 lower at \$28.93 per barrel, ahead of the weekly US oil rig count data by Baker Hughes, scheduled to be released later today. Yesterday, the contract climbed 21.02% or \$5.20, to settle at \$29.94 per barrel, after the US President Donald Trump expressed optimism that Saudi Arabia and Russia will reach an agreement to significantly cut production to end their oil price war.
- At 0330GMT today, Gold futures contract is trading 0.57% or \$9.30 higher at \$1635.00 per ounce. Yesterday, the contract climbed 3.01% or \$47.50, to settle at \$1625.70 per ounce, as US initial jobless claims surged last week, thereby increasing the safe haven appeal for the commodity.



Currency

- At 0330GMT today, the EUR is trading 0.12% lower against the USD at \$1.0845, ahead of the services PMI data across the Euro-zone for March, along with the Euro-zone retail sales data for February, due in a few hours. Additionally, investors await the US non-farm payrolls and unemployment rate data, both for March, slated to be released later today. Yesterday, the EUR weakened 0.97% versus the USD, to close at \$1.0858. In economic news, the US trade deficit narrowed to its lowest level since September 2016 in February, while the number of Americans filing for unemployment rate surged to a record high in the last week.
- At 0330GMT today, the GBP is trading 0.18% lower against the USD at \$1.2374, ahead of the UK services PMI data for March, due in a few hours. Yesterday, the GBP strengthened 0.2% versus the USD, to close at \$1.2396.



Bitcoin

- At 0330GMT today, BTC is trading 0.52% higher against the USD at \$6784.68. Yesterday, BTC advanced 6.27% against the USD to close at \$6749.37. In a key development, blockchain-based game developer, Dapper Labs has obtained a patent in Brazil enabling it to create collectible digital tokens in partnership with the National Basketball Association (NBA). In another development, blockchain company, Bison Trails has announced support for the NuCypher network as well as its token distribution system, WorkLock.

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UK Top Sector Performers

Sector	Current Price	1D Change	1D (%) Change	1M (%) Change	1Y (%) Change
Oil Equipment & Services	3915.52	485.58	14.2%	-45.0%	-64.6%
Oil & Gas Producers	5624.26	406.54	7.8%	-13.51%	-38.5%
Mining	13642.34	409.06	3.1%	-15.8%	-33.9%
Tobacco	30956.45	911.11	3.0%	-4.2%	-15.8%
Industrial Engineering	9146.31	196.63	2.2%	-24.6%	-25.7%

UK Worst Sector Performers

Sector	Current Price	1D Change	1D (%) Change	1M (%) Change	1Y (%) Change
Automobiles & Parts	2997.56	-280.83	-8.6%	-19.1%	-52.7%
Forestry & Paper	14223.85	-776.77	-5.2%	-21.6%	-28.2%
Travel & Leisure	5080.55	-273.84	-5.1%	-40.6%	-43.9%
Electricity	6494.33	-349.71	-5.1%	-28.0%	-9.2%
Gas, Water & Multiutilities	4698.86	-177.12	-3.6%	-16.6%	-3.5%

Key Economic News

US trade deficit dropped in February

In the US, trade deficit narrowed to \$39.90 billion in February, following a trade deficit of \$45.50 billion in the prior month. Markets were expecting the nation's a trade deficit to narrow to \$40.00 billion.

US factory orders remained flat in February

In the US, factory orders remained flat on a MoM basis in February, less than market expectations for a rise of 0.20%. In the prior month, factory orders had fallen 0.50%.

US initial jobless claims rose in the last week

In the US, the seasonally adjusted number of initial jobless claims rose to a level of 6648.00 K in the week ended 28 March 2020, compared to a reading of 3283.00 K in the previous week. Markets were expecting number of initial jobless claims to advance to a level of 3500.00 K.

Japan services PMI dropped in March

In Japan, the final services PMI eased to a level of 33.80 in March, less than market expectations for a fall to a reading of 32.70. In the previous month, services PMI had registered a level of 46.80.

Chinese services PMI rose in March

In China, the services PMI index rose to a level of 43.00 in March. The services PMI index had recorded a level of 26.50 in the prior month.

Share Tips, Bids and Rumours

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- [The Times \(Tempus share tips\)](#): "Hold" Bunzl and Safestore.
- [Daily Mail](#): Fashion retailer Next is planning to sell its headquarters and three warehouses to raise up to £100 million to ride out the coronavirus lockdown.
- [Financial Times](#): Softbank has pulled out of a planned \$3 billion purchase of WeWork stock, a move that is expected to spark litigation by the lossmaking property group's co-founder Adam Neumann.
- [Daily Mail \(Comment\)](#): Scale of the economic wipe-out from Covid-19 - in terms of jobs, output, earnings and dividends - is truly horrifying.
- [The Daily Telegraph \(Comment\)](#): Keeping most businesses shut for a year will not work in the long run.

Newspaper Summary

Investors face dividend famine as cancelled payouts hit £16 billion:

Investors face a dividend famine this spring as more companies cancelled promised payouts, taking the total to £16 billion in a few weeks.

High street has its worst sales fall since 2008:

High street retailers suffered their worst fall in sales for at least 12 years in March, figures from BDO, the accountancy and business advisory firm, show.

Furlough at Ovo as meter readers suffer:

Ovo Energy has put a third of its staff on furlough after cancelling non-essential meter reading and instalments.

Serco scraps its return to dividends as 'inappropriate':

Serco, one of the government's leading contractors providing public services, has postponed its six-year long wait to return to the dividend list.

Land Securities cancels dividend as tenants fail to pay one third of rent:

Land Securities, one of the country's biggest commercial property owners, has cancelled its interim dividend after it received only 65% of the rent it was due last month.

P&O seeks £150 million from taxpayer to stay afloat:

P&O Ferries has asked the government for a £150 million bailout after plunging into a cash crisis after demand from passengers all but dried up.

Segro keeps payout as trade booms:

Segro, the FTSE 100 warehouse developer, is to go ahead with dividend payments as the coronavirus crisis highlights the importance of logistics supply chains.

Ex-Cuzzons head Alex Kanellis loses exit payoff after whistleblower charge:

The former head of PZ Cussons, which

makes Imperial Leather soap and Carex hand gel, has been stripped of almost £3 million in pay and awards after he was found to have withdrawn cash from the company.

Morrisons pays treble bonus to reward staff for crisis work:

Wm Morrison has trebled a bonus for staff in the latest move by a supermarket to reward them for working under pressure in the coronavirus crisis.

All change at top for Fenwick in shutdown:

The family owners of Fenwick have said farewell to the chain's well-respected Chairman and head after the 138-year-old department store shut up shop because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The Independent**Coronavirus: Banks banned from asking for personal guarantees from small firms:**

U.K. banks are now barred from demanding personal guarantees from small business owners who need modest loans to stay afloat amid the Covid-19 emergency, the Treasury has announced, as part of an attempt to patch up its foundering £330 billion support package for the U.K. private sector.

Coronavirus: Banks told to offer interest-free £500 overdrafts and waive credit card payments:

Banks have been told to allow customers an extra £500 interest-free on their existing overdrafts to help people who are struggling financially during the coronavirus outbreak.

Financial Times**Centrica suspends dividend as Ovo furloughs 3,400 workers:**

Centrica has cancelled its dividend and suspended asset

sales, while Ovo has furloughed more than a third of its workforce, in the first signs of the coronavirus pandemic's impact on the already challenged U.K. energy sector.

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Oil surges as Trump spurs hopes for Russia-Saudi pact:

Oil soared nearly 50% in its biggest ever one-day rally after U.S. President Donald Trump stoked hopes of a supply cut deal led by Saudi Arabia and Russia to alleviate a price collapse triggered by the coronavirus outbreak.

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JPMorgan on collision course with U.S. Treasury over rescue loans:

America's biggest bank and the U.S. Treasury secretary are on a collision course over the federal government's \$350 billion emergency small business lending programme, with JPMorgan Chase saying it would "most likely" be unable to launch the loans as scheduled on Friday.

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Norton Rose calls on staff to work a four-day week:

Norton Rose Fulbright has become the first large U.K. law firm to ask staff to cut their hours in an effort to protect revenues and jobs during the coronavirus crisis.

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Jamie Dimon returns to full-time work after emergency surgery:

JPMorgan Chase head Jamie Dimon has returned to work full-time, four weeks after his emergency surgery for a life-threatening heart condition.

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BlackRock and Schroders latest to freeze property funds:

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U.K. property funds including vehicles managed by BlackRock and Schroders has been forced to suspend trading, pushing the total amount locked in such funds as a result of the coronavirus outbreak to more than £20 billion.

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Schroders demands executives take pay cuts and 'share the pain': Schroders has warned U.K. companies that executives must "share the pain" of the economic hit from the coronavirus pandemic as the U.K.'s second-largest listed asset manager called for boards to review Chief Executive remuneration.

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Saga cruise bookings hold up well in spite of crisis: Saga, the specialist in insurance and travel for the over 50s, has said that demand for cruises is holding up well despite the coronavirus outbreak.

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Hancock vows 100,000 daily virus tests in England by end of April: The U.K. government has pledged to carry out 100,000 coronavirus tests a day in England by the end of April as it responded to mounting criticism over the failure to increase capacity with the outbreak nearing its peak.

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Boeing seeks voluntary staff lay-offs as demand shifts: Boeing is cutting jobs, acknowledging that the coronavirus pandemic that has devastated airline revenues has also shifted market demand for aeroplanes.

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Vale warns steel production cuts will hit iron ore prices: The world's biggest iron ore producer said prices for the steel ingredient will be hit as the coronavirus pandemic tips the global economy into recession.

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Continental auto profit margins fall to zero: Continental, one of the world's biggest car part makers, expects profit margins at its auto division to fall to zero as it warned smaller suppliers were in danger of going out of business.

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Recruiter Hays raises £200 million to protect against falling fees: Hays, one of the biggest U.K. recruiters, raised £200 million of equity to insulate its business against plummeting fees during the coronavirus pandemic.

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Accor suspends dividend and cuts staff hours as coronavirus hits hotels: Europe's biggest hotel company Accor has suspended its dividend, furloughed or cut the hours of three-quarters of its 310,000 workers, and clamped down on spending as it seeks to cope with the fallout from coronavirus.

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Luckin Coffee plunges on internal probe into 'fabricated' sales: Luckin Coffee has revealed that an internal investigation found hundreds of millions of dollars of sales last year were "fabricated", wiping almost 75% from the value of the company touted as China's rival to Starbucks.

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Pets at Home sales benefit from surge in demand: Pets at Home said a surge in demand would boost profits for the financial year just ended but warned that uncertainty caused by the coronavirus pandemic meant it could not provide guidance for the year ahead.

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Caesars Entertainment fined £13 million in crackdown on gambling addiction: The U.K. gambling regulator has imposed its biggest ever fine of £13 million on Caesars Entertainment, the U.K. arm of the U.S. casino company, over its failure to prevent addicted gamblers from losing hundreds of thousands of pounds.

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Zoom shifts to tackle privacy concerns as regulators circle: Zoom, the videoconferencing app that has recorded an explosion in growth during the coronavirus pandemic, has said it will deploy all of its engineering resources to tackle data privacy concerns after coming under fire for lax practices, as European and U.S. regulators begin to circle.

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China Mobile picks Huawei and ZTE to build its 5G network: China's largest state

-owned mobile carrier has turned almost entirely to homegrown telecoms vendors Huawei and ZTE to build out its next-generation 5G mobile network, which is expected to facilitate everything from instant film downloads to self-driving cars.

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SoftBank pulls out of \$3 billion WeWork share buyout: SoftBank has pulled out of a planned \$3 billion purchase of WeWork stock, a move that is expected to spark litigation by the loss-making property group's co-founder and one of Silicon Valley's most prestigious venture capital groups, according to people briefed on the matter.

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Amazon contractors enduring 'subhuman' conditions in Philippines: Amazon has said it is urgently investigating claims of "subhuman" conditions at a Philippines call centre, where workers say coronavirus travel restrictions have left them sleeping in close quarters on makeshift beds.

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British Airways to suspend more than 30,000 staff amid Covid-19 crisis: British Airways has agreed a deal with unions to slash costs that will lead to the furlough of more than 30,000 workers as the airline battles the worst crisis in its history.

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Lex:

WeWork/Luckin Coffee: when the tide goes out: As the world economy grinds to a halt, boomtime excesses and over reach will slowly be revealed.

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U.K. bailout loans: paper tiger: Misfiring loan schemes are giving an impression of muddle.

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Instacart strike: hey, gig spender: Start-up must fix fractious relationship with its workers to capitalise on demand surge.

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Lombard:

Reasons for cheer in these grimmest of times: These are grim times. For a bit of uplift turn to Ian Dury, poetic punk rocker who penned Reasons to be Cheerful in the

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U.K.'s winter of discontent in 1979. Lombard picked out a few tips.

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The Daily Telegraph

Sir Philip Green furloughs 14,500 staff as fears grow for landlords: Sir Philip Green has put staff at his retail empire on taxpayer-funded leave to help keep the business afloat, as fears grow for the country's biggest commercial landlords over mass refusal to pay rent.

Food box deliveries delayed by EU data rules: Supermarkets have been unable to get the names of 1.5 million vulnerable people being shielded from coronavirus to deliver food boxes because of EU data protection rules.

Almost 10m Americans lose their jobs in a fortnight: Unemployment in the U.S. is set to surge to its highest rate since the Great Depression after a second week of record lay-offs dealt a stunning blow to the world's largest economy.

The Questor Column:

Questor: U.K. plc's dividends could fall by 30% – this is why investment trusts won't follow suit: Many readers, Questor is sure, will own "equity income" investment trusts: those that hold dividend-paying shares that enable the trusts themselves to pay generous divs. The advantages of such funds over conventional, "open-ended" funds are well known. They include the ability to hold smaller, less liquid stocks, the opportunity to borrow to enhance returns – and, crucially, the ability to hold back some of the income they receive in dividends from their holdings. These reserves can be used to top up the income received from trusts' holdings in any year when the latter fall short – which is exactly what we can expect now, thanks to the economic shutdown brought about by coronavirus. But for how long could equity income trusts maintain existing dividends if their own income were decimated by the epidemic? Analysts at Investec, the bank, have been doing the calculations. In particular, they looked at how U.K. equity income investment trusts would fare if their own dividend income fell by 30% this year; this, Investec said, was the figure implied by the "futures" market. Law Debenture, tipped here in May last year, is very well placed. Last year's dividend of 26p was more than covered by earnings of 30.7p. A

30% cut to the latter figure would take it to 21.5p, while this year's dividend would be 26.8p if it rose by 3%, as Investec assumed in all cases. The shortfall of 5.3p per share could easily be met by reserves of 33.4p, as at the end of last year. The remaining reserve of 28.1p would represent 105% of the increased dividend payment. Using that last figure as our yardstick, the next most robust trust in terms of dividend sustainability is JP Morgan Claverhouse (not so far tipped by the column), whose reserves would cover 88% of an annual dividend even after the use of the reserves to cover a shortfall in this year's dividend brought about by a 30% loss of income and a 3% rise in the trust's divi. Schroder Income Growth, part of Questor's Income Portfolio, scores 76% on the same basis, while BMO Capital & Income scores 72%. In descending order the other U.K. equity income trusts achieve the following figures: Edinburgh (64%; tipped here on several occasions); Dunedin Income Growth (59%); Aberdeen Standard Equity Income (57%; tipped by Questor in June 2017 under its previous name of Standard Life Equity Income); Finsbury Growth & Income (55%); Murray Income (49%); Invesco Income Growth (43%; also in our Income Portfolio); Lowland (40%; another Income Portfolio member); Temple Bar (also 40%; tipped in November last year); Diverse Income (38%); City of London (28%; tipped two years ago); Merchants (24%; recommended here last month); Perpetual Income & Growth (23%); and Troy Income & Growth (12%; tipped in November 2017). The analysts went further and calculated the effects of a second consecutive year of 30% falls in income, as well as a rise in trusts' divs of 3%. Remarkably, the reserves of eight of the trusts would still be sufficient to cover the resultant shortfall, although they would be left, in Investec's words, "rather threadbare". But Law Debenture would have enough left, after those two years of 30% income falls, to cover more than half the annual dividend, while JP Morgan Claverhouse would have about a third. The bank added: "We take comfort from the experience of the U.K. equity investment companies during the global financial crisis, when 11 of 14 investment companies actually increased dividends. Finsbury Growth & Income was the only one to cut its dividend, and this was by just 7%." "Most notably, JP Morgan Claverhouse was able to increase its dividend by 7%, despite a 36% fall in

earnings. Lowland held its dividend for one year, following a 29% cut in earnings, while Dunedin Income Growth froze its dividend for two years following a 32% fall in earnings."

Daily Mail

HSBC trashes claims dividend row will see it move its headquarters from London to Hong Kong: A boardroom rift has opened up at HSBC after the Bank of England forced it to cancel its dividend.

Easyjet founder Sir Stelios Haji-Ioannou calls for vote on whether to sack director in aeroplane order row: Easyjet's founder has demanded a vote on whether to sack a director in a row over a £4.5 billion aeroplane order.

Customers vent anger at Ocado meltdown with complaints about delayed deliveries and product substitutions: Ocado's customer service ratings have collapsed in the past month as shoppers get frustrated with delayed deliveries and product substitutions, according to analysts.

The Scottish Herald

BP to slash spending amid 'brutal' oil and gas market conditions: BP has unveiled plans for multi-billion dollar spending cuts amid the crude price plunge but said that for the next three months none of its employees will be laid off as a result of coronavirus-related cost cutting.

The Scotsman

Glasgow's GDK serves up 30,000 NHS meals in tie-up with Deliveroo: A fast food chain specialising in low-calorie kebabs is teaming up with Deliveroo to contribute 30,000 free meals to NHS workers and vulnerable people.

Wood cuts wages by \$40 million and cancels dividend to navigate virus-driven oil price slump: Wood, the Aberdeen-headquartered energy and engineering services heavyweight, is implementing a \$40 million (£32 million) pay cut as it targets cost savings to combat the coronavirus-driven downturn in oil prices.

Poundland closes 100 stores temporarily due to pandemic: High-street store Poundland is closing 100 branches across the country during the coronavirus outbreak.

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Edinburgh's Capital Document Solutions revamps operations amid Covid-19 crisis: Edinburgh-based Capital Document Solutions has invested more than £25,000 to adapt its operations and redeploy more

core staff remotely as it tackles the coronavirus crisis head on.

Omega Diagnostics wins green light for tests in Chinese labs after coronavirus delays: Life sciences firm Omega

Diagnostics has received Chinese regulatory approval for the laboratory version of its food detective test, as its venture into the Nigerian market suffers delays.

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