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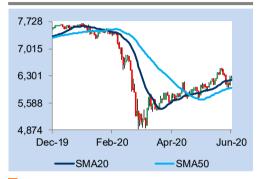
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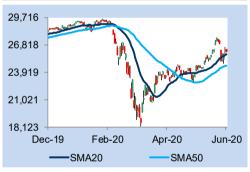
	Last Close	1D% Chg	5D% Chg	1M% Chg	1Y% Chg
FTSE 100	6,253.3 ☆	0.2%	-1.2%	3.4%	-16.0%
FTSE 250	17,582.4 🕆	0.7%	-0.1%	8.3%	-9.0%
DJSTOXX 50	3,042.5 ☆	1.2%	-0.2%	6.1%	-4.4%
FTSEurofirst 300	1,428.2 ☆	0.8%	-0.6%	7.0%	-5.7%
German DAX 30	12,382.1 û	0.5%	-1.2%	12.0%	0.4%
France CAC 40	4,996.0 û	0.9%	-1.1%	11.1%	-9.3%

	Last	1D%	5D%	1M%	1Y%
	Close	Chg	Chg	Chg	Chg
S&P 500	3,113.5 🔱	-0.4%	-2.4%	5.4%	6.7%
DJIA	26,119.6 👃	-0.6%	-3.2%	6.2%	-1.3%
Nasdaq	9,910.5 🕆	0.1%	-1.1%	7.3%	24.6%
Nikkei 225*	22,229.0 👃	-1.0%	-2.9%	11.5%	7.1%
Shanghai Composite*	2,932.5 🔱	-0.1%	0.2%	2.1%	1.6%
DJIA at London close	26,263.8		*Tim	e - GMT	3:30

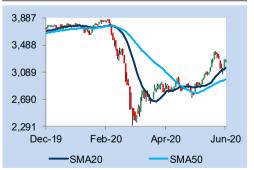
FTSE 100



DJIA



DJ Euro STOXX50



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UK Market Snapshot

UK markets finished higher yesterday, supported by gains in healthcare and financial sector stocks. Serco Group surged 15.7%, as the outsourcing firm forecasted a jump in its interim revenue and profit and reinstated its full year guidance. SSE climbed 9.1%, after the company reported better than expected annual pretax profit and maintained its final dividend. Kingfisher jumped 6.2%, following a rise in its like-for-like sales in the second quarter, as lockdown restrictions were lifted across the Europe. On the flipside, Domino's Pizza Group declined 5.8%, after the company issued a profit warning for the half year, due to higher costs during coronavirus-led lockdown. Stagecoach Group eased 4.6%, as the transport company lost its legal claim against the Department for Transport over being disqualified from bidding for three rail franchises. The FTSE 100 advanced 0.2%, to close at 6,253.3, while the FTSE 250 rose 0.7%, to end at 17,582.4.

US Market Snapshot

US markets closed mostly lower yesterday, weighed down by losses in technology and travel related stocks. Groupon sank 21.0%. The e-commerce firm reported better than expected revenue in the first quarter. Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings declined 8.4%, after the company extended the suspension of most voyages through the end of September. Oracle dropped 5.6%, after the software company's fourth quarter revenue missed market estimates. Southwest Airlines fell 0.7%, after announcing that it will limit ticket sales to two-thirds of capacity through September-end. On the flipside, Tempur Sealy International climbed 5.1%, as the mattress retailer forecasted a rise in its sales for the second quarter. Beyond Meat advanced 2.9%, after announcing its plans to sell value packs of its meatless burgers at Walmart and Target stores nationwide. The S&P 500 slipped 0.4%, to settle at 3,113.5. The DJIA fell 0.6%, to settle at 26,119.6, while the NASDAQ added 0.1%, to close at 9,910.5.

Europe Market Snapshot

European markets finished in positive territory yesterday, as investors remained optimistic of additional stimulus from global governments to boost economic growth. PostNL surged 18.0%, as the parcel services provider forecasted a jump in its operating profit for the second quarter. Delivery Hero advanced 4.1%, following a share purchase and equity collar deal to restore its exposure in Just Eat Takeaway.com, up 2.2%. Novartis added 3.0%, after the US Food and Drug Administration approved the drugmaker's llaris injection for treatment of active Still's disease. On the contrary, HUGO BOSS dropped 3.2%. The luxury retailer announced the appointment of Daniel Grieder as its Chief Executive Officer. Deutsche Lufthansa fell 2.6%, following news that German investor, Heinz Hermann Thiele, has raised his stake in the company. The FTSEurofirst 300 index gained 0.8%, to settle at 1,428.2. The German DAX Xetra rose 0.5%, to settle at 12,382.1, while the French CAC-40 added 0.9%, to close at 4,996.0.

Asia Market Snapshot

Markets in Asia are trading lower this morning. In Japan, Tokyo Tatemono and Mitsui E&S Holdings have dropped 2.6% and 2.9%, respectively. Meanwhile, Olympus and Nissan Chemical have advanced 1.6% and 1.8%, respectively. In Hong Kong, Hengan International Group and Shenzhou International Group Holdings have fallen 0.9% and 1.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, Tencent Holdings and AAC Technologies Holdings have risen 0.6% and 1.3%, respectively. In South Korea, Daewon Pharmaceutical and Hanjin Transportation have declined 4.1% and 4.7%, respectively. Meanwhile, Hyundai Elevator and Shin HWA Silup have climbed 11.9% and 16.4%, respectively. The Nikkei 225 index is trading 1.0% lower at 22,229.0. The Hang Seng index is trading 0.5% down at 24,365.5, while the Kospi index is trading 0.2% lower at 2,137.7.



Key Corporate Releases Today

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UK

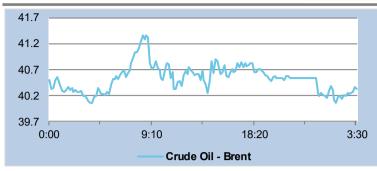
			Full Year Consensus		
Company Name	Results	Currency	Estimated EPS	Estimated Revenue (Mn)	
National Grid Plc	Final	GBP	0.59	15,514.93	
IG Design Group Plc	Final	GBP	0.31	498.75	
CareTech Holdings Plc	Interim	GBP	0.40	423.25	
Volex Plc	Final	USD	0.17	392.00	
Oxford Instruments PIc	Final	GBP	0.49	297.88	
Amigo Holdings Plc	Final	GBP	0.13	286.50	
Marlowe Plc	Final	GBP	0.22	184.50	
Safestore Holdings Plc	Interim	GBP	0.30	156.75	
Blue Prism Group Plc	Interim	GBP	(0.67)	143.00	
Quiz Plc	Final	GBP	(0.00)	123.00	
NewRiver REIT Plc	Final	GBP	0.17	90.37	
Fulcrum Utility Services Ltd	Final	GBP	0.01	44.70	
Chamberlin Plc	Final	GBP	(0.10)	26.40	
Palace Capital Plc	Final	GBP	0.17	19.05	
Hydrodec Group Plc	Final	USD	(0.19)	11.60	
Mountview Estates Plc	Final	GBP	-	-	
Sdcl Energy Efficiency Income Trust Plc	Final	GBP	-	-	
Schroder European Real Estate Investment Trust Plc	Interim	GBP	-	-	
Oracle Power Plc	Final	GBP	-	-	
Power Metal Resources Plc	Interim	GBP	-	-	
Escape Hunt Plc	Final	GBP	-	-	
Ascent Resources Plc	Final	GBP	-	-	

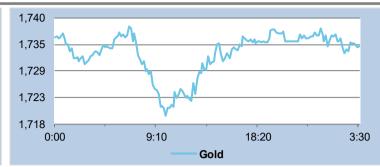
Note: All Estimates are for Full Year



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Commodity

- □ At 0330GMT today, Brent crude oil one month futures contract is trading 0.93% or \$0.38 lower at \$40.33 per barrel. Yesterday, the contract declined 0.61% or \$0.25, to settle at \$40.71 per barrel, after the Energy Information Administration reported that the US crude oil inventories rose by 1.2 million barrels in the week ended 12 June 2020.
- □ At 0330GMT today, Gold futures contract is trading 0.3% or \$5.20 higher at \$1734.40 per ounce. Yesterday, the contract declined 0.02% or \$0.40, to settle at \$1729.20 per ounce, as losses led by a stronger greenback were pared by gains due to renewed concerns over rising coronavirus infections globally.





Currency

- □ At 0330GMT today, the EUR is trading marginally higher against the USD at \$1.1248, ahead of the European Central Bank's Economic Bulletin, due in a few hours. Additionally, investors await the US weekly initial jobless claims, scheduled to be released later today. Yesterday, the EUR weakened 0.18% versus the USD, to close at \$1.1244, after the Euro-zone consumer prices dropped to its lowest level since June 2016 in May, while the region's construction output dropped in April. In other economic news, the US building permits rose in May.
- □ At 0330GMT today, the GBP is trading marginally lower against the USD at \$1.2550, ahead of the Bank of England's interest rate decision, slated to be released later today. Yesterday, the GBP weakened 0.14% versus the USD, to close at \$1.2555, after the UK consumer prices fell to a four-year low in May.



Bitcoin

At 0330GMT today, BTC is trading 0.42% higher against the USD at \$9413.50. Yesterday, BTC declined 1.27% against the USD to close at \$9374.04. In major news, leading cryptocurrency exchange, Binance, is planning to expand to the UK with a regulated crypto trading platform for both institutional and retail investors. In a key development, Singaporean carpooling app, Ryde has launched its own cryptocurrency wallet to facilitate Bitcoin payments for its service.

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FTSE All Share Index- Performance

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UK Top Sector Performers

Sector	Current Price	1D Change	1D (%) Change	1M (%) Change	1Y (%) Change
Electricity	7942.66	619.18	8.5%	8.2%	20.7%
Software & Computer Services	1896.59	39.51	2.1%	3.8%	-18.0%
Forestry & Paper	17100.14	320.84	1.9%	10.4%	-11.1%
Personal Goods	37475.44	630.16	1.7%	7.3%	-9.3%
General Retailers	2072.03	33.03	1.6%	8.9%	-0.4%

UK Worst Sector Performers

Sector	Current Price	1D Change	1D (%) Change	1M (%) Change	1Y (%) Change
Life Insurance	6196.78	-142.55	-2.2%	10.3%	-19.2%
Oil & Gas Producers	4997.42	-63.12	-1.2%	1.0%	-45.3%
Banks	2321.96	-25.63	-1.1%	-0.2%	-39.1%
Travel & Leisure	6522.87	-47.68	-0.7%	7.1%	-28.7%
Automobiles & Parts	3188.98	-12.19	-0.4%	19.8%	-48.5%

Key Economic News

UK CPI climbed in May

In the UK, the consumer price index (CPI) registered a rise of 0.50% on a YoY basis in May, compared to a rise of 0.80% in the prior month. Markets were anticipating the CPI to climb 0.50%.

Euro-zone CPI rose in May

In the Euro-zone, the final CPI climbed 0.10% on a YoY basis in May, compared to a rise of 0.30% in the previous month. Markets were expecting CPI to record a rise of 0.10%.

Euro-zone construction output fell in April

In the Euro-zone, the seasonally adjusted construction output slid 14.60% on a MoM basis in April, compared to a revised 15.70% in the prior month.

Jerome Powell warns Congress against withdrawing support for stimulus

The US Federal Reserve (Fed) Chairman, Jerome Powell, in his testimony before the Senate Banking Committee, stated that recent economic improvement could be at risk if Congress curtailed support to workers displaced and businesses closed down due to the coronavirus pandemic. However, he indicated that the Fed would continue to deploy all its financial tools to help strengthen the labor market.

US building permits climbed in May

In the US, building permits advanced 14.40% on a MoM basis in May, compared to a revised drop of 21.40% in the prior month.



Share Tips, Bids and Rumours

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- The Times (Tempus share tips): "Hold" Monks Investment Trust; "Buy" Wincanton.
- <u>The Times</u>: James Benamor will start selling off his controlling stake in Amigo Holdings after his attempt to oust the board of the guarantor lender was blocked by other investors.
- The Times (Comment): Borrowing one's way out of crisis isn't necessarily a recipe for disaster.

Newspaper Summary

The Times

Woodford stakes 'sold too cheaply' to Acacia Research: The administrator of Neil Woodford's failed investment fund has been accused of delivering "a slap in the face" to investors with its recent £224 million deal to sell a host of the fallen stockpicker's biotechnology stakes.

Mike Tindall-backed UFX quits U.K. amid trading crackdown: A Cypriot trading firm promoted by Mike Tindall, the former rugby player, has pulled out of Britain amid scrutiny of overseas investment schemes.

Lockdown costs eat into profits at Domino's Pizza: An increase in sales during the national lockdown has been more than offset by "considerable additional costs". Domino's Pizza Group warned.

Netflix Chief backs black scholarships: The billionaire head of Netflix has donated \$120 million to support scholarships for black students.

Amigo founder James Benamor to start sell-off: James Benamor will start selling off his controlling stake in Amigo Holdings after his attempt to oust the board of the guarantor lender was blocked by other investors

The Independent

Half of businesses say they will have to lay off workers when furlough scheme ends: Half of businesses say they will have to lay off staff within three months of the furlough scheme ending, a survey has found.

Government has 'no plans' to break manifesto pledge and scrap pension triple lock: The government has no plans to break its manifesto commitment to keep the state pension "triple lock", a Downing Street source has said. Rishi Sunak is reportedly reconsidering the policy, which ensures the basic state pension increases

each year by whichever is highest out of inflation, the rise in average earnings, or 2.5%.

British Airways: many Gatwick flights in July switched to Heathrow: British Airways is switching many short-haul flights from its second-biggest base, Gatwick Airport, to Heathrow in July.

Financial Times

BP raises \$12 billion in wake of multibillion-dollar writedown: U.K. oil major BP raised \$12 billion of debt with equity-like features, taking advantage of hot corporate credit markets to fortify its balance sheet.

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Saudi Aramco extends payment plan as it closes \$69 billion Sabic deal: Saudi Aramco will pay for its 70% stake in petrochemicals company Sabic over the next eight years after extending its payment schedule for the \$69.1 billion deal to provide a buffer against weaker oil prices.

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SSE insists dividend is safe even as Covid-19 hits profits: U.K. energy company SSE has warned its operating profit could be hit by up to £250 million this year by the coronavirus pandemic, which has weakened electricity demand and left some customers struggling to pay their bills.

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BHP picks new CFO as Peter Beaven departs: BHP, the world's biggest miner, has announced the appointment of a new Chief Financial Officer to replace Peter Beaven, who is stepping down after six years in the role.

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Taylor Wimpey to raise £500 million for land buying offensive: One of the U.K.'s largest housebuilders is tapping investors

for £500 million to spend on land, claiming that coronavirus has pushed down prices, thinned the competition and created opportunities.

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Lloyd's of London to reopen underwriting room in September: Lloyd's of London is to reopen the doors to its famous underwriting room in September, with strict new rules in place for the brokers who work at the insurance market.

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Bridgepoint to buy private equity firm EQT's €3.9 billion credit business: U.K.-based private equity firm Bridgepoint Advisers has agreed to buy rival buyout group EQT Partners' €3.9 billion credit arm, according to two people familiar with the matter, expanding its firepower in lending just as the coronavirus crisis leaves hard-hit companies seeking fresh financing.

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Amigo Loans founder to walk away after losing vote to oust board: The multimillionaire founder of Amigo Loans will sell his entire 61% stake in the guarantor lender after he lost a battle to remove its board of directors.

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Commerzbank fined £38 million for London money laundering failures: Commerzbank's London branch has been fined £38 million by the Financial Conduct Authority for failing to make adequate money laundering checks over a five-year period, the second-largest fine to be imposed by the City regulator for deficiencies in combating potentially illegal transactions.

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Berkeley calls for 'feelgood factor' to boost U.K. property market: The head of high-end housebuilder Berkeley Group has



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called on ministers to "get the feelgood factor" back into the housing market with tax cuts and incentive schemes for buyers.

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HSBC revives plan to cut 35,000 jobs after coronavirus pause: HSBC is reviving a programme of job cuts it put on hold three months ago as the bank grappled with the coronavirus crisis, pressing ahead with a broad overhaul that will include 35,000 job losses.

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Visa predicts 'permanent' shift in consumer spending habits: The pandemic is heralding a "permanent" shift in consumer spending, with increases in debit card and domestic transactions here to stay, according to Visa's European Chief Executive.

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EU launches in-depth antitrust probe into \$50 billion Fiat Chrysler-PSA deal: Brussels has opened an in-depth antitrust probe into the \$50 billion merger of Fiat Chrysler and France's PSA amid concerns that the deal "may reduce competition" in the lucrative small commercial vans market.

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De La Rue to halt Gateshead factory production after passport contract loss: De La Rue will stop production at its Gateshead factory that has made the U.K.'s passports for the past decade, with work on post-Brexit documents fully passed to Franco-Dutch company Gemalto from this month.

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Hertz suspends controversial \$500 million stock sale: Hertz, the bankrupt car rental group, said that it had suspended a controversial \$500 million share sale after facing scrutiny from U.S. securities regulators.

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Mastercard and Visa face billion-pound payouts after U.K. court ruling: Retailers including Asda and Argos are in line for potential billion-pound payouts after the U.K.'s highest court ruled that transaction fees charged by Visa and Mastercard breached competition laws.

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Kingfisher Chief reverses strategy and looks to ride online momentum: DIY retailer Kingfisher has scrapped the sale of its Spanish business and is refocusing on core brands such as B&Q and Castorama as it reverses strategy and looks to maintain the ecommerce momentum generated by the lockdown.

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Boohoo predicts revenue boost as it snaps up Oasis and Warehouse brands: U.K. online fashion retailer Boohoo said it expected revenues to grow by 25% in the current financial year after adding Oasis and Warehouse to its stable of brands.

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Eurostar to roll out facial verification for passengers: Eurostar has announced that it is rolling out a facial verification process for its passengers, allowing them to prove their identity by walking through a cameralined corridor instead of presenting passports and boarding documents.

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Uber breaks into public sector with California deal: Uber has signed a deal to manage public transport in Marin County, in the San Francisco Bay area, with its software.

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Stagecoach loses challenge against rail bid ban: Stagecoach has failed in its attempt to sue the U.K. government after the transport group was banned from bidding for three rail franchises last year in a dispute over pension liabilities.

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Lufthansa bailout in jeopardy as top shareholder seeks other options: Lufthansa has warned that its €9 billion bailout from the German government is at risk, after its biggest shareholder indicated he might reject the deal in a vote later this month.

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Lex:

Royalty Pharma: king for a day: The stock price has almost doubled since its market debut this week.

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U.K. pensions/superfunds: the crunch bunch: Outlook has deteriorated for weak

sponsoring employers with underfunded schemes.

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Greek banks/bad debts: Alpha test: Scheme looks like a serious effort to clean up the balance sheets of domestic lenders.

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Lombard:

Short-lived pay cuts will be dubbed clumsy by Covid-19 chroniclers: Dozens of U.K. boards have trumpeted cuts to top executive pay in recent months as evidence that heads are sharing the pain with the hoi polloi. Such claims may rank as clumsy mis -steps in coronavirus chronicles if the cuts are short-lived and shallow.

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The Daily Telegraph

Big business builds its own apps to get staff back into offices: Big companies are building their own apps and taking other steps in a bid to get staff safely back to the office as the Government drags its feet on test and trace.

Westminster rows back on plans to restrict outdoor drinking following industry pressure: Westminster council appeared to U-turn on plans to ban people from standing and drinking outside pubs in central London following backlash from industry heads.

The Questor Column:

Questor: as the pandemic hastens the switch to a low-carbon economy, it's time to sell BP: One of the most burdensome aspects of being an investor is deciding what to do with underperforming holdings. No investor ever wants to sell at a loss. Not only would it be financially painful, but it would put to an end any distant hopes of an eventual recovery. However, the prospects for one of our previously recommended stocks, BP, suggest that selling it would be a more efficient use of capital given the uncertain outlook for the oil and gas industry. The company announced this week that it had lowered its long-term price assumptions for oil and gas over the next 30 years. It now expects the Brent oil price to average \$55 a barrel during that time, while it is assuming a price of \$2.90 per million British thermal units for Henry Hub gas. The company's revised expectations are around 30% lower than its



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previous assumptions. They will lead to non -cash impairment charges and write-offs of up to \$17.5 billion (£13.9 billion) after tax in its forthcoming second-quarter results. Even more worrying for investors in the company is the prospect of an increasingly rapid shift in demand from fossil fuels to renewable forms of energy. One of the reasons cited by BP when it lowered its long-term price assumptions was the growing expectation that the coronavirus pandemic could hasten the transition towards a low-carbon economy. The firm believes that many countries will seek to "build back better" so that they have greater resilience to any similar events in future. Questor believes that these changes will undermine any long-term growth potential for the prices of oil and gas. However, they are likely to provide opportunities within alternative assets, such as solar power and biofuels. BP has invested in these areas. and many others, over the past decade within its "other businesses and corporate" segment. Despite this investment, the segment generated just £1.4 billion in revenue in 2019, compared with £224 billion in total for the broader business. This suggests that much still remains to be done as the firm seeks to wean itself off fossil fuels to rely increasingly on the energies of the future. In the meantime, a recovery in the oil and gas industry could take place. The International Energy Agency has said that even though global demand for oil is expected to fall by 8.1 million barrels per day (mb/d) in 2020, global supply is forecast to decline by 7.2 mb/d. In 2021, the IEA expects a sharp recovery in global oil demand, with growth of 5.7 mb/d. Meanwhile, it anticipates a much slower rise in supply of 1.7 mb/d next year. An improving demand/supply outlook in 2021 could lead to a rising oil price. Within the same time frame, BP expects to make cost savings of \$2.5 billion, which it expects to contribute to a reduction in its cash breakeven point to \$35 a barrel. As part of its plans to seek a stronger financial position, the company may decide to follow the recent lead of industry rivals such as Royal Dutch Shell and reduce its dividend payments. BP's 10% yield suggests that the stock market may be anticipating a dividend cut. It also indicates that the firm's share price offers a margin of safety in case of further turbulence for the oil and gas sector.

While Questor acknowledges the potential for an oil price rise as coronavirus containment measures are eased, the longterm prospects for the energy industry suggest that BP could experience a challenging future. Its modest exposure to alternative energy assets relative to its reliance on fossil fuels, as well as the prospect of a hastening in global trends towards a low-carbon economy, may produce increasingly difficult operating conditions for the company. Therefore, following the stock's 38% rise from its March 2020 low, selling BP and reinvesting elsewhere could represent an efficient allocation of capital. The opportunity cost of holding the stock in the hope of an eventual recovery may simply be too high given the growth opportunities available elsewhere. Questor says, "Sell".

Daily Mail

Fat cats accused of 'virtue signalling' as they revert to full pay while millions face unemployment: Heads of FTSE 100 firms have been accused of 'virtue signalling' by reinstating their full salaries as millions face the dole.

B&Q enjoys surge in sales during lockdown as holed-up Brits splash the contactless cash on DIY to spruce up their homes: Do-it-yourself enthusiasts have helped B&Q owner Kingfisher owner enjoy a surge in sales during lockdown.

The Scottish Herald

Scottish bus Chief steps down and reveals job cut fears: The outgoing head of Alexander Dennis Limited has expressed fears the company may be forced to make redundancies if demand for buses from U.K. transport companies does not recover sufficiently from the Covid-19 crisis.

\$200 million U.S. solar contract sends shares in Aberdeen engineering giant surging: Shares in Wood have surged around 9% after the company announced it had won contracts worth over \$200 million (£160 million) to work on U.S. solar power plants which could provide a big boost amid the challenges posed by the coronavirus.

Edinburgh tech start-up PicoJar attracts funding from co-founder of Skyscanner Gareth Williams: Edinburgh-based tech start-up PicoJar has completed a \$185,000

fundraising in which Gareth Williams, cofounder of flight-search engine pioneer Skyscanner, has participated.

Developer of Glasgow's Met Tower sets up investment management firm: The property developer behind plans to transform the old City of Glasgow College building into Grade A offices has set up a new investment management company.

Distiller toasts link-up with European Tour: Loch Lomond Whiskies has hailed a new partnership with the European Tour that includes providing hand sanitiser on golf courses.

Finance Chief joins building society board: Scottish financial services executive Neil Easson has joined the board of Scottish Building Society.

The Scotsman

STV taps market for £16 million as it sees 'modest' advertising upturn: Broadcaster STV Group is raising more than £16 million to bolster its balance sheet amid the ongoing impact of the Covid-19 emergency.

Glasgow agency MadeBrave unveils record results and 'work from anywhere' plan: Glasgow-based media firm MadeBrave has unveiled record annual results and announced a "work from anywhere" policy – with the latter following in the footsteps of social media platform Twitter.

Huge Scottish wind farms to power a million homes form part of £7 billion SSE investment: Perth-based energy giant SSE has pledged an £7 billion investment to "spur the green economic recovery" including the construction of the U.K.'s biggest onshore wind farm.

Scottish firm secures millions to revolutionise electric car market with 'flat and flush' chargers: An Aberdeen start-up venture is set to install its first onstreet "flat and flush" vehicle charge points after securing a seven-figure funding deal.

Nicola Sturgeon raises hopes of Scottish tourism rescue package: The U.K. Government's job retention scheme could be extended in Scotland to protect the country's beleaguered tourism sector, Nicola Sturgeon has said.



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