

## Morning Meeting

1 May 2020

	Index	+/-	% change
FTSE 100	5901.2	-214.0	-3.5
FTSE All-Share	3262.5	-108.8	-3.2
DJ Industrial Average	24345.7	-288.1	-1.2
S&P 500	2912.4	-27.1	-0.9
NASDAQ Composite Index	8889.6	-25.2	-0.3
Nikkei Japan 1000 Index	1744.9	18.8	1.1
Hang Seng Index	24643.6	67.6	0.3
EURO STOXX 50 (EUR)	2927.9	-68.2	-2.3
Switzerland SMI (PR)	9629.4	-235.9	-2.4
France CAC 40	4572.2	-98.9	-2.1
Germany DAX (TR)	10861.6	-246.1	-2.2

Currencies		+/-	12 month range	
£:\$	1.261	0.02	1.15	1.33
Y:\$	106.935	0.34	102.55	112.09
E:£	1.152	0.01	1.07	1.20
E:\$	1.095	0.01	1.07	1.14
10 Yr Bond	Yld %	+/-	-3 months	-12 months
UK	0.23	-0.04	0.56	1.22
US	0.62	0.00	1.55	2.50
Germany	-0.57	-0.06	-0.40	0.03
	Price (p)	+/-	12 month range	
Investec plc	163.95	-14.2	128.8	518.6

Matrix Winners	Price	+/-	% change
Marston's PLC	37.8	2.9	8.4
Equiniti Group Plc	171.4	12.8	8.1
Premier Oil plc	32.6	2.2	7.1
Reckitt Benckiser Group plc	6630.0	228.0	3.6
Flutter Entertainment Plc	9750.0	306.0	3.2

Sector Winners	% change	Mkt Wt
FTSE All-Share / Oil Equipment, Services & Distribution - SEC	1.9	0.1
FTSE All-Share / Household Goods & Home Construction - SEC	0.03	4.0
FTSE All-Share / Health Care Equipment & Services - SEC	-0.22	4.0
FTSE All-Share / Electricity - SEC	-0.5	0.8
FTSE All-Share / Software & Computer Services - SEC	-0.6	1.0

Matrix Losers	Price	+/-	% change
Hargreaves Lansdown plc	1440.5	-208.5	-12.6
Royal Dutch Shell Plc Class B	1286.4	-165	-11.4
Royal Dutch Shell Plc Class A	1325.0	-160.8	-10.8
InterContinental Hotels Group PLC	3608.0	-359	-9.0
Informa Plc	439.2	-42.6	-8.8

Sector Losers	% change	Mkt Wt
FTSE All-Share / Oil & Gas Producers - SEC	-9.2	9.1
FTSE All-Share / Mobile Telecommunications - SEC	-5.6	1.7
FTSE All-Share / Aerospace & Defense - SEC	-5.3	1.7
FTSE All-Share / Banks - SEC	-5.1	7.7
FTSE All-Share / Life Insurance - SEC	-5.1	3.2

Stocks Hitting Relative High
GVC Holdings PLC
Domino's Pizza Group plc
Flutter Entertainment Plc
John Laing Group Plc
Rentokil Initial plc
Tate & Lyle PLC

Stocks Hitting Relative Low
HSBC Holdings Plc
Shaftesbury PLC
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### Companies discussed in Morning Meeting

#### UK Equities

<b>British American Tobacco</b>	Company Update
<b>Oxford BioDynamics</b>	Company Update
<b>Riverstone Energy</b>	Company Update
<b>Royal Bank of Scotland</b>	Quartely Results

#### International Equities

<b>Amazon</b>	Quartely Results
<b>Apple</b>	
<b>Boeing</b>	Company Update
<b>Gilead Sciences</b>	Company Update
<b>Tapestry</b>	Quartely Results
<b>Visa</b>	Quartely Results

- April ended on a decidedly soggy note for risk assets, possibly reflecting some-profit taking after a strong start to the week and a very strong month as a whole. In the UK the FTSE 100 was down 3.5%, underperforming mid and small caps, as sterling gained 1.4% against the dollar. European equities were down 2.3%. In the US, a late reversal saw the S&P 500 close down 0.9%. After hours Amazon was -5% and Apple -2% following earnings reports. The late sell-off prevented the index from achieving its best monthly performance since October 1974, but it was still the best since January 1987. It was beaten – just – by the NASDAQ, and followed by Greek and Russian equities. The table below shows the monthly performance (total return, in USD) for the main asset classes over the month. Perhaps the most eye-catching is the disparity within the oil market between Brent and WTI, for reasons connected with storage that we have discussed previously.



- As it happened, WTI ended the month with a decent rally on expectations of further production cuts and hopes of a recovery in demand as COVID-19 lock-down measure start to ease.
- Global growth in coronavirus cases continues to slow, down to 2.0% yesterday from 2.4% in each of the preceding three days. Fatalities growth dropped to 2.6% after an upward spike to 4.8% the previous day. In the US, case growth was up slightly but nevertheless below the 10-day moving average, while Spain saw a steep decline.
- In the UK, the Prime Minister said we are past the peak and indicated guidance on relaxing the lock-down would be provided next week. There is a good deal of emphasis on R0, the number of people infected by each person with the disease, and a focus on the importance of this falling below 1. This number appears to vary by region, but the government does not seem to be indicating that the lockdown relaxation will be phased in line with these variances. In Germany, museums, galleries and zoos have reopened and religious services allowed to resume, while at the same time social distancing measures have been extended until 10th May. Portugal and the Czech Republic were among countries to announce relaxation strategies.
- As far as disease treatments are concerned, the director of the FDA in the US said his agency is working at 'lightning speed' on Gilead's Remdesivir drug, which has experienced mixed trial results, while Bill Gates said a vaccine could be available in nine months. In the UK, AstraZeneca and Oxford University are working on a vaccine and have said they aim to have capacity for 100m doses by the end of this year.

- The major economic development yesterday was the announcement by the ECB that it will reduce the interest rate on its TLTRO III programme to 50bps below the refinancing rate from June 2020 to June 2021. There was no new news on the Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme and the prospect of Outright Monetary Transactions was downplayed (PEPP being the preferred vehicle). The net result, as far as markets were concerned, was disappointment; while the changes will mean essentially more free money, it wasn't a 'big bazooka'. The 10-year bund yield fell 9.1bps to a seven-week low of -0.586%. At the meeting the ECB President Christine Lagarde also said Eurozone GDP could be down by as much as 15% in Q2.
- As it happens the first estimate of eurozone GDP for Q1 was released yesterday. It was down 3.8%, in line with forecasts, but only reflects c. two weeks of coronavirus impacts. March unemployment was 7.4%, better than the consensus forecast of 7.7%, but this will obviously deteriorate markedly when April's figure is released. Inflation for April was actually a little higher than expected, with core CPI of +0.9% (consensus +0.7%). In the US, weekly new unemployment claims were 3.8m, well above the consensus 3.0m. Over the last six weeks 30m people – around 20% of the workforce – have claimed unemployment, although the continuing claims figure was 'only' 18m. The Chicago PMI for April was 35.4, below the consensus 35, while Personal Consumption Expenditure for March was -7.5% with only around half the month severely impacted. It will presumably be lower still in April.
- There is little in the way of economic data today, with the main events being April Manufacturing PMIs from the UK (est. 32.9) and the US (36.7), but Q1 corporate reporting continues with US Big Oil (Chevron, Exxon) and Estee Lauder among those releasing earnings.
- Today is May Day, which is a holiday in many countries and most European markets (except the UK and Denmark) are closed. The US is also open. A number of Asian markets were closed overnight but Japan wasn't and fell 2.8%, taking a lead from the late sell-off in the US.
- The UK started May as it finished April, with the FTSE 100 down 2.4% in early trading, while the S&P future was -2%.

# Events Calendar

Date	Company	Event
27 April 2020	Bayer AG	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	Novartis AG	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	Travis Perkins Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
28 April 2020	UBS Group AG	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	The Weir Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Interim Management Statement
28 April 2020	Roper Technologies, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	HSBC Holdings Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	BP Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	PepsiCo, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	3M Co.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	Alphabet, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
28 April 2020	Mondelez International, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	Next Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Statement
29 April 2020	Persimmon Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
29 April 2020	WPP Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
29 April 2020	Standard Chartered Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	Assa Abloy AB	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	AstraZeneca Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	Barclays Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	GlaxoSmithKline Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	Hexagon AB	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	The Boeing Co.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	Facebook, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
29 April 2020	Microsoft Corp.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
30 April 2020	Total SA	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
30 April 2020	Glencore Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Production Results
30 April 2020	Howden Joinery Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
30 April 2020	J Sainsbury Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
30 April 2020	St. James's Place Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release
30 April 2020	Tapestry, Inc.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
30 April 2020	LafargeHolcim Ltd.	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
30 April 2020	Lloyds Banking Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Interim Management Statement
30 April 2020	Reckitt Benckiser Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Interim Management Statement
30 April 2020	Royal Dutch Shell Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
30 April 2020	Visa, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 April 2020	Amazon.com, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
30 April 2020	Apple, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
01 May 2020	Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
01 May 2020	Exxon Mobil Corp.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
01 May 2020	The Est (R)e Lauder Companies, Inc.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
01 May 2020	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
01 May 2020	Chevron Corp.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	Aviva Plc	Q4 2019 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	BNP Paribas SA	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	Pandora AS	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	Siemens Healthineers AG	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	DuPont de Nemours, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	Xylem, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	Illinois Tool Works, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	Beyond Meat, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	The Walt Disney Co.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	Electronic Arts, Inc.	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
05 May 2020	AXA SA	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Activity Report
06 May 2020	Direct Line Insurance Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
06 May 2020	Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
06 May 2020	ITV Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
06 May 2020	Novo Nordisk A/S	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
06 May 2020	Zoetis, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
06 May 2020	Smith & Nephew Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
06 May 2020	Costco Wholesale Corp.	April 2020 Sales and Revenue Release
06 May 2020	PayPal Holdings, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	Continental AG	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	Equiniti Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
07 May 2020	International Consolidated Airlines Group SA	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	InterContinental Hotels Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
07 May 2020	IMI Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Interim Management Statement
07 May 2020	Legrand SA	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	RSA Insurance Group Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
07 May 2020	Zalando SE	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	BT Group Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	Danaher Corp.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	Linde Plc	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
07 May 2020	EOG Resources, Inc.	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
08 May 2020	ING Groep NV	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
11 May 2020	Centrica Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
11 May 2020	Victrix Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
12 May 2020	Greggs Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
12 May 2020	Land Securities Group Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
12 May 2020	Premier Oil Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
12 May 2020	Renishaw Plc	Q3 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Statement
12 May 2020	Vodafone Group Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
13 May 2020	The British Land Co. Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
13 May 2020	Marston's Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
13 May 2020	The Sage Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
13 May 2020	Spirax-Sarco Engineering Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
13 May 2020	Cisco Systems, Inc.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
14 May 2020	Burberry Group Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
14 May 2020	Countryside Properties Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
14 May 2020	Deutsche Telekom AG	Q1 2020 Earnings Release
14 May 2020	Hargreaves Lansdown Plc	Q3 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Interim Management Statement
15 May 2020	Compagnie Financière Richemont SA	Q4 2020 Earnings Release

	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>
<b>UK</b>		CBI Distributive Trades Survey Realized NSA			BoE Mortgage Approvals SA (Number) BoE Net Mortgage Lending SA (GBP) CIPS Manufacturing PMI SA (Final)
<b>US</b>		Consumer Confidence	FOMC Meeting GDP SAAR Q/Q (First Preliminary) Fed Funds Target Upper Bound Pending Home Sales M/M	Chicago PMI SA Initial Claims SA	Markit PMI Manufacturing SA (Final) Construction Spending SA M/M ISM Manufacturing SA
<b>RoW</b>			EU - Consumer Confidence Indicator (Final) EU - Economic Confidence Indicator EU - Business Climate	EU - ECB Refi Rate EU - ECB's Governing Council decision on Monetary Policy EU - CPI EU Harmonized Y/Y (Flash) EU - Unemployment Rate FR – GDP Q/Q & Y/Y GR - Unemployment Rate	

## Central Bank Meetings

<b>Bank of Japan</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>US Federal Reserve</b>	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>ECB</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> April 2020

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