

Morning Meeting

24 July 2020

	Index	+/-	% change
FTSE 100	6211.4	4.3	0.1
FTSE All-Share	3441.6	2.3	0.1
DJ Industrial Average	26652.3	-353.5	-1.3
S&P 500	3235.7	-40.4	-1.2
NASDAQ Composite Index	10461.4	-244.7	-2.3
Nikkei Japan 1000 Index	1881.4	-11.1	-0.6
Hang Seng Index	25263.0	205.1	0.8
EURO STOXX 50 (EUR)	3371.7	1.0	0.0
Switzerland SMI (PR)	10383.4	-55.7	-0.5
France CAC 40	5033.8	-3.4	-0.1
Germany DAX (TR)	13103.4	-0.9	0.0

Currencies		+/-	12 month range	
£:\$	1.274	0.00	1.15	1.33
Y:\$	106.995	-0.19	102.55	112.09
E:£	1.099	0.00	1.07	1.20
E:\$	1.160	0.00	1.07	1.16
10 Yr Bond	Yld %	+/-	-3 months	-12 months
UK	0.12	0.00	0.29	0.79
US	0.58	-0.02	0.61	2.07
Germany	-0.48	0.01	-0.43	-0.36
	Price (p)	+/-	12 month range	
Investec plc	165.25	-2.35001	128.8	511.4

Matrix Winners	Price	+/-	% change
Unilever PLC	4671.0	341.0	7.9
Sage Group plc	753.6	46.6	6.6
Syncona Ltd GBP	254.5	14.5	6.0
Melrose Industries PLC	108.9	5.6	5.4
Secure Income REIT PLC	266.5	12.5	4.9

Sector Winners	% change	Mkt Wt
FTSE All-Share / Software & Computer Services - SEC	2.8	1.1
FTSE All-Share / Beverages - SEC	2.35	1.1
FTSE All-Share / Leisure Goods - SEC	1.92	0.1
FTSE All-Share / Health Care Equipment & Services - SEC	1.7	1.1
FTSE All-Share / Electronic & Electrical Equipment - SEC	1.2	0.8

Matrix Losers	Price	+/-	% change
Countryside Properties Plc	330.8	-28.4	-7.9
SSE plc	1337.5	-90	-6.3
Hammerson plc	70.8	-4.36	-5.8
Informa Plc	406.3	-22.6	-5.3
ABCAM PLC	1340.0	-69	-4.9

Sector Losers	% change	Mkt Wt
FTSE All-Share / Electricity - SEC	-5.7	0.8
FTSE All-Share / Media - SEC	-2.2	3.5
FTSE All-Share / Life Insurance - SEC	-1.6	3.3
FTSE All-Share / Travel & Leisure - SEC	-1.4	3.7
FTSE All-Share / Financial Services - SEC	-1.1	4.4

Stocks Hitting Relative High
Antofagasta plc
Croda International Plc
DCC Plc
Dunelm Group plc
Fresnillo PLC
IMI plc
Keywords Studios plc
Reckitt Benckiser Group plc
Renishaw plc
Rentokil Initial plc
Sage Group plc
Serco Group plc

Stocks Hitting Relative Low
Burberry Group plc
HSBC Holdings Plc
Informa Plc
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Companies discussed in Morning Meeting

UK Equities

Centrica	Interim Results
Ferguson	Trading Update
Pearson	H1 Results
Vodafone	Q1 Trading Update

International Equities

Air Products	Q3/20 Results
Danaher	Second Quarter Results
Hexagon	2Q 2020 Full Results

- Poor unemployment data, concerns about the next US stimulus package, and mounting tensions between the US and China have all contributed to a decline in risk appetite over the last 24 hours.
- Yesterday's US weekly initial jobless claims of 1.416m were well above the consensus 1.3m and represented the first increase since late March, after 15 consecutive weeks of declines. The continuing claims figure was better (16.197m vs cons 17.1m with the insured unemployment rate down to 11.1%) but these data relate to the prior week and so are lagging. The continuing claims release next week will be scrutinised closely. The deterioration in the initial claims figure has raised concerns that the resurgence of covid in some Southern and Western states is starting to have an economic impact. Yesterday's covid data was mixed. In Florida cases were +2.6%, lower than the seven-day average of 3.3%, but California saw an increase (2.9% vs seven-day average 2.5%). In Arizona the authorities think the virus may have peaked after restrictive measures were reintroduced. Elsewhere in the world there were poor trends in Hong Kong, Japan, India and the Australian state of Victoria.
- With existing US stimulus measures starting to expire from next week the pressure is on Congress to agree a new package and progress seems to have stalled with the clock ticking towards recess starting in the second week of August. Senate majority leader McConnell said yesterday there will be a package next week targeting \$1trn in total spending, but this falls well short of the \$3trn the Democrats want. There also seems to be some disagreement within the administration. Yesterday, Treasury Secretary Mnuchin said checks would be at the centre of the package (on the same terms as the March package) rather than payroll tax cuts, which President Trump has previously insisted should be part of the deal.
- Following the decision by the US to close the Chinese consulate in Houston, Texas, China has closed the US consulate in Chengdu – chosen, it seems, because of its proximity to Tibet, which is strategically important to the US. This could represent the start of a tit-for-tat series of closures, especially as President Trump had already warned there could be more. Also yesterday, US Secretary of State Pompeo called for the Chinese people to change the direction of the country's Communist Party and for an alliance of democracies to counter the challenges posed by the regime. That probably didn't go down well in Beijing. Overnight President Trump, sounding rather childish, said the trade deal he signed with China means less to him now than when he made it.
- Amid all that news unfolding the S&P 500 fell 1.2%, its worst day of the month but following four days of gains. It was led by the technology sector (NASDAQ was -2.3%) which is highly sensitive to US/China relations. The fall came mostly after European exchanges had closed (Stoxx 600 +6bps, FTSE +7bps) but the effects were felt in Asia overnight (falls of around 2% in many markets) and Europe this morning (falls of 1-2%). The risk-off tone was reflected in government bond markets with the US 10-year Treasury yield -2bps. The dollar was weaker, gold was +1.3% and oil -2%.
- Apart from the US employment data the other main data was from Europe. In Germany the GfK consumer confidence index for August was -0.3 vs consensus -3.4 and eurozone consumer confidence for July was -15.0 vs consensus -12.4.
- Today we have already seen UK retail sales for June, which were much better than expected at +13.9% (vs consensus +8%). Together with an upward revision of May's figure to +12.3% this suggests sales are almost back to pre-pandemic levels.
- Also today we have flash PMIs for July, forecast to be:
 - Eurozone – manufacturing 49.3 vs last month 47.4, services 50.6 vs 48.3;
 - UK manufacturing 52.0 vs 50.1, services 51.8 vs 47.1;
 - US manufacturing 51.0 vs 49.8; services 51.0 vs 47.9.
- US new home sales for June are forecast to be 700k up from 676k in May.

Events Calendar

Date	Company	Event
21 July 2020	BHP Group Plc	June 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Operational Results
21 July 2020	Intermediate Capital Group Plc	Q1 2021 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Statement
21 July 2020	Novartis AG	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
21 July 2020	UBS Group AG	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
21 July 2020	SGS SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
21 July 2020	The Coca-Cola Co.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
21 July 2020	Philip Morris International, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
21 July 2020	Intuitive Surgical, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
22 July 2020	Antofagasta Plc	Q2 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Production Report
22 July 2020	Britvic Plc	Q3 2020 Sales and Revenue Release
22 July 2020	Close Brothers Group Plc	Q4 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Pre Close Trading Update
22 July 2020	Melrose Industries Plc	Q1 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
22 July 2020	Northern Trust Corp.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
22 July 2020	Thermo Fisher Scientific, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
22 July 2020	Microsoft Corp.	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
23 July 2020	Croda International Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
23 July 2020	Daily Mail & General Trust Plc	Q3 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
23 July 2020	Howden Joinery Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
23 July 2020	RELX Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
23 July 2020	The Sage Group Plc	Q3 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
23 July 2020	Tate & Lyle Plc	Q1 2021 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Statement
23 July 2020	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
23 July 2020	Roche Holding AG	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
23 July 2020	Danaher Corp.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
24 July 2020	Centrica Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
24 July 2020	IMI Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
24 July 2020	Pearson Plc	Interim 2020 Earnings Release
24 July 2020	Vodafone Group Plc	Q1 2021 Earnings Release
24 July 2020	Hexagon AB	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
24 July 2020	Schlumberger NV	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
27 July 2020	SAP SE	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
27 July 2020	LVMH Mo 1/4t Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	Greggs Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	3M Co.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	Reckitt Benckiser Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	St. James's Place Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	Roper Technologies, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	Visa, Inc.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	Mondelez International, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
28 July 2020	Beyond Meat, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	Next Plc	Q2 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Statement
29 July 2020	Sanofi	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	Tullow Oil Plc	Q2 2020 Sales and Revenue Release
29 July 2020	The Weir Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	Barclays Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	Smith & Nephew Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	Taylor Wimpey Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	Rio Tinto Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	GlaxoSmithKline Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	The Boeing Co.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	Facebook, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
29 July 2020	PayPal Holdings, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Anglo American Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	AstraZeneca Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	BAE Systems Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Compass Group Plc	Q3 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
30 July 2020	Equiniti Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Total SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	LafargeHolcim Ltd.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Lloyds Banking Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Morgan Advanced Materials Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Schroders Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Smart Metering Systems Plc	Q2 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Trading Update
30 July 2020	Standard Chartered Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Ultra Electronics Holdings Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Anheuser-Busch InBev SA/NV	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Credit Suisse Group AG	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Nestl (R) SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Danone SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Royal Dutch Shell Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	RSA Insurance Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Linde Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Procter & Gamble Co.	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Xylem, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Alphabet, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	L'Or (R)al SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Vivendi SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Electronic Arts, Inc.	Q1 2021 Earnings Release
30 July 2020	Apple, Inc.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release

31 July 2020	British American Tobacco plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	BNP Paribas SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	BT Group Plc	Q1 2021 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	International Consolidated Airlines Group SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	Intertek Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	Legrand SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	London Stock Exchange Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	Chevron Corp.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	Glencore Plc	Q2 2020 Sales and Revenue Release - Production Results
31 July 2020	Royal Bank of Scotland Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	Exxon Mobil Corp.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
31 July 2020	Illinois Tool Works, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
03 August 2020	HSBC Holdings Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
03 August 2020	Renishaw Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
03 August 2020	Siemens Healthineers AG	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
04 August 2020	Bayer AG	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
04 August 2020	BP Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
04 August 2020	Diageo Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
04 August 2020	Direct Line Insurance Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
04 August 2020	Rotork Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
04 August 2020	Spectris Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
04 August 2020	The Walt Disney Co.	Q3 2020 Earnings Release
05 August 2020	Continental AG	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
05 August 2020	Hill & Smith Holdings Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
05 August 2020	Legal & General Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
05 August 2020	SEGRO Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
05 August 2020	William Hill Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
05 August 2020	Costco Wholesale Corp.	July 2020 Sales and Revenue Release
06 August 2020	Aviva Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	EOG Resources, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	Ibstock Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	ING Groep NV	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	ITV Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	Mondi Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	Novo Nordisk A/S	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	Serco Group Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	AXA SA	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	Glencore Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
06 August 2020	Zoetis, Inc.	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
07 August 2020	Hikma Pharmaceuticals Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
07 August 2020	Hargreaves Lansdown Plc	Q4 2020 Earnings Release
07 August 2020	Standard Life Aberdeen Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release
07 August 2020	Rightmove Plc	Q2 2020 Earnings Release

	Monday 20 th July	Tuesday 21 st July	Wednesday 22 nd July	Thursday 23 rd July	Friday 24 th July
UK				CBI Industrial Trends Total Orders NSA M/M	Retail Sales ex-Autos Fuel SA M/M Retail Sales SA M/M Retail Sales SA Y/Y CIPS Manufacturing PMI SA (Preliminary) CIPS Services PMI SA (Preliminary)
US		Chicago Fed National Activity Index	FHFA Home Price Index Existing Home Sales SAAR	Continuing Jobless Claims SA Initial Claims SA Leading Indicators SA M/M Kansas City Fed Manufacturing Index	Building Permits SAAR (Final) PMI Composite SA (Preliminary) Markit PMI Manufacturing SA (Preliminary) Markit PMI Services SA (Preliminary) New Home Sales SAAR
RoW	GE - PPI NSA M/M GE - PPI NSA Y/Y			GE - GfK Consumer Confidence SA FR - Business Climate Index FR - Manufacturing Business Climate Index	FR - Markit PMI Manufacturing SA (Preliminary) FR - Markit PMI Services SA (Preliminary) GE - Markit PMI Manufacturing SA (Preliminary) GE - Markit PMI Services SA (Preliminary)

Central Bank Meetings

Bank of England	6 th August 2020
European Central Bank	16 th July 2020
Federal Reserve	29 th July 2020

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