



Market Update – May 2020

Another strong month for equities as markets continued to bounce back from their March lows. Investors were buoyed by the vast stimulus packages announced by both central banks and governments. In addition, many countries have now begun to restart their economies, and the easing of the lockdowns has not yet triggered a rise in cases of the coronavirus. This has created the impression that the outbreak might be swiftly brought under control and the corresponding recession short-lived. But risks remain. Civil unrest in the US, China's threat to Hong Kong's democracy and the ongoing surge of the virus in countries like Brazil and Russia mean the trajectory of markets over the summer period is by no means clear.