



Market Update – July 2020

Strong US and Asian markets offset a weaker Europe in July as the dollar fell and gold hit record highs on the back of depressed yields. Treasury yields continued their downwards trend, the US 10Yr closing in on 0.50% by the end of the month. In Europe, the EU managed to reach unanimous agreement over its EUR750bn stimulus package, but in the US the debate still rages between Republicans and Democrats over the size of their own proposed plan. Macro data around the world continued to improve, driven by the ongoing reopening of economies. However, the virus is still gathering pace. July saw seven million new cases, and some countries are now reintroducing localised lockdowns in an attempt to halt the emergence of a second wave. This crisis is far from over.