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Brief Summary

World economy is experiencing economic disruptions due to coronavirus outbreak. Output contractions in China are being felt around the world, reflecting the key role China has in global supply chains. Subsequent outbreaks in other economies are having similar effects, albeit on a smaller scale. With this background, the global growth prospects remain highly uncertain.

The impact on confidence, financial markets, the travel sector and disruption to supply chains is expected to contribute towards downward revisions in all G20 economies in 2020, particularly ones strongly interconnected to China, such as Japan, Korea and Australia.

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a mixed trend in major economies in February 2020. Manufacturing PMI of Eurozone and Spain increased, while manufacturing PMI decreased for United States, France, India and Japan, respectively, in February 2020 as compared to the previous month. Manufacturing PMI of India declined in February 2020 from a near eight-year high in the previous month. Output, new order and export growth rates were little-changed from January's recent highs, while the pace of job creation was the weakest in three months. US Manufacturing PMI points to the slowest expansion in factory activity in six months, amid historically subdued gains in output and new orders.

Core inflation in most of the major economies recorded an upward trend in January 2020 as compared to the previous month. Inflation increased in United States, United Kingdom, China, India and South Africa, while inflation rate eased in Italy and Japan as compared to the previous month.

On the market front, most of the key international indices exhibited a decreasing trend- US DJIA registered a maximum decrease of 10.1% as on 28th February 2020 as compared to 31st January 2020, followed by Japan's NIKKEI that decreased by 8.9%, Germany's DAX, which decreased by 8.4%, India's SENSEX, with a decrease of 6.0% and China's SHSZ, which registered a decline of 1.6%.

Trade balance in major economies in the global ecosystem recorded a negative trend. While trade deficit of US and India widened; China, Brazil and Russia trade surplus narrowed; Canada's trade deficit declined; UK's trade surplus widened.

Going forward, governments need to act swiftly and forcefully to overcome the coronavirus and its economic impact. Supportive macroeconomic policies can help to restore confidence and aid the recovery of demand as virus outbreaks ease in the coming times.

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Country	GDP Billion (US\$)	GDP Growth (YoY)	Government Debt as % of GDP	Interest Rate	Inflation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Current Account	Government Budget
	Dec '18	Dec'19	Dec '18	Feb'20	Jan'20	Jan'20	Dec '18	Dec '18
United States	20,494	2.1%	105.4% ³	1.75%	2.5%	3.6%	(-)2.4%	(-)4.6% ¹¹
Canada	1,709	0.1%	90.6%	1.75% ¹²	2.4%	5.5%	(-)3% ³	(-)0.9% ³
Japan	4,970	(-)1.6%	253% ³	-0.10% ¹²	0.7%	2.4%	4.02% ³	(-)4.5% ³
				Euro A	rea			
United Kingdom	2,825	0.0%	84.7%	0.75%	1.8%	3.8% ¹¹	(-)3.9%	(-)1.8% ¹¹
Germany	3,996	0.0%	60.9%	0.00%	1.73%	3.2%	7.3%	1.5% ¹¹
France	2,777	(-)0.1%	98.4%	0.00%	1.4%	8.1% ¹¹	(-)0.3%	(-)2.5%
				European	PIIGS			
Portugal	237	0.7%	121.5%	0.00%	0.4%	6.7% ¹¹	(-)0.6%	(-)0.5%
Ireland	375	1.7% ⁷	64.8%	0.00%	1.3%	4.8%	9.1%	0.0%
Italy	2,073	0.1%	132.2%	0.00%	0.4% ¹³	9.8%	2.5%	(-)2.1%
Greece	218	0.6% ⁷	181.1%	0.00%	0.9%	16.5% ¹⁰	(-)2.9%	1.10%
Spain	1,426	0.5%	97.1%	0.00%	0.8% ¹³	13.8% ¹¹	0.9%	(-)2.5%
				BRICS Cou	Intries			
Brazil	1,868	0.6% ⁷	77.2%	4.25%	4.19%	11.2%	(-)0.77%	(-)7.8%
Russia	1,657	0.8% ⁷	13.5% ³	6.00%	2.4%	4.7%	2.2% ³	1.8% ¹¹
India	2,726	1.0% ⁵	68.7% ³	5.15%	7.6%	7.8% ¹³	(-)2.3%	(-)3.3% ¹¹
China	13,608	1.5%	47.6% ³	4.05%	5.4%	3.62% ¹¹	0.4%	(-)4.2%
South Africa	366	(-)1.4%	53.1% ³	6.25% ¹²	4.5%	29.1% ¹¹	(-)2.5% ³	(-)4.6%
				ASEAN Eco	nomies			
Indonesia	1042	(-)1.7%	29.8%	5.00%	3.0% ¹³	5.28% ⁷	(-)3.0%	(-)2.2% ¹¹
Thailand	504	0.2%	41.8% ³	1.00%	1.05%	1.0% ¹¹	7.5%	(-)2.5%
Singapore	364	0.6%	110.6% ³	1.36% ¹¹	0.8%	2.3% ¹¹	19.5% ³	0.40%
Malaysia	354	0.6%	51.8%	2.5%	1.6%	3.3% ¹¹	2.3%	(-)3.7%
Philippines	330	2.2%	41.9%	3.75%	2.9%	4.5% ¹¹	(-)2.4%	(-)3.0%

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources. Note: [®]data pertains to March 2019; ^{®®} data pertains to January 2019; ¹ data pertains to April 2019; ² data pertains to 2018; ³ data pertains to December 2017; ⁴ data pertains to May 2019; ⁵ data pertains to June 2019; ⁶ data pertains to July 2019; ⁷ data pertains to September 2019; ⁸ data pertains to August 2019; ⁹ data pertains to October 2019; ¹⁰ data pertains to November 2019; ¹¹ data pertains to December 2019; ¹² data pertains to January 2020; ¹³ data pertains to February 2020.



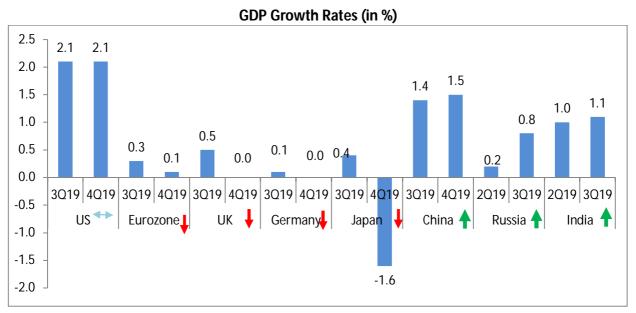
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1. Growth

The major economies have recorded a mixed trend in their GDP growth as per the latest data. GDP growth of China, Russia and India increased to 1.5%, 0.8% (3Q19) and 1.1% (3Q19) in 4Q19 as compared to 1.4%, 0.2% and 1.0% in previous quarter respectively. Further, GDP contracted in economies like Eurozone, UK, Germany and Japan at rate of 0.1%, 0.0%, 0.0% and (-)1.6% (2Q19) in 4Q19 respectively. GDP growth rate of US remained at 2.1% in 4Q19 as was in the previous quarter.



Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

Easing growth momentum in the OECD area- Composite leading indicators (CLIs), designed to anticipate turning points in economic activity relative to trend six to nine months ahead, point to easing growth momentum in the OECD area as a whole.

	Ratio to trend, amplitude adjusted (long term average = 100)				Month on Month change (%)			ge	Year on Year change (%)	Count and and a			
	2019				2019					Latest	Growth cycle outlook		
	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	month		
OECD Area	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.4	-0.02	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.12	-0.23	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
Euro Area	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.2	99.3	-0.05	-0.03	0.00	0.02	0.03	-0.68	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
Major Five Asia**	99.4	99.4	99.5	99.5	99.6	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.17	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
Major Seven	99.0	99.0	99.1	99.2	99.3	-0.05	-0.01	0.04	0.08	0.12	-0.59	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
Canada	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.1	99.2	-0.03	-0.01	0.02	0.06	0.11	-0.27	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
France	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	99.5	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.11	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
Japan	99.5	99.4	99.3	99.3	99.3	-0.08	-0.07	-0.07	-0.05	-0.01	-0.92	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
Germany	98.8	98.8	98.9	99.0	99.1	-0.09	-0.02	0.05	0.09	0.11	-1.27	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
Italy	99.3	99.2	99.2	99.3	99.3	-0.05	-0.02	0.00	0.02	0.03	-0.70	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	
United Kingdom	99.1	99.2	99.3	99.4	99.6	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.16	0.18	0.48	Tentative signs of growth gaining momentum	
United States	98.8	98.8	98.9	99.0	99.2	-0.06	0.00	0.07	0.13	0.17	-0.64	Tentative signs of growth gaining momentum	
Brazil	101.8	102.0	102.2	102.4	102.7	0.13	0.17	0.20	0.23	0.23	1.24	Growth gaining momentum	
China*** (industrial sector)	99.3	99.4	99.5	99.7	99.8	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.16	1.05	Tentative signs of growth gaining momentum	
India	99.6	99.5	99.3	99.2	99.1	-0.14	-0.14	-0.14	-0.14	-0.15	-1.57	Easing growth momentum	
Russia	99.6	99.6	99.5	99.5	99.5	-0.08	-0.06	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02	-0.62	Stable growth momentum and below-trend growth	

Composite Leading Indicators

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from OECD; * CLI data for 33 OECD member countries and 6 OECD non-member economies are available at: http://stats.oecd.org/default.aspx?datasetcode=MEI_CLI; ** China, India, Indonesia, Japan and Korea; *** The reference series for China is the value added of industry, at 1995 constant prices,100 million Yuan.



2. Industry

Economic health of manufacturing sector, as implied by manufacturing PMI, showed a mixed trend in major economies in February 2020. Manufacturing PMI of Eurozone and Spain increased to 49.2 and 50.4 respectively, while manufacturing PMI decreased to 50.7, 49.8, 54.5 and 47.8 for United States, France, India and Japan, respectively, in February 2020 as compared to the previous month.

Country	September 2019	October 2019	November 2019	December 2019	January 2020	February 2020	Change *
United States	51.1	51.5	52.2	52.4	51.9	50.7	\checkmark
Eurozone	45.7	45.7	46.6	46.3	47.9	49.2	1
France	50.1	50.5	46.8	50.4	51.1	49.8	\checkmark
Spain	47.7	50.7	51.6	47.4	48.5	50.4	1
Japan	48.9	48.5	48.9	48.4	48.8	47.8	\checkmark
India	51.4	50.6	51.2	52.7	55.3	54.5	\checkmark

Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) of Select Countries

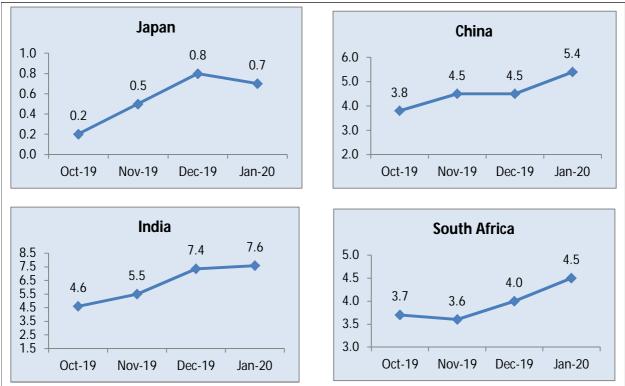
Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources (*change in the latest month data as compared to the previous month)

3. Inflation

Core inflation in most of the major economies recorded an upward trend in January 2020 as compared to the previous month. Inflation increased in United States, United Kingdom, China, India and South Africa to 2.5%, 1.8%, 5.4%, 7.6% and 4.5% while inflation rate eased in Italy and Japan to 0.4% and 0.7% as compared to the previous month. Inflation in UK remained stagnant at 1.7%.







Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

4. Markets

Most of the key international indices exhibited a decreasing trend- US DJIA registered a maximum decrease of 10.1% as on 28th February 2020 as compared to 31st January 2020, followed by Japan's NIKKEI that decreased by 8.9%, Germany's DAX, which decreased by 8.4%, India's SENSEX, with a decrease of 6.0% and China's SHSZ, which registered a decline of 1.6%.

Global Indices							
Index	Index	Index	Monthly Change				
	(as on 31 st January, 20)	(as on 28 th February, 20)	(in %)				
DAX ¹	12,981	11,890	(-)8.4 🗸				
DJIA ²	28,256	25,409	(-)10.1 🗸				
NIKKEI ³	23,205	21,142	(-)8.9 🗸				
SENSEX ⁴	40,723	38,297	(-)6.0 🗸				
SHSZ ⁵	4,003**	3,940	(-)1.6 🗸				

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources. Note: ¹ Deutscher Aktien Index (Germany), ² Dow Jones Industrial Average (US), ³ NIKKEI (Japan), ⁴ BSE SENSEX (India), ⁵Shanghai Shenzhen (China); **data pertains to 23rd January 2020.



5. Commodities

International prices of the most of the key commodities showed decreasing trend- During the period January 2020 to February 2020, prices of crude oil recorded the maximum decrease of 15.2% to around 55.2\$/bbl, followed by price of copper, which decreased by 7.5% to 5696\$/tonne and prices of silver that exhibited a dip of 2.2% to the price of 17.6\$/ounce. However, the prices of sugar recorded the maximum increase of 17.6% to 447\$/tonne, followed by the prices of gold that recorded a rise of 0.8% to 1565\$/ounce during the period January 2020 to February 2020.

Commodity	Units	As on 13 th January, 2020	As on 12 th February, 2020	Monthly Change (in %)
Gold	\$/ounce	1553	1565	0.8 个
Silver	\$/ounce	18.0	17.6	(-)2.2
Copper	\$/tonne	6157	5696	(-)7.5 🗸
Crude Oil	\$/bbl	65.1	55.2	(-)15.2 🗸
Sugar	\$/tonne	380.0	447.0	17.6 🕇

International Commodity Prices

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from various sources

6. Trade

Trade balance in major economies in the global ecosystem recorded a declining trend. While trade deficit of US and India widened; China, Brazil and Russia trade surplus narrowed; Canada's trade deficit declined; UK's trade surplus widened.

The US trade gap increased to \$48.9 billion in December o 2019 from an upwardly revised \$43.7 billion deficit in the previous month	f of GBP 7.7 billion in December 2019, compared to a GBP 1.8	China's trade surplus narrowed to \$47.21 billion in December 2019 from \$56.80 billion a year earlier.
The trade surplus in Russia narrowed to USD 15.47 billion in December 2019 from USD 18.43 billion in the same month a year earlier.	Brazil's trade surplus narrowed slightly to USD 3.096 billion in February 2020 from USD 3.116 billion in the same month of the previous year.	India's trade deficit widened to \$15.17 billion in January of 2020 from \$15.05 billion in the same month a year ago.
	Canada's trade deficit narrowed to CAD 0.4 billion in December 2019 from an upwardly revised CAD 1.2 billion in November.	n

Green color indicates that trade deficit has narrowed or trade surplus has increased Red color indicates that trade deficit has widened or trade surplus has reduced

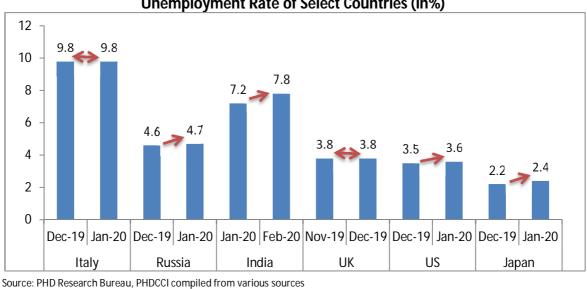
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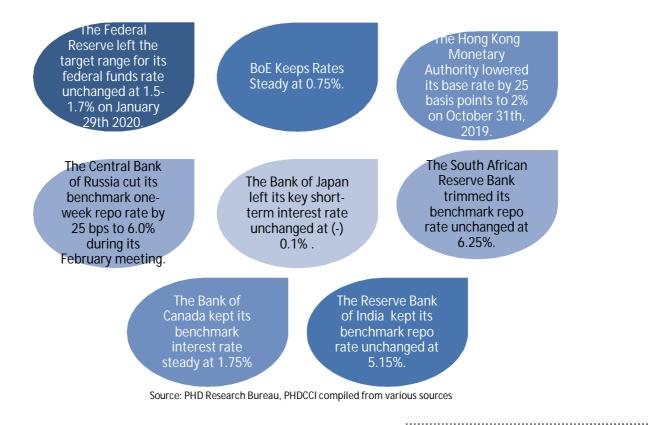
7. Unemployment

Unemployment rate in most of the major economies increased- Economies including Russia, India, US and Japan recorded increase in the unemployment rate to the level of 4.7%, 7.8% (February 2020), 3.6% and 2.4% in January 2020. Unemployment rate remained flat in Italy and UK.



Unemployment Rate of Select Countries (in%)

8. **Policy Developments**





Analysis of OECD's Interim Economic Outlook, March 2020

According to OECD's Interim Economic Outlook; Coronavirus: The World Economy at Risk, March 2020, the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has already brought considerable human suffering and major economic disruption. Output contractions in China are being felt around the world, reflecting the key and rising role China has in global supply chains, travel and commodity markets. Subsequent outbreaks in other economies are having similar effects, albeit on a smaller scale. Growth prospects remain highly uncertain.

- On the assumption that the epidemic peaks in China in the first quarter of 2020 and outbreaks in other countries prove mild and contained, global growth could be lowered by around ½ percentage point this year relative to that expected in the November 2019 Economic Outlook.
- Accordingly, <u>annual global GDP growth is projected to drop to 2.4% in 2020 as a whole,</u> <u>from an already weak 2.9% in 2019, with growth possibly even being negative in the</u> <u>first quarter of 2020.</u>

Real GDP Growth; Yoy Change (%)							
	2019	2020	2021				
World ¹	2.9	2.4	3.3				
G20 ^{1,2}	3.1	2.7	3.5				
Australia	1.7	1.8	2.6				
Canada	1.6	1.3	1.9				
Euro Area	1.2	0.8	1.2				
Germany	0.6	0.3	0.9				
France	1.3	0.9	1.4				
Italy	0.2	0.0	0.5				
Japan	0.7	0.2	0.7				
Korea	2.0	2.0	2.3				
Mexico	-0.1	0.7	1.4				
Turkey	0.9	2.7	3.3				
United Kingdom	1.4	0.8	0.8				
United States	2.3	1.9	2.1				
Argentina	-2.7	-2.0	0.7				
Brazil	1.1	1.7	1.8				
China	6.1	4.9	6.4				
India ³	4.9	5.1	5.6				
Indonesia	5.0	4.8	5.1				
Russia	1.0	1.2	1.3				
Saudi Arabia	0.0	1.4	1.9				
South Africa	0.3	0.6	1.0				

Global Growth Projections Real GDP Growth: YoV Change (%)

Source: PHD Research Bureau, PHDCCI compiled from OECD

1. Aggregate using moving nominal GDP weights at purchasing power parities.

2. The European Union is a full member of the G20, but the G20 aggregate only includes countries that are also members in their own right.

3. Fiscal years, starting in April.



- Prospects for China have been revised markedly, with growth slipping below 5% this year, before recovering to over 6% in 2021, as output returns gradually to the levels projected before the outbreak.
- The adverse impact on confidence, financial markets, the travel sector and disruption to supply chains contributes to the downward revisions in all G20 economies in 2020, particularly ones strongly interconnected to China, such as Japan, Korea and Australia.
- Provided the effects of the virus outbreak fade as assumed, the impact on confidence and incomes of well-targeted policy actions in the most exposed economies could help global GDP growth recover to 3¼ per cent in 2021.
- A longer lasting and more intensive coronavirus outbreak, spreading widely throughout the Asia Pacific region, Europe and North America, would weaken prospects considerably. In this event, global growth could drop to 1½ per cent in 2020, half the rate projected prior to the virus outbreak.
- According to the OED Interim Economic Outlook, India's GDP is expected to grow at 5.1% in 2020-21 and 5.6% in 2021-22.

According to OECD Interim Outlook, governments need to act swiftly and forcefully to overcome the coronavirus and its economic impact. Governments need to ensure effective and well-resourced public health measures to prevent infection and contagion, and implement well-targeted policies to support health care systems and workers, and protect the incomes of vulnerable social groups and businesses during the virus outbreak. Supportive macroeconomic policies can help to restore confidence and aid the recovery of demand as virus outbreaks ease, but cannot offset the immediate disruptions that result from enforced shutdowns and travel restrictions. If downside risks materialise, and growth appears set to be much weaker for an extended period, co-ordinated multilateral actions to ensure effective health policies, containment and mitigation measures, support low-income economies, and jointly raise fiscal spending would be the most effective means of restoring confidence and supporting incomes.



Conclusions

Coronavirus has severely hit the world's second largest economy-China, leading to a subdued global demand scenario and weaker prospects for exports across the nations. As China is a major player in global trade, contributing around 13% in world merchandise exports, exporting majorly to USA, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, Germany, India, Netherlands, among others, the impact on global trade would undermine the growth prospects of the world economy.

The outbreak has the potential to cause considerable global economic and market dislocation, however, the economic impact of the disease will depend on its duration and severity.

On the domestic front, the fundamentals of the Indian economy remain strong and businesses will adjust consequently in the backdrop of robust economic reforms undertaken by the Government to create a strong and resilient economic environment in the country.

Going forward, co-ordinated multilateral actions are required to ensure effective health policies, containment and mitigation measures. Further, supporting low-income economies and jointly raising fiscal spending would be the most effective means of restoring confidence and supporting incomes.



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