



Good Day RF Clients,

Stock markets surge the most in almost two weeks!

- The Dow and S&P 500 were up 7.73% and 6.95% respectively
- Asian markets were up with the exception of China.
- European markets were all up ranging from 2.38% to 5.77%.

These market surges were based on reported death tolls in some of the world's coronavirus hot spots showing signs of easing.

Regional Updates

RF aims to keep you informed and below are some of the key developments locally, regionally and globally. The sooner the economies of the US, Canada and Europe recover the sooner our markets will recover.

□ □ Bahamas

- The Bahamas has 29 COVID-19 cases, five deaths and four recoveries*.
- Prime Minister Dr. Hubert Minnis announced that a second full quarantine will occur from Wednesday April 8th 9 pm to Tuesday April 14th 5 am. Also, additional full quarantines will be in effect every weekend for the remainder of April.

□□ Barbados & □□ Cayman

- Barbados now has 56 COVID-19 cases, on death and six recoveries.
- The Cayman Islands now have 28 COVID-19 cases and community spread, but no deaths.

□ International

- Global COVID-19 cases, deaths and recoveries surpassed the 1.29 million, 75k and 279k marks respectively*.
- US COVID-19 cases, deaths and recoveries surpassed the 338k, 9.6k and 17.6k marks respectively*.
- The term "flatten the curve" is used repeatedly in the media. Flattening the curve involves reducing the number of new COVID-19 cases from one day to the next. According to Johns Hopkins, three of the 10 most affected countries have seen the 5-day moving average of new cases decrease. This is an indication that the curves for these countries are flattening. These countries include Spain, Iran and Germany*.

COVID-19 Status Update*

Country	Cases	Deaths	Recoveries
Global	1,324,907	70,482	279,249
U.S.A.	352,546	10,389	18,999
New York	130,689	4,758	N.A.
Florida	13,317	235	N.A.
United Kingdon	52,274	5,383	284
Canada	15,821	294	3,256
Dominican Republic	1,828	86	33
Cuba	350	9	18
Trinidad & Tobago	105	8	1
Jamaica	58	3	8
Barbados	56	1	6
Bahamas	29	5	4

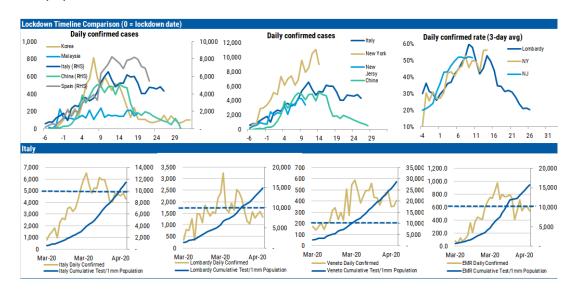
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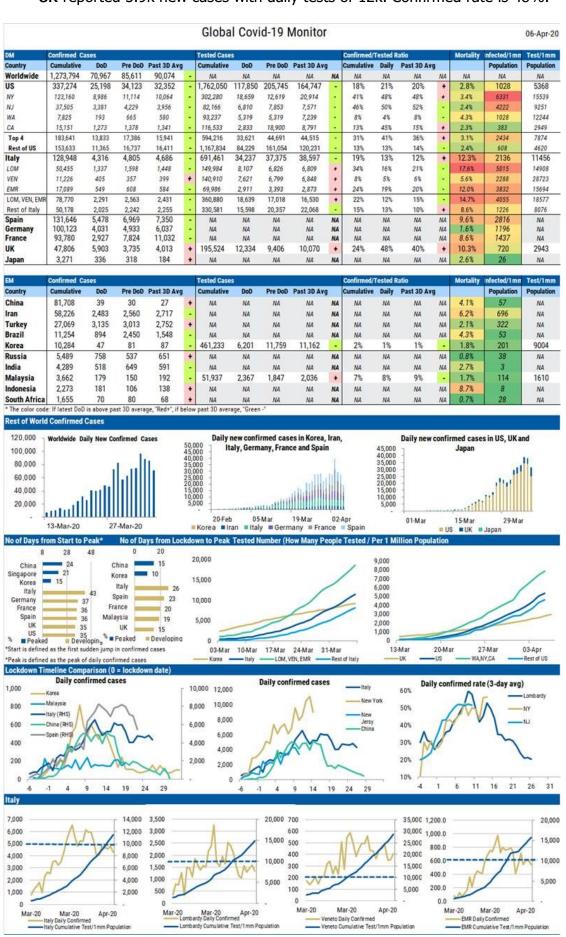
- Five more EM countries to the tracker: Turkey, Russia, Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa.
- Monday green: Improvement across major countries but it is mainly due to reduced tests/reports over the weekend, something we observed in the past few weeks.
- The charts below illustrate the broad picture: **Italy has stabilized but US is still accelerating**, as <u>Matthew Harrison highlighted</u>. What is interesting is that daily confirmed cases start to stabilize once cumulative tests reach 10k per 1mm population. This is seen in Italy and among major areas. In this context, US tested 5.4k per 1mm population while UK tested 3k per 1mm

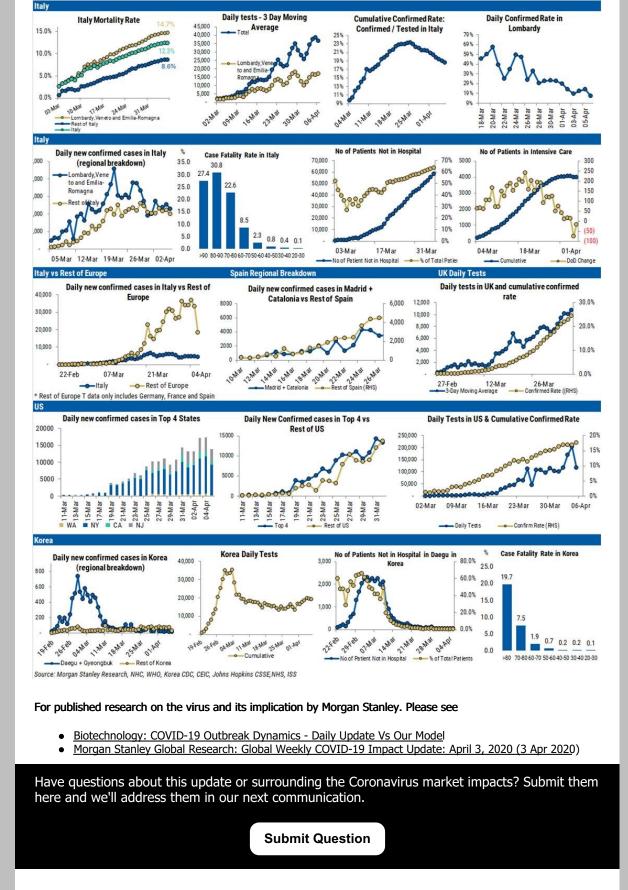
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population.



• **UK** reported 5.9k new cases with daily tests of 12k. Confirmed rate is 48%.





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