



Good Day RF Clients,

During World War II, after a series of defeats, the British defeated the Nazi general Erwin Rommel at the second battle of El Alamein. After this important victory Sir Winston Churchill stated "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning." Well, the World is at war again, but this time all of humanity has a common enemy in COVID-19. After months of negative news, we finally have reason for a little optimism and Churchill's quote seems fitting once again.

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.

1. Recovered cases globally and by country

COVID-19 Status Update*

Country	Recoveries
Global	346,376
China	77,679
Spain	52,165
Germany	46,300
Iran	32,309
Italy	28,470
U.S.A.	24,790
France	23,413
Switzerland	10,600
South Korea	6,973
Belgium	5,164
Canada	4,877
Other	33,636
*Sourced from Johns Hopkins	
University & Medicine - Coronavirus	
Resource Center, As at 4/9/2020,	

Each person that has recovered from COVID-19 is now a potential weapon against COVID-19. They all carry antibodies that can block virus infection through a process called neutralization.

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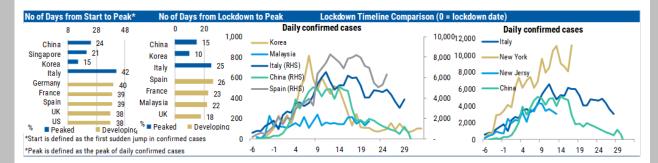
- Positive trends in Italy and Spain According to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, the 5-day average of confirmed new cases decreased in both Italy and Spain.
- In the US, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases stated that predictions for US death have been reduced from 100,000-250,000 to 60,000. This is based on the halt in the growth of confirmed new cases over the last four days. This is important because the sooner the US economy stabilizes the sooner the economies of The Bahamas, Barbados and the Cayman Islands can recover.
- Successful measures taken by China, Korea and Norway provide models on how best to handle current and future outbreaks.
- The S&P 500 is up 24.7% since dropping to 2,237.40 on March 23d. This strong recovery reflects investors replacing panic with information as they gain a better understanding of the duration and impact of COVID-19. That said, significant uncertainty remains, but it is reducing daily.
- Top scientists from around the world are working diligently to find drugs to treat and vaccines to eradicate COVID-19. While a vaccine is not expected until next year, drug

development is expected much sooner.

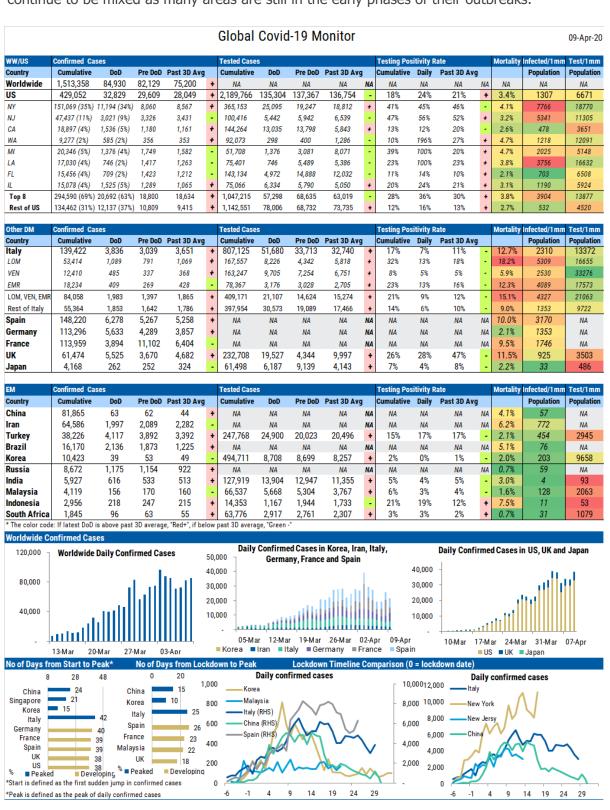
• In The Bahamas a 5 day full lock down should have a positive impact on reducing the rate of infections.

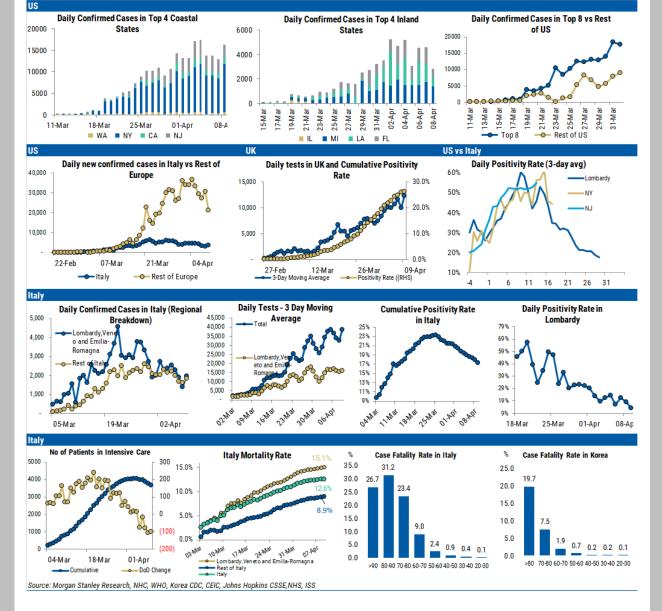
By Morgan Stanley

- · Added test number for Japan, India and Indonesia. Rejigged the charts a bit to highlight the development in US.
- **US** reported 33k new cases out of 135k tests(vs past three day average: 30k out of 137k test).
- Italy new confirmed cases rose to 3.8k (vs past three day average: 3.6k and peak: 6.5k) on the back of record high of daily tests: 52k (vs 33k in the past). Cumulative positivity rate dropped to 17%.
- · I changed Italy color from yellow to blue in the chart below:



UK reported 5.5k new cases. The past two day daily tests have been about 12k/day.
Matthew Harrison's Daily: In Italy, trends continue to be encouraging with a sustained decline in new cases and testing positivity rates now below 10% (9% overall and .18% in Lombardy). Hospital utilization rates also continue to fall. In the United States, trends continue to be mixed as many areas are still in the early phases of their outbreaks.





For published research by Morgan Stanley on the virus and its implication. Please see

- <u>Biotechnology: COVID-19 Outbreak Dynamics Daily Update Vs Our Model</u>
- Morgan Stanley Global Research: Global Weekly COVID-19 Impact Update: April 3, 2020 (3 Apr 2020)

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