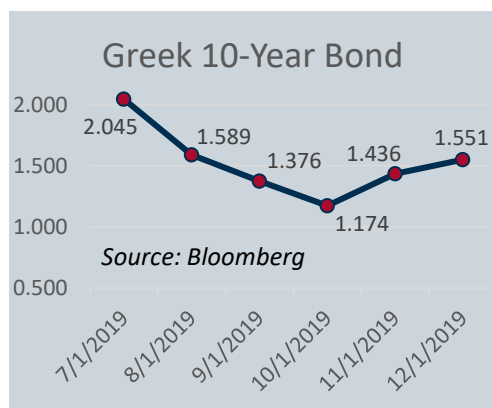




## Greek Market

*Uncertain global advancements offset positive sentiment from Greece*

At the end of the first week of December, the ATHEX GI ended lower than last week, pushing the market nearer to the level of 870 points. The index closed at 873.21 points, suffering a weekly net loss of 3.14%. Even if another winter period starts negatively, the remarkable upside of the index at 42.38% so far this year cannot be omitted. On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>, the GI ended the session on the day lows, at 892.97 (-0.96%), having recorded the highest price of the year, 902.41 points. On Tuesday, the day with the week's largest volume of transactions, GI closed at 881.28 (-1.31%). This week was not a particularly good one for Greek banks, as the three out of the four systemic banks presented a downside during the week's closing auction, with Piraeus Bank being the only out of all to gain 0.34%. In general, despite the domestic positive signals (GDP growth, budget execution, release of Greek bonds' profits), the market seemed to be affected by the nervous global environment as we enter a week of announcements (UK, Fed, ECB, Sino-US trade). Others hurdles in the race for 900 points are the occasional bond issuances and the increases of share capital that took place recently.

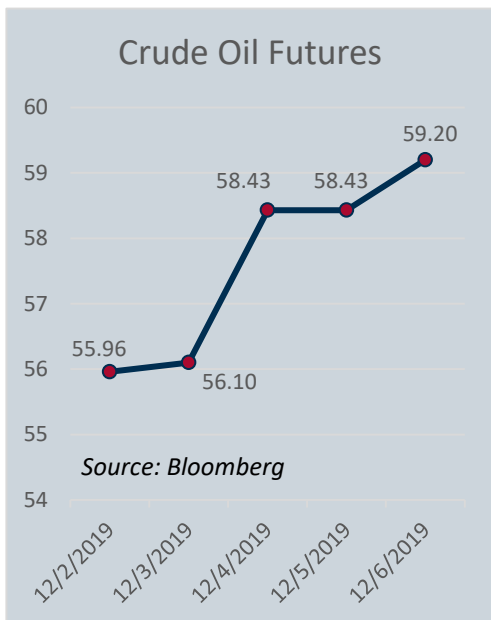


## Domestic News

*Positive momentum is capitalized as EU Institutions ease further*

Eurogroup accepted the disbursement of € 767 mil, the second round of measures, including namely the holding profits of Greek bonds that ECB and several Eurozone Central Banks held in their deposits. It was noted that Greece showed progress on the creditors' reforms and that part of the installment will be used for pre-decided investments rather than servicing the debt. In Wednesday, Greece launched a 26W T-bill auction draining € 812.5 mil with a yield of -0.02%, lower than the 0.00% of this October's similar auction. The initial aim of € 625 mil. covered 2.11 times as the total bids reached € 1.32 bn. Later that day, BoG announced October's interest rates, which exemplify how an environment of negative interest rates impacts a struggling economy. New deposits approach zero at 0.20% shaping the interest rates' spread at 4.12% as the average participant of the real economy borrows at 4.32%. On Tuesday, the Hellenic Statistical Authority (HSA) announced the temporary figures for the third quarter's GDP of 2019 presenting an increase of 2.3%, as opposed to the last year's respective figure. Specifically, exports had an unprecedented upturn of 9.5%, while investments and consumption were augmented by 2% and 0.5% respectively. Finally, the trade deficit of this years' first 10 months expanded by 5.9% since the same period of 2018.

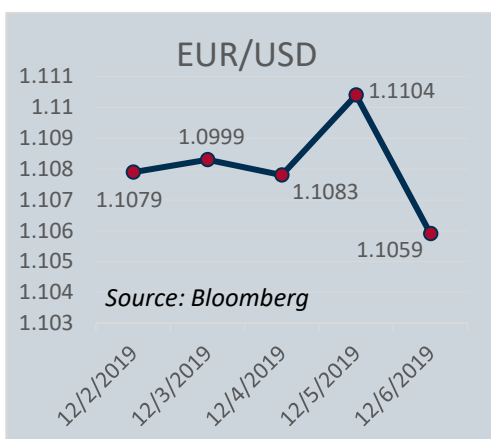
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MON 9	TUE 10	WED 11	THU 12
		Fed meeting: "Hold steady" expectations	UK's elections: Conservative Party leads
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## Global Markets

### Crude oil's significant returns overshadowed puzzled equities

The first week of the month showed mixed results from the Wall Street Indices, trying at the end to pick up week's loss by weighing on the announcements about US labor market data that were well above expectations, but also on the positive impression surrounding relations with China (S&P500 +0.16%, DOW30 -0.13% and NASDAQ100 -0.10%). European indices moved at a similar pace, yielding slightly less than their counterparts (DAX30 -0.53%, CAC40 -0.56% and FTSE100 -1.45%). Positive macroeconomic data confirm that the US economy is on track boosting the mood for riskier investments, leading precious metals to losses with Gold and Silver closing the week below zero at -0.40% and -2.81% respectively. Crude oil ended this week with strong earnings as it was affected partly by the trade war but more importantly by the OPEC's agreement with its allies, limiting concerns about slowing demand of Crude Oil, which closed at \$ 59.20 a barrel (+7.3%).



## International News

### Sino American trade war continues, approaching Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>'s decision

Entering this week, Trump signaled tariffs on imports of steel and aluminum from Brazil and Argentina and that it might be better for China's bilateral trade deal to be concluded after the 2020 US elections. Moreover, the House of Representatives overwhelmingly approved a third draft law, stipulating that the US will impose stricter measures on China over the repression of Uighurs' Muslim minority, causing China's backlash. The US unemployment rate hit a 50-year low at 3.5%, still proving wrong recession-pessimists. In Europe, German Manufacturing PMI rose to 44.1 in Nov. from 43.8 in Oct. as well as the Eurozone PPI gained 0.1% on a monthly basis and fell by 1.9% on a y-o-y basis. In Europe's aspired departing member's elections Boris Johnson is expanding his lead ahead of the Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> polls.

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