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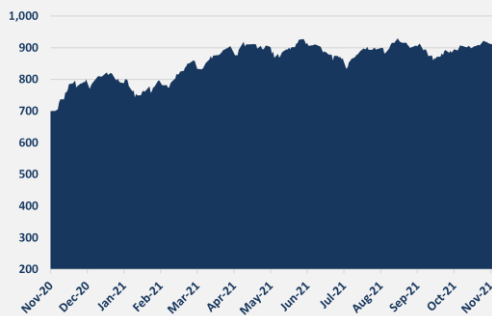
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Greece

ATHEX Composite Index



Economy

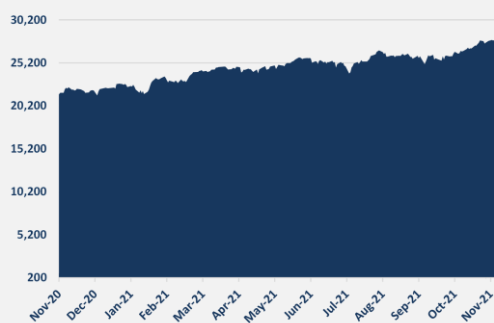
- According to ELSTAT, in September 2021, the turnover index (current prices) in retail trade increased 13.0% y-o-y and 1.1% m-o-m, while the index in volume terms (constant prices) increased 10.1% y-o-y and decreased 3.1% m-o-m.
- According to ELSTAT, in October 2021, the producer price index in industry increased 23.5% y-o-y (Oct20: -6.9% y-o-y) and 3.3% m-o-m, while the average index for Nov'20-Oct'21 increased 7.6% y-o-y (Nov'19-Oct'20: -5.4% y-o-y).

Market

- Alpha Services and Holdings announced a 3Q21 pre-provision income of EUR 201m vs consensus estimate of EUR 189m.
- PPC released 3Q21 results with adj.EBITDA coming at EUR 155m (-35% y-o-y) as higher energy generation and procurement costs were only partially mitigated by higher realised prices and available hedges
- Terna Energy released a trading update on its 9M21 performance with adj.net income standing at EUR 43.4m, +16.7% y-o-y (reported losses at EUR 50.4m inc. EUR 94m of US divestment).
- Gek Terna released a trading update on its 9M21 results with group adj. net income at EUR 5.0m (vs. loss of EUR 2.0m in 9M20) while adj.EBITDA stood at EUR 213m (+17% y-o-y) mainly reflecting pick-up in construction activity (9M21 construction EBITDA at EUR 38.4m, +127% y-o-y with margin at 9.6%).
- Gek Terna announced that its BoD approved the issue of a new unsecured bond loan for an amount of up to EUR 300m and a 7-year tenor to be listed on the ATHEX fixed income market.
- ElvalHalcor released 9M21 results with adj.EBITDA coming at EUR 130.4m (+29% y-o-y) and reported net profit at EUR 115.3m (vs. EUR 24m in 9M20) assisted by metal price gains.
- Ellaktor released its 9M21 financial results, with reported net losses coming at EUR 70.7m (vs. loss of EUR 54m in 9M20), but with 3Q21 losses contained at EUR 10m.
- Athens Water released Q3:21 results reporting a 13.6% y-o-y increase in revenue to EUR 101.4m, a 3.4% y-o-y increase in EBITDA to EUR 40.7m and 3.7% y-o-y in net profit growth to EUR 33.8m.
- S&P affirmed Mytilineos rating at 'BB-' but revised Outlook to Positive (vs. Stable) reflecting a potential upgrade in the coming 12 months as the company transitions to a much larger EBITDA base and lower leverage.
- Intracom Holdings' real estate subsidiary sold a property in Mykonos for EUR 32.39m / Intrakat to proceed to the construction of a hotel and villas in Mykonos budgeted at EUR 67m. Related to this, Intrakat to proceed to the construction of a hotel and villas in Mykonos budgeted at EUR 67m.
- Kri Kri in a response to the HCMC said that the global energy crisis affects directly and indirectly the company's cost base to tighten margins despite efforts to pass costs to selling prices.
- Sarantis announced that it has reached an agreement with Unilever Asia for the representation and distribution of Fissan baby care products in Greece with estimated sales from Fissan's distribution amount to cEUR1.0m.

Italy

FTSE MIB Index



Market

- As reported by Bloomberg, Italian football league Serie A attracts new interest from private equity firm Apax Partners whose initial offer in alliance with Three Hills Capital Partners had fallen out. Apax is in discussions with fellow potential suitors with a view of tabling an offer early next year. Serie A had received offers from Advent International, CVC Capital Partners and Italy's FSI for EUR 1.7bn (10% stake). Apax could be looking at a different deal that would include additional debt.
- As reported by Il Sole 24 Ore, Italian food company Ferrero will acquire the remaining 30% in Spanish The Ice Cream Factory Comaker (ICFC) and will then hold 100%. Ferrero acquired a majority for c. EUR 100m two years ago, and now will acquire the remaining shares. ICFC is based in Alcira, Valencia, and is considered the largest ice cream producer in Spain. ICFC has over 600 employees and achieved a turnover of EUR 124.6m in 2020.
- As reported by Il Sole 24 Ore, Italian theme parks and museum group Costa Edutainment initiated investor talks as minority sponsor Oaktree Capital considers exiting the company. Costa's management has begun informal talks with two financial investors in recent weeks. Oaktree's investment in Costa will reach its third year in 2022 and Oaktree is considering divesting options. In 2019, Costa Edutainment generated a turnover of EUR 60.2m, while EBITDA was EUR 10m.
- As reported by Il Sole 24 Ore, Italian designer of technical apparel for mountaineering and outdoor activities Montura was acquired by Italian clothing Group Herno and private equity firm NUO. Group Herno has acquired a 55% stake and NUO 45%. For 2020, Montura had revenues of around EUR 70m and EBITDA of EUR 7m.
- As reported by Milano Finanza, Italian producer of automatic bottling systems Bertolaso was acquired by private equity firm Investindustrial. The deal was signed earlier this week and an announcement is expected later in the week. This acquisition is a strategic fit with beverage-processing machinery Della Toffola, acquired by Investindustrial in 2020. Bertolaso reported EUR 5m EBITDA on EUR 48.5m turnover on in 2021.

Cyprus

CSE General Market Index



Economy

- The preliminary General Government fiscal results, which are prepared by the Statistical Service of Cyprus (CYSTAT) indicate a deficit of EUR 261.9m (1.1% of GDP) for the period of January–October 2021, as compared to a deficit of EUR 720.3m (3.3% of GDP) that was recorded during the period of January–October 2020.
- According to CySTAT, in 3Q21, the turnover index of services recorded increases in the sectors of accommodation and food service activities (+84.1% y-o-y), of administrative and support service activities (+34.9% y-o-y), of information and communication (+16.2% y-o-y) and of professional, scientific and technical activities (+5.6% y-o-y) compared to the corresponding quarter of 2020.
- According to CySTAT, in October 2021, the index of industrial output prices increased 13.0% y-o-y and 1.0% m-o-m, while for Jan-Oct'21 it increased 5.3% y-o-y.

Market

- Bank of Cyprus BoD in its meeting on 30 November 2021, resolved to exercise the Bank's option to redeem the remaining c.EUR 43m nominal amount outstanding of the Tier 2 Notes on 19 January 2022. This refers to the EUR 250m Fixed Rate Reset Tier 2 Capital Notes issued in January 2017 which are due in January 2027 (ISIN: XS1551761569).
- Bank of Cyprus announced that on 29 November 2021 the European Central Bank approved the appointment of Mr. Constantine Iordanou as a member of the Board of Directors of the bank.
- Demetra Holdings released its 9M21 results with net income of EUR 7.25m versus EUR 6.40m in 9M20.

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