# Weekly Trader

**Upcoming Market Opportunities and Events** 

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### **Key Themes This Week**

#### The Week Ahead

Global equity markets finished last week broadly unchanged as early-week gains were reversed in the latter half of the week. Having endured significant declines in the prior week, US big tech names rallied in the early days of last week only to come under renewed selling pressure. This selling pressure however was offset by stronger performances by industrial and value focused sectors such as industrials, materials and transports however the latter sector did give up some of these gains on Friday as the increase in coronavirus cases, particularly in Europe, weighed.

As well as weakness in the technology sector, markets were also held back by a combination of other factors which included the US Federal Reserve and the absence of additional fiscal stimulus from the US.

Regarding the Fed, the central bank reiterated the new forward guidance outlined by Chair Powell in his Jackson Hole speech three weeks ago which stated that rates would remain at their current levels until at least 2023, that it would target an average inflation rate of 2% and would not trigger a rate increase even if its full employment target was met. The central bank however gave no clear indication of any further immediate monetary policy support as it revised its 2020 GDP forecast for the US economy to -3.7% from its June forecast of -6.5%. Equally, Chair Powell stressed that the next form of support should come from Congress, which at this point in time, so close to the US Presidential election, looks highly unlikely.

This combination of no further policy action from the Fed and the shifting of the onus for stimulus onto Congress, disappointed markets and was a contributory factor in the start of week gains being unwound. As if to highlight the need for further fiscal stimulus there were a number of economic data points out of the US that suggested the ongoing economic recovery could come under threat. These included a slowdown in the pace of retail sales and some softening in what has been a very buoyant housing market. As we have stated here previously, the cessation of the Paycheck Protection Programme in July would be a potential negative for the retail sector (70% of the US economy) and the retail sales data this week, coupled with recent cautious outlook statements from Walmart and Home Depot, suggest the US consumer is indeed becoming more cautious.

Also last week there was some incrementally positive news on vaccine testing with **Pfizer** announcing an increase in the number of people it was using in its trials and the resumption, in the UK at least, of trials by **AstraZeneca**. These developments were however overshadowed by a sharp increase in new cases globally with the WHO reporting that there were 300,000 confirmed new cases in the previous week across Europe, higher than the peak number in March at the start of the pandemic. While governments generally agree that a return to full scale lockdowns should be avoided due to the economic damage such moves cause, there are an increasing number of regional restrictions being put in place globally which have the potential to slow the recent pace of economic recovery.

Despite the aforementioned issues, we maintain a positive medium term outlook for equities predicated on the continuing monetary and fiscal support from global central banks and governments, the absence of any meaningful return available other asset classes such as bonds and cash, as well as the belief that a vaccine for the virus will be delivered in 2021. In the short-term, we maintain a neutral position on markets as daily headlines on virus case numbers and uncertainty ahead of the US election on 3rd November persist.

This week we include comments on US technology group **Microsoft** and French infrastructure group **Vinci**, both of which are in our recently revamped Core Portfolio, as well as the usual update on the **MIM Multi-Asset portfolios.** 

#### Major Markets Last Week

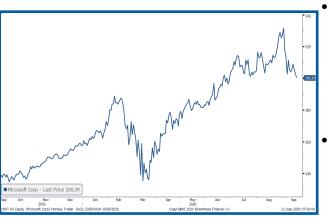
•	Value	Change	% Move	
Dow	27657	-8.22	-0.03%	
S&P	3319	-21.50	-0.64%	
Nasdaq	10793	-60.26	-0.56%	
MSCI UK	13478	-47.82	-0.35%	
DAX	13116	-86.59	-0.66%	
ISEQ	6486	86.39	1.35%	
Nikkei	23,360	-46.19	-0.20%	
Hang Seng	24,053	-587.44	-2.38%	
STOXX 600	369	0.82	0.22%	
Brent Oil	42.76	3.15	7.95%	
Crude Oil	40.7	3.44	9.23%	
Gold	1951	-6.25	-0.32%	
Silver	26.75	-0.37	-1.37%	
Copper	309.75	2.95	0.96%	
Euro/USD	1.1859	0.00	-0.06%	
Euro/GBP	0.9156	-0.01	-0.86%	
GBP/USD	1.2952	0.01	0.83%	
		Value	Change	
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German 10 Year		-0.49%	-0.01	
UK 10 Year		0.18%	0.00	
US 10 Year		0.68%	0.01	
Irish 10 Year		-0.13%	-0.04	
Spain 10 Year		0.29%	0.00	
Italy 10 Year		0.97%	-0.05	
BoE		0.1	0.00	
ECB		0.00	0.00	
Fed		0.25	0.00	

All data sourced from Bloomberg

### **Opportunities this week**

CFI Research Team

### **Microsoft Corp**



Key Metrics	2020e	2021e	2022e	
Revenue (\$'Mn)	156558	174498	194402	
EPS (\$)	6.46	7.35	8.36	
Price/ Earnings	31x	27.28x	23.95x	
Div Yield	1.07%	1.16%	1.28%	
	4.880	0.000	VED	
Total Return	1 Mth	3 Mth	YTD	
MSFT US	-5.93%	2.93%	28.08%	

Source: All data & charts from Bloomberg & CFI

#### Closing Price: \$200.39

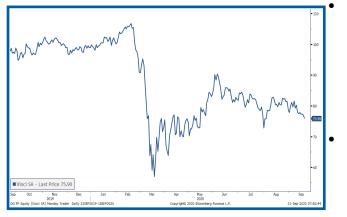
The company that develops, manufactures, licences, sells and supports software products reported a 24% increase in FY20 earnings (year-end June) from a 21% increase in EBITDA and 14% increase in revenue. In the fourth quarter, on the three primary revenue streams, the "intelligent cloud" sources grew 26% while productivity and business processes grew revenue 17%. In contrast, personal computing saw negligible 1.6% growth. The company reported that Covid-19 had "minimal net impact" on the business in Q320 then noted that "similar business trends" continued through the fourth quarter

The business operates in three divisions. More Personal Computing (Windows) generates 35% of revenue. Productivity and Business processes (Office 365) generates 33% of revenue, with the Intelligent Cloud division (Azure) generating 30% of revenue. While global in reach, Microsoft generates half its revenue in the US

Unlike Google or Facebook, who make up two of the five FAANG components, Microsoft does not rely on advertising as its main source of revenue and so, we believe, has a more robust business model to negotiate the uncertainties thrown up by the Covid-19 pandemic. With the market only looking for earnings growth of 12% from revenue growth of 9.5% in FY21, we believe the risk to forecasts could be to the upside

The stock, which is currently up 28.5% year-to-date, is trading at 31.4x FY21 P/E and 20.1x EV/EBITDA. Given its relative size, it is difficult to compare it to its direct business peers as the next largest company in the sector Oracle is c.11% Microsoft's market cap. If considering the stock as a proxy to the FAANG stocks, then it is trading at what we would consider an undeserved average 26% discount to that basket of stocks

# Vinci SA Closing Price: €75.90



Key Metrics	2020e	2021e	2022e
Revenue (€'Mn)	42999.7	46788.5	48448.1
EPS (€)	2.51	5.07	6.04
Price/ Earnings	30.29x	14.98x	12.57x
Div Yield	1.94%	3.55%	4.33%
Total Return	1 Mth	3 Mth	YTD
DG FP	-5.57%	-9.08%	-22.18%

Source: All data & charts from Bloomberg & CFI

Within the construction sector we prefer Vinci over its peers because it operates in two mutually beneficial divisions, namely Contracting and Concessions. Contracting operates in the traditional construction and building materials sector, building roads, building and infrastructure. Concessions, however, gives the company a broader revenue base as it operates and maintains toll roads, railways and airports among other operations. The company pitches for what it considers to be synergistic projects that see its Construction division hand over completed projects to its Concessions division to operate

Contracting generates c.80% of total revenue from three primary businesses, Vinci Construction (building and civil engineering primarily in France generating 30% of total Group revenue), Vinci Energies (electrical engineering and construction operating in 55 countries generating 30% Group revenue) and Eurovia (road/rail/runway building unit operating in 10 countries generating 20% of group revenue) Concessions manages and operates roads, airports and stadia, primarily again in France, which generates 15% of Group revenue with the remaining 5% coming from Vinci Immoblier, the group's real estate sub-division.

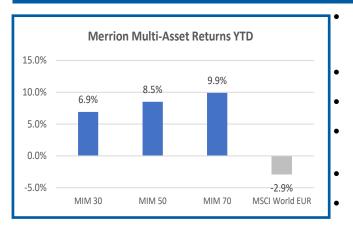
The company is forecast to bounce back in FY21 from a c.33% dip in FY20E EBITDA (forecast up 37.8%), before stabilising at a sustainable 8.5% growth rate over the subsequent three years

Vinci's share price has staged a limited recovery from the market sell-off in March, with the stock currently still down c.23% ytd. Looking through 2020, the stock is trading at 15.1x 2021 earnings and 9.4x EV/EBITDA, an average 12% premium to its pre-Covid-19 10-year average. The premium, however, reflects general sector multiple expansion as the stock is trading at a c.18% discount to peers. As such, we see a stock with sustainable EBITDA growth of 8.5% trading at 9.7x EV/EBITDA, while also generating a dividend, forecast to yield 3.4% in FY21, as good value

### **Opportunities this week**

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## Merrion Investment Managers Multi Asset Range (30/50/70)



Total Return	YTD
MIM 30	6.9%
MIM 50	8.5%
MIM 70	9.9%
MSCI World (EUR)	-2.94%

Returns as of the 17/09/2020 Gross Returns MIM multi asset (30/50/70) funds offer well-diversified exposure with the ability to perform in different market environments. Year to date the funds have outperformed peers and benchmarks during both strong and weak market episodes

Excellent choice across the range, to suit the different risk profiles of our client base

Diversification with active management can deliver very strong returns with reduced volatility in times of market stress

Over the week the positioning in the funds remained unchanged at the mid point in terms of asset allocation but very constructive within that

The funds are overweight both structural growth and cyclical recovery themes

The team continue to have a very positive outlook for equities over the medium term as a zero rate world and co-ordinated global fiscal expansion will drive investment into the industries that will dominate the next decade. MIM remain underweight growth assets overall

However, after such a strong rally coupled with the murkier shortterm outlook that the surge in virus cases brings, the conditions exist for a volatile period which will provide better opportunities to exploit the teams more medium term view

The continued benefit of MIM's active approach, driven by a strong, coherent, and well-tested investment process should be evident over the course the 3rd and 4th quarter of this year

# **Cantor Core Portfolio - In Detail**

Performance YTD	%
Portfolio	-4.6%
Benchmark	-6.1%
Relative Performance	1.5%
P/E Ratio	24.39x
Dividend Yield	2.1%
ESMA Rating	6
Beta	1.01

Sector	Portfolio	Benchmark	+/-
Consumer Discretionary	7%	7%	
Consumer Staples	7%	11%	
Energy	0%	11%	
Financials	0%	3%	
Health Care	13%	13%	
Industrials	7%	15%	
Information Technology	27%	12%	
Communication Services	13%	16%	
Utilities	13%	7%	
Materials	0%	2%	
Real Estate	7%	4%	
Emerging Markets	7%	0%	

FX	Portfolio	Benchmark
EUR	47%	32%
GBP	13%	13%
USD	40%	40%
Other	0%	16%

Currency YTD %						
GBP	-7.70%					
USD	-5.46%					

#### **Benchmark**

#### Weighted Average Contribution

Index	Currency	PE	Outlook	Weighting	Total Return Local	Weekly Return	Price	Co	ntribution
STOXX Europe 600	EUR	39	Neutral	60%	-9.2%	0.2%	369	-5.5%	
S&P 500	USD	28	Neutral	40%	4.2%	-0.6%	3319	-0.6%	
Total				100%					-6.12%

#### Core Portfolio

#### Weighted Average Contribution

Stock	Currency	Yield*	Hold /Sold	Sector	Weighting	Total Return Local	Weekly Return	Price	*Co	ntribution
Verizon Communications Inc	USD	4.1%	Н	Communication Services	6.67%	1.5%	0.9%	60.35	0.0%	
Amazon.Com Inc	USD	0.0%	Н	Consumer Discretionary	6.67%	59.9%	-5.2%	2954.91	-0.3%	
JPMorgan Emerging Markets Trust	GBp	1.8%	Н	Emerging Markets	6.67%	0.4%	1.0%	10.62	-0.1%	
Allianz Se	EUR	5.3%	Н	Financials	6.67%	-13.3%	-2.5%	178.46	-0.1%	
JPMorgan Chase & Co	USD	3.6%	Н	Financials	6.67%	-27.5%	-2.7%	98.35	-0.1%	
Sanofi	EUR	3.7%	Н	Health Care	6.67%	2.2%	1.0%	88.44	0.0%	
Vinci Sa	EUR	1.8%	Н	Industrials	6.67%	-22.2%	-2.0%	75.90	-0.1%	
Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy	EUR	0.0%	Н	Industrials	6.67%	43.3%	1.5%	22.35	-0.2%	
Fedex Corp	USD	1.2%	Н	Industrials	6.67%	62.7%	4.3%	242.78	-0.2%	
Ryanair Holdings Plc	EUR	0.0%	Н	Industrials	6.67%	-17.5%	1.4%	12.08	-0.2%	
Paypal Holdings Inc	USD	0.0%	Н	Information Technology	6.67%	62.8%	-4.3%	176.07	-0.2%	
Microsoft Corp	USD	0.9%	Н	Information Technology	6.67%	28.1%	-1.8%	200.39	-0.2%	
Rio Tinto Plc	GBP	6.0%	Н	Materials	6.67%	19.6%	0.3%	5007.00	-0.1%	
Smurfit Kappa Group Plc	EUR	3.6%	Н	Materials	6.67%	-0.3%	5.7%	33.26	0.0%	
Engie	EUR	0.0%	Н	Utilities	6.67%	-19.5%	-1.5%	11.60	-0.2%	
Total					100%					-2.06%

All data taken from Bloomberg up until 18/09/2020.

\*Contribution since being reweighted on the 16.09.2020

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\*Red Denotes Deletions

\*Green Denotes Additions

\*Yields are based on the mean of analyst forcast

# **This Weeks Market Events**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Corporate	Corporate	Corporate	Corporate	Corporate
	Kingfisher PLC NIKE Inc	Origin Enterprises PLC General Mills Inc	Accenture PLC	Costco Wholesale Corp
Economic	Economic	Economic	Economic	Economic
UK National Activity Index	UK CBI Industrial Orders EU Consumer Confidence Flash US Existing Home Sales	German Gfk Consumer Confidence German & French Flash Markit Composite PMI EU Flash Markit Composite PMI US Flash Markit Composite PMI	German Ifo Business Climate US Initial Jobless Claims US New Home Sales	EU M3 Money Supply US Durable Goods Orders

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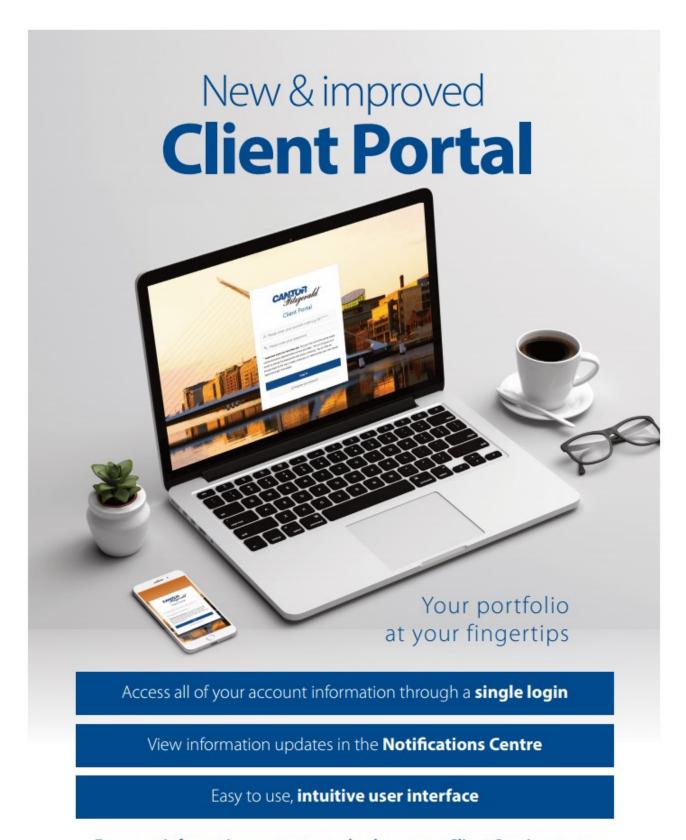
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