

# Preparing for

### the new reality

Session 3: Volatility – opportunities or run for cover?

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- Update from KPMG ESG team
- Market update Rebecca Cretney, Nedbank
  Private Wealth
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#### VOLATILITY - OPPORTUNITIES OR RUN FOR COVER?

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#### WHAT IS THE BEST QUESTION?





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#### IS NOW THE RIGHT TIME TO INVEST FOR YOU?



Why?

What?

When?

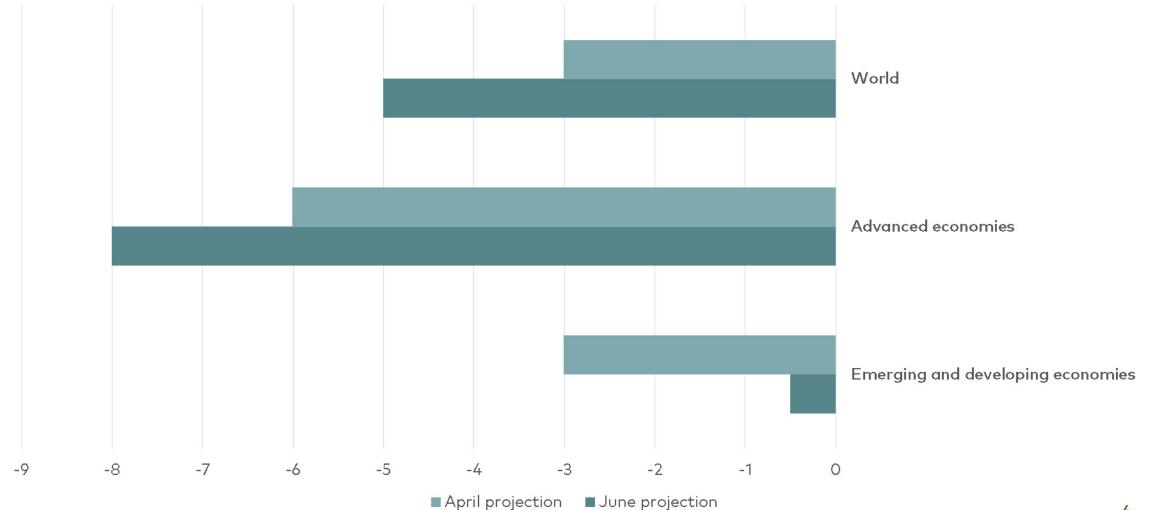
How much?

For whom?

#### **GROWTH PREDICTIONS**



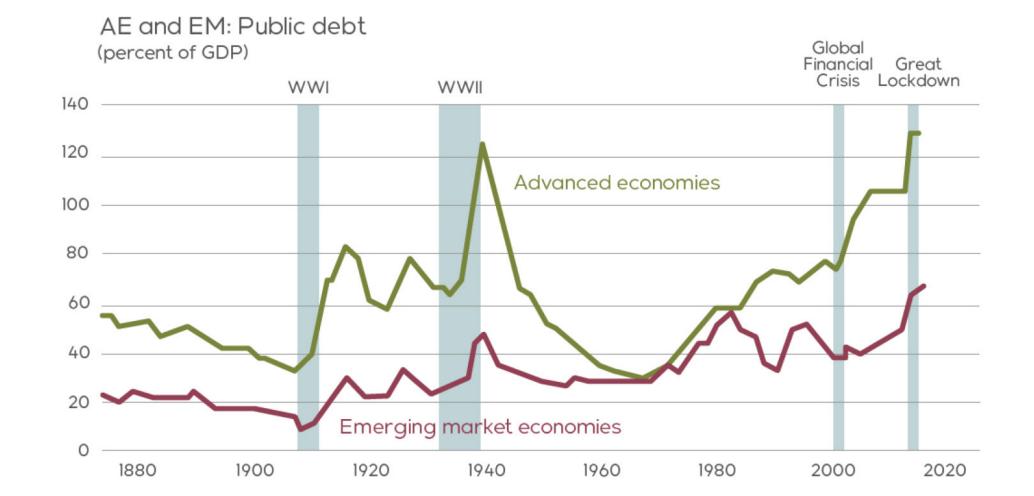
Projected changes in 2020 GDP forecasts (year-on-year)



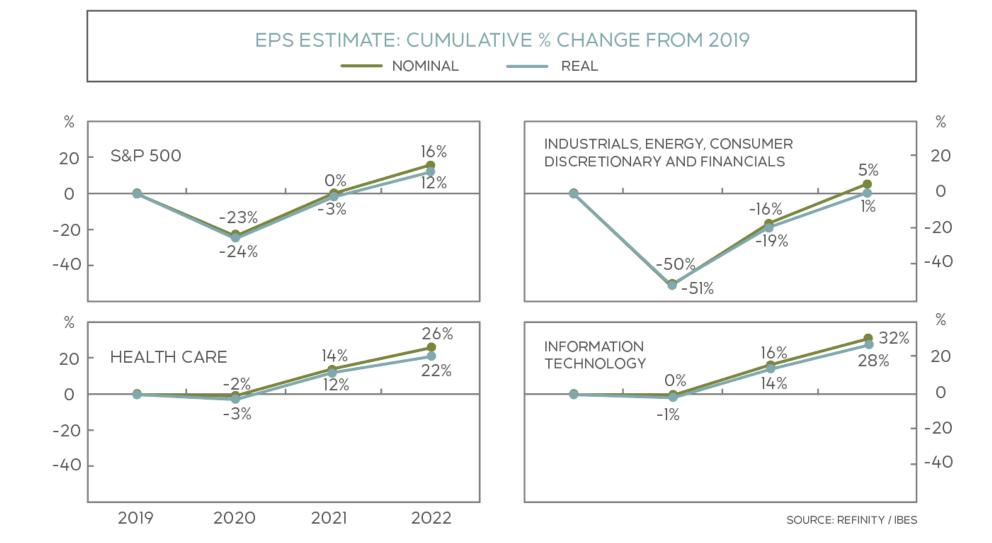
Source: IMF

#### PUBLIC DEBT SET TO EXCEED POST-WWII PEAK



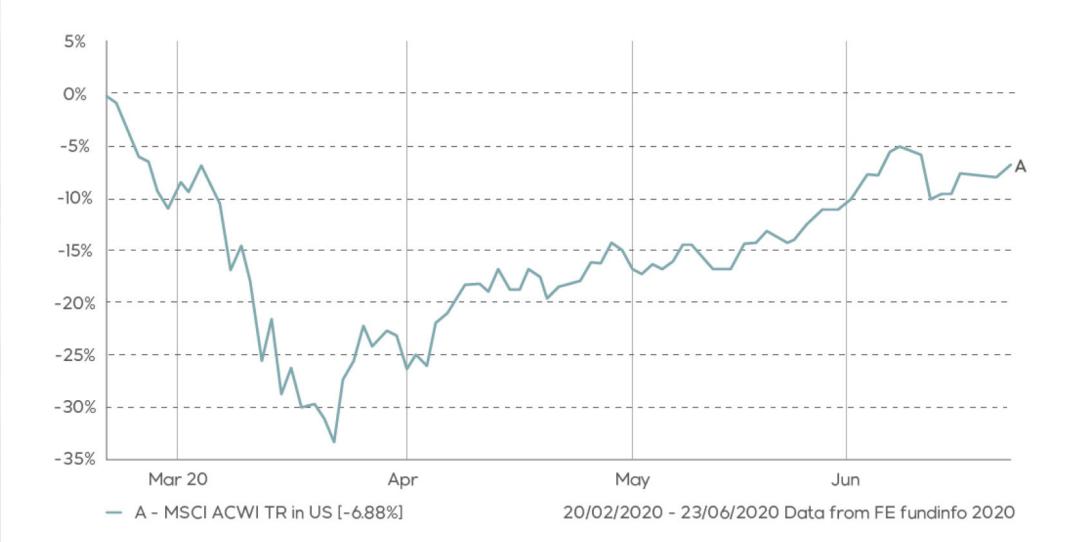






#### MARKET CAP-WEIGHTED WORLD EQUITIES

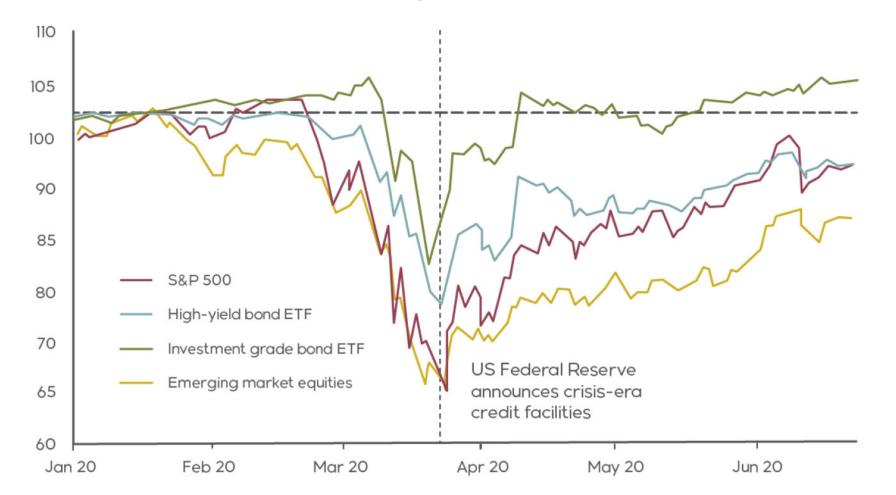




#### DISCONNECT BETWEEN FINANCIAL MARKETS AND THE REAL ECONOMY



US stocks and credit markets plunged and then recovered



Source: IMF

#### EQUITY PRICES AND CONSUMER CONFIDENCE





Sources: Bloomberg Finance L.P.; and IMF staff calculations

#### **RISKS TO THE CURRENT RALLY**



Second wave of infections leading to additional containment measures.

Geopolitical tensions.

Broadening social unrest in response to rising global inequality.

Reassessment of expectations as to the extent of central banks' support.

#### WHY MIGHT THE SELL-OFF NOT HAPPEN?



Not all sectors are expensive.

The equity risk premium is elevated.

Cash on the side lines and equities supply.





Understand that you should invest over the medium to long term.

Consider your circumstances. You should seek advice before any financial decision.

Look to invest in companies that are able to adapt to the new reality, and diversify.



Reaction Respond to crisis



Resilience Manage through uncertainty



Recovery Identify opportunities



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Wrap up and questions

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## Thank you



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