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Announcements

ESMA

CFTC and ESMA sign enhanced MOU related to certain recognized central counterparties

07 January 2021

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC") and the European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA") announced the signing of a new Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") regarding cooperation and the exchange of information with respect to certain registered derivatives clearing organizations established in the United States that are central counterparties ("CCPs") recognized by ESMA under the European Market Infrastructure Regulation ("EMIR"). For more information please press [here.](#)

EIOPA

Publishes monthly technical information for Solvency II Relevant Risk Free Interest Rate Term Structures – end December 2020

06 January 2021

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority ("EIOPA") published technical information on the relevant risk free interest rate term structures ("RFR") with reference to the end of December 2020. For more information please press [here.](#)

Other Alerts

ESMA

Publication of financial instruments reference data after the end of the BREXIT transition period

05 January 2021

The ESMA has published its first set of Financial Instruments Reference

Data System ("FIRDS") files following the end of the Brexit transition period. For more information please press [here](#).

Market News

Bloomberg

Gold falls back below \$1,900 as U.S. dollar recovers

08 January 2021

"Gold dropped below \$1,900 an ounce as the dollar pared losses and equity markets gained, as investors digested confirmation of a Joe Biden presidency and Democrat-controlled congress." For more information please press [here](#).

Reuters

U.S. bond yields could keep rising after piercing 1%

08 January 2021

"U.S. bond yields could be headed still higher after piercing 1% this week, according to analysts and investors who point to a wide gap

between the benchmark Treasury yield and the next key support level." For more information please press [here](#).

Financial Times

Global stocks rise as investors shrug off chaos in Washington

07 January 2021

"Capital markets steady despite violent clashes on Capitol Hill." For more information please press [here](#).

Bloomberg Professional

Oil prices - Vaccine optimism vs. supply hikes

06 January 2021

"The Brent crude price has bounced from about \$40 per barrel in mid-2020 to now be above \$50 (as of January 4, 2021) . Stronger demand is behind the rebound, as progress on Covid-19 vaccinations promise a return to normality. Supply remains a drag, giving OPEC+ a decision to make when it meets today." For more information please press [here](#).

Cryptocurrencies

Bloomberg Professional

\$50,000 May Be Bitcoin Next Stop vs. Rising Base Around \$20,000

07 January 2021

"Crypto assets in 2021 are initially about the diminishing prospects for Bitcoin to revisit old highs around \$20,000 vs. the increasing potential of staying a bullish course toward \$50,000 and a market cap of about \$1 trillion, the way we see it. Increasing regulation is part of maturation and is more likely to enhance the digital-gold attributes of Bitcoin vs. the other 8,000-or-so so-called cryptocurrencies, most of which are someone's project and/or liability. Bitcoin has crossed the Rubicon into the mainstream and still appears in early days of price-discovery." For more information please press [here](#).

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