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Announcements

EIOPA

**Publishes the second paper on the
methodological principles of insurance
stress testing with focus on liquidity**

26 January 2021

The European Insurance and Occupational Pensions Authority ("EIOPA") published the second paper in a series of papers on the methodological principles of insurance stress testing. The Methodological Paper is a follow-up to the consultation with stakeholders and focuses on the liquidity component. Overall, it is a further step in enhancing EIOPA's stress testing framework. For more information please press [here](#).

ESMA

Updates EMIR Q&A'S

28 January 2021

The European Securities and Markets Authority ("ESMA"), the EU's securities markets regulator, has updated its Questions and Answers document on practical questions regarding reporting issues under the European Markets Infrastructure Regulation ("EMIR"). For more information please press [here](#).

Other Alerts

FCA

Update on mortgages, consumer credit, banking and payments during coronavirus

27 January 2021

The Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") is publishing an update on issues relating to mortgages, consumer credit, banking and payments during coronavirus. This confirms FCA's finalised guidance on repossessions for mortgages and consumer credit, as well as the FCA's intention to consult on an increase in the limit for contactless payments. The FCA also wants to express its support for finance staff who are

continuing to carry out frontline roles. For more information please press [here](#).

Market News

Financial Times

Global stocks fall as day-trading frenzy feeds wider volatility

29 January 2021

"Hedge funds accustomed to poring through arcane corners of earnings reports in search of companies to bet against are turning their sights on foul-mouthed online message boards in an effort to stay ahead of day traders who have started beating them at their own game." For more information please press [here](#).

Reuters

COVID-19 savages U.S. economy, 2020 performance worst in 74 years

28 January 2021

"The U.S. economy contracted at its deepest pace since World War Two

in 2020 as the COVID-19 pandemic depressed consumer spending and business investment, pushing millions of Americans out of work and into poverty." For more information please press [here](#).

Bloomberg

Europe stocks drop with U.S. futures; dollar gains: Markets Wrap

28 January 2021

"Stocks in Europe slid along with American equity futures Friday amid lingering concerns about volatile retail-trader speculation in the U.S. and a cash squeeze in China. The dollar was on track for its biggest weekly gain since October and Treasury yields rose." For more information please press [here](#).

Bloomberg Professional

Brokers need focus, client-base knowledge to remain relevant

28 January 2021

"Buy-siders like to be treated well, and rarely turn down research, execution information or liquidity, but their reasons for hitting the “buy” button are more nuanced and vary by need. Our U.S. Institutional Equity

Trading Study shows that more want snappy, easy-to-use algorithms, while service preferences differ based on fund size, style and type. Knowing the client base is requisite to earn a manager's business." For more information please press [here](#).

Cryptocurrencies

Bloomberg Bitcoin Jumps Above \$38,000 as Musk Adds It to Twitter Profile

29 January 2021

"Bitcoin surged above \$38,000 after Tesla Inc. founder Elon Musk mentioned the cryptocurrency on his Twitter profile. Musk's page on Twitter simply said #bitcoin with no further explanation, but speculation that the world's richest man might be a Bitcoin investor was enough to set off a dramatic rally. Prices spiked as much as 15% in a matter of minutes, the biggest intraday move in almost a year." For more information please press [here](#).

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