

Second wave or not

This week was marked by a discussion about whether a second wave of the Corona virus was going on or not. It has become the main trading theme for the S&P 500.

On Thursday 11 June there was an article in the Wall Street Journal about a possible second Coronavirus wave in the United States. The Asian exchanges were still neutral on Thursday morning in Europe, but the new theme really took hold on trading. We also note that governments are cautious towards Black Lives Matter and other demonstrations which could increase the possibility for the pandemic to get a foothold. The S&P 500 index never managed to fill the gap. Secondly the rising trend line has now been broken.

As earlier emphasized by us, support from central banks continues to hold the markets at a higher level than what can be justified from current corporate earnings.

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