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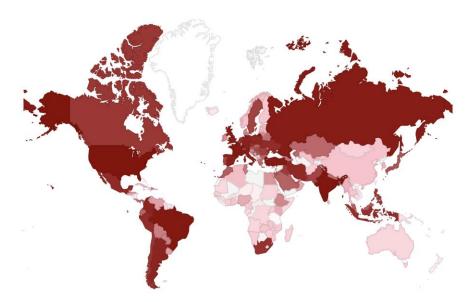


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Covid-19 Update



| Coronavirus | Cases | Deaths | Recove | ered |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|---------|------------|
| Coronavirus Cas | ses | Total | Change | PerMillion |
| United States | 32 | 2,558,066 | 45,132 | 98,816 |
| India | 2 | 1,077,410 | 412,262 | 15,646 |
| Brazil | 14 | 4,930,183 | 73,295 | 71,045 |
| France | 5 | ,680,378 | 24,371 | 84,416 |
| Turkey | 4 | ,955,594 | 26,476 | 59,270 |
| Russia | 4 | ,855,128 | 7,639 | 33,095 |
| United Kingdor | n 4 | ,423,796 | 1,946 | 65,997 |
| Italy | 4 | ,059,821 | 9,113 | 68,072 |
| Spain | 3 | ,544,945 | 4,515 | 74,898 |
| Germany | 3 | ,451,550 | 18,034 | 41,499 |
| More | | | | |

| Coronavirus | Cases | Deaths | Recove | ered |
|----------------|-------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Coronavirus De | aths | Total | - Change | PerMillion |
| United States | | 579,280 | 781 | 1,758 |
| Brazil | | 414,399 | 2,811 | 1,971 |
| India | | 230,168 | 3,980 | 170 |
| Mexico | | 217,740 | 395 | 1,720 |
| United Kingdo | m | 127,543 | 4 | 1,902 |
| Italy | | 121,738 | 305 | 2,041 |
| Russia | | 112,246 | 351 | 765 |
| France | | 105,416 | 243 | 1,566 |
| Germany | | 83,876 | 285 | 1,008 |
| Spain | | 78,399 | 106 | 1,656 |
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Source: <u>www.tradingeconomics.com</u>, as of 7 May 2021 (Changes represent the daily increases in cases / deaths).

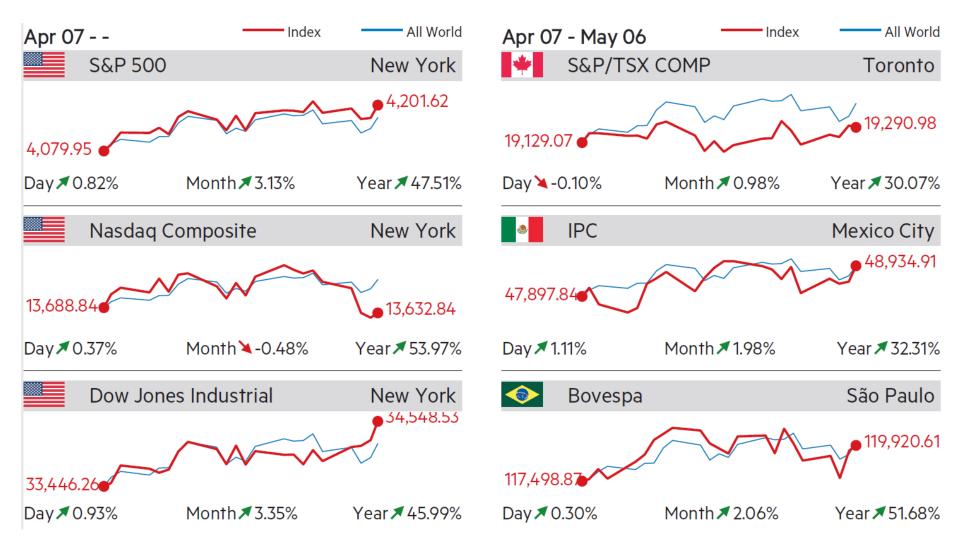
| COUNTRIES > | GDP | GDP YoY | GDP QoQ | Interest rate | Inflation rate | Jobless rate | Gov. Budget | Debt/GDP | Current Account | Population |
|----------------|-------|---------|---------|---------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|------------|
| United States | 21433 | 0.40% | 6.40% | 0.25% | 2.60% | 6.00% | -4.60% | 107.60% | -3.10 | 329.48 |
| China | 14343 | 18.30% | 0.60% | 3.85% | 0.40% | 5.30% | -3.70% | 66.80% | 1.90 | 1400.05 |
| Euro Area | 13336 | -1.80% | -0.60% | 0.00% | 1.60% | 8.10% | -7.20% | 98.00% | 2.30 | 342.41 |
| Japan | 5082 | -1.40% | 2.80% | -0.10% | -0.20% | 2.60% | -10.30% | 266.20% | 3.20 | 125.67 |
| Germany | 3846 | -3.00% | -1.70% | 0.00% | 2.00% | 4.50% | -4.20% | 69.80% | 7.00 | 83.17 |
| India | 2869 | 0.40% | 7.90% | 4.00% | 5.52% | 6.50% | -9.50% | 69.62% | -0.90 | 1347.12 |
| United Kingdom | 2829 | -7.30% | 1.30% | 0.10% | 0.70% | 4.90% | -16.90% | 100.20% | -3.50 | 67.03 |
| France | 2716 | 1.50% | 0.40% | 0.00% | 1.30% | 8.00% | -9.20% | 115.70% | -1.90 | 67.29 |
| Italy | 2001 | -1.40% | -0.40% | 0.00% | 1.10% | 10.10% | -9.50% | 155.80% | 3.60 | 59.64 |
| Brazil | 1840 | -1.10% | 3.20% | 3.50% | 6.10% | 14.40% | -5.90% | 75.79% | -0.72 | 210.15 |
| Canada | 1736 | -3.20% | 2.30% | 0.25% | 2.20% | 7.50% | -15.90% | 88.60% | -1.90 | 37.78 |
| Russia | 1700 | -1.80% | 1.50% | 5.00% | 5.79% | 5.40% | 1.80% | 14.60% | 3.90 | 146.70 |
| South Korea | 1647 | 1.80% | 1.60% | 0.50% | 2.30% | 3.90% | -2.60% | 42.60% | 3.50 | 51.78 |
| Spain | 1394 | -4.30% | -0.50% | 0.00% | 2.20% | 15.98% | -11.00% | 120.00% | 0.70 | 47.33 |
| Australia | 1393 | -1.10% | 3.10% | 0.10% | 1.10% | 5.60% | -4.30% | 24.80% | 2.50 | 25.68 |
| Mexico | 1269 | -3.80% | 0.40% | 4.00% | 4.67% | 3.90% | -1.60% | 45.50% | 2.40 | 126.58 |
| Indonesia | 1119 | -0.74% | -0.96% | 3.50% | 1.42% | 6.26% | -6.50% | 38.50% | -0.44 | 270.20 |
| Netherlands | 909 | -2.80% | -0.10% | 0.00% | 1.90% | 3.50% | -4.30% | 54.50% | 7.80 | 17.41 |
| Saudi Arabia | 793 | -3.90% | 2.50% | 1.00% | 4.90% | 7.40% | -4.50% | 22.80% | 6.30 | 34.22 |
| Turkey | 754 | 5.90% | 1.70% | 19.00% | 17.14% | 13.40% | -3.40% | 39.50% | -5.10 | 83.61 |
| Switzerland | 703 | -1.60% | 0.30% | -0.75% | 0.30% | 3.40% | 1.50% | 41.00% | 3.80 | 8.61 |
| Taiwan | 611 | 8.16% | 3.09% | 1.13% | 2.09% | 3.72% | -4.50% | 28.20% | 9,50 | 23.55 |
| Poland | 592 | -2.80% | -0.70% | 0.10% | 4.30% | 6.40% | -7.00% | 57.50% | 3.60 | 37.96 |
| Thailand | 544 | -4.20% | 1.30% | 0.50% | 3.41% | 1.50% | -1.90% | 50.50% | 4.20 | 66.65 |
| Sweden | 531 | 0.00% | 1.10% | 0.00% | 1.70% | 10.00% | -3.10% | 39.90% | 5.20 | 10.33 |
| Belgium | 530 | -1.00% | 0.60% | 0.00% | 1.23% | 5.80% | -9.40% | 114.10% | -1.20 | 11.52 |
| Venezuela | 482 | -26.80% | -23.70% | 58.67% | 3012.20% | 6.40% | -29.90% | 350.00% | 9.80 | 32.22 |
| Argentina | 450 | -4.30% | 4.50% | 38.00% | 42.60% | 11.00% | -8.50% | 89.40% | 1.00 | 45.38 |
| Nigeria | 448 | 0.11% | 9.68% | 11.50% | 18.17% | 33.30% | -3.80% | 34.98% | -3.60 | 206.14 |
| Austria | 446 | -2.70% | 0.20% | 0.00% | 2.00% | 8.70% | -8.90% | 83.90% | 2.50 | 8.90 |

Source: <u>www.tradingeconomics.com</u>, as of 7 May 2021 (GDP figures are provided in USD billion)

| Macro Outlook | UK & US Economic Calendar – Key Events |
|--|---|
| Economic data have been pointing up of late – with jobs, confidence, and consumer spending soaring. The global composite PMI is at a six-and-a-half-year high. Higher inflationary pressures are still evident – with shipping costs, input costs indices and commodity prices still up. Those economies with better access to vaccines and able to open up more quickly will likely outperform. | 6 May > BoE Interest Rate Decision 7 May > Non-Farm Payrolls 10 May > United States 12 May > GDP Growth Rate 12 May > Inflation Rate 14 May > Retail Sales 18 May > Employment Change United Kingdom United States United States United States United Kingdom |
| Equities | Bonds |
| Global economic recovery prospects are bolstered by vaccine rollout and fiscal stimulus. Uncertainty of Covid remains on the horizon. Domestic-focused stocks can benefit from the UK's strong cyclical rebound amid successful vaccination and re-opening. UK equities index is exposed to value stocks and the BoE remains dovish. To date, 38% of companies in the S&P 500 have reported quarterly earnings with over 80% beating expectations. | The US 10 Year Treasury yield appears to have stabilised around 1.6% after hitting recent highs of 1.75% at end-March signalling that inflation concerns may be abating for the time being. US President Biden government's \$2 trillion fiscal stimulus, along with higher commodity prices, increase the potential for higher US inflation. If real rates remain low, many analysts argue that US treasury bonds are deemed unattractive even at 1.6%. |
| Commodities | FX |
| Gold underperformed year-to-date as economic recovery and risk-on sentiment continues. However, gold climbed 3.6% in April, as the weaker USD environment and falling yields helped the precious metal put on a sterling performance throughout the month. OPEC+'s supply discipline has been supportive of oil prices, but demand remains muted until mobility resumes. | US Dollar Index (DXY) weakened 2.1% amid falling yields and "risk on" sentiment. The EUR rallied in April as firm risk sentiment and falling US Treasury yields helped it to climb 2.5% over the duration of the month. In April, the GBP climbed a relatively meagre 0.3% considering the prevailing USD weakness of April and was the G10 underperformer. |

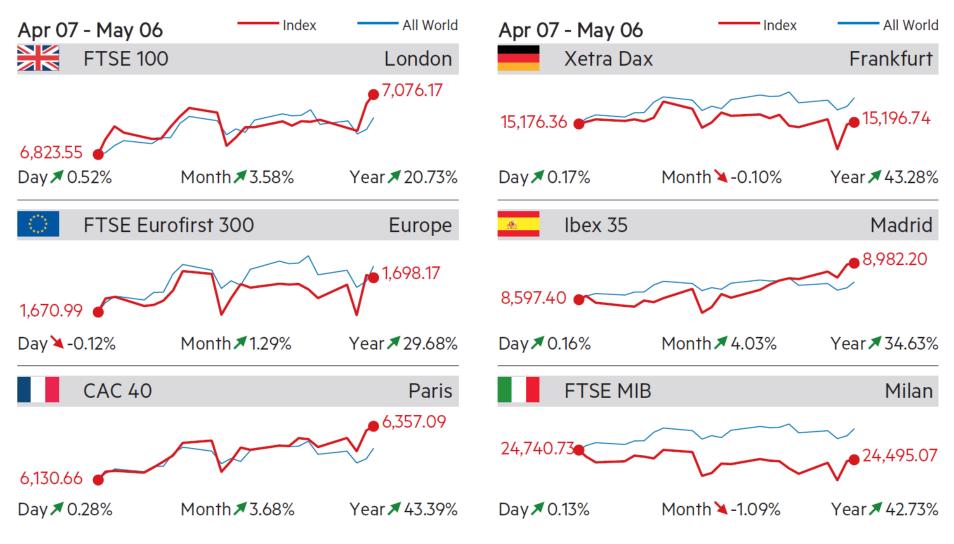
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Global Stock Markets - Americas



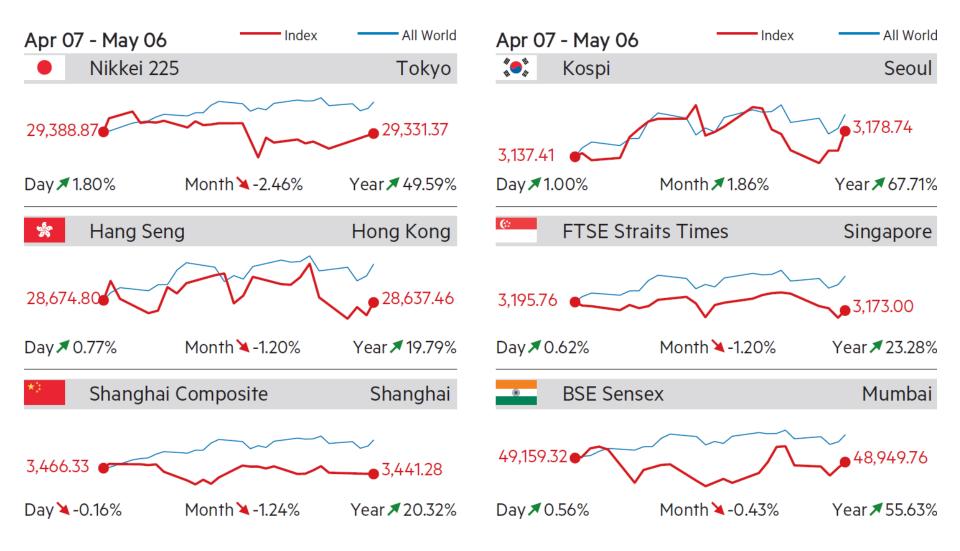
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Global Stock Markets – Europe



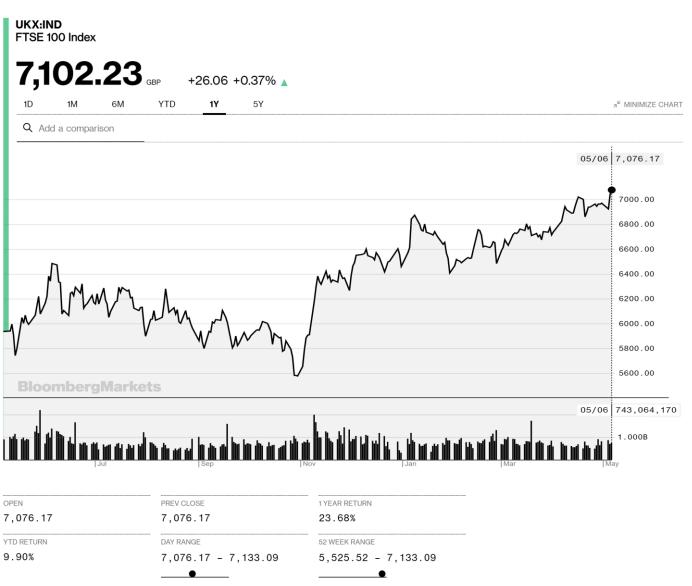
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Global Stock Markets - Asia



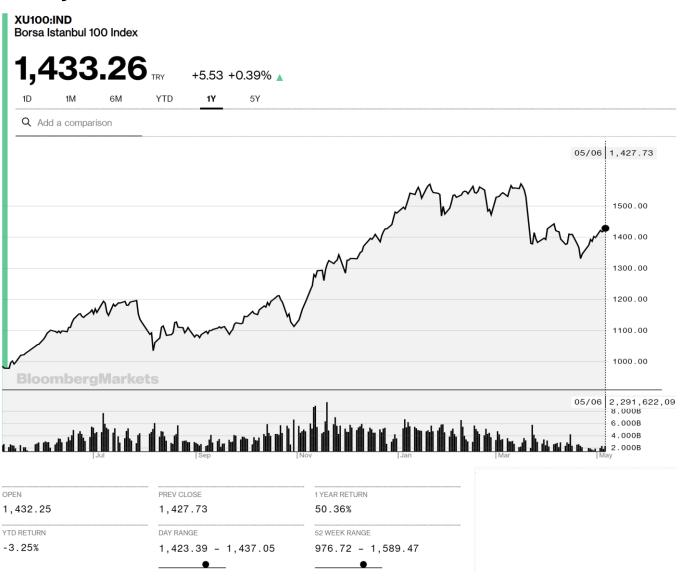
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UK Stock Markets



Source: Bloomberg

Turkey Stock Markets



Source: Bloomberg

Global Bond Markets – Americas & Europe & Middle East

Americas 10-Year Government Bond Yields

| COUNTRY | YIELD | 1 DAY | 1 MONTH | 1 YEAR | TIME (EDT) |
|-----------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| United States » | 1.57% | +0 | -10 | +93 | 12:34 PM |
| Canada | 1.51% | 0 | +1 | +96 | 12:34 PM |
| Brazil | 9.17% | -11 | -32 | | 12:33 PM |
| Mexico | 6.69% | -6 | +20 | +65 | 12:34 PM |

Europe, Middle East & Africa 10-Year Government Bond Yields

| COUNTRY | YIELD | 1 DAY | 1 MONTH | 1 YEAR | TIME (EDT) |
|------------------|--------|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| Germany » | -0.22% | +1 | +11 | +33 | 11:59 AM |
| United Kingdom » | 0.77% | -2 | +0 | +54 | 11:59 AM |
| France | 0.17% | +3 | +24 | +20 | 11:59 AM |
| Italy | 0.96% | +5 | +27 | -95 | 11:59 AM |
| Spain | 0.48% | +3 | +14 | -33 | 11:59 AM |
| Netherlands | -0.07% | +1 | +12 | +20 | 11:59 AM |
| Portugal | 0.50% | +4 | +27 | -44 | 11:59 AM |
| Greece | 0.98% | +3 | +14 | -118 | 11:59 AM |
| Switzerland | -0.25% | +1 | +7 | +34 | 11:16 AM |

Source: Bloomberg

Global Bond Markets – Asia Pacific

Asia Pacific 10-Year Government Bond Yields

| COUNTRY | YIELD | 1 DAY | 1 MONTH | 1 YEAR | TIME (EDT) |
|-------------|-------|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| Japan » | 0.08% | 0 | -1 | +9 | 3:59 AM |
| Australia » | 1.67% | -2 | -7 | +75 | 2:38 AM |
| New Zealand | 1.71% | +2 | -2 | +95 | 1:26 AM |
| Hong Kong | 1.02% | | | | 5:25 AM |
| Singapore | 1.49% | 0 | -13 | +58 | 5:30 AM |
| South Korea | 2.13% | +213 | +6 | | 7:09 AM |
| India | 6.01% | +4 | -7 | -1 | 6:53 AM |

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UK Bond Markets

Gilt Yields

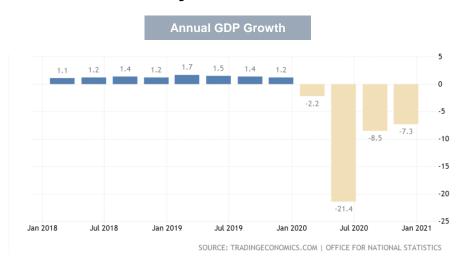
| NAME | COUPON | PRICE | YIELD | 1 DAY | 1 MONTH | 1 YEAR | TIME (EDT) |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|--------|------------|
| GTGBP2Y:GOV UK Gilt 2 Year Yield | 0.13 | 100.17 | 0.02% | -1 | -3 | +4 | 11:59 AM |
| GTGBP5Y:GOV UK Gilt 5 Year Yield | 0.13 | 99.13 | 0.31% | -2 | -5 | +24 | 11:59 AM |
| GTGBP10Y:GOV UK Gilt 10 Year Yield | 4.75 | 136.63 | 0.77% | -2 | +0 | +54 | 11:59 AM |
| GTGBP30Y:GOV UK Gilt 30 Year Yield | 0.63 | 83.24 | 1.31% | 0 | 0 | +76 | 11:59 AM |

Bank of England Rates

| RATE | CURRENT | 1 YEAR PRIOR |
|---|---------|--------------|
| UKBRBASE:IND Official Bank Rate | 0.10 | 0.10 |
| UKAPTARG:IND Asset Purchase Program Target (Billions of GBP) | 875.00 | 435.00 |

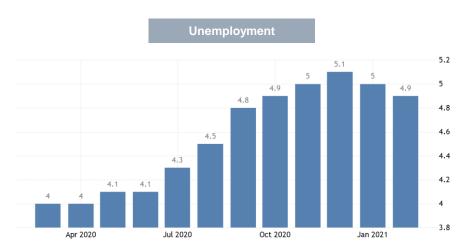
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UK Economy

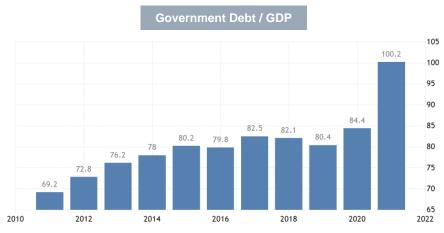




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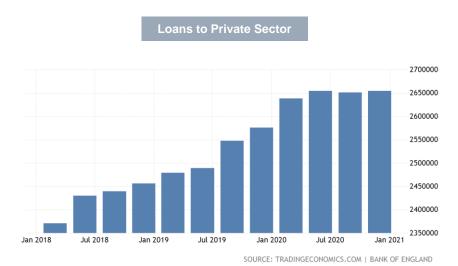
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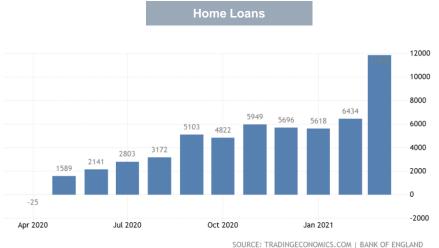
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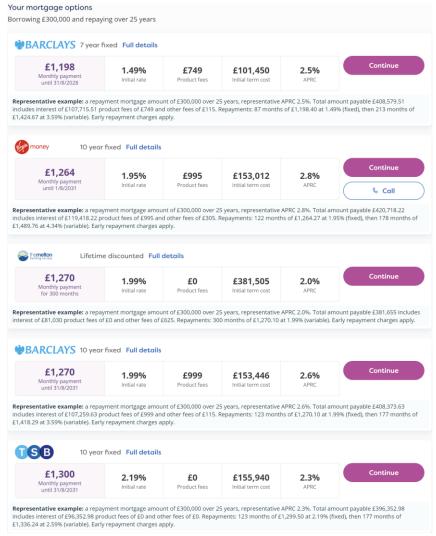




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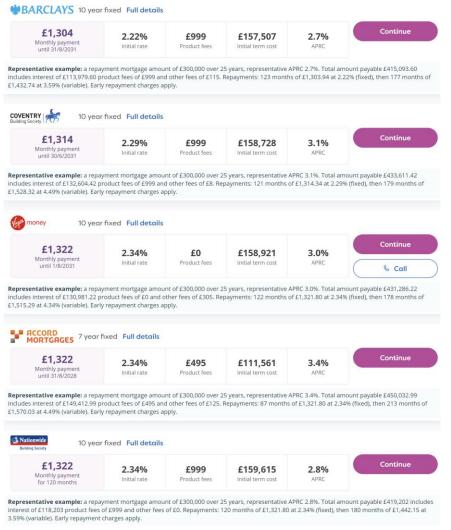
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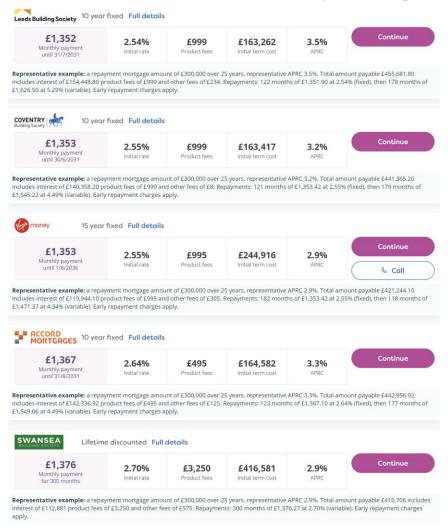
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