

31 March 2020

GOVERNMENT / STATE NEWS

“Anti-crisis shield” bill was slightly amended yesterday in the upper house (Senat) and came back to be voted in Sejm - some of the amendments were approved and some were rejected. The update on shopping centres situation to follow.

Poland adopts **new measures** to fight against coronavirus outbreak. Main measures affecting real estate are:

- DIY shops will have to be closed over weekends
- all shops allowed to be open must adopt additional safety (hygienic) measures and limit the number of people inside (a maximum of 3 people per one cash desk – even if it’s not open)
- all hotels and short term lease facilities will have to be closed, unless they are used for quarantine purposes or to accommodate medical staff

Full list of restrictions introduced today at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/koronawirus/kolejne-kroki>

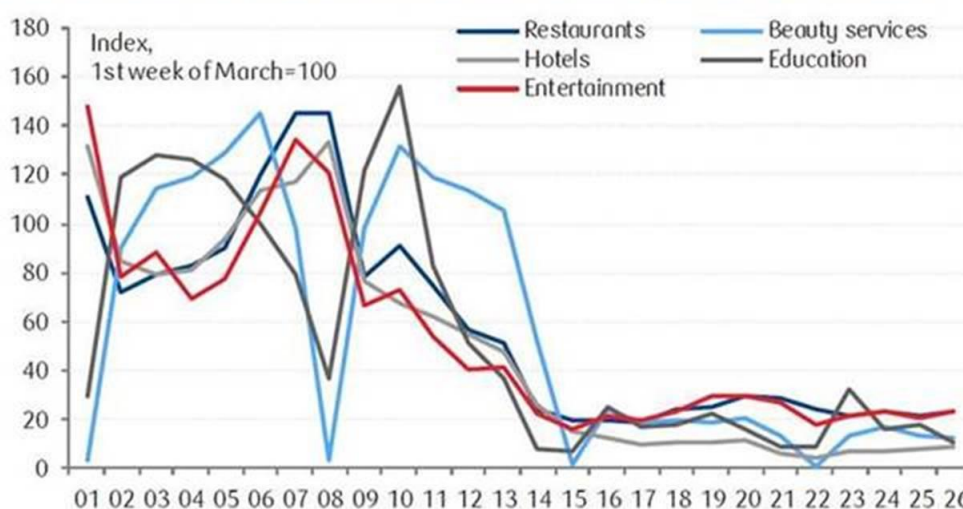
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INDUSTRY

The industry is preparing for and analysing the impact of the legislation.

RETAILERS AND SMALL BUSINESS MATTERS

Chart of the week: Value of selected services paid by PKO BP cards in March



Source: PKO Bank Polski.

German electronics retail chain **Media Markt/Saturn** decided to request funding from the German Reconstruction Loan Corporation (KfW) due to the corona crisis. There is no official information regarding the requested amount. The stores of Media Markt and Saturn are currently shut down in Germany, Austria, and further European countries due to the corona crisis.

CIVIL NEWS AND REACTIONS

Epidemiological status in Poland data from 18:00 CET on 31.03.2020

Number of confirmed cases SARS-CoV-2: **2,215**

Number of fatalities: **32**

Number of recoveries: **7**

OTHER

EUROPE

- As Europe's airspace empties amid the coronavirus pandemic, cargo flights have dominated the continent's skies
- UK mortgage market goes into lockdown
- Mercedes F1 to make breathing aid in UK, designed at University College London
- Meanwhile, Poland's neighbours take a different approach:
 - **CIJ: [Slovakia to cover up to 80% of employee wages](#)**
Mar 30, 2020 09:58 am
Slovakia's government has agreed on a plan to pay up to 80 percent of the wages of companies that have had to shut down according to measures designed to...
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 - **CIJ: [Czech government prepares 6-month moratorium on loan repayments](#)**
Mar 30, 2020 09:55 am
In what could amount to its most ambitious show of support for the Czech economy yet, the government is preparing to call for a halt to all loan payments for a...
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And Belarus' extra special approach:

- Belarus president refuses to cancel anything - and says "vodka and saunas will ward off COVID-19" <https://news.sky.com/story/coronavirus-belarus-president-refuses-to-cancel-anything-and-says-vodka-and-saunas-will-ward-off-coronavirus-11965396>

WORLD

- KFC is sending one million pieces of chicken to its over 4,000 US restaurants as a donation to help communities affected by the coronavirus pandemic
- US stocks opened more or less flat on Tuesday, following the prior session's gains. Stocks have been up for four of the past five trading days
- Ford plans to make as many as 50,000 simple ventilators for coronavirus patients within 100 days and plans to continue producing 30,000 per month after that
- McDonald's, Coca-Cola, Audi, Volkswagen and other brands are interpreting "social distancing" with logo redesigns

COMMUNICATION RECOMMENDATIONS

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