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Friday's drop took the blue-chip S&P 500's weekly loss to 2.9% © REUTERS

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Stock markets in Europe, by contrast, ended Friday on a positive note. The regional Stoxx Europe 600 rose 2.2 per cent for the week, recovering some of last week's 7 per cent slide.





"What we have seen so far is an indiscriminate sell-off, particularly of European equities but also globally," said Francesco Sandrini, global head of multi-asset at Amundi. "Extremely defensive sectors that were not affected by the crisis have been sold heavily, so the rebound is no surprise."