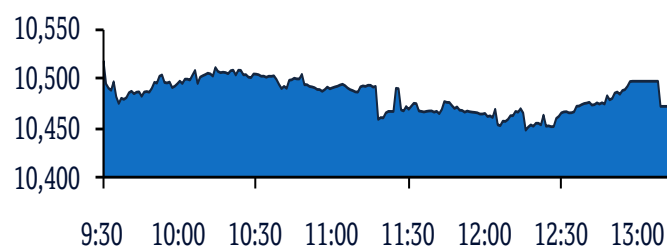


## QSE Intra-Day Movement



## Qatar Commentary

The QE Index declined 0.7% to close at 10,473.5. Losses were led by the Consumer Goods & Services and Transportation indices, falling 1.4% and 0.6%, respectively. Top losers were Qatari Investors Group and Vodafone Qatar, falling 3.2% and 3.1%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Islamic Insurance Company gained 1.8%, while Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company was up 1.2%.

## GCC Commentary

**Saudi Arabia:** The TASI Index fell 1.2% to close at 8,702.6. Losses were led by the Consumer Services and Transportation indices, falling 2.0% and 1.8%, respectively. Buruj Cooperative Ins. declined 3.5%, while Abdul Mohsen Al H. T. was down 3.4%.

**Dubai:** The DFM Index fell 1.6% to close at 2,654.1. The Real Estate & Construction and Transportation indices declined 1.8% each. Ektitab Holding Company fell 4.9%, while Al Salam Group Holding was down 4.8%.

**Abu Dhabi:** The ADX General Index fell 0.9% to close at 5,593.5. The Banks index declined 1.3%, while the Real Estate index fell 0.6%. Gulf Medical Projects declined 5.0%, while Foodco National Foodstuff was down 4.9%.

**Kuwait:** The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.6% to close at 5,780.0. The Insurance index rose 16.7%, while the Telecommunications index gained 1.1%. Kuwait Reinsurance Company rose 167.0%, while IFA Hotels & Resorts Co. was up 11.6%.

**Oman:** The MSM 30 Index gained 0.1% to close at 3,653.2. The Financial index gained 0.6%, while the other indices ended in red. National Bank of Oman rose 7.2%, while Bank Nizwa was up 3.2%.

**Bahrain:** The BHB Index gained 0.4% to close at 1,462.6. The Commercial Banks index rose 0.9%, while the other indices ended flat or in red. INOVEST Company rose 10.0%, while Khaleeji Commercial Bank was up 1.8%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Islamic Insurance Company	6.90	1.8	0.4	(0.0)
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	2.78	1.2	1,897.7	46.7
Qatar National Cement Company	4.31	1.2	1,542.6	3.9
Ooredoo	8.40	0.8	664.8	11.7
Gulf International Services	1.60	0.8	8,660.6	(7.0)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Investment Holding Group	0.54	(2.3)	23,022.4	(9.3)
Aljjarah Holding	1.21	(0.4)	9,639.3	(2.6)
Qatari Investors Group	1.96	(3.2)	9,139.2	8.4
Gulf International Services	1.60	0.8	8,660.6	(7.0)
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.64	(1.4)	7,086.1	(1.7)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,473.50	(0.7)	(0.7)	0.4	0.4	83.87	166,448.9	18.2	1.5	3.8
Dubai	2,654.06	(1.6)	(1.6)	6.5	6.5	41.00	97,270.3	13.0	0.9	3.7
Abu Dhabi	5,593.48	(0.9)	(0.9)	10.9	10.9	108.02	214,956.6	22.1	1.5	4.4
Saudi Arabia	8,702.55	(1.2)	(1.2)	0.1	0.1	2,594.61	2,412,947.0	33.7	2.1	2.4
Kuwait	5,780.03	0.6	0.6	4.2	4.2	177.34	108,666.3	37.9	1.4	3.4
Oman	3,653.22	0.1	0.1	(0.2)	(0.2)	4.45	16,381.7	13.2	0.7	6.9
Bahrain	1,462.61	0.4	0.4	(1.8)	(1.8)	4.48	22,382.7	14.2	1.0	4.6

Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (\*\* TTM; \* Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any)

Market Indicators	31 Jan 21	28 Jan 21	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	303.2	638.4	(52.5)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	608,365.8	612,505.7	(0.7)
Volume (mn)	128.0	223.4	(42.7)
Number of Transactions	7,586	10,858	(30.1)
Companies Traded	47	46	2.2
Market Breadth	9:36	14:31	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	20,134.96	(0.7)	(0.7)	0.4	18.2
All Share Index	3,216.17	(0.7)	(0.7)	0.5	18.9
Banks	4,190.97	(0.6)	(0.6)	(1.3)	15.2
Industrials	3,231.38	(0.6)	(0.6)	4.3	28.6
Transportation	3,452.23	(0.6)	(0.6)	4.7	15.8
Real Estate	1,849.50	(0.4)	(0.4)	(4.1)	16.3
Insurance	2,480.46	(0.6)	(0.6)	3.5	N.A.
Telecoms	1,120.93	(0.2)	(0.2)	10.9	16.7
Consumer	8,002.00	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.7)	28.8
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,234.74	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.8)	19.5

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
National Bank of Oman	Oman	0.13	7.2	1,737.0	(16.3)
Bank Nizwa	Oman	0.10	3.2	1,945.5	2.1
Ominvest	Oman	0.32	1.9	22.0	(5.3)
Ahli United Bank	Bahrain	0.74	1.6	853.6	(2.4)
Sohar International Bank	Oman	0.09	1.1	752.3	(2.2)

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Oman Arab Bank	Oman	0.15	(9.1)	78.5	(21.1)
Ahli Bank	Oman	0.12	(5.0)	102.0	(9.4)
Riyadh Bank	Saudi Arabia	20.72	(2.9)	1,927.2	2.6
Saudi Kayan Petrochem.	Saudi Arabia	14.04	(2.8)	8,768.4	(1.8)
Saudi Arabian Mining Co.	Saudi Arabia	41.00	(2.6)	534.6	1.2

Source: Bloomberg (# in Local Currency) (\*\* GCC Top gainers/losers derived from the S&P GCC Composite Large Mid Cap Index)

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatari Investors Group	1.96	(3.2)	9,139.2	8.4
Vodafone Qatar	1.45	(3.1)	5,836.4	8.5
Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co	1.77	(2.9)	2,760.7	(1.6)
Investment Holding Group	0.54	(2.3)	23,022.4	(9.3)
Qatar Fuel Company	18.25	(2.2)	1,197.0	(2.3)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	17.91	(0.6)	39,105.4	0.4
Qatar Fuel Company	18.25	(2.2)	21,938.9	(2.3)
Qatari Investors Group	1.96	(3.2)	18,606.7	8.4
Masraf Al Rayan	4.35	(1.0)	15,604.1	(4.1)
Gulf International Services	1.60	0.8	13,903.0	(7.0)

Source: Bloomberg (\* in QR)

## Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index declined 0.7% to close at 10,473.5. The Consumer Goods & Services and Transportation indices led the losses. The index fell on the back of selling pressure from GCC and Foreign shareholders despite buying support from Qatari and Arab shareholders.
- Qatari Investors Group and Vodafone Qatar were the top losers, falling 3.2% and 3.1%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Islamic Insurance Company gained 1.8%, while Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company was up 1.2%.
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday fell by 42.7% to 128.0mn from 223.4mn on Thursday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 182.8mn, volume for the day was 29.9% lower. Investment Holding Group and Alijarah Holding were the most active stocks, contributing 18.0% and 7.5% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	53.49%	44.32%	27,798,043.6
Qatari Institutions	13.48%	12.86%	1,877,681.1
<b>Qatari</b>	<b>66.97%</b>	<b>57.18%</b>	<b>29,675,724.8</b>
GCC Individuals	1.05%	2.00%	(2,900,469.4)
GCC Institutions	1.07%	5.26%	(12,690,070.1)
<b>GCC</b>	<b>2.12%</b>	<b>7.26%</b>	<b>(15,590,539.5)</b>
Arab Individuals	13.81%	13.76%	145,556.8
Arab Institutions	0.01%	-	18,137.0
<b>Arab</b>	<b>13.81%</b>	<b>13.76%</b>	<b>163,693.8</b>
Foreigners Individuals	5.51%	4.82%	2,107,351.0
Foreigners Institutions	11.59%	16.98%	(16,356,229.9)
<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>17.10%</b>	<b>21.80%</b>	<b>(14,248,879.0)</b>

Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (\*as a % of traded value)

## Earnings Releases and Earnings Calendar

### Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 4Q2020	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 4Q2020	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 4Q2020	% Change YoY
United Wire Factories Co.*	Saudi Arabia	SR	777.3	7.3%	72.3	119.8%	62.1	181.0%
Jarir Marketing Co.*	Saudi Arabia	SR	9,305.8	10.5%	1,100.8	2.8%	1,002.9	1.8%
Saudi Industrial Investment Group	Saudi Arabia	SR	1,644.0	-12.1%	447.0	84.7%	235.0	273.0%
National Petrochemical Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	1,644.0	-12.1%	372.0	46.5%	251.0	88.7%
Saudi Basic Industries Corp.#	Saudi Arabia	SR	32.9	3.7%	3.7	N/A	2.2	N/A

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB. (# - Values in Billion, \*Financial for FY2020)

### Earnings Calendar

Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 4Q2020 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QIGD	Qatari Investors Group	1-Feb-21	0	Due
VFQS	Vodafone Qatar	2-Feb-21	1	Due
UDCD	United Development Company	3-Feb-21	2	Due
QAMC	Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Company	4-Feb-21	3	Due
QGTS	Qatar Gas Transport Company Limited (Nakilat)	7-Feb-21	6	Due
BRES	Barwa Real Estate Company	8-Feb-21	7	Due
QCFS	Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company	8-Feb-21	7	Due
IQCD	Industries Qatar	8-Feb-21	7	Due
DHBK	Doha Bank	8-Feb-21	7	Due
QATI	Qatar Insurance Company	14-Feb-21	13	Due
QEWS	Qatar Electricity & Water Company	14-Feb-21	13	Due
ORDS	Ooredoo	14-Feb-21	13	Due
QIMD	Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company	14-Feb-21	13	Due
GISS	Gulf International Services	18-Feb-21	17	Due
DOHI	Doha Insurance Group	22-Feb-21	21	Due
MPHC	Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company	23-Feb-21	22	Due
MERS	Al Meera Consumer Goods Company	23-Feb-21	22	Due

Source: QSE

## Qatar

- QNB Group's AGM approves 2020 financial statements; 45% cash dividend** – QNB Group held its Ordinary General Assembly meeting (AGM) during which it approved the Group's audited financial statements for the year that ended on December 31, 2020. The AGM approved a proposal by the Board of Directors to distribute a cash dividend of 45% of the nominal share value (representing QR0.45 per share). The Board agreed upon the appointment of KPMG as external auditors for the year 2021, during the meeting. (Gulf-Times.com)
- QATI announces deal for investment in Markerstudy Group** – Qatar Insurance Company (QATI) announced an agreement for an investment into Markerstudy Group led by Pollen Street Capital (Pollen Street). The transaction will see Pollen Street partner with and make a substantial investment alongside the existing founder team. QATI will also participate in the transaction, underlining its commitment as a strategic partner to Markerstudy Group. Markerstudy Group will use the investment to deliver an ambitious and sustainable growth program through a combination of organic and acquisition-led expansion and build on its rapid development over the last 19 years, which culminated in the acquisition of the Coop's insurance underwriting business in December 2020. The investment will also facilitate the repayment of Markerstudy Group's debt to QATI. Founded in 2001, Markerstudy Group is the fifth largest motor insurance provider in the UK, one of the largest privately owned insurance groups, and the largest Managing General Agent in the UK. With over 1.8mn policyholders, they are known for their investment in technology, underwriting expertise and sophisticated product development. (QSE)
- Fuel prices to go up in February** – Qatar Petroleum (QP) announced the prices of diesel and petrol in Qatar for February, which show an increase over the prices in January. The price of diesel is set at QR1.45 per liter during February, compared to QR1.30 per liter in January, while the price of petrol 95/Super is set at QR1.50 per liter for February, compared to QR1.35 per liter for January. The price of 91/Premium petrol also is to rise, as Qatar Petroleum set its price at QR1.45 per liter for February, compared to QR1.30 per liter in January. (Gulf-Times.com)
- COVID-19: Hospital admissions surge by 85%** – Qatar has seen an 85% increase in the number of people admitted to hospital with COVID-19 complications and recorded that many people fail to follow preventive measures including quarantine rules. The Ministry of Public Health (MoPH) tweeted a graph yesterday, showing the spike in number of cases further saying, "We have seen an 85% increase this month (January 2021) compared to last month (December 2020) in the number of people admitted to hospital with COVID-19. It is more important than ever that people adhere to preventive measures." The Ministry also reminded the public about importance of adhering to preventive measures to avoid a new wave of infections, in a social media campaign under 'Act now to avoid the second wave of infections.' Meanwhile Head of Vaccination at MoPH, Dr. Soha Al Bayat, has said that one of the main reasons behind increased number of COVID-19 cases is violation of quarantine. (Peninsula Qatar)
- December producer prices up 8.1% as index continues to soar** – Producer prices in Qatar stayed in the inflationary territory in December as their index rose 8.1% MoM in keeping with its mostly upward trajectory since September. In the 12 months until December, the Producer Price Index (PPI) showed a sharp decline of 20.9%, according to the Planning and Statistics Authority. The PPI for mining, which carries a maximum weightage of 72.7%, saw an increase of 9.4% in December MoM and a decline of 25.2% YoY. The PSA report attributed the surge to increase in producer prices of crude petroleum and natural gas, but did not specify the reason for the decline in the 12-month period. The manufacturing sector, which has a weightage of 26.8% in the index, rose 5.6% in December MoM, mostly on the back of rise in prices of six groups — basic chemicals by 9.5%, refined petroleum products by 6.3%, paper and paper products by 2.3%, rubber and plastics products by 1.4%, juices by 0.7%, grain mill and other products by 0.5%, and dairy products by 0.3%. However, the sector saw prices decline in two groups — basic metals by 1.6% and beverages by 0.9%. No change was recorded in the manufacturing PPI of cement and other non-metallic products and other chemical products and fiber. On a YoY comparison, the manufacturing PPI of December tanked 11.8%. The major groups that drove the prices down included refined petroleum products by 16.2%, basic chemicals by 11.7%, other chemical products and fiber by 6.9%, cement and other non-metallic products by 5.8%, rubber and plastics products by 3.1% and grain mill and other products by 0.3%. However, prices increased for basic metals by 12.9%, paper and paper products by 6.4%, juices by 5.6% and dairy products by 0.1%. No change was noticed in the beverages group. The PPI for electricity and water, which constitutes 0.5% of the index, showed an increase of 16.6% MoM due to increasing prices in electricity by 30.4%. Prices for water went up by 8.3% during the period. (Qatar Tribune)
- Qatar's household consumption increases 0.18% in December** – Qatar's overall household consumption in December, as per the Consumer Price Index, increased by 0.18% from November 2020, according to the latest figures from the Planning and Statistics Authority. The surge was led by the entertainment and culture category, where prices went up by 3.31%, the report said. In the January edition of PSA's monthly report featuring statistics in December, it said as many as 972 building permits were issued in December, recording a monthly increase of 27.6% and an annual jump of 49.5%. As for the banking sector, the report said Total Broad Money Supply (M2) recorded about QR599.9bn in December 2020, representing an annual increase of 3.8% compared with December 2019. On the other hand, cash equivalents, including Commercial Bank deposits, accounted for QR905.5bn in December 2020. The figure represents an annual increase of 6.6% when compared with that in December 2019, when deposits recorded approximately QR849.1bn. The total population of Qatar decreased from 2.69mn in December 2019 to 2.68mn at end of December 2020. According to the report, the social security reached QR83mn for 14,453 beneficiaries in December 2020, recording a monthly decrease of 0.5% and 0.4%, respectively. Total electricity consumption during December 2020 was 2,726.8 GWh with a monthly decrease of 16.5% and an annual decrease of 2.9%, while the

total water consumption reached 53,872.4 m<sup>3</sup> during the same month attaining a monthly decrease of 1.7% and an annual rise of 2.9%. (Qatar Tribune)

- **KPMG: Uptick in Qatar's real estate demand on more market opportunities** – Qatar is seeing an uptick in real estate demand in view of the lifting of blockade, positive regulatory changes, possibility of organized real estate concepts such as REITs, KPMG has said in a report. The country is set to witness higher influx of invested people, in view of the above developments. “With more opportunities in the market and increased inflow of white-collared workforce, there can be a positive upturn in the demand for residential housing over the next short to middle term, providing a much-needed fillip to the sector,” KPMG noted. Qatar is also experiencing increased real estate transactions. During the last six months, the value of real estate deals exceeded QR15bn, which is quite encouraging. The advent of new real estate products in the form of integrated townships along with a host of entertainment offerings is being seen. Projects such as The Qetaifan Island and Lusail Seef are attracting considerable interest from buyers as well as investors, KPMG noted. Moreover, with Qatar opening its property market to foreigners and rewarding buyers with permanent residency, Qatar residential market will witness a movement from a rental based real estate to a capital (sales) based economy. The year 2020 was all about remote working. Work from Home (WFH) concept has changed the way business is done today. While many corporates can be seen adopting and getting comfortable with this concept, KPMG believes the dynamic/hybrid workplace model will become a new normal even post pandemic. With greater emphasis on flexibility and safety, the office of the future will promote health benefits to the employees and provide opportunity for new ways of collaborating and building relationships. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **FIFA CWC 2020 to take place amid strict health and safety protocols** – Following the successful hosting of the AFC Champions League and Amir Cup finals, Qatar is gearing up to host the FIFA Club World Cup™ for the second time, with matches taking place from February 4-11, 2021. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the six-team tournament – which was originally due to take place in December 2020 – will be held amid strict health and safety protocols which have been fine-tuned in recent months. Players and officials will be part of medical bubbles designed to protect their health and wellbeing. Additional safety measures will include regular COVID-19 testing, safe transportation methods, regular disinfection of all tournament venues, including training and media facilities, as well as the provision of medical staff in stadiums throughout the competition. (Qatar Tribune)

#### **International**

- **UK set to formally apply for trans-Pacific trade bloc membership** – Britain will next week formally apply to join a trans-Pacific trading bloc of 11 countries, with negotiations set to start later this year, the government said on Saturday. Since leaving the European Union, Britain has made clear its desire to join the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), which removes most tariffs between Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. “One year

after our departure for the EU we are forging new partnerships that will bring enormous economic benefits for the people of Britain,” Prime Minister Boris Johnson said in a statement. Reuters reported on Thursday that Britain will not publish an assessment of the economic benefits of CPTPP membership before requesting to join it - contrary to earlier promises. Previous government economic analyses of Brexit have pointed to small boosts to economic output from additional trade deals. The government said joining CPTPP would remove tariffs on food and drink and cars, while helping to boost the technology and services sectors. British trade minister will speak to counterparts in Japan and New Zealand on Monday with a formal request to join CPTPP, the statement said. “Applying to be the first new country to join the CPTPP demonstrates our ambition to do business on the best terms with our friends and partners all over the world and be an enthusiastic champion of global free trade,” Johnson said. (Reuters)

- **British government working on COVID recovery plan for economy, says source** – Britain's government is working on a recovery plan for the country's COVID-battered economy, a source said on Sunday, as ministers direct their attention to trying to restore growth for businesses hit hard by the pandemic. Prime Minister Boris Johnson and finance minister Rishi Sunak have broken with the traditional, pro-market instincts of their Conservative Party and are on course to spend 280bn Pounds of public money in the current financial year to support jobs and businesses. The government source said the finance ministry and cabinet office were working on a recovery plan after the Sunday Times reported that the government would provide a long-term blueprint that is likely to mean high state spending for a decade. The Sunday Times also said Sunak would use his March 3 budget to extend government relief, including the furlough job protection scheme, business support loans, cuts in value-added tax, and perhaps the cut to stamp duty on property purchases which is due to expire at the end of March, until the virus is under control. Earlier this month, a leading British employers group called for another 7.6bn Pounds of immediate government help, saying they could not wait until the March budget. The Sunday Times said Sunak would also announce that the support programs will be phased out, probably this autumn, in favor of “a plan for jobs” to kick-start employment and a “plan for growth” to promote new industries. (Reuters)
- **German Economy Minister proposes scaling back state holdings** – Germany's Economy Minister says tax increases are the wrong way to handle the costs of the coronavirus crisis and proposed selling state holdings instead. “The value of state holdings has grown considerably in recent years — that's why we should examine which state holdings can be scaled back,” Peter Altmaier told newspaper Welt am Sonntag. “This will also bring money into state coffers that we can put to good use for future investments.” The federal government's company holdings range from listed corporations such as Deutsche Telekom AG and Deutsche Post AG, airport operators and railway firm Deutsche Bahn AG, to cultural and scientific institutions and building cooperatives. Germany is also the biggest shareholder in Commerzbank AG. Tax increases would be “poison for the economy” because Germany already has high taxes, even by international standards, Altmaier said. “We can

borrow money at very low or even negative interest rates.” According to a Spiegel report, Germany is considering another suspension of its constitutional debt brake in 2022. The news magazine cited finance ministry sources as saying just under €60bn (\$72.8bn) in new debt is expected. He predicted that industrial output will return to pre-crisis levels by the middle of next year and grow 3% or more this year if the pandemic is successfully combated. “That is the best prerequisite for us to return to the normal level of the debt brake,” Altmaier said. (Bloomberg)

- **Official PMI: Growth in China's services sector slows in January** – Activity in China’s services sector expanded at a slower pace in January, official data showed on Sunday, weighed by a flare-up in new coronavirus outbreaks. The official non-manufacturing Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) slipped to 52.4 from 55.7 in December, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed. The 50-point mark separates growth from contraction on a monthly basis. Though slower than manufacturing, China’s services sector, which includes many smaller and privately owned companies, has gained solid growth thanks to strong demand. The official January composite PMI, which includes both manufacturing and services activity, fell to 52.8 from December’s 55.1. (Reuters)
- **India's budget aiming to revive economy despite limited fiscal headroom** – India’s Finance Minister is likely to announce measures including a hike in infrastructure spending and tax cuts to boost the pandemic-hit economy when she presents the annual budget later on Monday, while deferring debt cut plans. Nirmala Sitharaman is likely to increase spending by more than 15% YoY in 2021-22 with an emphasis on infrastructure and healthcare, say senior officials and advisers involved in budget preparation. The economy is projected to contract 7.7% in the current fiscal year. However in its annual report on the economy to parliament on Friday the government forecast growth of 11% for the coming fiscal year, after a massive COVID-19 vaccination drive and a rebound in consumer demand and investments. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said the budget will be in continuation of government efforts to revive sectors impacted by pandemic, which has hit all economic activities and led to millions of job losses mainly in small businesses. The government is likely to hike import duties on a number of high-end goods in a bid to raise more than 210bn rupees in revenue, government sources earlier told Reuters. New Delhi is likely to rely heavily on privatization of state-run firms and sales of minority stakes in large companies such as Life Insurance Corp to fund its expenditure program. It could aim to raise 2.5-3tn rupees from stake- sales in 2021-22, after raising just about 180bn rupees in the current year, well short of its 2.1tn rupees target, government sources say. (Reuters)
- **Brazil's Sao Paulo says ingredients for 8.6mn vaccine doses to arrive on Wednesday** – Brazil’s Sao Paulo state is expecting to receive on Wednesday ingredients from Sinovac Biotech Ltd that will allow local production of 8.6mn doses of COVID-19 vaccine, the state government said in a statement on Sunday. The ingredients are in Beijing’s airport, in China, awaiting discharge and will be used by Sao Paulo’s state-funded

Butantan Institute, which has a partnership with Sinovac to produce the vaccines in Brazil. (Reuters)

## Regional

- **SABIC sees positive 1Q2021 though cautious over COVID-19** – Saudi Basic Industries Corp (SABIC) expects business performance to be positive in the first quarter of 2021 after an uptick in chemical prices but remains cautious given COVID-19 uncertainty, its CEO said on Sunday. Saudi Aramco’s acquisition of a 70% stake in SABIC will have a financial benefit worth \$3bn to \$4bn, Yousef al-Benyan told reporters on a virtual news conference. “There is an enhancement of cooperation between SABIC and Aramco. As mentioned, God willing, the benefits between the two companies is expected in the range of \$3bn-4bn. SABIC’s share of that is from \$1.5bn-1.8bn,” the Chief Executive said. “Our outlook is that Q1 is going to be more or less equal to Q4 given the improvement we have experienced. We have seen an average 13% improvement in chemical prices,” Benyan said, adding, however, that prices remain lower than 2019 levels. SABIC-Aramco tie-up to have benefit worth \$3bn-4bn - SABIC CEO “We are very, basically, optimistically cautious in terms of where we are moving. However, I think the implications of COVID-19 (are) unknown to anybody.” Benyan said that any restrictions on travel or economic activities in major markets like Europe, the US or China could lead to pressure on demand and subsequently have implications for the chemicals industry. (Reuters)
- **Saudi regulator approves Halwani Bros 12.5% bonus share issue** – Saudi Arabia’s Capital Market Authority has approved a request from Halwani Bros. Co. to increase its capital from SR314.28mn to SR353.57mn, or 12.5%, through a bonus issue, the company said in a statement to the Tadawul. The leading food distributor and manufacturer will issue one bonus share for every eight existing shares owned by registered shareholders. The capital increase will be paid by transferring SR39.28mn from the statutory reserve to the company’s capital. Following the bonus issue, the number of Halwani Bros. outstanding shares will increase from 31,428,573 to 35,357,145 shares. (Zawya)
- **Saudi Utility Alkhorayef seeks up to \$144mn from IPO** – Alkhorayef Water & Power Technologies is seeking to raise as much as \$144mn from an initial public offering (IPO) next month. The price range for the offering has been set at SR62 to SR72 a share, according to a statement. The book-building period for institutional tranche has been launched between January 31 to February 9. The offering period for individual investors is between February 16 to February 17. The offering comprises 7.5mn shares, representing 30% of the company. (Bloomberg)
- **Reuters poll: Dubai house prices to drop at slower pace** – Dubai’s house prices are expected to fall at a slower pace this year and next than previously thought as hopes for a successful vaccine rollout and an economic recovery boost confidence in the sector, a Reuters poll showed. After declining 3.5% in the first quarter of 2020, Dubai property prices have shown signs of stabilizing. They fell by a much slower 0.9% YoY in the third quarter after barely changing in Q2, The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) data found. The January 13-28 poll of 11 property market analysts predicted Dubai house prices would decline

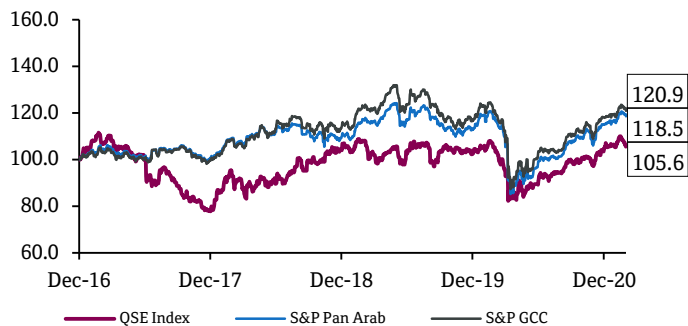
2.0% this year, a significant improvement from a September survey that forecast a decline of 5.1%. It was expected to fall the same next year. “While multiple factors are at play, an economic recovery and a successful vaccine rollout stand out as key drivers for the real estate sector, both of which will boost confidence in the market,” Head of strategic consulting and research at Cavendish Maxwell in Dubai, Aditi Gouri said. After a projected 6.2% contraction last year, Dubai’s economy, the Middle East trade and tourism hub, was expected to grow 4.0% in 2021, the government has said, largely driven by measures to help reduce the impact of the pandemic. When asked what would be the primary driver of housing market activity this year, nine property analysts said a successful vaccine rollout and an economic recovery. One said fiscal stimulus and another said monetary policy. (Reuters)

- **Emirates, DP World, Dubai Airports aim to help transport 2bn COVID-19 vaccines** – UAE-based Emirates Skycargo, Dubai Airports and ports operator DP World will help “equitably distribute” 2bn doses of COVID-19 vaccines to developing countries in 2021, the Emirate’s government media office and state news agency WAM said. The media office cited Chief Executive of Emirates Airline and Chairman of Dubai Airports, Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum as saying the three companies had formed a logistics alliance “to expedite the worldwide transport of urgently needed vaccines through Dubai”. (Reuters)
- **UAE property developer launches AED8bn Sharjah project** – A UAE real estate developer launched an AED8bn upmarket, gated community project on Sunday in the emirate of Sharjah. The announcement comes as fewer projects are being launched in neighboring Dubai, where the real estate sector is in a deep downturn caused by excessive development over the past decade. The 19mn square foot, 4,000 unit Masaar project will be delivered in phases from 2023 and completed by 2028, Arada Chief Executive, Ahmed Al-Khoshaiabi told Reuters. Around 15,000 people are expected to eventually live in the community, which along with residential and commercial facilities will feature green spaces and an international school. The project will be financed through equity, debt and sales, Khoshaiabi said. The downturn in Dubai, the UAE’s real estate engine, has been exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic that has led to huge job losses and an exodus of foreign residents. However, Khoshaiabi said despite the pandemic he expected there to be significant demand for the project where a house will cost between AED1.2mn and AED3.7mn. “When there is uncertainty, Sharjah has become known as a safe haven. It is known for its stability. Its residents are long-term. If you look at Sharjah residents, most of them are second generation. It’s their home,” Khoshaiabi said. The company expects to award AED1.5bn in contracts this year, including for other projects, he said. (Reuters)
- **ADCB's net profit falls 20.5% YoY to AED3,806.1mn in FY2020** – Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB) recorded net profit of AED3,806.1mn in FY2020, registering decrease of 20.5% YoY. Net interest income rose 5.2% YoY to AED7,905.3mn in FY2020. Operating income rose 6.4% YoY to AED12,471.2mn in FY2020. Total assets stood at AED411.2bn at the end of December 31, 2020 as compared to AED405.1bn at the end of December 31,

2019. Loans and advances to customers, net stood at AED239.0bn (-3.6% YoY), while deposits from customers’ stood at AED251.4bn (-4.1% YoY) at the end of December 31, 2020. Basic and diluted EPS came in at AED0.51 in FY2020 as compared to AED0.71 in FY2019. With exposure of about \$981mn, ADCB was a major lender to NMC Health, which went into administration last year after months of turmoil following questions over its financial reporting and the discovery of undisclosed debt. ADCB also had an exposure of \$182mn to payments group Finabl, whose majority shareholder, Indian businessman BR Shetty, founded NMC. In 2020, ADCB booked AED1.656bn in provisions on NMC Health, Finabl and associated companies, nearly two-fifths of its total exposure to NMC and Finabl. “The Bank is comfortable with provisioning levels on NMC Health Group given the positive developments in the company’s recent financial performance and its ongoing restructuring process,” ADCB said. Last year, ADCB was among a group of lenders providing a \$325mn facility to fund its administration and pave the way for restructuring, which it said has placed it “in a strong position to maximize recoveries.” Its non-performing loans ratio, including purchased and originated credit-impaired (POCI) loans, rose to 7.7% in 2020 from 4.53% in 2019. ADCB’s cost of risk - excluding impairment charges on NMC and Finabl - rose to 1.45% in 2020 from 0.8% in 2019. (ADX, Reuters)

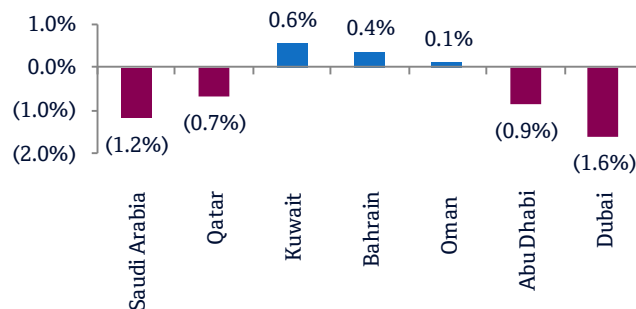
- **Oman wealth fund’s latest revamp focuses on tourism** – Oman’s \$17bn wealth fund plans to restructure its tourism and real estate investments in the latest shift by the \$17bn sovereign investor. The Oman Investment Authority will transfer a shareholding company, a tourism development project and resorts to the Omran Tourism Development Co., also known as Omran Group, the wealth fund said in a statement yesterday. This move aims to “drive growth for Omran Group and strengthen its role in supporting economic diversification,” the statement added. Omran Group was established by the government in 2005 to focus on developing sources of economic diversification and attracting foreign direct investment to the Gulf nation, according to its website. Last June, Oman combined its two wealth funds — the State General Reserve Fund and the Oman Investment Fund — into one entity. (Peninsula Qatar)

## Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

## Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,847.65	0.2	(0.4)	(2.7)
Silver/Ounce	26.99	1.8	5.9	2.2
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	55.88	0.6	0.8	7.9
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	52.20	(0.3)	(0.1)	7.6
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.65	0.0	9.6	11.3
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	88.13	(3.6)	1.6	17.1
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	95.50	5.5	10.4	37.4
Euro	1.21	0.1	(0.3)	(0.7)
Yen	104.68	0.4	0.9	1.4
GBP	1.37	(0.1)	0.2	0.3
CHF	1.12	(0.2)	(0.6)	(0.7)
AUD	0.76	(0.5)	(0.9)	(0.6)
USD Index	90.58	0.1	0.4	0.7
RUB	75.75	(0.3)	0.6	1.8
BRL	0.18	(0.4)	0.1	(4.9)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,661.69	(1.8)	(3.4)	(1.1)
DJ Industrial	29,982.62	(2.0)	(3.3)	(2.0)
S&P 500	3,714.24	(1.9)	(3.3)	(1.1)
NASDAQ 100	13,070.69	(2.0)	(3.5)	1.4
STOXX 600	395.85	(1.8)	(3.4)	(1.6)
DAX	13,432.87	(1.6)	(3.5)	(3.3)
FTSE 100	6,407.46	(2.0)	(4.1)	(0.4)
CAC 40	5,399.21	(2.0)	(3.2)	(3.5)
Nikkei	27,663.39	(2.3)	(4.2)	(0.6)
MSCI EM	1,329.57	(1.6)	(4.5)	3.0
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,483.07	(0.3)	(2.6)	1.8
HANG SENG	28,283.71	(0.9)	(4.0)	3.9
BSE SENSEX	46,285.77	(1.2)	(5.2)	(2.8)
Bovespa	115,067.60	(4.2)	(2.0)	(8.6)
RTS	1,367.64	(1.2)	(3.6)	(1.4)

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns)

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