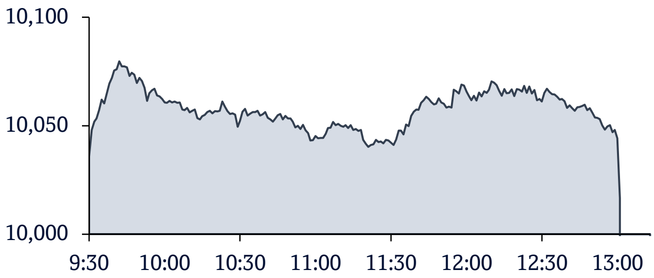
QSE Intra-Day Movement



Market Indicators	14 Nov 23	13 Nov 23	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	638.2	468.9	36.1
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	586,230.9	587,587.2	(0.2)
Volume (mn)	259.7	170.2	52.5
Number of Transactions	20,611	16,160	27.5
Companies Traded	46	47	(2.1)
Market Breadth	26:19	22:25	–

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	21,497.12	(0.2)	0.4	(1.7)	11.9
All Share Index	3,379.53	(0.2)	0.3	(1.1)	12.0
Banks	4,181.04	(0.4)	0.5	(4.7)	11.1
Industrials	3,923.94	0.0	(0.2)	3.8	15.1
Transportation	4,184.23	(1.0)	(0.8)	(3.5)	11.1
Real Estate	1,437.24	1.4	1.8	(7.9)	14.9
Insurance	2,472.62	1.2	0.1	13.1	55
Telecoms	1,502.80	(0.1)	0.8	14.0	10.9
Consumer Goods and Services	7,413.93	(0.6)	0.5	(6.3)	20.5
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,437.32	0.4	1.5	(3.4)	13.7

Qatar Commentary

The QE Index declined 0.2% to close at 10,016.7. Losses were led by the Transportation and Consumer Goods & Services indices, falling 1.0% and 0.6%, respectively. Top losers were QNB Group and Gulf International Services, falling 1.8% and 1.5%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatari Investors Group gained 6.9%, while Lesha Bank was up 4.0%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.6% to close at 10,857.1. Gains were led by the Diversified Financials and Software & Services indices, rising 2.8% and 1.7%, respectively. Development Works Food Co. rose 9.9%, while Al-Babtain Power and Telecommunication Co. was up 5.3%.

Dubai: The DFM Index fell 0.2% to close at 3,973.2. The Real Estate index declined 2.0%, while the Communication Services index fell 0.4%. Takaful Emarat declined 8.9%, while Emaar Development was down 2.5%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell 0.1% to close at 9,529.6. The Basic Materials index declined 2.4%, while the Industrial index fell 0.9%. Sudatel Telecommunication declined 8.0%, while ADC Acquisition Corporation was down 6.0%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index fell 0.1% to close at 6,554.6. The Industrials index declined 0.7%, while the Consumer Discretionary index fell 0.6%. National Cleaning Co. declined 5.7%, while Arkan Al-kuwait Real Estate Co. was down 4.6%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 0.2% to close at 4,576.2. The Financial index gained 0.2%, while the other indices ended flat or in red. Al Batinah Power rose 9.5%, while Al Madina Investment Company was up 8.1%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.2% to close at 1,938.8. The Communications Services Index rose 0.8%, while the Industrials gained 0.7%. Bahrain Car Parks Company rose 4.3%, while Arab Banking Corporation was up 3.6%.

GCC Top Gainers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Saudi Tadawul Gr. Holding	Saudi Arabia	178.40	4.7	317.4	(1.4)
Masraf Al Rayan	Qatar	2.53	3.2	70,946.2	(20.2)
Ominvest	Oman	0.42	3.2	3.3	0.7
Ooredoo Oman	Oman	0.34	3.0	57.6	(22.7)
Alinma Bank	Saudi Arabia	35.10	2.8	4,021.9	7.8

GCC Top Losers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Borouge PLC	Abu Dhabi	2.52	(2.7)	13,106.9	(0.4)
Emaar Development	Dubai	6.59	(2.5)	1,834.3	49.4
Emaar Properties	Dubai	6.94	(2.3)	10,822.5	18.4
Fertiglobe PLC	Abu Dhabi	3.36	(2.0)	6,412.2	(20.6)
Q Holding	Abu Dhabi	3.26	(1.8)	8,507.3	(18.5)

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

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatari Investors Group	1.649	6.9	12,703.2	(2.2)
Lesha Bank	1.409	4.0	25,140.6	23.1
Masraf Al Rayan	2.530	3.2	70,946.2	(20.2)
Barwa Real Estate Company	2.746	2.2	8,897.2	(4.4)
QLM Life & Medical Insurance Co.	2.650	1.9	203.7	(44.8)

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	15.63	(1.8)	2,589.5	(13.2)
Gulf International Services	2.738	(1.5)	10,915.9	87.7
Widam Food Company	2.322	(1.5)	4,269.4	14.3
Qatar Fuel Company	16.04	(1.3)	617.6	(10.6)
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	3.390	(1.2)	7,683.1	(7.4)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Masraf Al Rayan	2.530	3.2	70,946.2	(20.2)
Lesha Bank	1.409	4.0	25,140.6	23.1
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	1.289	(0.5)	15,858.5	(15.2)
Ezdan Holding Group	0.872	0.8	15,853.9	(12.9)
Qatari Investors Group	1.649	6.9	12,703.2	(2.2)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Masraf Al Rayan	2.530	3.2	177,682.2	(20.2)
QNB Group	15.63	(1.8)	40,856.2	(13.2)
Lesha Bank	1.409	4.0	35,232.1	23.1
Gulf International Services	2.738	(1.5)	30,085.3	87.7
Qatar Islamic Bank	18.10	(0.7)	28,971.4	(2.5)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded ($ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. ($ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,016.65	(0.2)	0.4	5.2	(6.2)	175.42	160,744.5	11.9	1.3	4.9
Dubai	3,973.21	(0.2)	1.1	2.5	19.1	77.75	182,218.0	8.4	1.3	4.5
Abu Dhabi	9,529.56	(0.1)	0.0	2.0	(6.7)	251.75	725,164.2	27.6	3.1	1.6
Saudi Arabia	10,857.10	0.6	0.2	1.6	3.6	1,341.92	2,963,341.8	18.3	2.2	3.4
Kuwait	6,554.64	(0.1)	(0.5)	0.4	(10.1)	137.74	137,224.6	13.6	1.4	4.3
Oman	4,576.22	0.2	0.8	0.7	(5.8)	10.40	23,364.2	13.9	0.9	4.9
Bahrain	1,938.79	0.2	0.4	0.5	2.3	10.90	53,339.4	6.9	0.7	8.6

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

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index declined 0.2% to close at 10,016.7. The Transportation and Consumer Goods & Services indices led the losses. The index fell on the back of selling pressure from non-Qatari shareholders despite buying support from Qatari shareholders.
- QNB Group and Gulf International Services were the top losers, falling 1.8% and 1.5%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatari Investors Group gained 6.9%, while Lesha Bank was up 4.0%.
- Volume of shares traded on Tuesday rose by 52.5% to 259.7mn from 170.3mn on Monday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 198.4mn, volume for the day was 30.9% higher. Masraf Al Rayan and Lesha Bank were the most active stocks, contributing 27.3% and 9.7% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy%*	Sell%*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	33.85%	35.12%	(8,069,086.78)
Qatari Institutions	38.88%	34.34%	28,957,008.45
Qatari	**72.73%**	**69.46%**	**20,887,921.67**
GCC Individuals	0.50%	0.45%	320,205.93
GCC Institutions	4.61%	4.72%	(700,144.22)
GCC	**5.12%**	**5.18%**	**(379,938.29)**
Arab Individuals	11.89%	12.32%	(2,759,346.87)
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.00%	-
Arab	**11.89%**	**12.32%**	**(2,759,346.87)**
Foreigners Individuals	2.35%	2.30%	319,051.27
Foreigners Institutions	7.92%	10.75%	(18,067,687.79)
Foreigners	**10.26%**	**13.05%**	**(17,748,636.51)**

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

Earnings Releases and Global Economic Data

Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 3Q2023	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 3Q2023	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 3Q2023	% Change YoY
ADNOC Gas	Abu Dhabi	USD	4,768	NA	1,485	NA	1,115	NA
Abu Dhabi Ports	Abu Dhabi	AED	4,235	188.9%	NA	NA	402.7	20.4%

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
11-14	US	Nat'l Fed. of Ind. Business	NFIB Small Business Optimism	Oct	90.7	90.5	90.8
11-14	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	CPI Ex Food and Energy MoM	Oct	0.002	0.003	0.003
11-14	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	CPI YoY	Oct	0.032	0.033	0.037
11-14	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	CPI Ex Food and Energy YoY	Oct	0.04	0.041	0.041
11-14	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	CPI Index NSA	Oct	307.671	307.886	307.789
11-14	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	CPI Core Index SA	Oct	311.365	311.653	310.661
11-14	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	Jobless Claims Change	Oct	17.8k	NA	9.0k
11-14	EU	Eurostat	GDP SA QoQ	3Q	-0.001	-0.001	-0.001
11-14	EU	Eurostat	GDP SA YoY	3Q	0.10%	0.001	0.10%

Qatar

- **MSCI Semi-Annual Index Review results: November 2023** - MSCI announced on November 14th, 2023, the results of the MSCI Equity Indexes November 2023 Index Review. For the MSCI Qatar Indices the outcome of the review is as follows:

Addition(s) to the MSCI Qatar Index* (*MSCI Qatar Index includes companies included in both MSCI Qatar Large Cap Index and MSCI Qatar Mid Cap Index)	**None**
Deletion(s) from the MSCI Qatar Index	**None**
Addition(s) to the MSCI Qatar Small Cap Index	**None**
Deletion(s) from the MSCI Qatar Small Cap Index	**None**

(MSCI and QSE)

- **Dlala Holding Company discloses violation decision from QFMA -** Dlala Brokerage and Investment Company disclosed that the Accounting Committee of the QFMA issued a decision for Violation No. (1) of 2023 issued on 13/11/2023 against Dlala Brokerage and Investment Holding Company regarding non-disclosure of the results of the Board of Directors meeting held on 19 November 2022, imposing a financial penalty of QR500,000. The company will take procedures to appeal the Accounting Committee's decision before the Grievances Committee of the QFMA. (QSE)
- **Masraf Al Rayan: Opening nomination door to fill vacant seat for Independent member in Board of Directors -** Masraf Al Rayan announces that the nomination door for filling 1 vacant independent member seat from non-shareholders within the current Board term (2023-2024-2025) will be open on Wednesday 15 November 2023 till Thursday 30 November 2023 COB. (QSE)
- **WoodMac: Global LNG demand to be robust until at least 2045 -** Natural gas demand will remain resilient through the energy transition, and LNG consumption will only peak in 2045 under a net-zero scenario, Massimo Di Odoardo, vice president for gas and LNG research at Wood Mackenzie, said at the consultant's conference in London. Asian gas demand will support growth; China's demand for liquefied natural gas to double by 2030. The market will face structural volatility even after new supply arrives from 2027 as Europe's dependency on LNG increases "Volatility will be constant going forward" Volatility is here to stay to 2050 and beyond: Frank Harris, head of global LNG consulting at WoodMac, said at the same conference. Russia is unlikely to develop new LNG supply any time soon. North America and Qatar will account for about 60% of global supply by 2030 vs 40% now. (Bloomberg)

- **Cabinet: Egypt, Qatari companies sign deals in several sectors -** Agreements include memorandums of understanding in a number of fields including real estate and the food and automotive industries, the cabinet says in a statement on its Facebook page. Deal signed at the Egyptian-Qatari Investment Forum. (Bloomberg)
- **Qatar's commercial and residential sectors drive significant demand -** The commercial and residential real estate industry continues to witness surging demand in the country, noted an official in an interview with The Peninsula. Chief Executive Officer of Kate Real Estate Group Abdul Rahman Al Najjar remarked that there is a huge demand seen in both sectors due to the numerous apartments and residential villas that are available in the market. "We are replicated, but we will always look into the market differently as we have to drive our investment to different fees," said Al Najjar. He stressed there are different fees across diverse sectors including real estate, commercial, residential, and industrial. However, during the mega sporting event hosted by the country last year, there was a high demand for residential buildings and apartments more than the demand seen in commercial and hospitality sectors, he said adding "We always generate that drive to generate good income for us." The realty expert highlighted that "We have to read between the lines where the market will shift in three years." He also emphasized that an investor must invest for at least two years and be aware of the evolving market. Kate group CEO expounded that even before the FIFA World Cup 2022, key projects were initiated driven by popular demand in the sector. "We started the projects in advance because it will take at least three years to develop and implement it. After 2023, we know that there will be a growing demand, and by then, we will already have our project in the market, he said. Al Najjar elucidated that the project was targeting analysts and therefore it has been developed and completely "sold to the foreign investor as one project". Post-FIFA 2022, the demand for the market surged and people are aware of Qatar, its legacy, and the opportunities open for investors to explore, stated the official. He said: "We have seen a large number of investments flowing in to buy apartments and villas in the housing market." He mentioned that "If you buy an apartment in Qatar between $200,000 and $250,000, you will get a res-ident permit and if you bought it for up to 1mn dollars, the investors will get a permanent residential." "You will get permanent residential status with numerous options and benefits like free education, and health, can start a business freely. You can own your own business. So this is an option available for the real estate investor who's coming outside with a limited amount," Al Najjar pointed out. He also remarked that the World Cup gave Qatar a legacy of awareness about the country and a sense of the safest and best available environment in the region. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Qatar's pivotal platform for tourism opens on Nov 20 -** With just one week until opening, Qatar Travel Mart (QTM) 2023, organized with pride by NeXT-fairs for Exhibitions and Conference and graced by the esteemed patronage and guidance of HE Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, the Prime Minister, and Minister of Foreign Affairs, will embark visitors on an extraordinary journey of discovery. This exceptional event, under the theme 'Discover Places, People & Cultures', is scheduled to take place from 20 - 22 November 2023 at the prestigious Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC).QTM 2023 has solidified its position as a premier platform for travel and tourism, bringing together the world's most exquisite destinations to showcase the latest trends in Sports, MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions), Business, Cultural, Leisure, Luxury, Medical, and Halal Tourism. This year's event offers a promising agenda focusing on industry growth and progress. It features an international conference, the Global Village, a memorable Gala Dinner, an exclusive Hosted Buyers' Program, and a B2B matchmaking program and app that facilitates connections between exhibitors and buyers. These tools enable participants to schedule meetings in advance, access interactive floor plans, stay updated on event activities, and access conference agendas and sessions. The event's success is made possible by the generous support of Qatar Travel Mart's sponsors and partners: Strategic Partner: Qatar Tourism; Title Sponsor: Saudi Tourism Authority (STA), Founding Partner: Katara Hospitality; Event Supporters: The Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Official Airline Partner: Qatar Airways; Official Transport Partner: Mowasalat; Official Destination Management Company (DMC), Experience Qatar; Hospitality Partner: Ezdan Palace; Official Insurance: Qatar International Group (QIC), Platinum Sponsor: Retaj Hotels and Hospitality; Association Partners: AMFORHT (World Association for Hospitality Tourism Education and Training), World Tourism Association for Culture and Heritage, WLO (World Leisure Organization), and the Islamic Centre for Development and Trade. Rawad Sleem, Co-Founder and General Manager of NeXT-fairs for Exhibitions and Conferences, expressed his excitement about QTM, stating: "Qatar Travel Mart owes its success to the invaluable support of our esteemed sponsors and partners. Their unwavering commitment to our cause is commendable, and we are grateful for their contributions. Together, we are dedicated to cultivating a unified environment within the travel and tourism sector, encouraging collaboration, and driving progress and innovation throughout the industry. This Edition is a testament to Qatar Travel Mart's dedication to the continued growth and advancement of our dynamic field." At the core of QTM 2023 is a three-day international conference that attracts a distinguished gathering of industry experts and luminaries. Khalid Hassan Kafood, Media & Government Relations Manager of Mowasalat Company (Karwa), stated: "As Qatar's largest transport provider, we feel that it is our mandate to be a driving force behind the country's Tourism Industry. We cooperate with Qatar Tourism and the local DMCs as a dedicated partner in crafting unforgettable travel experiences." (Peninsula Qatar)

International

- **Slowing US inflation boosts hopes Fed done with rate hikes -** US consumer prices were unchanged in October as Americans paid less for gasoline, and the annual rise in underlying inflation was the smallest in two years, bolstering the view that the Federal Reserve was probably done raising interest rates. Though rents continued to rise last month, the pace of the increase slowed considerably from September. The softer-than-expected inflation readings reported by the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) on Tuesday pushed US Treasury yields lower and sparked a stock market rally. Combined with data this month showing job and wage growth cooling in October, the data reinforced expectations the economy could avoid a dreaded recession. "The Fed always wants to see more progress, but it is looking like the inflation battle has rounded the corner," said Christopher Rupkey, chief economist at FWDBONDS. "With any luck, the economy will miss a recession and get lower inflation too." The unchanged reading in the consumer price index, the first in more than a year, followed a 0.4% rise in September. Gasoline prices dropped 5.0%, offsetting the continued increase in the cost of rental accommodation. Prices at the pump rose 2.1% in September. Food prices gained 0.3% after climbing 0.2% in each of the prior three months. Grocery food prices increased 0.3%, driven by higher costs for meat, fish and eggs. Cereals and bakery products also cost more, while fruit and vegetable prices were unchanged. In the 12 months through October, the CPI climbed 3.2% after rising 3.7% in September. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the CPI would gain 0.1% on the month and increase 3.3% on a year-on-year basis. Though year-on-year consumer price rises have come down from a peak of 9.1% in June 2022, the disinflationary trend had stalled in recent months against the backdrop of a strong economy that is being powered by a relatively tight labor market. Inflation continues to run above the Fed's 2% target. Most economists believe the US central bank's fastest monetary policy tightening campaign since the 1980s is over, a narrative that Fed Chair Jerome Powell and other policymakers have pushed back against. Powell said last week that "if it becomes appropriate to tighten policy further, we will not hesitate to do so." Financial markets are even anticipating a rate cut next May, according to CME Group's FedWatch tool. Since March 2022, the Fed has hiked its policy rate by 525 basis points to the current 5.25%-5.50% range. (Reuters)
- **Fed's Goolsbee sees inflation falling fast without jobless surge -** US inflation is cooling at what could prove to be its fastest pace in at least 40 years, if not longer, with only a limited rise in the unemployment rate, Chicago Federal Reserve President Austan Goolsbee said on Tuesday. Goolsbee, in remarks prepared for delivery to a Detroit Economic Club event, said that unusual feat had never occurred in the US outside of a war and is being driven by a rebound in supply after years of COVID-19 related squeezes, a rise in productivity, and well-anchored inflation expectations.

The biggest non-war-related one-year drop in the consumer price index in the last century was a more-than 4% drop from 1981 to 1982, he said, and in 2023, “we may equal or even surpass,” Goolsbee said. “And we may do that with an unemployment rate that never gets above 4%.”US unemployment in October rose to 3.9%, from 3.8% in the prior month. A Labor Department report earlier on Tuesday showed the consumer price index rose 3.2% in October from a year earlier, down more than 3 percentage points from January. “Progress continues, though we still have a way to go,” Goolsbee said. The Fed targets 2% inflation by a different measure, the personal consumption expenditures price index, which was 3.4% in September. While some analysts have raised the alarm that near-5% economic growth in the third quarter and continued job gains could pave the way for inflation to roar back, recent positive supply developments mean “you can have blockbuster numbers without adding to inflationary pressures,” he said. Going forward, Goolsbee said he’s focused on inflation data and sees overheating as a lesser risk than an external shock. “The key to further progress over the next few quarters will be what happens to housing inflation,” he said. “More generally, there are always some bumps in the road as inflation comes down. (Reuters)

- **Company insolvencies jump in England and Wales in October -** Business insolvencies in England and Wales rose 18% in annual terms during October, official data showed on Tuesday, in a further sign of the tough economic environment facing many firms. The Insolvency Service, a government agency, reported 2,315 company insolvencies last month, up from 1,954 a year previously and higher than before the COVID-19 pandemic. Insolvencies of individuals total led 9,881, down 6% on a year ago but still the highest reading since May. The data are not seasonally adjusted. Many businesses and households have come under increased pressure from rising interest rates and a sharp increase in the cost of energy and other necessities such as food. "If the Christmas trading period doesn't bring a wave of new income, we could see insolvencies continue to rise in the new year," said Nicky Fisher, president of R3, an insolvency and restructuring trade body. (Reuters)
- **China's Jan-Oct property sales fell 6.8% y/y, investment down 9.3% -** Property sales by floor area in China fell 6.8% year-on-year in January-October, compared with a 7.5% slide in the first nine months of 2023, suggesting China's property sector is yet to emerge from its slump. Property investment in the first 10 months of 2023 fell 9.3% from a year earlier, after dropping 9.1% in January-September, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) released on Wednesday. New construction starts measured by floor area fell 23.2% year-on-year, after a 23.4% slump in the first nine months. Funds raised by China's property developers were down 11.0% year-on-year after a 13.5% fall in January-September. (Reuters)
- **China Central Bank boosts liquidity injection through policy loan, rate unchanged -** China's central bank ramped up liquidity injection but kept the interest rate unchanged when rolling over maturing medium-term policy loans on Wednesday, matching market expectations. Market participants believe that a weakening Chinese yuan has constrained the central bank's efforts to aggressively lower interest rates as the recovery of the world's second-largest economy remains uneven and requires further stimulus. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) said it was keeping the rate on 1.45tn yuan ($199.92bn) worth of one-year medium-term lending facility (MLF) loans to some financial institutions unchanged at 2.50% from the previous operation. The central bank said the loan operation was meant to maintain banking system liquidity reasonably ample to counteract short-term factors including tax payments and government bond issuance. (Reuters)
- **Japan Q3 annualized GDP falls worse-than-expected 2.1% -** Japan's economy shrank 2.1% in July-September from the previous quarter on an annualized basis, government data showed on Wednesday, worse than market estimates and falling for the first time in three quarters. The gross domestic product (GDP) figure compared with the median forecast for a 0.6% decline and translated into a quarterly fall of 0.5%. Private consumption, which makes up more than half of the economy, was flat quarter-on-quarter, the data showed. (Reuters)

Regional

- **S&P: GCC external debt maturity averages $660bn in 2023-25 -** The Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) countries will have an average of $660bn of gross external debt, both public and private, maturing annually over 2023-25, according to Standard and Poor's (S&P), a global credit rating agency. Although the region's banking systems contribute 70% on average to this external debt rollover, driven by their high stock of contractually short-term external debt (including deposits); S&P said given most systems' strong net external asset positions and solid liquidity profiles, the region's banks have buffers to mitigate a hypothetical sudden stop in external funding or capital outflows. "While regulators and individual banks try to lengthen the tenor of these facilities, we expect the GCC banking systems' external liability growth to push combined national rollover requirements to nearly $700bn per year by 2025, with the UAE and Qatar together comprising over half of the total," the rating agency said in a report. The $660bn is equivalent to roughly 40% of estimated combined 2023 current account receipts and usable reserves, compared to $250bn in 2013, which was about 14% (Brent oil prices averaged $108 per barrel that year, compared to an average of close to $82 through 2023 so far), according to S&P. Finding that the GCC banking systems' external liabilities coming due within the year will total $465bn in 2023, more than two-thirds of national requirements; it said "we forecast this will increase toward $500bn by 2025." Notably, banks' external balance sheets have not developed at the same pace across the board, it said, adding the UAE and Qatar display by far the largest net external balance sheet expansion, which is mostly concentrated on specific banks, with government-backed national champions predominating. In Qatar, the build-up of external debt was mainly channeled to finance large domestic projects, the rating agency highlighted. Finding that all systems, apart from Bahrain's retail banking sector, had very "comfortable" coverage, it said the government assets (which include estimates of external sovereign wealth fund assets) account for multiple times the stressed liability outflows. Although regional banking systems are driving up national gross external debt as related rollover risks to banks and sovereigns are expected to naturally increase as a result, it said however, most regional governments have liquid assets well exceeding hypothetical outflows and, if ever required, sovereign resources would be rapidly deployed to reinforce confidence. "Additionally, our hypothetical stress test highlights regional banking systems are well positioned to meet these requirements without presenting a direct claim on fiscal resources," the report said. (Gulf Times)
- **IEA raises oil demand growth forecasts, flags possible 2024 surplus -** The International Energy Agency (IEA) on Tuesday raised its oil demand growth forecasts for this year and next despite slower economic growth in nearly all major economies, although its 2024 outlook remains much lower than that of producer group OPEC. The Paris-based IEA said the market could shift into surplus at the start of 2024 having been kept in a "significant deficit" through year-end by voluntary cuts from Saudi Arabia and Russia which last until the end of December. "For now, with demand still exceeding available supplies heading into the Northern Hemisphere winter, market balances will remain vulnerable to heightened economic and geopolitical risks – and further volatility ahead," the IEA said in a monthly report. Oil has weakened to around $82 a barrel for Brent crude from a 2023 high in September near $98. Concern about economic growth and demand has pressured prices, despite support from supply cuts by OPEC and its allies, and conflict in the Middle East. The IEA joins the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries in raising its oil demand growth forecast for 2023. Demand in 2023 has been supported by resilient U.S. deliveries and record September demand from China, the IEA said. In 2023, the IEA expects world demand to rise by 2.4mn barrels per day (bpd), up from 2.3mn bpd seen previously and bringing its view closer to that of OPEC, which on Monday nudged up its forecast to 2.46mn bpd. For 2024, the IEA raised its oil demand growth forecast to 930,000 bpd from 880,000 bpd. Expectations are underpinned by hopes of interest rate cuts and the recent fall in crude prices, the IEA, the energy adviser to industrialized nations, said. This is still well below OPEC's forecast of 2.25mn bpd. The difference - 1.32mn bpd - is equivalent to roughly 1% of daily world oil use and translates into more than the daily production of an OPEC member such as Libya. OPEC and the IEA have clashed in recent years over issues such as the long-term oil demand

outlook and the need for investment in new supplies. The IEA said the 2024 demand slowdown will arise as "the last phase of the pandemic economic rebound dissipates and as advancing energy efficiency gains, expanding electric vehicle fleets and structural factors reassert themselves." The 2024 outlook will be in focus at the next meeting of OPEC and its allies, known as OPEC+, on Nov. 26. The group's existing deal limits supply into 2024, although the extra Saudi and Russian voluntary cuts last until the end of December. (Reuters)

- **Pakistan drawing Saudi interest in mine stakes -** Saudi Arabia has shown interest in acquiring government stakes in Pakistan's Reko Diq gold and copper mine, a Pakistani official said on Tuesday, in what would be a major deal for the crisis-ridden $350bn South Asian economy. Barrick Gold Corp, which owns a 50% stake in the mine, considers the mine one of the world's largest underdeveloped copper-gold areas. Pakistan narrowly averted sovereign default earlier this year after a last-gasp $3bn bailout from the International Monetary Fund, but the deal rests on bringing in foreign direct investment to shore up critically low foreign exchange reserves. Islamabad has appointed an international adviser to do an valuation of its stake in the mine and expects this to be completed before Dec. 25, after which talks will begin with Riyadh, Jahanzeb Khan, the prime minister's adviser special investments, told journalists. Alongside Barrick Gold the remaining 50% of the mine is held by the governments of Pakistan and the province of Balochistan. Khan did not identify the adviser but media outlet Arab News reported that United Arab Emirates-based consulting firm RB&A Partners has been hired. The firm declined comment in an emailed response to a Reuters query. Pakistan has previously said Barrick would invest $10bn in the project. Barrick in August said it was open to bringing in Saudi Arabia as one of its partners in the mine. The Saudi Arabian government did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Khan said Saudi Arabia and other traditional Middle Eastern allies could potentially line up around $70bn in investments in various sectors. Khan said that Pakistan was keen on having Saudi Arabia on board but stressed that Islamabad was "not in a rush" and did not want to have "distress sales" for any of its assets and would protect its national interests. He said Pakistan set up its Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) in June to help make investing faster and easier and with a focus on sectors including agriculture, mining and information technology. Khan said even the IMF had inquired about the SIFC's powers but that the body would ensure transparency in all transactions. Regarding the inclusion of Pakistan's army chief in the SIFC Khan said the military was key to ensure physical security for investors Reko Diq is located in the restive southwestern province of Balochistan which is in the grip of multiple insurgencies. (Reuters)
- **Aramco produces first unconventional gas at South Ghawar -** Saudi Arabia's oil giant Aramco said on Tuesday it produced the first tight gas at South Ghawar, as it pushes a strategy to boost gas production. Tight gas refers to a type of unconventional gas - which requires advanced extraction methods - found in reservoir rocks with low permeability, most often sandstone. Commissioned facilities at South Ghawar have a capacity to process 300mn standard cubic feet per day (scfd) of raw gas and 38,000 barrels per day (bpd) of condensate. Aramco aims to boost its gas production by 50% by 2030 from 2021 levels. It aims to deliver 750 mmscfd of raw gas from South Ghawar in the near future, the company said. It said in late September that it agreed to acquire a strategic minority stake in liquefied natural gas (LNG) company MidOcean Energy for $500mn, with an option to increase the stake - part of its push into natural gas. Last month, Aramco Chief Executive Amin Nasser said Aramco was looking at more investments in LNG to boost its plans to become a leading player in the sea-borne gas market. (Reuters)
- **Number of Saudis who continue in private sector jobs for over 20 years reaches 12,3000 -** The number of Saudi citizens, who have continued to serve in private sector jobs for over the past 20 years, reached 123000, according to the National Labor Observatory (NLO). It was revealed in the Citizens' Sustainability Index in the Private Sector, launched by the observatory. The report showed a significant increase in the sustainability of citizens working in the private sector. The number of citizens who continue working in the private sector in all categories recorded an increase. This indicates an improvement in their sustainability in the private sector jobs. The NLO issued a detailed report based on official records on the sustainability of citizens in the private sector, during which it reviewed in detail the numbers of citizens continuing in the sector in all categories for a period of more than 20 years. The report elaborated the success of efforts in enhancing the sustainability of workers, due to the financial incentives and rewards that the private sector provides to them, in addition to continuous training and development, driven by government support and nationalization programs. The National Labor Observatory is engaged in issuing many reports and statements, which provide an analysis of labor sector trends, to be the main and reliable source of labor market data and visuals. It recently issued a detailed report on the rise in wages in the private sector, which highlighted the high competitiveness of the sector and the quality of jobs. (Zawya)
- **Saudi Fintech Tamara gets up to $250mn more in debt financing -** Saudi Fintech Tamara secures as much as $250m in additional debt financing, bringing its total warehouse credit facility to up to $400m.Facility consists of as much as $200m of incremental senior debt arranged by Goldman Sachs. As much as $50m mezzanine tranche led by Shorooq Partners. Financing will be used to support ongoing demand for its flagshipbnPL product and release capital for investments into new products and services. Tamara is a platform to shop, pay and bank in Saudi Arabia and GCC. (Bloomberg)
- **National Marine Dredging gets $1.3bn Aramco contract -** Marine Dredging's subsidiary National Petroleum Construction Co. received a letter of award from Saudi Aramco for two projects that are part of Arab Medium (AM) facilities upgrade scheme. Total value of these awards is $1.3bn. Project includes fabrication and installation of slipover Production Decks Modules and fabrication and installation of nine structural jackets, among other tasks. (Bloomberg)
- **Opec: UAE's non-oil growth to continue in 2024 -** The UAE's non-oil economic activities continued to see robust performance and are expected to extend healthy development into 2024, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) said. In its OPEC Monthly Oil Market Report for November 2023, the organization anticipated the upward trend in non-oil activities to continue supporting further growth for the next year The report stated that this growth was supported by the October Purchasing Managers Index (PMI), which increased to 57.7 from 56.7 in September, confirming the expansionary trend of the past few years. It also marked the strongest growth in the country's non-oil private sector since June, as new orders increased to their highest level since June 2019. The tourism sector – which accounts for about 16% of the GDP – continued its strong performance, with the number of visitors to Dubai increasing by 19% year-on-year to stand at 8.5mn. Growth prospects in the UAE's non-oil GDP may continue to build momentum, supported by increased business confidence, government reforms and an expansion in household spending, the report added. (Zawya)
- **Emirates holds off on Airbus A350 order in engine rift -** Emirates ruled out an immediate deal to buy Airbus A350-1000 jets on Tuesday, blaming a dispute with engine maker Rolls-Royce over the durability of its engines and leaving the European plane maker without a major showcase order at the Dubai Airshow. Speaking a day after placing a $50bn order for Boeing 777X jets, the president of the Dubai airline, Tim Clark, said the A350-1000's engine would offer only a quarter of the time between maintenance visits compared to Emirates' needs. He told reporters Emirates would be prepared to order between 35 and 50 of the jets if Rolls-Royce improved both the durability and maintenance costs. Rolls-Royce said: "Emirates is a valued customer and we look forward to supporting their future fleet growth plans." While airplane orders dominate headlines at air shows, airlines typically negotiate to buy the airplane and long-term repair services from the engine suppliers separately, meaning big-ticket plane announcements can hinge on unseen engine talks. Airbus Chief Commercial Officer Christian Scherer defended Rolls-Royce's Trent XWB-97 engine. "It's a perfectly fine engine operated by many customers around the world. Tim does not operate it," he said while announcing an order from Egyptair for 10 smaller A350-900s. Emirates has ordered 50 of the A350-900 version, which uses a different Rolls variant, but has yet to take deliveries. Reuters reported on Monday that an order from Emirates for the largest version of the A350 appeared to be on hold over terms of

engine guarantees with Rolls-Royce. It is the latest example of disagreements in aerospace over the performance designed to save fuel at the expense of ever-hotter internal temperatures that require more maintenance. Engines face particular challenges in hot and sandy or dusty conditions like the Middle East and India. Emirates's order for 90 more GE-powered Boeing 777X jets dominated the opening of the week-long Dubai Airshow on Monday. With plans for an Emirates A350 order off the table for now, Airbus also saw a second major order from Turkish Airlines (THY) (THYAO.IS) slip off the show's agenda, industry sources said. Airbus said on Monday it had reached agreement "in principle" on a significant THY order. But it added the deal needed to be ratified in the coming days, in what sources saw as a sign it would need Turkish government approval and was unlikely to appear at the show. (Reuters)

- **EIH Ethmar International Holding launches 'Ethmarati' Program at Tawdheef x Zaheb 2023 -** EIH Ethmar International Holding PJSC, a multi-sector holding company based in Abu Dhabi, has launched its Emiratization program 'Ethmarati' at the Tawdheef x Zaheb 2023 exhibition that is taking place until 15th November, at Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre (ADNEC). EIH is a regular participant at this key annual event and exhibition dedicated to enabling Emiratis access to employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. The pioneering Ethmarati Program, developed by EIH, also aims to further develop the skills and career paths of Emirati youth, equipping them with valuable skills and knowledge enhancing their employability, particularly in the private sector. As a vehicle for supporting Emirati youth entering the private sector, the Ethmarati program will offer 700-plus job opportunities to Emirati talent within EIH and its subsidiaries. EIH's multi-industry sector portfolio of companies includes travel and tourism, oil and gas, technology, marketing communications, real estate, facility management, drone solutions, human capital, procurement services, and others. Commenting on the launch of the Ethmarati program, Ali Elgebely, Managing Director and Group CEO of EIH, commented: "The Ethmarati Program is aligned to and plays an active role in supporting the UAE leadership's Emiratization vision and goals for enhancing the skill set of Emirati youth and their involvement in the private sector. We are excited to showcase this program at this year's Tawdheef x Zaheb, which is a fantastic event for fulfilling the potential of a new generation of Emiratis. "EIH is at the heart of Abu Dhabi and the UAE's future social and economic growth and development. This program will provide Emirati talent the opportunity to undergo specialized training with experts in various sectors and ensure they gain real-world experience, preparing them for successful careers. EIH's group of companies currently covers nine industry sectors representing its own enabling private sector ecosystem for such individuals to explore a wide range of career opportunities and work with specialist industry experts," Elgebely added. (Zawya)
- **Ethmar International Holding, Nafis to promote Emiratization and talent development -** Abu Dhabi-based EIH Ethmar International Holding has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Emirati Talent Competitiveness Council "Nafis", the federal entity mandated to support the UAE's human development program and recruitment of Emirati workforce, within the private sector, in support of the UAE economy. The MoU highlighted the cooperation between the two parties in the programs and initiatives that aim to hone the skills of young Emirati talent with rewarding job opportunities in the private sector, with hiring opportunities offered by EIH in alignment with government target goals set by the UAE leadership. As the economic diversification of the UAE economy continues, the private sector's role in sustainable socio-economic development is recognized as key to the program's success, reflecting the increasing need for solid partnerships between public and private entities in developing and employing national talents. As per the MoU, Nafis will engage EIH in its programs and initiatives, allowing EIH to take advantage of the benefits, registration, organization of awareness-raising workshops, and passing the necessary budgets for the mutually agreed programs. For its part, EIH will play a pivotal role in encouraging its subsidiaries, partners, and stakeholders to take part in Nafis' initiatives and programs, supporting these initiatives by organizing its awareness workshops and recruiting at least 350 UAE talents into the Group in two years. The MoU was signed by Ghannam Al Mazrouei, Secretary-General of Nafis, and Ali Elgebely, Group CEO and Managing Director of EIH. The event was also attended by officials from both parties and representatives of the local media. Commenting on the agreement, Al Mazrouei said, "Today's collaboration represents the latest agreement in a series of partnerships that have been established in the last few years between Nafis and private companies that take their social responsibility for training and employing Emirati youth seriously. We are confident that these new joint efforts, with EIH, will further support the ongoing Emiratization process." Elgebely stated, "Noting that Nafis has launched several national initiatives to build partnerships between the public and private sectors, regarding training and development of UAE youth. It is also worth mentioning that this is not the first partnership we have launched with national entities mandated with training, developing, and employing Emirati talents, as these activities resonate very clearly with EIH Group's vision and social mission." In 2022, EIH signed a similar agreement with the UAE's Human Resources Authority to support Emiratization programs as part of its vision and strategy to add value to the national economy and be socially responsible for achieving full employment for UAE nationals. (Zawya)
- **Oman eyes at least $20bn investment from 2nd round of green hydrogen auctions -** After the successful first round of auctions, which resulted in a total of five project awards worth more than $30bn, Hydrogen Oman (Hydrom) is now expecting to attract between $20bn-$30bn worth of investments through the second round of auctions for large-scale green hydrogen projects in the sultanate. The first round of public auctions was launched late last year, and the agreements were signed in June 2023 with major international consortia and companies that will establish large-scale green hydrogen and ammonia projects in the sultanate. In the second round of public auctions, which has already been launched, Hydrom plans to award three land blocks in the Dhofar region by the end of the first quarter of 2024. "The expected investments in the green hydrogen sector in Oman until 2050 are estimated at $140bn. In the first round of public auctions, the presupposed cost of investments amounted to about $30bn. And in the second round, we look up investments at a volume of $20bn-$30bn," said Eng Abdulaziz al Shidhani, managing director of Hydrom, in an interview published in the latest edition of Duqm Economist magazine. "The public auctions help achieve transparency on the one hand and attract serious investors who have the financial solvency to implement such projects on the other hand," he added. Hydrom focused on the Duqm region in the first round of public auctions and is now concentrating on Dhofar in the second round, through three opportunities offered to companies specializing in the green hydrogen sector. Commenting on the success of the first round of public auctions, Shidhani said that the level of turnout was good, with clear competition between international companies. He added that as many as 60 companies had purchased the Request for Proposal (RFP) documents in the first round of auctions. "The first round witnessed many consortiums between major international companies, reflecting the level of interest in this sector and the huge demand for investment in it. The preliminary data for the second round are also good," Shidhani said. He further said, "Our goal is not to sign with any company, but with companies that can implement the project and have financial solvency, technical expertise, and clarity in the idea of the project. We have closed the first round by signing agreements and not MoUs, which is a success for the efforts exerted and reflects the level of global interest in investing in Oman," he added. From the five projects whose agreements were signed in June 2023, the projected production is about 750,000 metric tonnes of green hydrogen. Oman aims to produce more than 1mn tonnes of green hydrogen by 2030, through the exploitation of 30% of the allocated land. The sultanate expects production to gradually increase to reach about 8mn tonnes by 2050. According to Shidhani, Hydrom's goal is for the first green hydrogen project to be commissioned in 2030, or even before. He said, "We expect companies to be able to reach this goal by then. The agreements were designed on the basis that the development of projects until they enter the production stage will take about seven years, including three and a half years to take field measurements of the quality of solar and wind energy. A similar period is counted for the preparation of designs and the kick-off of construction work. Accordingly, we expect construction to begin between 2026 and 2028, and production to begin in 2030." Oman has certain competitive advantages to develop a green hydrogen economy and holds an advanced position on the global green

hydrogen map. The sultanate has competitive resources required for successful investment in this sector, including an abundance of land, high solar radiation, and wind power. (Zawya)

- **Orlen in advanced talks to buy Kuwait Foreign Petroleum's Norwegian assets -** Polish state-controlled oil and gas group Orlen (PKN.WA) is in advanced talks to buy Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company's (KUFPEC) stakes in assets on the Norwegian continental shelf, four sources familiar with the process said. Operating under the name of PGNiG Upstream in Norway, Orlen has been prioritizing gas assets to fill up a new pipeline carrying Norwegian gas to Poland via Denmark. PGNiG Upstream has a 14.02% stake in Norway's second largest gas field, Ormen Lange, which is operated by Shell (SHEL.L). KUFPEC hired Scotiabank earlier this year to manage the sale process for its Norwegian assets as part of its focus on newer exploration and production hubs. The sales were expected to raise $300mn, sources told Reuters in May. Orlen said on Tuesday that it is constantly monitoring foreign markets in search of acquisition opportunities that match with assets already held but declined to confirm the talks on KUFPEC's assets. "All decisions regarding possible investments or capital involvement are made in accordance with corporate governance and communicated primarily through the group's official communication channels," the company said in response to Reuters questions. KUFPEC was not immediately available for comment. Under a strategy approved earlier this year Orlen plans to spend 90bn zloty ($22.14bn) on investments to expand oil and gas production by the end of the decade. KUFPEC has stakes in several producing fields on the Norwegian continental shelf, including Gina Krog and Sleipner Vest, where Orlen is also a partner. It also has a 21.8% stake in the Equinor (EQNR.OL)-operated Eirin gas development, which will be tied back to the Gina Krog production platform with its gas exported via Sleipner Vest. (Reuters)
- **Kuwait Airways in compensation talks with Airbus over delivery delays -** Kuwait Airways expects compensation from plane maker Airbus (AIR.PA) for delays in delivering commercial jets, the chairman of the Middle Eastern airline told Reuters on Tuesday. Aerospace and other manufacturers are struggling with supply chain bottlenecks. This year, pressure has been growing on plane makers to start paying penalties. "We are discussing it with them. There will be some compensation from Airbus themselves, they have to because we are affected," Abdulmohsen Salem Alfagaan said in an interview at the Dubai Airshow. Alfagaan said delivery delays had forced the airline to adjust its network and reschedule flights, without specifying the length of delay or aircraft type. An Airbus spokesperson said conversations with customers were confidential. State-owned Kuwait Airways currently has orders for seven Airbus A330-900 and two A350-900 wide-body jets, as well as nine A321neo and one A320neo narrow-bodies, according to Airbus data. Kuwait Airways' current business plan envisages profitability this decade, Alfagaan said, adding it was unlikely to place a new aircraft order for three to four years. The airline is reducing frequencies on certain routes in the Middle East and Turkey due to a drop in demand for some destinations by as much as 50% as a result of the Israel-Hamas war, Alfagaan said. Travelers have cancelled bookings to the region amid fears the war could spark a regional conflict. "People are reluctant to travel at the moment, but we are doing very well in the East and on European flights," Alfagaan said, adding European routes were on average close to sold out and overall the airline was filling an average of 70-80% of seats. About 60% of the airline's passengers are starting or ending their journey in Kuwait, while the remaining 40% are using Kuwait for connecting flights, he said. (Reuters)

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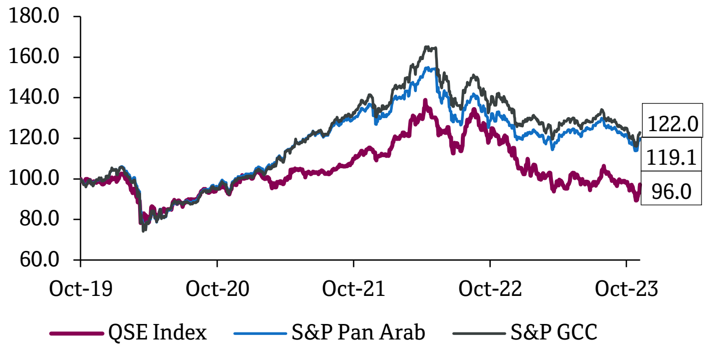

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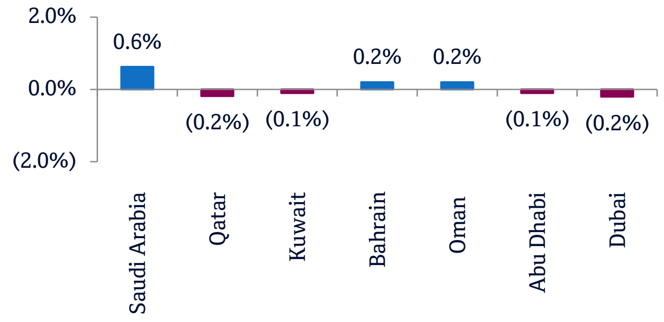

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Asset/Currency Performance	Close ($)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,964.29	0.9	1.2	7.7
Silver/Ounce	23.09	3.4	3.7	(3.6)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	82.47	(0.1)	1.3	(4.0)
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	78.26	0.0	1.4	(2.5)
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.69	3.1	(0.7)	(23.6)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	62.90	(0.6)	0.0	(11.1)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	83.00	0.6	(1.2)	(18.2)
Euro	1.09	1.7	1.8	1.6
Yen	150.37	(0.9)	(0.8)	14.7
GBP	1.25	1.8	2.2	3.4
CHF	1.12	1.4	1.5	4.0
AUD	0.65	2.0	2.3	(4.5)
USD Index	104.05	(1.5)	(1.7)	0.5
RUB	110.69	0.0	0.0	58.9
BRL	0.21	0.9	0.9	8.7

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,963.36	2.0	2.2	13.9
DJ Industrial	34,827.70	1.4	1.6	5.1
S&P 500	4,495.70	1.9	1.8	17.1
NASDAQ 100	14,094.38	2.4	2.1	34.7
STOXX 600	452.60	3.0	4.0	8.1
DAX	15,614.43	3.4	4.4	13.8
FTSE 100	7,440.47	2.0	3.4	3.1
CAC 40	7,185.68	3.1	3.8	12.7
Nikkei	32,695.93	1.0	1.0	9.0
MSCI EM	959.12	0.7	1.1	0.3
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,056.07	0.8	1.1	(5.9)
HANG SENG	17,396.86	(0.2)	1.2	(12.1)
BSE SENSEX	64,933.87	(0.5)	0.1	6.0
Bovespa	123,165.76	3.3	3.0	21.9
RTS	1,116.97	(0.0)	0.9	15.1

Source: Bloomberg ($ adjusted returns if any)*

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