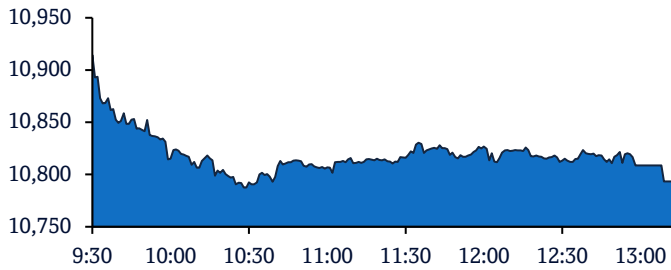


## QSE Intra-Day Movement



## Qatar Commentary

The QE Index declined 1.2% to close at 10,793.5. Losses were led by the Industrials and Transportation indices, falling 2.5% and 1.3%, respectively. Top losers were Industries Qatar and Qatar Electricity & Water Co., falling 4.1% and 2.9%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution gained 9.1%, while Qatari Investors Group was up 4.1%.

## GCC Commentary

**Saudi Arabia:** The TASI Index gained 0.7% to close at 10,396.4. Gains were led by the Utilities and Software & Services indices, rising 4.3% and 2.8%, respectively. Tabuk Agricultural Development rose 10.0%, while Jadwa REIT Al Haramain Fund was up 7.4%.

**Dubai:** The DFM Index gained 0.3% to close at 2,673.1. The Banks index rose 1.1%, while the Transportation index gained 1.0%. Dubai National Insurance & Reinsurance rose 10.0%, while Aan Digital Services Holding Co. was up 8.8%.

**Abu Dhabi:** The ADX General Index gained 0.8% to close at 6,477.6. The Industrial index rose 5.5%, while the Consumer Staples index rose 2.8%. Arkan Building Materials Company rose 15.0%, while Fujairah Cement Industries was up 11.8%.

**Kuwait:** The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.5% to close at 6,313.2. The Technology and Consumer Staples indices rose 2.9% each. Aan Digital Services Company rose 11.0%, while Kuwait Reinsurance Company was up 10.4%.

**Oman:** The MSM 30 Index fell 0.1% to close at 3,840.1. Losses were led by the Services and Industrial indices, falling 0.1% each. Voltamp Energy declined 6.5%, while Muscat Finance was down 2.0%.

**Bahrain:** Market was closed on May 17, 2021.

Market Indicators	17 May 21	11 May 21	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	489.9	348.9	40.4
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	627,919.1	633,871.0	(0.9)
Volume (mn)	164.7	151.4	8.8
Number of Transactions	13,450	7,563	77.8
Companies Traded	47	47	0.0
Market Breadth	16:29	17:23	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	21,366.33	(1.2)	(1.2)	6.5	18.3
All Share Index	3,425.71	(1.0)	(1.0)	7.1	19.0
Banks	4,503.98	(0.4)	(0.4)	6.0	15.7
Industrials	3,565.05	(2.5)	(2.5)	15.1	27.4
Transportation	3,430.17	(1.3)	(1.3)	4.0	22.9
Real Estate	1,898.32	(0.6)	(0.6)	(1.6)	18.0
Insurance	2,676.70	(0.9)	(0.9)	11.7	24.0
Telecoms	1,075.72	(1.0)	(1.0)	6.4	28.5
Consumer	8,233.24	(1.0)	(1.0)	1.1	28.8
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,631.84	(0.8)	(0.8)	8.5	19.9

GCC Top Gainers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Saudi Industrial Inv.	Saudi Arabia	38.10	5.8	1,628.5	39.1
Saudi Electricity Co.	Saudi Arabia	25.00	4.9	5,957.7	17.4
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	Abu Dhabi	5.37	4.3	5,797.4	14.3
National Petrochemical	Saudi Arabia	51.00	4.1	1,189.1	53.4
Rabigh Refining & Petro.	Saudi Arabia	22.26	4.0	4,463.4	61.1

GCC Top Losers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Industries Qatar	Qatar	12.90	(4.1)	6,225.2	18.7
Qatar Electricity & Water	Qatar	16.57	(2.9)	1,959.2	(7.2)
Jarir Marketing Co.	Saudi Arabia	207.00	(2.8)	327.4	19.4
Emaar Malls	Dubai	1.88	(2.1)	13,029.5	2.7
Oman Telecom.	Oman	0.80	(2.0)	141.0	12.3

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%
Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution	4.90	9.1	4.4	22.7
Qatari Investors Group	2.53	4.1	14,880.7	39.7
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co	1.68	2.1	34,101.4	73.7
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.97	2.1	24,229.3	48.7
Qatar Oman Investment Company	1.02	1.6	4,473.4	14.7

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co	1.68	2.1	34,101.4	73.7
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.97	2.1	24,229.3	48.7
Qatari Investors Group	2.53	4.1	14,880.7	39.7
Ezdan Holding Group	1.80	1.6	11,674.6	1.2
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	1.15	(0.6)	10,551.2	(8.8)

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Industries Qatar	12.90	(4.1)	6,225.2	18.7
Qatar Electricity & Water Co.	16.57	(2.9)	1,959.2	(7.2)
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	2.40	(2.0)	557.5	(9.8)
Ooredoo	7.02	(1.6)	1,297.5	(6.6)
Qatar Gas Transport Company	3.11	(1.6)	2,663.7	(2.3)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Industries Qatar	12.90	(4.1)	80,968.3	18.7
QNB Group	17.84	(0.9)	57,818.0	0.1
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing	1.68	2.1	56,807.0	73.7
Qatari Investors Group	2.53	4.1	37,859.3	39.7
Qatar Electricity & Water Co.	16.57	(2.9)	32,621.9	(7.2)

Source: Bloomberg (\* in QR)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,793.47	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.1)	3.4	132.31	169,224.2	18.3	1.6	2.7
Dubai	2,673.07	0.3	(0.9)	2.6	7.3	73.12	101,171.1	20.1	0.9	3.0
Abu Dhabi	6,477.57	0.8	4.3	7.1	28.4	450.27	250,924.0	22.1	1.8	4.0
Saudi Arabia	10,396.44	0.7	0.7	(0.2)	19.6	2,073.11	2,584,201.0	31.1	2.3	2.0
Kuwait	6,313.20	0.5	0.5	3.3	13.8	315.80	119,181.9	41.8	1.6	2.2
Oman	3,840.14	(0.1)	0.1	2.1	5.0	8.11	17,332.0	11.5	0.7	4.7
Bahrain##	1,528.79	(0.1)	0.5	3.0	2.7	2.14	23,512.8	30.1	1.0	2.2

Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (\*\* TTM; \* Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any, ##Data as of May 12, 2021)

## Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index declined 1.2% to close at 10,793.5. The Industrials and Transportation indices led the losses. The index fell on the back of selling pressure from foreign shareholders despite buying support from Qatari, GCC and Arab shareholders.
- Industries Qatar and Qatar Electricity & Water Co. were the top losers, falling 4.1% and 2.9%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution gained 9.1%, while Qatari Investors Group was up 4.1%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday rose by 8.8% to 164.7mn from 151.4mn on Tuesday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 293.2mn, volume for the day was 43.8% lower. Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. and Salam International Inv. Ltd. were the most active stocks, contributing 20.7% and 14.7% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	39.61%	30.99%	42,224,618.1
Qatari Institutions	24.02%	13.93%	49,454,849.1
<b>Qatari</b>	<b>63.63%</b>	<b>44.91%</b>	<b>91,679,467.1</b>
GCC Individuals	1.52%	0.30%	5,966,061.4
GCC Institutions	2.18%	0.32%	9,128,721.1
<b>GCC</b>	<b>3.70%</b>	<b>0.62%</b>	<b>15,094,782.5</b>
Arab Individuals	14.76%	11.97%	13,643,942.9
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.03%	(142,567.4)
<b>Arab</b>	<b>14.76%</b>	<b>12.00%</b>	<b>13,501,375.5</b>
Foreigners Individuals	4.03%	4.15%	(557,545.7)
Foreigners Institutions	13.88%	38.32%	(119,718,079.4)
<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>17.92%</b>	<b>42.47%</b>	<b>(120,275,625.2)</b>

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

## Ratings, Earnings Releases and Global Economic Data

### Ratings Updates

Company	Agency	Market	Type*	Old Rating	New Rating	Rating Change	Outlook	Outlook Change
Commercial Bank of Dubai	Fitch	Dubai	LT-IDR/VR	A-/bb+	A-/bb+	–	Stable	–

Source: News reports, Bloomberg (\* LT – Long Term, IDR – Issuer Default Rating, VR – Viability Rating)

### Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 1Q2021	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 1Q2021	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 1Q2021	% Change YoY
Saudi Enaya Coop. Ins. Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	45.1	-26.1%	–	–	0.9	73.7%
Alinma Tokio Marine Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	79.1	-20.1%	–	–	1.8	N/A
Gulf Union Coop. Insurance Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	177.1	32.5%	–	–	3.0	188.7%
United Coop. Assurance Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	116.1	-51.7%	–	–	1.2	-16.6%
Jabal Omar Development Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	21.6	-88.6%	(137.6)	N/A	(345.3)	N/A
Malath Coop. Insurance Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	290.3	14.4%	–	–	3.1	-3.2%
Gulf General Coop. Ins. Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	130.1	0.2%	–	–	3.8	N/A

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB.

### Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
05/17	Japan	Bank of Japan	PPI YoY	Apr	3.6%	3.1%	1.2%
05/17	Japan	Bank of Japan	PPI MoM	Apr	0.7%	0.5%	1.0%
05/17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Industrial Production YoY	Apr	9.8%	10.0%	14.1%

Source: Bloomberg (s.a. = seasonally adjusted; n.s.a. = non-seasonally adjusted; w.d.a. = working day adjusted)

## News

### Qatar

- **CBQK announces successful closing of USD benchmark offering under its EMTN program** – The Commercial Bank (CBQK) has completed the offering of its USD 700,000,000 2.000% 5-year Regulation S bond. The offering closed on May 12, 2021. Application was made to the Irish Stock Exchange PLC trading as Euronext Dublin for the notes to be admitted to its official list and to trading on its regulated market. (QSE)
- **QCB governor: Global central banks need to factor in climate protection in pandemic response** – The Qatar Central Bank (QCB) Monday said the global slowdown has led to "significant" interest rate "distortion" and that the conventional gauge as gross domestic product (GDP) has proved to be less useful in the crisis time, thus needing more reliable indicator that can better predict the behavior of an economy. Addressing the opening session of the two-day virtual conference on challenges facing the central banks in 2020, QCB Governor HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Saoud al-Thani also said the policy response to the COVID-19 will turn out to be the blueprint for the climate protection policies. One year into the pandemic, the global growth appears to be "uncertain" after showing signs of recovery in the beginning of this year, he told the inaugural annual conference of the Qatar Centre for Global Banking and Finance at King's Business School, London. In this regard, Sheikh Abdullah quoted a report of the International Monetary Fund that hinted that growth will rebound to 6% in 2021, after taking into account the concerted efforts on the vaccination and support measures. The second wave "is proving to be a significant threat" for the holistic recovery," he said, adding in this evolving situation, the growth expectations primarily depend on the continuation of support measures. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Completion of Ras Bu Abboud beach project expected by 4Q2021** – The Ras Bu Abboud Beach Development Project is expected to complete by 4Q2021, according to information available on the Public Works Authority (Ashghal) website. The project aims to turn the beach into a tourist and family destination, "especially as it is located in a distinguished area that qualifies it to be one of the main tourist attractions in Qatar", according to Ashghal. The project is being implemented on an area of 260,000 square meters along a stretch of 2.2km as part of the works of the Supervisory Committee of Beautification of Roads and Public Places in Qatar. The project envisages preparing the beach to become a suitable recreational destination for practicing activities such as swimming as well as just relaxing, and includes an area designated for sports activities. The project features the construction of pedestrian and cycling paths in addition to providing bike racks to make it easier for beach visitors to exercise, jog and cycle. There will be landscaping on 11,500 square meters, and 469 trees will be planted in order to provide a suitable healthy environment to further add to the beauty of the beach. Further, the project will comprise buildings and service booths in four separate areas, including restaurants, cafes, and toilets. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **LNG demand growth to be driven by Asian countries** – Global LNG demand is expected to be driven by Asian countries, according to Gas Exporting Countries Forum. Although the total gas production in some Asian countries exceeds the consumption, not all countries are self-sufficient. Qatar, which is the largest exporter of LNG in the world, is expected to retain this title as it has already taken measures to substantially increase LNG production capacity. "At the country level, LNG demand growth is expected to be led by growing markets in Asia, particularly China and India. The positive outlook for gas in China is forecast to be driven mainly by the residential and industrial sector, thanks to the Chinese

government's policies to improve air quality in the country by switching from coal to gas," GECF, Secretary- General, Yury Sentyurin, told The Peninsula. Meanwhile in India, the government has committed to transition towards a gas-based economy and reach 15% gas share by 2030. Here, LNG imports have a crucial role to play in meeting India's growing demand for gas in the future, he added. "In addition, emerging LNG importers in South and SEA, including Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, which have large populations and lower access to energy resources, have a great potential to drive LNG demand growth in the future," said Sentyurin. Qatar has already begun work to increase its liquefaction capacity. The second phase of the planned LNG expansion, the North Field South (NFS) Project, will further increase Qatar's LNG production capacity from 110 mtpa to 126 mtpa by 2027. Talking about the gas demand in Asian countries, he said emerging LNG importers in South and SEA, including Bangladesh, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, which have large populations and lower access to energy resources, have a great potential to drive LNG demand growth in the future. "Domestic gas production in these countries jumped by 62% from 161 billion cubic metres (bcm) in 2000 to 261 bcm in 2019, with production peaking at 271 bcm in 2015," he said. "Meanwhile, their consumption surged by 127% from 133 bcm in 2000 to 237 bcm in 2019. Although the total gas production in this group of countries exceeds the consumption, not all countries are self-sufficient. Malaysia and Indonesia are major LNG exporters, while several other countries depend on gas imports to meet their growing gas demand," he added. (Peninsula Qatar)

### International

- **Biden to send 20mn doses of US-authorized vaccines abroad for first time** – President Joe Biden will send at least 20mn more COVID-19 vaccine doses abroad by the end of June, marking the first time the US is sharing vaccines authorized for domestic use. The move marks a notable pivot from the White House as the administration seeks to use the country's vaccine supply as a diplomatic tool with the pandemic outlook brightening at home. Biden announced that his administration will send doses of the Pfizer Inc, Moderna Inc and Johnson & Johnson vaccines, on top of 60mn AstraZeneca Plc doses he had already planned to give to other countries. Unlike the others, AstraZeneca's shot is not yet authorized for use in the US. "Just as in World War Two America was the arsenal of democracy, in the battle against COVID-19 pandemic our nation is going to be the arsenal of vaccines," Biden said. The president has been under pressure to share vaccines to help contain worsening epidemics from India to Brazil, where health experts fear new, more contagious coronavirus variants could undermine the effectiveness of available shots. Biden noted that no other country will send more vaccines abroad than the United States. So far, the US has sent a few million AstraZeneca doses to Canada and Mexico. "We want to lead the world with our values with this demonstration of our innovation, ingenuity, and the fundamental decency of American people," Biden said. (Reuters)
- **UK firms seek staff after lockdown but foreign workers missing** – British businesses ramped up their search for new staff as pubs, restaurants and other hospitality and travel firms got ready for Monday's lifting of coronavirus restrictions in England, a survey showed. But an exodus of foreign workers is aggravating a shortage of candidates, with more than 10 jobs on offer for every job-seeker in some cities, according to the survey by job search website Adzuna. Job adverts on Adzuna jumped to 987,800 in the first week of May, up by 18% from the end of

March, which was before the reopening of non-essential retailers and hospitality firms for outdoor service on April 12. A further lifting of restrictions to allow pub and restaurants to serve customers indoors takes place in England on Monday. Adzuna said companies seeking to hire included pub firms Whitbread, Stonegate Pub Company and JD Wetherspoons, restaurant chains Nando's and Pizza Express, Marriott hotels and airline Ryanair. However, a lot of workers had given up on looking for hospitality and retail jobs in favor of more secure work after three lockdowns in the past year, it said. Adzuna said 250,000 fewer job-seekers from Western Europe and North America applied for work in the UK per month between February and April than before pre-pandemic. (Reuters)

- **Japan economy contracts for first time in 3 quarters –** Japan's economy contracted at an annualized rate of 5.1% in January-March from the previous quarter, government data showed, posting the first decline in three quarters as a resurgence of coronavirus infections dealt a blow to consumer spending. The GDP figure translated into a quarterly drop of 1.3%, slightly bigger than economists' median estimate of a 1.2% contraction, the Cabinet Office data showed. Private consumption, which makes up more than half of the economy, fell 1.4%, versus a 2.0% decline expected by economists, the data showed. (Reuters)
- **Japan April wholesale prices jump on rising material costs –** Japan's wholesale prices rose in April at their fastest annual pace in six and a half years, data showed, a sign that rising energy and commodities costs were pinching corporate margins. With the COVID-19 pandemic weighing on domestic consumption, there is uncertainty about whether companies would pass on higher costs to households and help the central bank achieve its elusive 2% inflation target, analysts say. The corporate goods price index (CGPI), which measures the price companies charge one another for goods and services, rose 3.6% in April from a year earlier, Bank of Japan data showed, faster than a median market forecast for a 3.1% gain. The rise, which followed a 1.2% increase in March, was the fastest pace of gain since September 2014 and was inflated partly by the base effect of last year's pandemic-related plunge. April's increase was driven largely by higher commodities costs, with oil goods prices up 39.3% from a year earlier and nonferrous metals prices up 35.2%, the data showed. In a sign the effect of rising US housing demand was spreading globally, lumber and wood goods prices were up 4.7%. Of the 744 items in the index, 339 saw prices rise, compared with 289 items that saw prices drop from the same period last year. The number of components that saw prices rise exceeded that of those with falling prices for the first time in seven months. Japanese companies have been slow in passing on higher costs to consumers, who are sensitive to price increases because of soft wage growth. That has hampered the BOJ's efforts to fire up consumer inflation to its 2% target. The central bank's challenge has been made tougher by Japan's struggle to contain the pandemic. The world's third-largest economy is set to grow much more slowly than hoped this quarter because of extended state of emergency curbs to combat a resurgence in infections, a Reuters poll showed. (Reuters)
- **China's factory output slows as bottlenecks crimp production –** China's factories slowed their output growth in April and retail sales significantly missed expectations as officials warned of new problems affecting the recovery in the world's second-largest economy. While China's exporters are enjoying strong demand, global supply chain bottlenecks and rising raw materials costs have weighed on production, cooling the blistering economic recovery from last year's COVID-19 slump. Factory output grew 9.8% in April from a year ago, in line

with forecasts but slower than the 14.1% surge in March, National Bureau of Statistics data showed on Monday. Retail sales, meanwhile, rose 17.7%, much weaker than a forecast 24.9% uptick and the 34.2% surge in March. NBS spokesman Fu Linghui said while China's economy showed a steady improvement in April, new problems are also emerging, notably the rise in international commodity prices. China's factory price inflation hit its highest pace since October 2017 in April. That could rise further in the second and third quarters, according to a report from the central bank last week. The slower growth rates in the April activity indicators were also due in part due to the fading base effects as year-on-year comparisons rolled away from very sharp declines seen when the coronavirus shut down much of the country in early 2020. In the factory sector, motor vehicle production growth fell sharply to 6.8% from 69.8%, due in part to the base effect as well as critical shortages of semiconductors used in car systems. Growth in the production of cement slowed in April, and coal production fell on year, although aluminium and crude steel output hit record highs, helped by firm demand. (Reuters)

#### Regional

- **Saudi sovereign fund PIF boosts US equities exposure to over \$15bn –** Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund has increased its US stock holdings to \$15.4bn in the first quarter from nearly \$12.8bn at the end of 2020, according to a US regulatory filing on Monday. The Public Investment Fund (PIF) bought 2.9mn class A shares in SoftBank Group Corp-backed Coupang Inc, equivalent to \$141mn, and dissolved its share stake in Suncor Energy, according to a Securities and Exchange Commission filing. It more than doubled its position in Activision Blizzard to 33.4mn shares from 15mn shares at the end of the fourth quarter, which led it to a \$3.1bn exposure from \$1.4bn. The fund increased its shares in Electronic Arts Inc to 14.2mn, equivalent to \$1.9bn, from a \$1.1bn position at the end of the previous quarter. PIF, which did not immediately respond to a comment request on the filing, is at the center of Saudi Arabia's plans to transform the economy by creating new sectors and diversifying revenues away from oil. The \$400bn fund is expected to inject at least \$40bn annually in the local economy until 2025, and increase its assets to \$1tn by that date, which would make it one of the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds. "PIF would have wanted to take advantage of the bullish sentiment in equity markets in Q1 to make opportunistic investments and add to its portfolio," Director of Research at Azure Strategy, Rachna Uppal said. "In line with domestic efforts to achieve the objectives of Vision 2030, the Saudis also appear to be favoring investments into sectors such as technology, mobility, and especially future mobility, tourism and entertainment," she said. At the start of last year PIF piled up minority stakes in companies worldwide, taking advantage of market weakness caused by the coronavirus crisis. Monday's filing showed the value of its biggest US stock holding, Uber Technologies, rose to nearly \$4bn in the first quarter, from \$3.7bn as of December 31, as the ride-hailing company's shares gained value during the period. PIF was an early investor in Uber, taking a \$3.5bn stake in 2016, three years before its listing in 2019. (Reuters)
- **Saudi Arabia to reopen to foreign tourists soon, official says –** Saudi Arabia plans to soon reopen to foreign tourists, a senior tourism official said on Monday after the Kingdom announced the lifting of quarantine restrictions for certain foreign arrivals. The kingdom announced late on Sunday that non-citizens arriving from certain countries and who were fully vaccinated against or recently recovered from COVID-19 would no longer be required to quarantine in designated government hotels. Those new measures, however, only apply to residents,

government and business travelers or those visiting friends and family but not foreign tourists, according to the Saudi Tourism Authority (STA). STA Chief Executive, Fahd Hamidaddin told Reuters the kingdom would reopen to foreign tourists this year with an announcement expected to be made "very soon." (Reuters)

- **Saudia Airlines eyes return to profitability by 2024, CEO says** – State-owned Saudi Arabian Airlines plans to return to profitability by 2024, its Chief Executive Officer said on Monday. Global airlines industry has been hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic, which has left many planes grounded or flying near empty. However, Saudi Arabian Airlines was seeing domestic demand exceed capacity, CEO, Ibrahim Koshy told the Arabian Travel Market in Dubai. (Reuters)
- **First Saudi tech startup that could go public picks HSBC for IPO** – Saudi food delivery firm Jahez has hired HSBC Holdings local unit to help manage what could be the first listing by a tech startup in the Kingdom. Jahez International Company for Information Technology picked HSBC Saudi Arabia as the sole financial advisor and global coordinator for its potential IPO on Nomu, the Saudi stock exchange's secondary market, which imposes lighter listing requirements to encourage smaller businesses and startups to raise equity. Founded in 2016, the homegrown firm serves around 2mn customers in the Kingdom, and processed about 20mn restaurant orders through its app in 2020, it said on Monday, without disclosing details about its potential valuation. It closed a \$36.5mn funding round last year. "We will continue to expand our platform to tap into new growth opportunities offered by rapid, technology-enabled changes in consumer behavior, both in Saudi Arabia and in the wider region," Chief Executive Officer at Jahez, Ghassab Al Mandeel said. (Bloomberg)
- **Dubai eases COVID-19 restrictions, allows full hotel capacity** – Dubai on Monday eased COVID-19 restrictions, allowing hotels in the regional tourism hub to operate at full capacity and permitting concerts and sports events where all attendees and participants have been vaccinated. The UAE ranks highly globally for COVID-19 testing and vaccination rates. Social distancing and compulsory face masks will continue, Dubai's Supreme Committee of Crisis and Disaster Management said. Capacities for restaurants and entertainment venues also increased. Dubai has pushed to keep its economy, which relies on international trade and business, open through the pandemic after an initial lockdown. The emirate is due to host the Expo 2020 world fair from October, hoping to attract millions of overseas visitors. (Reuters)
- **Dubai Ruler dissolves tribunal for settling disputes with home lenders** – Ruler of Dubai, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid issued a decree dissolving a special tribunal that was formed to settle disputes related to real estate lenders Amlak Finance and Tamweel, the Dubai Government Media Office wrote. The special judicial committee was created in 2009 to protect creditors of mortgage lenders Amlak and Tamweel following the global financial crisis that impacted the emirate's economy and the property sector. "Pursuant to the Decree, all complaints and lawsuits that have been reviewed by the Special Tribunal and haven't received a final judgment will be referred to the concerned Court of First Instance at Dubai Courts," a statement on Sheikh Mohammed's website said. Amlak and a number of other banks with exposure to the home financing market suffered when prices fell following the 2008 crisis. Defaults on mortgages forced financial institutions to book losses and made it difficult for them to raise fresh funding to continue lending. Last year, Amlak Finance said it received approval for its debt restructuring terms from creditors holding 95 per cent of its

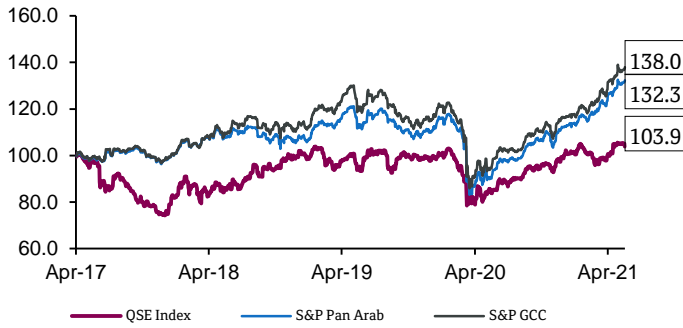
liabilities. However, it was not able to complete the process as one of its creditors abstained from signing the deal. (Reuters)

- **Emirates insiders among potential successors to Tim Clark** – Emirates is considering two high-ranking internal executives as among candidates to replace President Tim Clark after his near two-decade run at the helm of the world's largest long-haul airline. The state-owned carrier is open to promoting Chief Operating Officer, Adel Al Redha or Head of Emirates' regional partner FlyDubai, Ghaith Al-Ghaith, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Saeed Al Maktoum, who is Chairman of both companies, told Bloomberg TV on Monday. He hinted, however, that they are not the only ones in contention, saying there are "very good candidates" at the airline. Asked who he was referring to, Sheikh Ahmed replied: "When the time comes you will know." Succession at Emirates has been closely watched throughout the industry because of the outgoing President's stature as well as the airline's clout in matters such as wide-body aircraft design. Clark, a knighted British citizen, is credited with turning Emirates' Dubai hub into a global crossroads linking all corners of the world. (Bloomberg)
- **Dubai's April consumer prices fall 2.64% YoY; rise 0.2% MoM** – Dubai Statistics Center published Emirate of Dubai's consumer price indices for April which showed that consumer prices fell 2.64% YoY, however rose 0.2% MoM. (Bloomberg)
- **Fitch affirms Commercial Bank of Dubai at 'A-'; outlook Stable** – Fitch Ratings has affirmed Commercial Bank of Dubai's (CBD) Long-Term Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'A-' with a Stable Outlook and Viability Rating (VR) at 'bb+'. CBD's Long-Term IDR is driven by support from the UAE sovereign. Fitch's view of support factors in the sovereign's strong capacity to support the banking system, sustained by sovereign wealth funds and recurring revenue mostly from hydrocarbon production, despite lower oil prices. Fitch also expects a high willingness of the UAE authorities to support the banking sector, which has been demonstrated by their long record of supporting domestic banks and is also underpinned by close ties with and part government ownership of some banks. CBD's SRF is one notch below the UAE Domestic Systemically Important Banks's (D-SIB) SRF of 'A', reflecting Fitch's view that CBD is less systematically important than larger peers. This is based on CBD's 3% market share of total assets in the UAE banking system at end-2020, and the bank's niche corporate focus. The Stable Outlook on CBD's Long-Term IDR reflects that on the UAE sovereign rating. CBD's 'F2' Short-Term IDR is the lower of two options mapping to an 'A-' Long-Term IDR, reflecting the fact that a significant proportion of UAE banks' funding is related to the government, and a stress on CBD is likely to come at a time when the sovereign itself is experiencing some form of stress. CBD's VR reflects weak and deteriorating asset quality, albeit covered by adequate reserves and collateral, only adequate capitalization given asset-quality pressures and high concentration, moderate profitability and a small niche franchise. The VR also considers the bank's stable funding despite a high reliance on non-retail deposits, and a reasonable stock of liquid assets. CBD has a well-entrenched corporate banking business, but with limited diversification into retail banking, SME finance and Islamic banking. CBD's market share (3% and 4% of total UAE banking system assets, and loans and deposits, respectively, at end-2020) limits the bank's pricing power and competitive advantage. (Bloomberg)
- **ADNOC in early talks with investors ahead of drilling unit IPO** – Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) has started virtual meetings with potential investors ahead of the planned initial public offering (IPO) of its drilling unit, two sources told Reuters. Banks working on ADNOC Drilling are scheduling calls with local, regional and international institutional investors to

sound out appetite for the potential sale, sources said. The meetings are described as an early look engagement, one of the sources said, where the company that is set for a public share sale is introduced and feedback is sourced from investors. ADNOC, which supplies nearly 3% of global oil demand, declined to comment when contacted by Reuters on Monday. It is planning to take the unit public in the third quarter, one of the sources said previously. The company could raise at least \$1bn from the share sale, the source said. (Reuters)

- **Oil firm OQ to develop Oman green fuels project with consortium** – A consortium including Oman’s state-owned oil firm OQ will develop a renewable energy project in the Gulf state capable of producing millions of tons of zero-carbon green hydrogen per year, the developers said on Tuesday. At full capacity the project will consist of 25 gigawatts of renewable solar and wind energy to produce the hydrogen. So-called green hydrogen, created by splitting water into its two components using electricity from renewable energy sources, is increasingly viewed as a fuel of the future to reduce carbon emissions from fossil fuels. Other members of the consortium are Hong Kong-headquartered InterContinental Energy, a renewable energy project developer, and EnerTech, a clean energy investor and developer which is owned by the Kuwait Investment Authority. “The project will help transform Oman’s skills base and technical expertise in renewable energy, providing a significant number of high value jobs during site construction and operation,” the statement said. (Reuters)

## Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

## Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg (\*Data as of May 12, 2021)

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,866.90	1.3	1.3	7.1
Silver/Ounce	28.17	2.7	2.7	69.6
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	69.46	1.1	1.1	113.7
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	66.27	1.4	1.4	125.2
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.96	3.1	3.1	78.3
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	82.75	1.4	1.4	95.9
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	90.50	5.2	5.2	143.0
Euro	1.22	0.1	0.1	12.3
Yen	109.21	(0.1)	(0.1)	2.0
GBP	1.41	0.3	0.3	16.7
CHF	1.11	(0.2)	(0.2)	7.6
AUD	0.78	(0.1)	(0.1)	21.1
USD Index	90.16	(0.2)	(0.2)	(10.2)
RUB	73.81	(0.3)	(0.3)	0.3
BRL	0.19	0.0	0.0	11.1

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,934.18	(0.2)	(0.2)	9.1
DJ Industrial	34,327.79	(0.2)	(0.2)	12.2
S&P 500	4,163.29	(0.3)	(0.3)	10.8
NASDAQ 100	13,379.05	(0.4)	(0.4)	3.8
STOXX 600	442.29	0.1	0.1	10.2
DAX	15,396.62	0.0	0.0	11.0
FTSE 100	7,032.85	0.1	0.1	12.8
CAC 40	6,367.35	(0.1)	(0.1)	14.1
Nikkei	27,824.83	(0.7)	(0.7)	(4.1)
MSCI EM	1,311.45	0.3	0.3	1.6
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,517.62	0.7	0.7	2.7
HANG SENG	28,194.09	0.6	0.6	3.4
BSE SENSEX	49,580.73	1.6	1.6	3.4
Bovespa	122,937.90	0.9	0.9	1.5
RTS	1,551.36	0.2	0.2	11.8

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns)

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