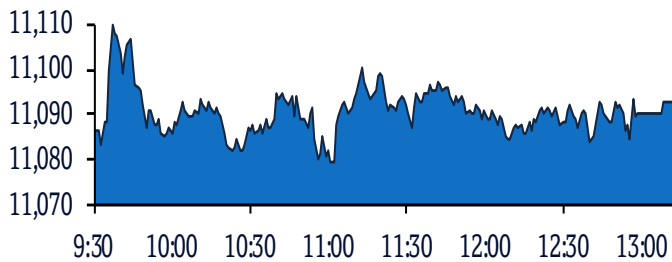


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index declined 0.1% to close at 11,092.9. Losses were led by the Telecoms and Industrials indices, falling 0.9% and 0.8%, respectively. Top losers were Zad Holding Company and Industries Qatar, falling 2.0% and 1.8%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Company gained 3.0%, while Qatari German Company for Medical Devices was up 2.9%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.6% to close at 11,319.2. Gains were led by the Telecommunication Services and Retailing indices, rising 2.5% and 1.2%, respectively. National Petrochemical Co rose 5.8%, while Amana Cooperative Insurance was up 4.0%.

Dubai: The DFM Index gained 0.1% to close at 2,903.0. The Real Estate & Construction index rose 0.8%, while the Insurance index gained 0.3%. Gulf Navigation Holding rose 9.1%, while Union Properties was up 3.4%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell marginally to close at 7,684.6. The Telecommunication index declined 0.7%, while the Insurance index fell 0.5%. Abu Dhabi National Hotels declined 9.9%, while Sharjah Insurance Co was down 9.7%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index fell 0.6% to close at 6,786.8. The Basic Materials index declined 1.9%, while the Health Care index fell 1.2%. Alkout Industrial Projects declined 25.4%, while Gulf Franchising Holding was down 16.8%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell 0.1% to close at 3,966.8. Losses were led by the Services and Industrial indices, falling 0.5% and 0.1%, respectively. Oman Education & Training Investment declined 8.3%, while Phoenix Power Company was down 2.2%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index declined 0.7% to close at 1,645.4. The Communications Services index declined 1.3%, while the Financials index was down 0.9%. Ahli United Bank fell 2.1%, while Bahrain Telecommunication Company was down 1.4%.

QSE Top Gainers

	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Aluminum Manufact. Co.	1.63	3.0	33,112.1	68.6
Qatari German Co for Med. Dev.	3.05	2.9	8,085.9	36.1
Doha Bank	2.88	2.4	2,488.2	21.7
Qatar Fuel Company	18.30	1.7	1,282.2	(2.0)
QLM Life & Medical Insurance Co.	4.90	1.7	389.9	155.6

QSE Top Volume Trades

	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Aluminum Manufact. Co.	1.63	3.0	33,112.1	68.6
Baladna	1.65	1.5	31,809.9	(8.0)
Investment Holding Group	1.24	(1.4)	21,859.4	107.0
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.95	(0.8)	10,115.7	45.9
Qatari German Co for Med. Dev.	3.05	2.9	8,085.9	36.1

Market Indicators

	31 Aug 21	30 Aug 21	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	643.7	421.0	52.9
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	640,024.7	640,294.0	(0.0)
Volume (mn)	191.7	204.3	(6.2)
Number of Transactions	10,857	10,319	5.2
Companies Traded	46	46	0.0
Market Breadth	19:26	27:11	-

Market Indices

	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	21,959.07	(0.1)	(0.1)	9.5	16.9
All Share Index	3,526.39	(0.0)	0.0	10.2	17.7
Banks	4,778.73	0.1	(0.1)	12.5	15.7
Industrials	3,578.71	(0.8)	0.2	15.5	19.2
Transportation	3,435.74	0.2	(0.3)	4.2	19.2
Real Estate	1,790.59	(0.4)	0.2	(7.2)	16.5
Insurance	2,612.96	0.5	0.3	9.1	17.3
Telecoms	1,030.88	(0.9)	(0.9)	2.0	N/A
Consumer	8,308.34	0.7	1.0	2.0	22.5
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,631.79	(0.0)	0.2	8.5	17.5

GCC Top Gainers###

	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
National Petrochemical	Saudi Arabia	47.50	5.8	846.6	42.9
Saudi Telecom Co.	Saudi Arabia	135.00	2.9	981.7	28.4
Saudi Arabian Mining Co.	Saudi Arabia	72.80	2.5	1,665.8	79.8
Jarir Marketing Co.	Saudi Arabia	216.60	1.9	298.2	24.9
Qatar Fuel Company	Qatar	18.30	1.7	1,282.2	(2.0)

GCC Top Losers###

	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ahli United Bank	Bahrain	0.87	(2.1)	250.0	20.3
Industries Qatar	Qatar	12.85	(1.8)	4,810.1	18.2
Agility Public Warehouse.	Kuwait	1.00	(1.5)	4,780.1	62.6
Rabigh Refining & Petro.	Saudi Arabia	24.62	(1.4)	1,747.4	78.1
Co. for Cooperative Ins.	Saudi Arabia	91.50	(1.4)	208.5	14.8

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%
Zad Holding Company	15.77	(2.0)	18.2	16.3
Industries Qatar	12.85	(1.8)	4,810.1	18.2
Investment Holding Group	1.24	(1.4)	21,859.4	107.0
Ooredoo	6.91	(1.2)	4,619.7	(8.1)
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	4.39	(1.1)	117.3	131.3

QSE Top Value Trades

	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	19.17	0.3	127,349.9	7.5
Industries Qatar	12.85	(1.8)	62,171.9	18.2
Qatar Aluminum Manufact. Co.	1.63	3.0	53,761.9	68.6
Baladna	1.65	1.5	52,434.4	(8.0)
Masraf Al Rayan	4.55	(0.2)	36,706.7	0.4

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*	11,092.90	(0.1)	(0.1)	3.2	6.3	174.19	174,150.7	16.9	1.6	2.6
Dubai	2,902.97	0.1	0.1	5.0	16.5	62.81	107,163.4	21.4	1.0	2.7
Abu Dhabi	7,684.62	(0.0)	0.8	5.0	52.3	473.68	368,769.4	23.6	2.2	3.0
Saudi Arabia	11,319.24	0.6	1.7	2.8	30.3	2,248.70	2,620,674.4	27.4	2.4	2.3
Kuwait	6,786.81	(0.6)	(0.1)	3.1	22.4	304.20	129,715.5	32.1	1.7	1.8
Oman	3,966.75	(0.1)	0.1	(1.6)	8.4	7.46	18,581.7	12.6	0.8	3.9
Bahrain	1,645.41	(0.7)	(1.3)	3.0	10.4	10.42	26,602.9	11.6	0.8	3.4

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 0.1% to close at 11,092.9. The Telecoms and Industrials indices led the losses. The index fell on the back of selling pressure from Qatari, GCC and Arab shareholders despite buying support from foreign shareholders.
- Zad Holding Company and Industries Qatar were the top losers, falling 2.0% and 1.8%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. gained 3.0%, while Qatari German Company for Medical Devices was up 2.9%.
- Volume of shares traded on Tuesday fell by 6.2% to 191.7mn from 204.3mn on Monday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 161.8mn, volume for the day was 18.4% higher. Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Company and Baladna were the most active stocks, contributing 17.3% and 16.6% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	29.17%	27.84%	8,583,942.4
Qatari Institutions	14.80%	23.19%	(53,971,276.5)
Qatari	43.97%	51.02%	(45,387,334.1)
GCC Individuals	0.56%	0.39%	1,069,929.1
GCC Institutions	1.73%	2.69%	(6,188,295.3)
GCC	2.29%	3.08%	(5,118,366.2)
Arab Individuals	6.62%	7.30%	(4,353,802.5)
Arab Institutions	0.01%	0.00%	72,002.6
Arab	6.63%	7.30%	(4,281,799.9)
Foreigners Individuals	2.25%	2.34%	(599,796.9)
Foreigners Institutions	44.86%	36.26%	55,387,297.1
Foreigners	47.11%	38.60%	54,787,500.2

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

Global Economic Data

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
08-31	US	Federal Housing Finance Agency	FHFA House Price Index MoM	Jun	1.60%	1.90%	1.80%
08-31	US	Federal Housing Finance Agency	House Price Purchase Index QoQ	2Q	4.90%	-	3.90%
08-31	UK	Bank of England	M4 Money Supply YoY	Jul	6.00%	-	6.90%
08-31	UK	Bank of England	Money Supply M4 MoM	Jul	0.10%	-	0.60%
08-31	EU	Eurostat	CPI Core YoY	Aug	1.60%	1.50%	0.70%
08-31	EU	Eurostat	CPI MoM	Aug	0.40%	0.20%	-0.10%
08-31	EU	Eurostat	CPI Estimate YoY	Aug	3.00%	2.70%	2.20%
08-31	Germany	Deutsche Bundesbank	Unemployment Change (000's)	Aug	-53.0k	-40.0k	-90.0k
08-31	Germany	Deutsche Bundesbank	Unemployment Claims Rate SA	Aug	5.50%	5.60%	5.60%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	PPI MoM	Jul	1.30%	-	1.10%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	PPI YoY	Jul	8.60%	-	7.60%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Consumer Spending MoM	Jul	-2.20%	0.20%	0.30%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Consumer Spending YoY	Jul	-4.60%	-2.00%	-2.40%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	CPI EU Harmonized MoM	Aug	0.70%	0.50%	0.10%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	CPI EU Harmonized YoY	Aug	2.40%	2.10%	1.50%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	CPI MoM	Aug	0.60%	0.40%	0.10%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	CPI YoY	Aug	1.90%	1.70%	1.20%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	GDP QoQ	2Q	1.10%	0.90%	0.90%
08-31	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	GDP YoY	2Q	18.70%	18.70%	18.70%
08-31	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry	Industrial Production MoM	Jul	-1.50%	-2.50%	6.50%
08-31	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry	Industrial Production YoY	Jul	11.60%	11.20%	23.00%
08-31	Japan	Economic and Social Research I	Consumer Confidence Index	Aug	36.7	36	37.5
08-31	China	China Federation of Logistics	Non-manufacturing PMI	Aug	47.5	52	53.3
08-31	China	China Federation of Logistics	Manufacturing PMI	Aug	50.1	50.2	50.4
08-31	China	China Composite PMI Output SA	Composite PMI	Aug	48.9	-	52.4
08-31	India	India Qtr Real GDP By Expenditure	GDP YoY	2Q	20.10%	21.00%	1.60%
08-31	India	India Quarterly GVA Constant	GVA YoY	2Q	18.80%	19.60%	3.70%

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

Qatar

- Anoud Tech wins business in Europe and Caribbean** – Anoud Technologies (Anoud Tech), a wholly owned IT subsidiary of Qatar Insurance Company (QATI) and a leading international provider of software solutions for the insurance industry, today announced that it had been selected by a leading European insurer and by a prominent insurance group in the Caribbean region (the Clients), for their respective IT transformations. Anoud Tech will digitally transform the Clients by implementing its integrated insurance solution, Anoud+. Established in close collaboration between QATI and Swiss Re, Anoud Tech is helping insurance companies succeed in a rapidly evolving environment. Anoud Tech's growth is in line with Qatar National Vision 2030, which emphasizes the development of a digital economy as a means of empowering the private sector and reducing the nation's dependence on hydrocarbon industries. Anoud+ provides insurers an efficient, comprehensive way to manage all aspects of their insurance programs. Through Anoud+, insurers have immediate access to a proven, market-leading end-to-end solution, including modules for client relationship management, underwriting, technical accounting, finance, policy and claims management, workflow and document management, business intelligence and reporting, data analytics and reinsurance administration. (QSE)
- QFBQ plans to raise capital by 60% via rights issue** – Qatar First Bank (QFBQ) seeks shareholder approval to raise capital to QR1.12bn from QR700mn. At par value of QR1 with an additional premium per share is to be determined by the Chairman. (Bloomberg)
- Qatar July foreign reserves QR205.6bn** – According to the Qatar Central Bank, official reserve assets of Qatar were little changed from the previous month at QR205.6bn in July. Reserves were up 1% from the same period last year. Gold was down 0.7% MoM, up 10% YoY to QR12.2bn. Other reserves assets remain unchanged MoM, up 1.3% YoY to QR56.4bn. (Bloomberg)
- Qatar population drops to 2.38mn in July, lowest since July 2016** – The total population of Qatar dropped to 2.38mn in July 2021 as compared to around 2.75mn in the same month last year and 2.5mn in June this year, a decrease of 13.42% and 4.9%, respectively. Qatar's population at the end of July 2021 was 2,380,011, including 1,756,026 males and 623,985 females, according to the 91st issue of the Qatar Monthly Statistics bulletin, published by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) for the month of July. This is the lowest total population recorded in the country since July 2016 when the figure was 2,326,465, according to information available on the PSA website. In general, the country's population sees a dip in July as many people travel during this period due to the summer vacation. 2020 was an exception as travel was curtailed due to Covid-19 restrictions. The total population in July 2020 was 2,749,215. The monthly bulletin said 1,892 live births were registered in July 2021 and there was a 1.5% increase in the total number of Qatari live births compared to the previous month. On the other hand, 209 deaths were recorded in the same period, a decrease of 8.7% compared to June. (Gulf-Times.com, Qatar Tribune)
- PSA: Vessel arrivals at Qatar ports jump 7.6% in July** – Around 7.6% more vessels arrived at Qatar ports in July this year, bringing in 7.1% more tonnage of goods, from a year ago, according to Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). Compared to the previous month, the PSA data showed that the number of ships coming to the ports of Qatar and the net tonnage during the month of July increased at a monthly rate of 1% and 3.6%, respectively. Among the most prominent changes in the month, the general index of the Qatar Stock Exchange increased by a monthly rate of 0.2% from last June, and the index recorded an annual increase of 14.8% from July 2020 to reach 10,753 points. The total issued cash during July increased annually by 4.2%. The month saw an increase in total commercial bank deposits and total credit facilities by 8.6% and 12.5%, respectively, from July 2020. According to the bulletin, electricity consumption during the month of July amounted to about 5511.2 gigawatt-hours, recording a monthly increase of 11.5%, and increased by 0.7% on an annual basis. Total water consumption amounted to 57705.5 thousand cubic meters during the same month, a monthly decrease of 0.02%, while the annual decrease amounted to 6.9%. As for the banking sector, the value of the broad money supply amounted to about QR610.2bn during July, registering an annual increase of 3.8% compared to July 2020. The value of quasi-cash that includes deposits of commercial banks amounted to about QR953.6bn, an increase of 8.6% compared to the same month of 2020, while total deposits at that time amounted to about QR878.1bn. With regard to newly registered vehicles, the bulletin indicated that the total number of vehicles registered during the month of July amounted to 5,440 new vehicles, with a monthly increase of 4% and an annual decrease of 2.5%. The month also saw social security worth QR97mn benefitting 14,615 people, a decline of 0.5% MoM. (Qatar Tribune)
- Qatar's auto sector maintains bullish trend in July** – Qatar's automobile sector maintained a bullish trend MoM this July, mainly on the back of a robust double-digit growth in the registration of new vehicles, especially for private use and heavy equipment, according to the official statistics. The new vehicle registration stood at 5,440; representing a 4% MoM growth but was down 2.5% YoY in the review period. The registration of private vehicles stood at 3,337, which registered a 10.6% and 2.2% increase MoM and YoY respectively in July 2021. Such vehicles constituted more than 61% of the total new vehicles registered in the country in the review period. Of the new 5,440 vehicles registered this July, the registration of new private transport vehicles stood at 1,456; which constituted 27% of the total new vehicles. Such registrations saw 0.8% and 9.3% jump on monthly and yearly basis respectively in July 2021. According to the Qatar Central Bank data, auto loans to Qataris and non-Qataris were seen declining 29.88% and 19.23% YoY respectively to QR1.15bn and QR0.21bn this July. The personal loans to Qataris reported 18.71% shrinkage YoY to QR48.54bn and those to non-Qataris by 16.32% to QR8.1bn in the review period. The overall consumption credit to nationals grew 10.9% YoY to QR141.23bn; while that to non-Qataris shrank 12.83% to QR11.48bn in July this year. (Gulf-Times.com)
- Fuel gets cheaper as Qatar Petroleum announces prices for September** – Announcing the fuel prices in Qatar for September, Qatar Petroleum said premium-grade petrol will cost QR2 per liter, while the super grade petrol will retail at QR2.05 per liter. Both fuel grades saw a decline of 5 Dirhams in their fares from August. Diesel, on the other hand, is priced QR1.85 per liter for January, QR0.10 less than its price in August. (Qatar Tribune)
- Al-Attiyah: Covid-19 imposes huge challenges on energy industry** – The Covid-19 pandemic has imposed huge challenges on the global energy industry, said HE the former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy and Industry,

Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah. "In the last one and a half years, since the onset of the pandemic, many countries are forced to reduce their industrial output, impacting their power and business sectors. China and India are two major buyers of gas and consumers of energy...and when they don't go to the market to buy... you can see the impact," Al-Attiyah said at a webinar hosted by the US-Qatar Business Council on 'LNG's role in Global Energy Sustainability' on Monday night. Even before Covid-19, Al-Attiyah noted, gas prices had dropped to a very low level. "It went as low as \$4 or \$5 /MMBtu. The history of energy prices shows they are cyclical in nature. Prices are driven by demand and supply." Al-Attiyah noted that economic recovery in major economies will drive the prices up. Asked whether lack of investments in fossil fuels due to climate change concerns will lead to a tight oil market, Al-Attiyah said, "Most of the targets (set in view of the climate change concerns) are difficult to achieve. As COP18 chairman in 2011, I have seen many projections by experts and analysts' that 2050 will mark the end of the oil era. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **Eat Just to build cultured-meat plant in Qatar amid global push** – Eat Just Inc., a San Francisco-based startup making cultured chicken and vegan eggs, plans to build a commercial facility in Qatar to produce cell-based meat as it looks to expand into new markets overseas. The company is partnering with state-backed Doha Venture Capital and the Qatar Free Zones Authority to build the large-scale plant, which could take two years to complete, according to Eat Just Chief Executive Officer Josh Tetrick. The effort could cost more than \$200mn, with a "relevant chunk" of that coming from an investment by the venture firm, Tetrick said without disclosing the exact amount. The new facility will be significantly larger than the one Eat Just uses to produce in Singapore, which recently became the first country to approve the sale of cell-based chicken. Cultured meat, which is grown from cells instead of slaughtering live animals, could become a \$25bn industry by 2030, according to a recent report from McKinsey & Co. (Bloomberg)
- **Qatar-US ties seen driving more private sector partnerships** – The continued strengthening of Qatar-US trade and economic relations is expected to push further growth in forging of partnerships between private sector companies of both countries, an official of the American Chamber of Commerce in Qatar (AmCham Qatar) has said. According to its chairman Robert Hager, who is also a partner at Crowell & Moring, the US has a "very vibrant" small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector, which is constantly diversifying and expanding operations overseas. "Forging partnerships is important for the US. While there are big US companies, a lot of our businesses in America are small, and we have a very vibrant SME sector that is eager to help other countries develop their SME ecosystem through knowledge transfer and partnership opportunities," Hager told Gulf Times. Hager expressed confidence in the continued collaboration between the US and Qatari private sector, citing a "very strong" relationship in the energy sector. He noted that Qatar's American partners have also collaborated with the LNG-rich Gulf state in other ventures outside the US and Qatar. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Qatar Tourism trains staffers on communication protocols** – Qatar Tourism organized a training session titled 'The internal communication protocol in the context of Qatari organizations', where participating employees learned the basics of international protocol and how to behave in formal situations. The session was run by Dr Omar Ghanem, a former diplomat expert and trainer in protocol, diplomacy and international relations. As part of its employee engagement program, the training identified etiquette surrounding engaging with high-ranking individuals at events and during visits when representing Qatar Tourism. It focused on

navigating cultural differences, and included an introduction to the art of language when addressing titled officials. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **294 candidates register for Qatar's Shura Council elections** – The Supervisory Committee of the Shura Council elections in Qatar said that 294 candidates across more than 30 constituencies have registered for the polls. The committee shared the candidates' lists on its website after the passing of the deadline for submitting applications for the Shura Council (parliament) elections scheduled for October 2 this year. Of the 294 candidates representing different parts of the country, 29 were women, the lists showed. Complaints and objections began on Tuesday and will continue until Thursday. The final announcement of the lists of candidates will be made on September 15. Qatar has set October 2 as the date for the country's first elections to elect two-thirds of its advisory Shura Council, which dates back to 1972. Voters will elect 30 members of the 45-seat council, while the ruling Emir HH Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani will appoint the remaining 15 members. The Shura Council is an advisory and legislative body that discusses and approves general state policies, budgets, and draft law proposals. (Bloomberg)
- **Waseef launches new electronic Vendor Café platform for suppliers** – Waseef, the largest fully integrated Asset, Property and Facility Management Services company in Qatar, has launched its new electronic platform Vendor Café, to facilitate the procedures and financial transactions of its supplier companies. The new platform, which provides integrated electronic services for companies and suppliers, will contribute to accelerate the payment and billing process, in addition to receiving purchase orders, submitting invoices, following up on suppliers' financial payments, and completing these services electronically, as well as benefiting from all its advantages to improve the management of transactions with suppliers. These are in addition to its environmental dimension, by reducing, printing costs and eliminating paperwork. The platform will also enhance Waseef's risk reduction by evaluating all supplier companies and making sure that only approved ones are added to them, in addition to its reliability in all respects, as it has been tested on issues of security of services and transactions that will take place through it. (Peninsula Qatar, Gulf-Times.com)
- **Sabre and Qatar Airways finalize distribution deal** – Sabre and Qatar Airways are now finalizing a new distribution deal that will provide long-term access to the airline's content through the Sabre travel marketplace. Qatar Airways intends to strengthen its partnership with Sabre to take advantage of Sabre's global reach and leading position in corporate travel for the distribution of Qatar Airways' products to travelers worldwide. Implementation work is starting to enable unique NDC offers created by Qatar Airways to be distributed through Sabre's new distribution capability, or NDC, which provides a consistent end-to-end workflow that integrates within well-established agency operations. (Bloomberg)

International

- **Surging COVID-19 cases dampen US consumer confidence, house prices post record gains** – US consumer confidence fell to a six-month low in August as worries about soaring COVID-19 infections and higher inflation dimmed the outlook for the economy. The survey from the Conference Board on Tuesday showed consumers less inclined to buy a home and big-ticket items like motor vehicles and major household appliances over the next six months, supporting the view that consumer spending will cool in the third quarter after two straight quarters of robust growth. Still, more consumers planned to go on vacation, indicating a rotation in spending from goods to services was underway as economic activity continues to normalize following the upheaval caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Increased

spending on services, which account for the bulk of economic activity, should keep a floor under consumer spending. The Conference Board's consumer confidence index dropped to a reading of 113.8 this month, the lowest since February, from 125.1 in July. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the index falling to 124.0. The cutoff for the survey was August 25, before the killing of 13 service members in Afghanistan and Hurricane Ida slammed Louisiana. (Reuters)

- **S&P/Case-Shiller: US June home prices rise at record annual pace** – US single-family home prices in 20 key urban markets rose in June from a year earlier at the fastest pace on record, a closely watched survey showed. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller composite index of 20 metropolitan areas gained 19.1% through the 12 months ended in June from an upwardly revised 17.1% in the 12 months through May, marking the largest annual price increase in the survey's two decades. A Reuters poll of economists had forecast an increase of 18.5%. On a MoM basis, the 20-city composite index rose 1.8% from May, in line with estimates from economists polled by Reuters. Among the 20 cities, Phoenix, San Diego, and Seattle reported the largest year-over-year gains in June. A separate report from the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) showed its house price index rose a record 18.8% in the 12 months through June. House prices surged 17.4% in the second quarter compared to the same period in 2020. The FHFA's index is calculated by using purchase prices of houses financed with mortgages sold to or guaranteed by mortgage finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Home prices have surged this year as a result of limited supply and increased demand from potential buyers seeking to enter the market. In comparison to the run-up prior to the 2007-2009 financial crisis, the current boom does not include a frenzy of speculators and buyers with low credit scores purchasing homes and trying to flip them. (Reuters)
- **Britons turned cautious with credit in July as COVID-19 cases mounted** – British consumers curbed their borrowing in July in the face of rising COVID-19 cases that forced many more people to self-isolate, and homeowners made a rare net repayment on their mortgages, Bank of England data showed. Consumer borrowing showed the weakest performance since February, when Britain was in the grip of a third coronavirus lockdown, showing a 42mn-Pound (\$57.8mn) net repayment of credit. The fall compared with a median forecast for an increase of 441mn Pounds in a Reuters poll of economists. There have been other signs that Britain's economic bounce-back slowed in July, when the spread of the Delta variant of the coronavirus led to a surge in people who had contact with someone who tested positive being required to self-isolate. Those rules have since been relaxed. Data released earlier this month showed caution on the part of shoppers in July. A separate survey last week pointed a rebound in retail sales in August. (Reuters)
- **Eurozone inflation surges to 10-year-high, in headache for ECB** – Eurozone inflation surged to a 10-year-high in August with further rises likely, challenging the European Central Bank's benign view on price growth and its commitment to look past what it deems a temporary increase. Consumer inflation in the 19 countries sharing the single currency accelerated to 3% this month from 2.2% in July, far above expectations for 2.7% and moving well clear of the ECB's 2% target. The increase was fueled by energy costs, but food prices also surged, while there were unusually large increases in the prices of industrial goods too, according to Eurostat, the EU's statistics agency. Markets mostly shrugged off the data, with stocks rising and yields increasing just a basis point or two, suggesting the narrative of temporary inflation and ultra-easy central bank policy for years to come remains the central one. Still, the numbers are likely to make for uncomfortable reading at the ECB. The central bank has

repeatedly raised its inflation projection this year only for the actual numbers to beat its forecasts, and price growth now seems likely to peak only in November. With inflation in Germany, the euro zone's largest economy and the ECB's biggest critic, expected to approach 5% in coming months, the bank is likely to come under increasing public pressure to address price developments that are reviving long-dormant memories of runaway prices. (Reuters)

- **German unemployment falls further in August as recovery continues** – German unemployment fell more than expected in August, official figures showed, as a recovery continues in Europe's largest economy despite rising COVID-19 figures. The Labor Office said the number of people out of work fell by 53,000 in seasonally adjusted terms to 2.538mn. A Reuters poll had forecast a fall of 40,000. The seasonally-adjusted jobless rate fell to 5.5%, the lowest since March 2020, when Germany entered its first coronavirus lockdown. The number of employees put on reduced working hours in job protection schemes, also known as Kurzarbeit, also declined, Scheele said, expecting the figure to drop to one million soon, after peaking at around 6mn in April 2020. Companies have become more active in recruitment in August especially in the electric and mechanical engineering sector, data by the Munich-based Ifo institute showed last week. Coronavirus cases have been rising in Germany since July, but the number of deaths has fallen with more than half of the population fully vaccinated, pushing the government to stop using the coronavirus infection rate as its yardstick for deciding on restrictions. (Reuters)
- **Japan's capex rises for first time since COVID-19 outbreak** – Japanese companies' capital spending rose in the April-June quarter, the first increase since the start of the global pandemic and a sign of revived corporate activity even as a resurgence in COVID-19 cases hit the services sector. Analysts said the figures will contribute to an upward revision of Japan's second quarter GDP, which grew at 1.3% according to a preliminary estimate as private consumption and business activities recovered from the impact of the pandemic. Wednesday's data offered a positive note for embattled Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, who faces his ruling party's leadership race this month and looming general elections that must be held by late November. Still, the rebound in world's third-largest economy has been much weaker than that of other advanced economies and Suga is likely to remain under pressure to deploy large fiscal stimulus to make up for a lack of private-sector spending. Suga is set to order his ruling party to back a new economic package this week, local media reported. Ministry of Finance (MOF) data showed capital expenditure rose 5.3% in the second quarter from the same period last year when it fell 11.3% due to the coronavirus pandemic. It was the first increase in five quarters and followed a 7.8% YoY decline in the January-March quarter. The MOF data, which will be used to calculate revised gross domestic product (GDP) data due next Wednesday, showed manufacturers' business spending rose 4.0% from a year earlier, while that of service-sector firms grew 5.9%. (Reuters)
- **China's factory activity contracts for first time since April 2020** – China's factory activity slipped into contraction in August for the first time in nearly 1-1/2 years as COVID-19 containment measures, supply bottlenecks and high raw material prices weighed on output in a blow to the economy. The slowdown in the manufacturing sector underscores the fragility of the ongoing economic recovery and the impact of strict coronavirus curbs in the country, backing expectations Beijing will roll out more support measures to revitalize growth. Two separate official surveys released showed China's factory activity grew at a slower pace, while the services sector slumped into contraction. The Caixin/Markit Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)

fell to 49.2 last month, from 50.3 in July, breaching the 50-mark that separates growth from contraction. The result was well below expectations by analysts polled by Reuters, who had forecast the index at 50.2. New export orders tumbled into contraction for the first time since February, while factories laid off more workers than they hired. The strict lockdown measures of China's "zero-cases" approach to COVID-19 controls successfully squashed an outbreak of the more infectious Delta variant across several provinces in August, but also hit economic activity. Many analysts expect the central bank to deliver a further cut to the amount of cash banks must hold as reserves later this year to lift growth, on top of July's cut which released around 1tn Yuan (\$6.47tn) in long-term liquidity into the economy. A sub-index for production fell to 47.7, the slowest pace of expansion since February last year at the height of the pandemic, while another sub-index for new orders slipped to 48.0. (Reuters)

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- **OPEC+ sees tighter oil market until May 2022** – OPEC+ expects the oil market to be in deficit at least until the end of 2021 and stocks to stay relatively low until May 2022, OPEC+ sources said on Tuesday, a day ahead of a policy meeting amid US pressure to raise production. The OPEC and allies led by Russia, collectively known as OPEC+, meet on Wednesday at 1500 GMT to set policy. Sources told Reuters the meeting is likely to roll over existing policies despite pressure from the US to pump more oil. Still, the forecast for a tighter market strengthens the case for a speedier output increases by OPEC+ as benchmark Brent oil prices trade close to \$73 per barrel - not far off their multi-year highs. (Reuters)
- **Reuters survey: OPEC August oil output rises, but outages limit gain** – OPEC oil output rose in August to its highest since April 2020, a Reuters survey found, although involuntary losses limited the gain as the group's top producers further eased supply curbs under a pact with its allies. The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries has pumped 26.93mn bpd, the survey found, up 210,000 bpd from July's estimate. Output has risen every month since June 2020, apart from in February. OPEC and allies, known as OPEC+, have been easing record output cuts agreed in April 2020 as demand recovers. OPEC+ meets on Wednesday and, with oil up 40% this year at almost \$73 a barrel, is expected to stick to its policy. (Reuters)
- **GCC consortium completes stake sale in Bahrain power plant** – A consortium of GCC financial institutions has successfully divested their approximately 20% shareholding in Al Dur Power and Water Co. (ADPWC) to Kyuden International Corporation, the international business arm of Japan's utility, Kyushu Electric Power Co. In a statement released on Tuesday by First Energy Bank, a consortium member, the terms of the transaction were not disclosed. The other members of the consortium are Ibdar Capital, Bahrain Islamic Bank, and Bunyah GCC Infrastructure Fund. Kyushu Electric owns and operates generation, transmission and distribution facilities in over 10 countries including Japan. (Zawya)
- **PIF-Backed ACWA Power to seek over \$1bn in Saudi IPO** – Saudi Arabia's ACWA Power International is close to announcing an initial public offering to raise more than \$1bn, according to people familiar with the matter. A Riyadh listing may value the utility at \$10bn or more, said the people, who asked not to be named. An announcement may be made as soon as this week, they said. While ACWA runs many natural gas-fired power plants, the Saudi government plans to make it the main vehicle for the kingdom's major solar and green-hydrogen projects. Saudi Wealth Fund Increases ACWA Stake to 50% Ahead of IPO. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Chemical Company's subsidiary signs deal with Eli Lilly to manufacture insulin** – Saudi Chemical Company Holding (SCCH) has announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with an American pharmaceutical company for the manufacture of insulin in the kingdom. The agreement between the company's subsidiary AJA Pharma and Eli Lilly Saudi Arabia has received support and empowerment from Saudi's Ministry of Investment, SCCH said in a statement to the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul). Global healthcare company Eli Lilly was the first company to produce insulin, the hormonal protein used in the treatment of diabetes, on a mass commercial basis. The Indianapolis-based company has been progressing on nationalizing its workforce within Saudi Arabia, as well as operating clinical trials, and has opened a regional headquarters in Riyadh, the Tadawul statement said. (Zawya)
- **Saudi Aramco raises September Propane, Butane prices to \$665/ton** – Saudi Aramco raised its September contract prices for propane and butane to \$665/ton, said a company official who asked not to be identified due to internal policy. (Bloomberg)
- **ASIA CRUDE: Saudis seen cutting Arab Light price; Oman OSP falls** – Saudi Aramco may reduce the official selling price of its flagship Arab Light crude by 58 cents a barrel from the previous month for October sales to Asia, according to the median estimate in a Bloomberg survey of six traders and refiners. October Arab Light OSP differential estimated at \$2.42 a barrel premium to Oman-Dubai benchmark versus \$3 a barrel premium for September. The OSP of Oman crude was set at \$69.38 a barrel for October sales, according to the average of daily marker prices on the Dubai Mercantile Exchange. That compared with \$72.73 a barrel for September. (Bloomberg)
- **UAE's ADQ pulls out from Abu Dhabi National Hotels merger plans** – Abu Dhabi National Hotels Co (ADNH) has been notified by state-owned ADQ that the holding company will not pursue its offer to merge Abu Dhabi National Exhibitions Company (ADNEC) with the hotel firm. The merger would have created one of the largest hospitality, events and catering groups in the region. As part of the merger proposal in June, ADNH was to issue to ADQ a convertible instrument that would convert into 1.221bn ordinary shares in the capital of ADNH at AED3.93 per share. (Zawya)
- **Moody's: UAE top banks' profits set to improve as provisioning eases** – The UAE top banks are likely to see profits increase over the next 12 to 18 months as they book lower loan-loss provisions while the economy recovers from the coronavirus shock, ratings agency Moody's said on Tuesday. In the first half of the year, the UAE's largest four banks - First Abu Dhabi Bank, Emirates NBD, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank and Dubai Islamic Bank - posted a combined net profit of \$4bn, up 17% over the same period last year. That was partly because lenders set aside lower provisions for potential loan losses - provisioning declined by 38% YoY in the first half. But Moody's cautioned that this could change when a stimulus measure introduced by the UAE central bank ends. (Reuters)
- **Sources: Dubai's Emaar considers sale of e-commerce business Namshi** – Dubai's Emaar is weighing options to sell fashion e-commerce business Namshi that may include a listing abroad via a SPAC, three sources familiar with the matter said. An outright sale of Namshi may generate \$600mn to \$700mn in proceeds, while a listing through a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) could be more lucrative, said one of the sources. Emaar, has approached some banks for potential advice on the deal, the sources said. (Zawya)
- **Sources: Dubai Islamic Bank plans dollar senior sukuk** – Dubai Islamic Bank, the UAE largest Islamic lender, is planning to soon sell US dollar-denominated senior sukuk, or Islamic

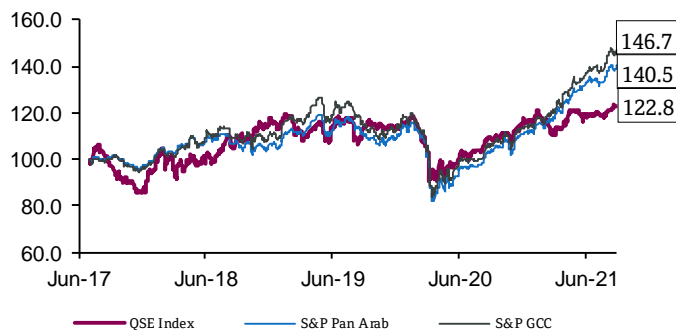
bonds, two sources said. Banks have already been hired for the deal, which is expected as soon as next week and is likely to be around \$500mn in size, one of the sources familiar with the matter said. Several issuers from the Gulf are expected to return to the international debt markets in the next few weeks following a lull in activity over the summer, bankers said. Companies and governments are seeking to lock in funding while global interest rates remain low, ahead of expectations of policy tightening from the US Federal Reserve. (Zawya)

- **Sources: Dubai's Meraas plans refinancing of \$600mn Islamic bonds** – Dubai's Meraas Holding, a state-linked property developer, plans to tender its existing US dollar-denominated Islamic bonds for cash and issue new sukuk to replace them, three sources familiar with the matter said. Meraas' \$600mn sukuk, or sharia-compliant Islamic bonds, issued in 2017 fell sharply in value in March last year to 80 cents on the dollar as the coronavirus pandemic hit an already struggling real estate sector in Dubai. The paper however shot up in value in June, following an announcement that the firm would be brought under the umbrella of the ruler of Dubai's investment vehicle, Dubai Holding. (Zawya)
- **ADNOC awards Pakistani consortium exploration rights for offshore block** – The Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) said on Tuesday it had signed an exploration concession agreement with a consortium of four Pakistani companies, in the major oil producer's second competitive block bid round. The consortium led by Pakistan Petroleum Limited (PPL) was given the exploration rights for Abu Dhabi's Offshore Block 5. The group is expected to invest up to \$304.7mn, including a participation fee, ADNOC said in a statement. The consortium also comprises Mari Petroleum Company Limited (MPCL), Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) and Government Holdings (Private) Limited (GHPL). The group will hold a 100% stake in the exploration phase. In the event of a successful commercial discovery, they will have the right to a production concession, though ADNOC has the option to hold a 60% stake in the production phase. (Reuters)
- **Mubadala, Crow Holdings plan \$1bn real estate investments in US** – Abu Dhabi's wealth fund Mubadala and Crow Holdings sign joint venture partnership to develop new Class-A industrial property across major markets in the US JV will pursue about \$1bn of development opportunities targeting a range of institutional industrial markets. (Bloomberg)
- **Document: First Abu Dhabi Bank expected to sell 250mn Pounds in 5-year bonds** – First Abu Dhabi Bank is expected to sell 250mn Pounds (\$344.38mn) in five-year bonds, a document showed on Tuesday. FAB, HSBC, Standard Chartered and TD Securities are arranging the deal, which is expected to close later on Tuesday, the document from one of the banks said. Initial price guidance was 110-115 basis points over UK gilts, the document showed. (Reuters)
- **Oman crude official price set at \$69.38/bbl for October** – The official selling price of Oman crude was set at \$69.38/bbl for October sales, according to the average of daily marker sales on the Dubai Mercantile Exchange. OSP down \$3.35/bbl, or -4.6%, from \$72.73/bbl for September. (Bloomberg)
- **Kuwait seeks investors to finance three power projects** – Kuwait plans to attract outside investors to fund several power projects under a public-private partnership program that will cover more than half of its future electricity needs over the next two decades, a government official said. About 7,500 megawatts (MW) of the 14,000 MW it needs over the next 20 years will come through these partnerships, which industry sources say will require investments of billions of dollars. "Energy projects are priority projects, and the state is moving forward towards their

implementation," Fadheela A. Al-Hassan, who was appointed head of the Kuwait Authority for Partnership Projects in April, told Reuters. "There is a desire to rush such projects," (Reuters)

- **Document: Bahrain's Ahli United Bank hires banks for dollar senior sukuk** – Bahrain-headquartered Ahli United Bank has hired banks to arrange the sale of US dollar-denominated five-year senior sukuk, or Islamic bonds, a bank document showed on Tuesday. HSBC and JPMorgan were hired as joint global coordinators, joined by Bank ABC, Dubai Islamic Bank, Kamco Invest, KFH Capital, Kuwait International Bank and Mashreq as joint lead managers, the document from one of the banks, reviewed by Reuters, said. They will hold investor calls from Tuesday, to be followed by a transaction, subject to market conditions, of benchmark size, which typically means at least \$500mn. (Zawya)

Rebased Performance

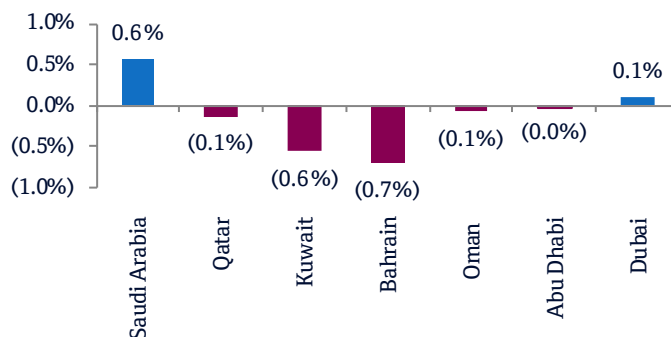


Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,813.62	0.2	(0.2)	(4.5)
Silver/Ounce	23.89	(0.6)	(0.5)	(9.5)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	72.99	(0.6)	0.4	40.9
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	68.50	(1.0)	(0.3)	41.2
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	4.25	0.0	(2.1)	78.6
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	115.38	0.9	1.0	53.3
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	136.63	2.1	3.7	96.6
Euro	1.18	0.1	0.1	(3.3)
Yen	110.02	0.1	0.2	6.6
GBP	1.38	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.6
CHF	1.09	0.2	(0.4)	(3.3)
AUD	0.73	0.3	0.1	(4.9)
USD Index	92.63	(0.0)	(0.1)	3.0
RUB	73.24	(0.4)	(0.4)	(1.6)
BRL	0.19	0.7	1.1	0.9

Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	3,141.35	(0.2)	0.2	16.8
DJ Industrial	35,360.73	(0.1)	(0.3)	15.5
S&P 500	4,522.68	(0.1)	0.3	20.4
NASDAQ 100	15,259.24	(0.0)	0.9	18.4
STOXX 600	470.88	(0.3)	(0.3)	14.0
DAX	15,835.09	(0.3)	(0.1)	10.9
FTSE 100	7,119.70	(0.6)	(0.6)	11.0
CAC 40	6,680.18	(0.0)	0.0	16.2
Nikkei	28,089.54	1.0	1.5	(3.9)
MSCI EM	1,308.67	1.8	2.8	1.3
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,543.94	0.5	0.8	3.1
HANG SENG	25,878.99	1.5	2.0	(5.3)
BSE SENSEX	57,552.39	1.5	3.2	20.7
Bovespa	118,781.00	(0.2)	(0.7)	0.1
RTS	1,684.16	(0.0)	1.2	21.4

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns)

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