

QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

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GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.5% to close at 12,165.8. Gains were led by the Diversified Financials and Software & Services indices, rising 2.9% and 2.8%, respectively. Saudi Tadawul Group Holding rose 5.8%, while Arabian Internet & Communication was up 5.3%.

Dubai: The DFM Index fell 0.7% to 3,179.4. The Consumer Staples & Discretionary index declined 1.8%, while the Banks index fell 1.6%. AAN Digital Services Co. fell 5.6% and Amlak Finance dropped 3.8%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell 0.1% to 8,413.2. The Banks index declined 0.8%, while the Investment & Financial Services index fell 0.1%. Abu Dhabi National Takaful Co. fell 7.9%, while National Corp Tourism & Hotel dropped 7.1%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.4% to close at 7,415.2. The Basic Materials index rose 2.4%, while the Insurance index gained 2.3%. Advanced Technology Co. rose 9.1%, while Gulf Franchising Holding Co was up 5.2%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell 0.6% to close at 4,216.9, led by the Industrial and Financial indices, falling 0.9% & 0.4%, respectively. Dhofar Cattle Feed Co. declined 10.0%, while Oman Flour Mills was down 9.7%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index fell marginally to close at 1,815.2 driven by the Financial & communication services indices, which fell slightly. Ahli United Bank and BBK were down 0.2% each.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	3.35	3.6	2,236.0	5.3
Ahli Bank	4.10	2.5	1,887.6	7.0
QNB Group	21.80	2.3	4,297.3	8.0
Industries Qatar	16.65	1.5	2,761.3	7.5
Qatar First Bank	1.82	0.8	2,353.9	1.4

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.97	(0.7)	43,860.1	5.2
Ezdan Holding Group	1.46	(0.5)	30,957.6	8.7
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.90	(2.0)	21,451.2	9.4
National Leasing	0.98	(1.5)	14,211.3	3.7
Investment Holding Group	1.30	(2.6)	12,350.7	5.4

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	12,471.40	0.3	1.2	7.3	7.3	171.5	194,942.1	17.3	1.9	2.4
Dubai	3,179.35	(0.7)	(1.1)	(0.5)	(0.5)	131.9	110,741.8	19.9	1.1	2.4
Abu Dhabi	8,413.22	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.9)	(0.9)	392.1	401,733.5	23.0	2.5	2.7
Saudi Arabia	12,165.84	0.5	0.7	7.8	7.8	2,277.5	2,789,767.3	26.7	2.6	2.2
Kuwait	7,415.22	0.4	0.3	5.3	5.3	195.8	142,705.2	21.7	1.7	2.1
Oman	4,216.88	(0.6)	(1.2)	2.1	2.1	6.9	19,311.0	11.0	0.8	3.8
Bahrain	1,815.19	(0.0)	0.6	1.0	1.0	7.3	29,151.0	9.8	0.9	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)

Market Indicators	17 Jan 22	16 Jan 22	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	626.7	575.7	8.9
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	714,073.6	709,094.7	0.7
Volume (mn)	220.8	230.5	(4.2)
Number of Transactions	12,715	13,262	(4.1)
Companies Traded	46	46	0.0
Market Breadth	11:29	34:11	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	24,687.88	0.3	1.2	7.3	17.3
All Share Index	3,934.00	0.5	1.5	6.4	171.0
Banks	5,339.49	0.8	1.9	7.6	16.3
Industrials	4,338.44	0.7	1.6	7.8	17.9
Transportation	3,696.11	(0.4)	0.2	3.9	18.4
Real Estate	1,871.83	(0.6)	0.7	7.6	16.1
Insurance	2,655.46	0.1	0.2	(2.6)	15.9
Telecoms	1,094.46	(0.2)	1.1	3.5	N/A
Consumer	8,259.95	(0.2)	0.1	0.5	22.0
Al Rayan Islamic Index	5,044.59	(0.2)	0.7	7.0	19.8

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	Qatar	21.80	2.3	4,297.3	8.0
Arabian Centres Co. Ltd	Saudi Arabia	23.42	2.0	1,862.8	3.7
Saudi British Bank	Saudi Arabia	39.80	1.9	746.2	20.6
Saudi Telecom Co.	Saudi Arabia	116.00	1.8	1,973.3	3.2
Saudi Arabian Fertilizer	Saudi Arabia	183.20	1.7	648.0	3.7

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD %
Mouwasat Medical Ser.	Saudi Arabia	186.20	(2.6)	201.3	7.1
Emirates NBD	Dubai	12.85	(2.3)	2,355.5	(5.2)
Saudi Arabian Mining	Saudi Arabia	91.00	(1.6)	1,237.0	15.9
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	Abu Dhabi	6.86	(1.6)	2,942.4	(0.1)
Bank Dhofar	Oman	0.13	(1.6)	20.0	1.6

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%
Investment Holding Group	1.30	(2.6)	12,350.7	5.4
Gulf International Services	1.82	(2.3)	11,097.5	6.2
Qatar Oman Investment Comp.	0.87	(2.2)	5,672.7	7.1
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.90	(2.0)	21,451.2	9.4
Qatar Industrial Mfg. Co.	3.19	(1.6)	16.5	3.9

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	21.80	2.3	93,136.8	8.0
Qatar Islamic Bank	20.00	(1.2)	60,562.8	9.1
Ezdan Holding Group	1.46	(0.5)	46,239.0	8.7
Industries Qatar	16.65	1.5	45,742.1	7.5
Ooredoo	7.26	(0.3)	44,689.9	3.4

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.3% to close at 12,471.4. The Banks & Financial Services and Industrials indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC, Arab and foreign shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari shareholders.
- Qatari German Co. for Med. Devices and Ahli Bank were the top gainers, rising 3.6% and 2.5%, respectively. Among the top losers, Investment Holding Group fell 2.6%, while Gulf International Services was down 2.3%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday fell by 4.2% to 220.8mn from 230.5mn on Sunday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 122.4mn, volume for the day was 80.4% higher. Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev. and Ezdan Holding Group were the most active stocks, contributing 19.9% and 14.0% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	34.80%	53.24%	(115,551,811.8)
Qatari Institutions	24.36%	23.29%	6,686,889.3
Qatari	59.16%	76.53%	(108,864,922.5)
GCC Individuals	0.50%	0.51%	(90,249.8)
GCC Institutions	3.35%	1.15%	13,801,454.3
GCC	3.85%	1.66%	13,711,204.4
Arab Individuals	10.27%	9.86%	2,595,013.5
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.00%	-
Arab	10.27%	9.86%	2,595,013.5
Foreigners Individuals	3.17%	3.68%	(3,153,203.8)
Foreigners Institutions	23.55%	8.28%	95,711,908.4
Foreigners	26.72%	11.96%	92,558,704.6

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

Earnings Releases, Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 4Q2021	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 4Q2021	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 4Q2021	% Change YoY
Dhofar Cattle Feed Co.*	Oman	OMR	33.8	-1.2%		-	(2.9)	N/A

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

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
01-17	UK	Rightmove	Rightmove House Prices MoM	Jan	0.30%	-	-0.70%
01-17	UK	Rightmove	Rightmove House Prices YoY	Jan	7.60%	-	6.30%
01-17	Japan	Economic and Social Research	Core Machine Orders MoM	Nov	3.40%	1.20%	3.80%
01-17	Japan	Economic and Social Research	Core Machine Orders YoY	Nov	11.60%	6.70%	2.90%
01-17	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and	Tertiary Industry Index MoM	Nov	0.40%	1.00%	1.90%
01-17	China	The People's Bank of China	1-Yr Medium-Term Lending Facility Rate	15-Jan	2.85%	-	2.95%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Property Investment YTD YoY	Dec	4.40%	5.20%	6.00%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Industrial Production YTD YoY	Dec	9.60%	9.70%	10.10%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Industrial Production YoY	Dec	4.30%	3.70%	3.80%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Fixed Assets Ex Rural YTD YoY	Dec	4.90%	4.80%	5.20%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	GDP YTD YoY	4Q	8.10%	8.00%	9.80%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	GDP SA QoQ	4Q	1.60%	1.20%	0.20%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	GDP YoY	4Q	4.00%	3.30%	4.90%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Retail Sales YTD YoY	Dec	12.50%	12.70%	13.70%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Retail Sales YoY	Dec	1.70%	3.80%	3.90%
01-17	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Surveyed Jobless Rate	Dec	5.10%	5.00%	5.00%

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

Earnings Calendar

Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 4Q2021 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QFLS	Qatar Fuel Company	18-Jan-22	0	Due
CBQK	The Commercial Bank	19-Jan-22	1	Due
QIIK	Qatar International Islamic Bank	24-Jan-22	6	Due
GWCS	Gulf Warehousing Company	25-Jan-22	7	Due
NLCS	Alijarah Holding	27-Jan-22	9	Due
MARK	Masraf Al Rayan	30-Jan-22	12	Due
QIGD	Qatari Investors Group	1-Feb-22	14	Due
QIMD	Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company	6-Feb-22	19	Due

Source: QSE

Qatar

- Sinopec receives first LNG shipment from Qatar Energy**- China's Sinopec Corp received its first cargo of liquefied natural gas (LNG) under a new term supply deal signed last year with Qatar Energy (Formerly Qatar Petroleum), local state media reported on Tuesday. The tanker Al Sahla, carrying 94,000 tonnes of Qatari gas, was discharged into Sinopec's Tianjin terminal earlier this week, state-run Tianjin Daily reported. This is part of a deal signed with Qatar Energy in March for an annual supply of 2 million tonnes for 10 years, with supply starting this month. (Reuters)
- QEO: Qatar to regain its top slot in LNG exports by 2026** – Qatar is all slated to regain its position as the preeminent and largest exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG) by 2026 with the North Field (NFE) output coming on stream, according to the latest Qatar Economic Outlook (QEO). Qatar's LNG exports competed with Australia's for the first place in 2020, although it ranked second, QEO said. According to the annual World LNG Report 2021 issued by the International Gas Union (IGU), Qatar ranked second in LNG exports in 2020, with 105bn cubic meters LNG or 77.1mn metric tons LNG equivalent, or 21.65% of the total global exports of about 356.1mn metric tons LNG. "It is expected that Qatar will gain a position as the pre-eminent and largest exporter by 2026, when the production of the North Gas Field project begins to gradually raise annual exports of LNG from the current 77mn metric tons to 110mn metric tons, then attaining 126mn metric tons by the end of 2027," the QEO said. It is estimated that the cost of constructing production trains in the NFE is about \$28.75bn. Aiming to cover part of the project's costs by self-financing, QatarEnergy issued multi-tranche bonds amounting to \$12.5bn, as per the US RegS/144A bond offering for sales to investors outside the US in offshore transactions, comprising 5, 10 and 20-year conventional tranches, and a dual-listed 30-year Formosa tranche. Moreover, QatarEnergy held a virtual roadshow at the end of June 2021 and met with over 130 global investors, including insurers, asset managers, pension funds, and bank treasuries, which resulted in a high quality order book above \$40bn. "This is considered as the largest US dollar fixed rate oil and gas offering, the largest corporate issuance in the Middle East and North Africa region, and the largest corporate Formosa tranche raised globally," the QEO said. Last year, QatarEnergy awarded an EPC or engineering, procurement, and construction contract, pertaining to the North Field Expansion project, to the Spanish company, Tecnicas Reunidas. Under the terms of the contract, Tecnicas Reunidas will be responsible for the expansion of existing storage and loading facilities for liquid products, including propane, condensate and butane. It will also expand its mono-ethylene glycol processing unit within Ras Laffan Industrial City (North). The purpose of these facilities is to handle liquid products from the six new production trains, four in North Field East (NFE) with a capacity of 32mn tons, and two in North Field South (NFS) with a capacity of 16mn tons. The production is scheduled to start up before the end of 2025 from NFE, while the production from NFS will start at the end of 2027. (Gulf-Times.com)
- Qatar's construction sector bounces back in 2021** – Despite facing several headwinds due to coronavirus pandemic outbreak, Qatar's construction sector has staged a strong bounce back in 2021. The building permits issuances have risen sharply during the last quarter of 2021, demonstrating solid recovery in the construction sector. As many as 9,500 building permits were issued during last year. Building permits data assumes significance for measuring the economic expansion in an economy. The number of building permits issuance in the country is one of the important indicators of economic activity as it signals expansion or contraction in the construction sector. Industry watchers keep a close tab on the trend in building permits as any increase in the issuance points to recovery in the construction sector. The number of building permits issuance increased by around 15 percent in the fourth quarter compared to the third quarter. During the fourth quarter of last year, which includes October, November and December, 2,159 building permits were issued compared to 1,894 building permits issued in the third quarter, according to the data released by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). (Peninsula Qatar)
- QNCD board of directors to meet on January 31** – Qatar National Cement Co. (QNCD) has announced that its board of directors will be holding a meeting on January 31, 2022 to discuss the audited financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2021 and other agenda. (QSE)
- QGTS opens nominations for its board membership 2022** – Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. (QGTS) announced the opening of nominees for the board memberships, years from 2022 to 2024. Applications will be accepted starting from January 18, 2022 till 12:00 PM of February 02, 2022. (QSE)
- Qatar Investment Authority invests in crypto payments company Checkout.com** – Checkout.com has raised \$1 billion in its Series D funding round at a valuation of \$40 billion. Qatar Investment Authority, Altimeter, Dragoneer, Franklin Templeton, GIC, Insight Partners, Tiger Global, the Oxford Endowment Fund, where some of the investors, in addition to another large west coast mutual fund management firm. Several of the company's other existing investors also participated in this round. Checkout.com offers a full-stack online platform that simplifies payments processes for large global enterprise merchants. This supports its mission to enable businesses and their communities to thrive in the evolving digital economy. Given the company has been profitable for several years, the Series D capital will drive three key initiatives: its ambitious growth plans for the US market; the continued evolution of its proprietary technology platform and solutions; and its goal to remain on the cutting edge of Web3. (Bloomberg)
- Euler Hermes: Qatar growth to gain momentum; country to remain large net external creditor** – Qatar will remain a large net external creditor, thanks to the huge foreign-asset position in its sovereign wealth fund, trade credit insurance firm Euler Hermes said in its latest economic update. Euler Hermes sees strengthening growth and falling inflation in Qatar this year and noted recovery is forecast to gain momentum in 2022, thanks to continued higher gas prices and a high Covid-19 vaccination rate that should allow for a further reduction of lockdown measures and support consumer spending. The FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 later this year should also support economic growth through increased tourism revenues. "Our tentative growth forecasts are around 4% in 2022 and 2.5% in 2023. However, potential renewed restrictions, for example due to the outbreak of new Covid-19 variants, or sustained supply-chain disruptions in the industrial sector pose downside risks to our forecasts," Euler Hermes said. Fiscal reserves are solid and Qatar's fiscal breakeven point ranged between \$35 and \$55 a barrel of crude oil over the past decade. Hence the government has recorded large annual fiscal surpluses in most years, except for 2016-2017 when oil and gas prices had been persistently low for some time. Even in 2020, a small surplus of 1.3% of GDP was achieved. "We estimate the surplus to have widened to around 3% in 2021, thanks to higher gas prices, and project continued robust surpluses in 2022-2023. Meanwhile, public debt rose from 25% of GDP in 2014 to 72% in 2020, in part due to declining nominal GDP. "Even though we expect the ratio to decline gradually over 2021-2023 in the wake of the economic recovery, it will remain elevated. Overall, however, Qatar will remain a large net external creditor, thanks to the huge foreign-asset position in the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA, a sovereign wealth fund currently estimated at approximately \$350bn)." According to Euler Hermes, Qatar's external liquidity will "remain unproblematic". Qatar has recorded large, sometimes huge annual current account surpluses for more than two decades, with the exceptions of 2016 and 2020 when global oil and gas prices were particularly low. These surpluses have contributed to the build-up of the QIA. (Gulf-Times.com)
- Euler Hermes: Qatar exchange rate stability to be maintained** – Euler Hermes expects Qatar's exchange rate stability to be maintained and price stability regained in 2022-2023. The Qatari riyal is pegged at 3.64 to the dollar. "We expect the peg to hold as the Qatar Central Bank has large foreign exchange (FX) reserves to support the currency," Euler Hermes said and noted the currency peg has ensured relative price stability since 2010. In 2021, however, headline consumer price inflation rose to over 6% year-on-year at the end of the year owing to base effects (deflation a year earlier), higher energy prices and global supply-chain disruptions. "We

expect these effects to be transitory and inflation to gradually fall back to around 2% at the end of 2022," Euler Hermes said. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **Oil Tender: Qatar Offers 75K Tons Naphtha for February 10-15 Loading** – Qatar Petroleum for the Sale of Petroleum Products offered ~25k tons of light naphtha for co-loading with 50k tons of full-range naphtha from Ras Laffan, according to tender documents seen by Bloomberg. Cargoes will load February 10-15. Bids are due by 1pm local time on January 17 and valid until 5pm the next day.
- **Telegraph: Glaxo seeks Qatar, Singapore wealth funds as Investors** – GlaxoSmithKline is targeting cornerstone investment from the sovereign wealth funds of Qatar and Singapore in the flotation of its consumer business, according to The Telegraph without citing the source of the information. Report adds that plan is to open discussions with the funds after the Glaxo capital markets day in February. (Bloomberg)
- **Qatar Chamber, German delegation review opportunities in cybersecurity, tourism** – Officials of Qatar Chamber and the German Near and Middle East Association (NUMOV) held a meeting on Monday at the chamber's headquarters in Doha to discuss investment opportunities for the State and Germany. Qatar Chamber first vice chairman Mohamed bin Towar al-Kuwari met with the delegation of NUMOV led by the CEO of KSG Security & Defense Agency, Dr Frank Duchardt. In a statement, Qatar Chamber noted that the meeting revolved around co-operation relations between both sides in various sectors, such as cybersecurity, travel, and tourism, among others. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Qatar Chamber joins Joint Arab-Foreign Chambers annual coordinating meeting** – Qatar Chamber chairman Sheikh Khalifa bin Jassim Al-Thani participated in the annual coordinating meeting of the Joint Arab-Foreign Chambers, which was held on Monday at the League of Arab States headquarters in Cairo. Sheikh Khalifa also attended the meeting in his capacity as vice president of the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce (ABCC) and vice president of the Arab French Chamber of Commerce. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Shura committee discusses issue of Qatari job seekers** – The Economic and the Financial Affairs Committee of the Shura Council held yesterday a meeting under the chairmanship of HE Chairman of the Committee Mohamed bin Yousef al-Mana. During the meeting, the committee discussed the issue of Qataris looking for work, determining the specializations the country needs in accordance with the requirements of the labor market and the file of human resources development in general. Also, the committee touched on the importance of the role of the private sector in supporting national efforts in development and the role of partnership between the public and private sectors in absorbing job seekers and localizing jobs in the private sector. After extensive discussions, the committee decided to complete its discussions of the matter at its next meeting. (Gulf-Times.com)

International

- **US FAA clears 45% of commercial plane fleet after 5G deployed** – The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said Sunday it had cleared an estimated 45% of the US commercial airplane fleet to perform low-visibility landings at many airports where 5G C-band will be deployed starting Wednesday. The FAA has warned that potential interference could affect sensitive airplane instruments such as altimeters and make an impact on low-visibility operations. US passenger and cargo airlines have been sounding the alarm to senior government officials that the issue is far from resolved and could severely impact flights and the supply chain. "Even with the approvals granted by the FAA today, U.S. airlines will not be able to operate the vast majority of passenger and cargo flights due to the FAA's 5G-related flight restrictions unless action is taken prior to the planned Jan. 19 rollout," said Airlines for America, a trade group representing American Airlines (AAL.O), Delta Air Lines (DAL.N), FedEx (FDX.N) and other carriers. The FAA approved two radio altimeter models used in many Boeing and Airbus planes, including some Boeing 737, 747, 757, 767, MD-10/-11 and Airbus A310, A319, A320, A321, A330 and A350 models. The announcement came just days before AT&T (T.N) and Verizon (VZ.N) launch new 5G service on Wednesday. The FAA said it expects to issue more approvals in the coming days. The FAA said the

aircraft and altimeter approvals open "runways at as many as 48 of the 88 airports most directly affected by 5G C-band interference." But the agency warned that "even with these new approvals, flights at some airports may still be affected." (Reuters)

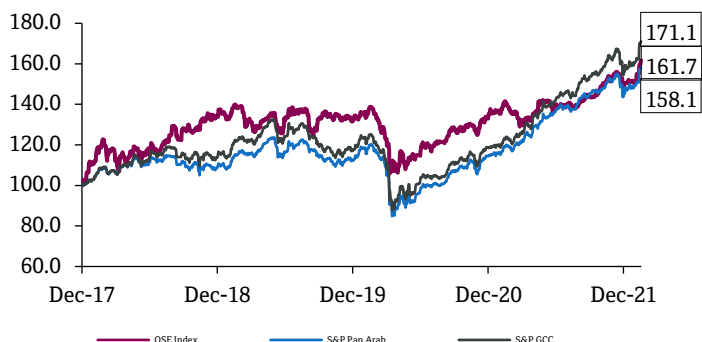
- **Major US airline CEOs warn 5G could ground some planes, wreak havoc** – The chief executives of major U.S. passenger and cargo carriers on Monday warned of an impending "catastrophic" aviation crisis in less than 36 hours, when AT&T (T.N) and Verizon (VZ.N) are set to deploy new 5G service. The airlines warned the new C-Band 5G service set to begin on Wednesday could render a significant number of widebody aircraft unusable, "could potentially strand tens of thousands of Americans overseas" and cause "chaos" for US flights. "Unless our major hubs are cleared to fly, the vast majority of the traveling and shipping public will essentially be grounded," wrote the chief executives of American Airlines (AAL.O), Delta Air Lines (DAL.N), United Airlines, Southwest Airlines (LUV.N) and others in a letter first reported by Reuters. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has warned that potential interference could affect sensitive airplane instruments such as altimeters and significantly hamper low-visibility operations. "This means that on a day like yesterday, more than 1,100 flights and 100,000 passengers would be subjected to cancellations, diversions or delays," the letter cautioned. Airlines late on Monday were considering whether to begin canceling some international flights that are scheduled to arrive in the US on Wednesday. (Reuters)
- **YouGov/Cebr: UK consumer confidence edged lower in December** – British consumer confidence edged lower in December, taking only a modest hit from the rapid spread of the Omicron variant of coronavirus, a monthly survey showed. The YouGov/Cebr consumer confidence index fell by 0.5 points to 110.0 in December, and is well above its level of a year earlier when the economy had recovered much less of the output lost at the onset of the pandemic. However, much of the current robustness in the index reflects the strongest expectations for rising house prices since May 2017, and a narrower measure of expectations for household finances is below its level in December 2020. "Both the backward- and forward-looking business activity and job security metrics fell and, crucially, the household finance measures are notably below where they were this time last year," YouGov's head of reputation research, Darren Yaxley, said. The data is in line with many economists' expectations that Omicron will have a fairly mild economic impact on Britain - despite a record number of cases at the turn of the year - and that fast-rising inflation is a bigger problem for households. Britain is suffering a rapid rise in the cost of living, driven by higher energy prices which are likely to lead to a 50% increase in utility bills when the cap on regulated energy prices is increased in April. Britain's longest-running survey of consumer confidence, from GfK, also showed only a modest fall in sentiment when it was conducted in the first two weeks of December. The YouGov polling of 6,000 individuals was done over the whole month. (Reuters)
- **Eurozone eyes slower debt reduction rule, ways to boost compliance** – European Union countries broadly agree they need to change EU laws to allow slower debt reduction, move away from complex calculated indicators and come up with an EU fiscal framework that is actually respected, senior euro zone officials said. The EU's fiscal rules, called the Stability and Growth Pact, are to stop governments borrowing too much to safeguard the value of the euro. But the rules have often been disregarded, leading in part to the 2010 sovereign debt crisis, with little attempt made to enforce them by applying financial penalties. The rules are now under review because the COVID-19 pandemic boosted EU public debt so much that existing laws can no longer apply, while fighting climate change requires enormous investment over decades that many argue should be reflected in EU laws. "Some areas of broad agreement seem to be emerging concerning the more gradual adjustment path of debt reduction and specifically the so-called 1/20th rule," European Commission Vice President Valdis Dombrovskis told reporters. The current rule is that governments must cut public debt every year by 1/20th of the excess above 60% of GDP. With many countries running debts well above 100% of GDP, such a rule is seen as unrealistic by finance ministers. "We need credible debt reduction pathways. But they also need to be realistic and allow for green and digital transition," Dombrovskis said on entering a meeting of euro zone finance ministers who will discuss

changes to the rules. But a slower pace still meant that debt would have to fall, Germany's finance Minister Christian Lindner said. (Reuters)

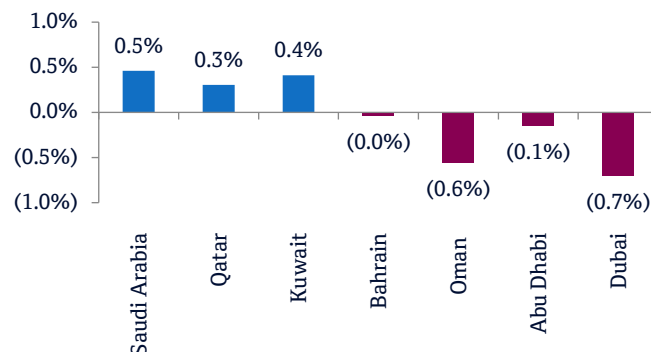
- Lindner: Germany expects "real debate" about fiscal rules to start in June** – Germany wants to respect jointly agreed fiscal rules as this helps to control inflation, its new Finance Minister Christian Lindner said on Monday, adding he expected the "real debate" about the European Union's fiscal rules to start in June. Speaking to reporters in Brussels before his first Eurogroup meeting with counterparts from other Eurozone member states, Lindner said that the fiscal rules of the EU's Stability and Growth Pact had proven their flexibility during the crisis. "But now it's the time to build up fiscal buffers again, we need resilience not only in the private sector, but also in the public sector," Lindner said. "That's why I'm very much in favor of reducing sovereign debt." Fighting inflation is the objective of central banks, but governments can also do their part in sticking to fiscal rules, Lindner said, adding that there were already a lot of exemptions included in the EU's Stability and Growth Pact. Germany is open to listening to any suggestions on how the EU's fiscal rules can be improved, but Berlin expects the real debate about the Stability and Growth Pact to start in June when the European Commission's proposals are expected, Lindner said. Germany wants work closely with France, which is holding the EU presidency in the first half of this year, and also use its own G7 presidency this year to improve resilience also in the banking sector, Lindner said. Berlin is willing to complete the EU's banking union which includes tackling the problem of the state-sovereign-nexus, he said, referring to the high concentration of bonds of a single sovereign in the balance sheets of banks in the same country. "This year 2022, we will have a comprehensive approach to all these issues: Stability and Growth Pact, banking union and fiscal-monetary stability as a whole," Lindner said. (Reuters)
- Japan finance minister vows stable JGB issuance via dialogue with markets** – Japan will issue government bonds (JGBs) worth 215 trillion yen (\$1.89 trillion) in the next fiscal year in a stable manner through dialogue with markets, its finance minister said on Monday, after stimulus to offset the impact of COVID-19 saw bonds worth 224 trillion yen issued this year. With its population rapidly ageing, Japan's public finances are facing structural problems over imbalances between benefits and burdens in the social security system, Finance Minister Shunichi Suzuki said in his fiscal policy speech, while vowing to bring in a primary budget surplus by the fiscal year 2025. Japan has set a goal of achieving a primary budget surplus, excluding new bond sales and debt servicing costs, by 2025, as a step towards curbing the industrial world's heaviest debt that is more than twice the size of its \$5 trillion economy. Fiscal reform is an urgent task, but Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, known as fiscal hawk, has prioritized a recovery from the health crisis in the near-term over long-term fiscal reform since he took office in October. "As overall JGB issuance including rollover debt remains at a high level, we will try to issue JGBs stably based in close dialogue with the market," Suzuki told a lower house plenary at the beginning of parliament's regular sessions. (Reuters)
- China tops forecasts with 8.1% growth in 2021 but headwinds loom** – China's economy rebounded in 2021 with its best growth in a decade, helped by robust exports, but there are signs that momentum is slowing on weakening consumption and a property downturn, pointing to the need for more policy support. Growth in the fourth quarter hit a one-and-a-half-year low, government data showed on Monday shortly after the central bank moved to prop up the economy with a cut to a key lending rate for the first time since early 2020. The world's second-largest economy is struggling with a rapidly cooling property sector, as well as sporadic small-scale COVID-19 outbreaks that could deal a blow to its factories and supply chains. Several Chinese cities went on high alert ahead of the Lunar New Year holiday travel season, as the Omicron variant reached more areas including the capital Beijing. The economy grew 8.1% last year - its best expansion since 2011 - and faster than a forecast 8.0%. The pace was well above a government target of "above 6%" and 2020's revised growth of 2.2%. The economy recorded its weakest growth in 44 years in 2020 but staged a faster recovery than other major economies. (Reuters)
- GCC economies to grow faster in 2022 as energy prices recover** – Despite relatively tight fiscal policy and some external headwinds, GCC economies are expected to grow at a faster pace in 2022 as energy prices recover. Dubai-based Emirates NBD said the region's economies are set to grow 5.1% following 2.3% growth in 2021. GDP contracted 4.9% in 2020 when the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic began. "The recovery in the GCC economies gained momentum in the second half of 2021 as travel restrictions eased, tourism rebounded and domestic demand strengthened," the lender's chief economist Khatija Haque said in the report. (Zawya)
- Saudi Minister: OPEC+ sets example for other producers to follow** – OPEC+ has done a lot to bring about energy-market stability and other oil producers should follow suit, Saudi Arabian Energy Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said at a renewable-energy event in Dubai. "There's nothing more profound, more important for energy security than having a stable market. Those who are not copying us as OPEC+ need to copy us". (Bloomberg)
- Saudi's ACWA Power appoints chairman, vice chairman for board's new term** – Saudi Arabia's ACWA Power has appointed the chairman and vice chairman for the new term, which kicked off on January 5, 2022. For the next three years, Mohammad Abdullah Abunayyan will serve as chairman of the board of directors, the kingdom's utility developer told the Tadawul on Monday. The firm, which is 44% owned by Saudi Arabia's PIF, also said that executive member Suntharesan Padmanathan will serve as vice chairman of the board. The company develops, invests and operates power generation and desalinated water plants worldwide. (Zawya)
- Al Rajhi Bank closes offering of \$1.7bn Tier 1 sukuk bonds** – Al Rajhi Bank has completed the issuance of SR6.5bn (\$1.7bn) perpetual Tier 1 sukuk bonds denominated in Saudi Riyals through a private placement in the Kingdom. The settlement of the offering will take place on January 23, 2022, the bank said in a bourse filing. A fixed return of 3.5% per annum is to be paid to eligible parties until the reset date – five years from the settlement date. The sukuk may be redeemed by the bank in some cases as outlined in the offering circular, Al Rajhi Bank noted. The offer, which started on January 3, is aimed at supporting the bank's capital base as well as meeting financial and strategic needs. (Zawya)
- Saudi SPIMACO to produce Swiss-firm's medical treatment amid \$64mn deal** – Saudi Pharmaceutical Industries and Medical Appliances Corp., or SPIMACO, has sealed a deal with Swiss-based Vifor Pharma to localize the production of an iron replacement injection, called Ferinject. The value of the agreement is SR240mn (\$64mn) and will be valid for eight years, the homegrown drug maker said in a bourse statement. SPIMACO expects to post annual revenue of SR30mn on average from the deal. The positive financial impact is expected to roll out on the company's financial statements starting from 2023, according to the statement. (Zawya)
- Jaber: UAE's Masdar ambitions 100GW of renewable energy capacity** – The UAE' renewable energy company Masdar has the ambition to increase to 100GW the capacity of projects it is developing globally, UAE Industry Minister Sultan al-Jaber said on Monday in Dubai. Abu Dhabi-based Masdar has invested in wind and solar projects in 40 countries around the globe, said al-Jaber, who is also the ADNOC's CEO. "Our ambition is to accelerate this development globally to reach 100GW and ultimately double that again to 200GW," he said without specifying a timeframe for the capacity increase. The Abu Dhabi government last month announced plans to increase Masdar's capacity to more than 50GW by 2030. The minister was attending the opening of the Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week Summit at the Expo 2020 site in Dubai. (Reuters)
- UAE's Tabreed to acquire district cooling plant in Oman for \$18mn** – Dubai-listed district cooling firm Tabreed's Omani subsidiary has signed a deal with Al Mouj Muscat SAOC to acquire the district cooling plants and associated assets serving the Al Mouj Mixed Use Development in Muscat for \$17.8mn. The company also signed a long-term concession agreement between Al Mouj Muscat SAOC and Tabreed Al Mouj SPC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tabreed Oman SAOC, which in turn is 60.54% owned by Tabreed, the district cooling firm said in a bourse filing on DFM on

Monday. The biggest shareholders in Tabreed are Abu Dhabi state fund Mubadala Investment Company and France's Engie SA. (Zaway)

- Minister: UAE aims to capture 25% of hydrogen market share** – UAE Energy Minister Suhail al-Mazrouei said on Monday that the Gulf country is aiming to capture around a quarter of the global hydrogen market with hydrogen produced both by electrolysis and from natural gas. Mazrouei added that as part of the country's hydrogen roadmap, it is currently implementing seven projects and looks forward to export hydrogen. He said "There has been already discussion with many countries who we supply with hydrocarbons today, and they are keen to get hydrogen." The minister was attending a session at Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week Summit at the Expo 2020 site in Dubai. (Zawya)
- UAE's ADNOC activates business continuity plans after refinery incident** – UAE oil firm ADNOC said on Twitter it had activated business continuity plans to ensure reliable, uninterrupted supply of products to its local and international customers after an incident at its Mussafah fuel depot in Abu Dhabi. (Reuters)
- Arada enters Dubai property market with AED240mn land purchase at Palm Jumeirah** – Arada, a Sharjah-based development company, has purchased the last remaining beachfront land plot on the Crescent of the world-famous, award-winning Palm Jumeirah, marking the fast-growing developer's first project outside Sharjah and its entry into the Dubai property market. Valued at AED240mn, the plot has been bought from Nakheel, the master developer behind Palm Jumeirah. Located on The Palm's East Crescent, the 20,500sqm plot is located with views of the Burj Khalifa and Burj Al Arab to the east and the rest of the Palm and Dubai Marina to the south and west. The site is also close to the Waldorf Astoria Dubai Palm Jumeirah and the Sofitel Dubai The Palm. (Zawya)
- Abu Dhabi solar firm Sweihan raises \$701mn via green bonds** – Abu Dhabi-based solar energy firm Sweihan PV Power Co (SPPC) has sold green senior secured bonds worth \$700.8mn at a coupon rate of 3.625%. SPPC, a UAE-based limited-purpose entity that owns, operates, and maintains the Noor photovoltaic (PV) power plant in Abu Dhabi, had planned to sell \$728mn of the bonds due in 2049. The bonds will refinance existing debt facilities of SPPC and TAQA, which owns 60% of SPPC. The bonds were 1.8 times oversubscribed with local, regional and international investors placing total orders of \$1.26bn, SPPC said in a statement. (Zawya)
- Oman teams up with BP in renewable energy development** – Oman has signed a strategic framework agreement with Britain's BP PLC aimed at collecting data about renewable energy in Oman, the energy ministry of the Middle Eastern country tweeted on Monday. The deal also calls for developing renewable energy and green hydrogen projects in the sultanate by 2030, the ministry said. (Reuters)
- Oman bourse seeks 'emerging market' status** – Oman's stock exchange is seeking to upgrade its status from 'frontier market' to 'emerging market', the state news agency reported on Monday, citing the bourse chairman. The chairman said a number of state-owned companies were planning to list on the stock market this year in a move aimed at supporting liquidity levels and making investments more attractive, according to the news agency. (Zawya)
- Oman sells OMR158mn 28-day bills; bid-cover 1.01** – Oman sold OMR158mn (\$410.38mn) of bills due February 16 on January 17. Investors offered to buy 1.01 times the amount of securities sold. The bills were sold at a price of 99.951, have a yield of 0.643% and will settle on January 19. (Bloomberg)

Rebased Performance


Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance


Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,819.23	0.1	0.1	(0.5)
Silver/Ounce	23.02	0.2	0.2	(1.2)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	86.48	0.5	0.5	11.2
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	83.82	0.0	0.0	11.4
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	4.36	0.0	0.0	19.1
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	116.13	0.0	0.0	3.5
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	152.38	0.0	0.0	9.4
Euro	1.14	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.3
Yen	114.63	0.4	0.4	(0.4)
GBP	1.36	(0.2)	(0.2)	0.8
CHF	1.09	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.2)
AUD	0.72	0.1	0.1	(0.6)
USD Index	95.26	0.1	0.1	(0.4)
RUB	76.10	(0.2)	(0.2)	1.9
BRL	0.18	0.3	0.3	1.0

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	3,176.19	0.1	0.1	(1.7)
DJ Industrial*	35,911.81	0.0	0.0	(1.2)
S&P 500*	4,662.85	0.0	0.0	(2.2)
NASDAQ 100*	14,893.75	0.0	0.0	(4.8)
STOXX 600	484.51	0.8	0.8	(0.4)
DAX	15,933.72	0.4	0.4	1.2
FTSE 100	7,611.23	0.9	0.9	4.0
CAC 40	7,201.64	0.9	0.9	0.9
Nikkei	28,333.52	0.3	0.3	(1.1)
MSCI EM	1,254.40	(0.2)	(0.2)	1.8
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,541.67	0.6	0.6	(2.6)
HANG SENG	24,218.03	(0.8)	(0.8)	3.6
BSE SENSEX	61,308.91	(0.1)	(0.1)	5.6
Bovespa	106,373.90	0.1	0.1	2.3
RTS	1,474.99	(0.7)	(0.7)	(7.6)

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns, *Market was closed on January 17, 2022)



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