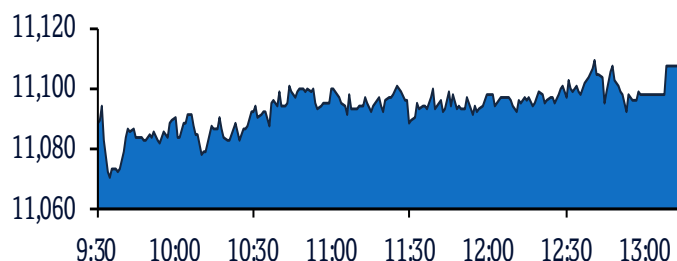


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.2% to close at 11,107.6. Gains were led by the Real Estate and Telecoms indices, gaining 0.5% and 0.4%, respectively. Top gainers were Qatari German Co for Medical Devices and Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development, rising 3.9% and 3.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, QLM Life & Medical Insurance Company fell 2.7%, while Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company was down 0.5%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.7% to close at 11,255.1. Gains were led by the Media and Entertainment and Diversified Financials indices, rising 2.9% and 2.1%, respectively. Al Jouf Agriculture Development rose 9.9%, while Tabuk Agricultural Development was up 8.8%.

Dubai: The DFM Index fell marginally to close at 2,899.8. The Investment & Financial Services index declined 0.5%, while the Banks index fell 0.3%. Al Firdous Holdings declined 9.9%, while Dubai National Insurance was down 9.1%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index gained 0.4% to close at 7,684.9. The Industrial index rose 3.9%, while the Telecommunication index was up 0.7%. Easy Lease Motorcycle Rental rose 15.0%, while Zee Stores was up 14.9%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.2% to close at 6,825.6. The Real Estate index rose 0.9%, while the Telecommunications index gained 0.8%. Al Tamdeen Investment Co rose 12.4%, while Kuwait Business Town Real Estate Co. was up 5.7%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 0.1% to close at 3,969.9. Gains were led by the Financial and Industrial indices, rising 0.3% and 0.2%, respectively. National Aluminium Products Co. rose 7.6%, while Takaful Oman was up 5.2%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index declined 0.5% to close at 1,657.1. The Communications Services index declined 0.8%, while the Financials index was down 0.6%. Ahli United bank fell 1.3%, while Bahrain Telecommunication Company was down 0.9%.

Market Indicators	30 Aug 21	29 Aug 21	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	421.0	311.5	35.1
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	640,294.0	638,550.1	0.3
Volume (mn)	204.3	177.9	14.8
Number of Transactions	10,319	7,154	44.2
Companies Traded	46	47	(2.1)
Market Breadth	27:11	26:17	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	21,988.10	0.2	0.0	9.6	16.9
All Share Index	3,527.98	0.3	0.1	10.3	17.7
Banks	4,772.27	0.2	(0.2)	12.3	15.7
Industrials	3,606.36	0.4	1.0	16.4	19.3
Transportation	3,430.14	0.0	(0.4)	4.0	19.2
Real Estate	1,798.32	0.5	0.7	(6.8)	16.6
Insurance	2,599.88	0.2	(0.2)	8.5	17.2
Telecoms	1,040.55	0.4	(0.0)	3.0	N/A
Consumer	8,248.38	0.3	0.3	1.3	22.4
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,632.37	0.2	0.2	8.5	17.5

GCC Top Gainers###	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Saudi National Bank	Saudi Arabia	60.00	1.9	2,891.9	38.4
Saudi Telecom Co.	Saudi Arabia	131.20	1.9	658.7	24.8
Abu Dhabi Comm. Bank	Abu Dhabi	7.48	1.5	3,488.9	20.6
Saudi Arabian Mining Co.	Saudi Arabia	71.00	1.4	861.8	75.3
National Petrochemical	Saudi Arabia	44.90	1.1	110.6	35.0

GCC Top Losers###	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Southern Province Cem.	Saudi Arabia	74.20	(0.9)	267.0	(12.0)
Bupa Arabia for Coop. Ins	Saudi Arabia	167.00	(0.2)	62.0	36.7
Advanced Petrochem. Co.	Saudi Arabia	72.40	(0.1)	266.4	8.1
National Shipping Co.	Saudi Arabia	37.80	(0.1)	342.5	(6.8)

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

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatari German Co for Med. Dev.	2.96	3.9	7,686.6	32.3
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	1.07	3.8	17,402.5	(15.3)
Qatar Islamic Insurance Company	7.95	2.5	0.2	15.2
Investment Holding Group	1.26	2.0	84,518.2	110.0
Zad Holding Company	16.09	1.8	15.5	18.7

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Investment Holding Group	1.26	2.0	84,518.2	110.0
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.96	1.2	25,867.5	47.2
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	1.07	3.8	17,402.5	(15.3)
National Leasing	1.06	1.2	7,695.9	(14.8)
Qatari German Co for Med. Dev.	2.96	3.9	7,686.6	32.3

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
QLM Life & Medical Insurance	4.82	(2.7)	221.0	53.0
Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Co	2.88	(0.5)	56.6	(10.3)
Al Khalij Commercial Bank	2.25	(0.5)	1,778.2	22.4
Vodafone Qatar	1.59	(0.4)	2,185.7	18.7
Qatar First Bank	1.81	(0.3)	3,193.4	5.2

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Investment Holding Group	1.26	2.0	106,597.5	110.0
QNB Group	19.11	0.3	40,596.8	7.2
Qatar Islamic Bank	18.31	(0.2)	31,071.9	7.0
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.96	1.2	24,801.6	47.2
Masraf Al Rayan	4.56	0.6	24,155.3	0.7

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*	11,107.57	0.2	0.0	3.3	6.4	114.04	174,352.1	16.9	1.6	2.6
Dubai	2,899.84	(0.0)	(0.0)	4.8	16.4	68.33	107,061.3	21.4	1.0	2.7
Abu Dhabi	7,684.87	0.4	0.8	5.0	52.3	443.77	367,438.7	23.6	2.2	3.0
Saudi Arabia	11,255.05	0.7	1.1	2.2	29.5	1,584.17	2,609,158.3	27.3	2.4	2.3
Kuwait	6,825.64	0.2	0.5	3.7	23.1	222.85	129,503.5	32.2	1.7	1.8
Oman	3,969.91	0.1	0.2	(1.5)	8.5	6.11	18,607.0	12.7	0.8	3.9
Bahrain	1,657.14	(0.5)	(0.6)	3.8	11.2	6.94	26,742.6	11.7	0.8	3.3

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 rose 0.2% to close at 11,107.6. The Real Estate and Telecoms indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC, Arab and Foreigners shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari shareholders.
- Qatari German Co for Med. Devices and Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev. were the top gainers, rising 3.9% and 3.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, QLM Life & Medical Insurance Company fell 2.7%, while Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Co was down 0.5%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday rose by 14.8% to 204.3mn from 177.9mn on Sunday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 158.3mn, volume for the day was 29.1% higher. Investment Holding Group and Salam International Inv. Ltd. were the most active stocks, contributing 41.4% and 12.7% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	42.17%	44.97%	(11,792,496.6)
Qatari Institutions	18.24%	21.15%	(12,246,317.2)
Qatari	60.41%	66.12%	(24,038,813.8)
GCC Individuals	0.52%	0.53%	(9,131.9)
GCC Institutions	3.17%	0.30%	12,071,540.8
GCC	3.69%	0.83%	12,062,408.9
Arab Individuals	15.42%	15.40%	88,262.6
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Arab	15.42%	15.40%	88,262.6
Foreigners Individuals	4.72%	4.67%	207,488.7
Foreigners Institutions	15.75%	12.97%	11,680,653.6
Foreigners	20.47%	17.65%	11,888,142.3

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

News

Qatar

- **QFBQ to hold EGM on September 21** – Qatar First Bank (QFBQ) board of directors will hold the Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) virtually via Zoom on September 21, 2021 at 4:30 pm Doha time, to consider and approve the special resolutions set out in the agenda. In the event a quorum is not met, a second meeting will be held virtually via Zoom on September 22, 2021 at 4:30 pm Doha time. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Travel and tourism contributed QR42.7bn to Qatar's GDP in 2020** – The travel and tourism sector has contributed about QR42.7bn or 7.5% to Qatar's real GDP in 2020, a decrease of 34.5% compared to QR65.1bn or 10.4% contribution of the sector to Qatar's economy in 2019, according to the World Travel & Tourism Council's Global Economic Impact & Trends 2021 report. It added that globally, the travel and tourism sector suffered losses of almost \$4.5tn, 62mn jobs lost, with its global contribution to GDP declining by 49.1% compared to 2019, at only \$4.7tn in 2020, as a result of COVID-19 and the ongoing restrictions to international mobility. The report went on to reiterate that the proactive action of governments around the world has effectively enabled the sector to save millions of jobs and livelihoods at risk through retention schemes; without which the figures would be significantly worse. "While government support has been instrumental throughout the crisis, international coordination is more crucial than ever. The swift recovery of the sector will only be possible if leaders and public officials have a coordinated response to the resumption of international travel, including clear roadmaps, rules, and mobility protocols, providing certainty and restoring consumer confidence," said the report. In Qatar, the travel and tourism sector contributed over 210,300 jobs, or 10.2% of the country's total employment in 2020, a 19.8% decrease (52,000 jobs) compared to 262,300 jobs contributed or 12.5% of total employment in 2019, said the report. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Seetharaman: Payment solutions a key to financial inclusion** – The growth in payment solutions can contribute to financial inclusion, according to Doha Bank Chief Executive R Seetharaman. "Data analytics is a catalyst for convergence, big data algorithms enable greater convergence of lending and

payments. Open banking is a gateway to new kinds of payments. The growth of payment solutions is a truly global phenomenon and will also contribute to financial inclusion," Seetharaman told a webinar "Future of Payments", hosted by Doha Bank. In 2023, Sweden will become the first cashless nation in the world, with an economy that goes 100% digital, he added. The digital transformation, which happened as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, made the payments systems of today even more relevant as an increasing volume of consumers started buying online, according to him. Among other technology trends accelerated by the pandemic, the use of contactless mobile payments boomed in 2020, he said, adding increased speed, improved security, convenience, better customer experience promote card and app usage are the benefits of the contactless payments. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **Increase in gas production to accelerate Qatar's growth by 3.8% in 2022** – Qatar's economy has weathered the pandemic and the plunge in oil prices relatively well, with the country's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) expected to grow by 3.8% in 2022, supported by increase in gas production and the substantial increase in tourist receipts for the FIFA World Cup scheduled for November 21 to December 18, 2022, said the Institute of International Finance (IIF) in a report recently. "We expect modest economic recovery in 2021 driven by strengthening oil and gas prices, a revival in domestic demand as a result of the progress made in vaccination. The banking system has remained relatively resilient amid the pandemic, helped by sound initial capital and liquidity positions. We expect the fiscal balance to shift to sizeable surpluses in 2021 and 2022 as the increase in nonhydrocarbon revenues will more than offset the projected modest increase in spending. A gradual fiscal consolidation beyond 2021 would help preserve net public sector wealth," the report said. It pointed that the ongoing recovery is projected to accelerate in 2022 as the third wave of the pandemic recedes. "COVID-19 vaccines have become widely available and oil production cuts have tapered in line with the OPEC+ agreement. However, steady recovery is not assured so long as segments of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) population remain susceptible to the virus and its mutations. We expect the

GCC to grow 1.7% in 2021 and 4.2% in 2022," IIF added. High-frequency indicators, including Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) and credit to the private sector, point to strong recovery in the private sector, particularly in Saudi Arabia and Qatar. Hydrocarbon real GDP growth is projected at 5% in 2022 on the assumption that the OPEC+ production cuts end by mid-2022. Risks are broadly balanced. On the upside, faster vaccination rates and further progress in reforms could boost non-hydrocarbon growth in 2022. According to the IIF report, GCC central banks will leave their policy rates unchanged through end-2022 as they track US rates in the context of the peg to the US dollar. Central banks in the region have maintained their liquidity support measures to support the private sector, particularly SMEs, by allowing them to defer payments on existing loans and increase lending to businesses. (Peninsula Qatar)

- Qatar Executive showcases world's first Gulfstream G700 in Doha ahead of 2022 delivery** – Qatar Executive (QE) has welcomed the arrival of the world's first Gulfstream G700 jet aircraft in Qatar as part of a special demonstration by the manufacturer honoring QE as the launch customer. Equipped with the all-new Rolls-Royce Pearl 700 engines and an advanced high-speed wing design, the G700 is "able to fly at record-breaking speed and range with outstanding environmental efficiency, promoting sustainable business aviation", according to a press statement. The G700 will be the latest addition to Qatar Executive's state-of-the-art fleet of long-range and ultra-long-range aircraft. The executive charter service provider has ordered 10 of the world's largest business jets and will take delivery of the first aircraft off the Gulfstream assembly line in Georgia, US, in 2022. The aircraft has been "tailor-made exclusively with superior-quality cabins to meet Qatar Executive's exacting standards", the statement notes. (Gulf-Times.com)
- 'Tech entrepreneurship is challenging but crucial to building sustainable community', says QSTP executive** – Tech entrepreneurship is a very challenging field, and requires persistence and determination to win over investors as well as customers and end-users, according to an official of Qatar Science & Technology Park (QSTP), part of Qatar Foundation Research, Development & Innovation (QF RDI). QSTP Executive Director Yosouf Al-Salehi was speaking at the fourth edition of Najah Qatari, an annual event focused on championing Qatar's local entrepreneurial talent, and celebrating the stories of those individuals and businesses at the forefront of the country's business landscape. (Gulf-Times.com)
- Works of Al Thumama, Al Wajbah and Al Wakra parks underway** – Projects Design Manager at the Committee, Mansour Jafar Al-Mosawi said that design implementation of several parks along a total area of 34,553 square meters is underway, including Al Thumama Park in Doha Municipality, Al Wajbah Park in Al Rayyan Municipality and three parks in Al Wakra Municipality. Al Mosawi added that these projects are assigned to Elegancia Landscape Company, where the preliminary works are underway, and the park will be opened for the public in the second quarter of 2022, except Al Wajbah Park, which is scheduled to open in the third quarter of 2022. (Gulf-Times.com)
- Qatar and Saudi Arabia set up coordination council** – On August 25th Saudi Arabia's minister of state, Musaed bin Mohammed Al-Aiban, and Qatar's Deputy Prime minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani, signed a protocol amendment for the establishment of the Qatari-Saudi Coordination Council. The signing of the agreement came as the two ministers met in the Saudi city of Neom to discuss measures to strengthen relations between the two countries. Saudi Arabia, the initiator of the rapprochement process with Qatar, has continued to take the lead in reconciling

with Qatar, following the signing of the Al Ula agreement in January to restore trade, travel and diplomatic ties. Relations between Qatar and Saudi Arabia were restored quickly and have continuously improved since then. Qatar appointed an ambassador to Saudi Arabia at the beginning of August, and the two countries have now agreed to set up Qatari-Saudi Coordination Council to boost cooperation and consolidate their relations. The establishment of the co-ordination council supports The Economist Intelligence Unit's forecast that Qatar will continue to improve relations with Saudi Arabia, with Gulf reconciliation driven mainly by the prospect of expanded trade and investment ties. (Bloomberg)

- GTA extends tax return submission date till December 31** – The General Tax Authority (GTA) has announced the extension of the period for submitting the tax return for the fiscal year 2020 for companies and establishments owned by Qatari citizens and citizens of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries (GCC) that are exempt from income tax for a period of four months. The GTA noted that the new deadline for submission will be December 31, 2021, instead of August 31. In a statement released on Monday, the Authority said that it has always sought to enhance the principle of tax compliance with taxpayers, stressing the importance of the commitment of small and medium-sized companies and projects owned by Qatari citizens and residents of GCC countries, to submit tax returns to avoid financial penalties. The GTA said that companies exclusively benefit from the tax system which enhances their efficiency and governance, noting that the step to extend the period for submitting the tax return comes in response to the requests received by taxpayers to adjust the conditions of their companies. (Qatar Tribune)
- Al Furjan parks to be built across Qatar to 'humanize cities'** – The Supervisory Committee of Beautification of Roads and Public Places in Qatar has announced the start of implementation of several projects to build public parks within residential neighborhoods across Qatar, in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipality and Environment (MME). Secretary of the Committee Eng. Amna Al Bader clarified that the design and implementation of neighborhoods parks, which is named Al Furjan Parks, comes within the strategic plan that aims to humanize cities and change a car-centric culture to a pedestrian and cyclist-friendly culture. The committee's plan also aims to create recreational spaces and plazas that contribute to encouraging families to lead a healthy lifestyle and practice sports from nearby enjoyable destinations just outside their closed doors. Thus, the Supervisory Committee of Beautification of Roads and Public Places in Qatar is working in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipality and Environment, on the design and implementation of large green spaces such as central parks that serve tourists and visitors across the country. The strategic plan also includes working on small green spaces such as Al Furjan Parks that serve residents of specific neighborhoods, in addition to creating green plazas implemented in various locations to help protect the environment. (Qatar Tribune)
- Dukhan bank named best Islamic digital bank in Qatar 2021** – Dukhan Bank has received two awards by New York-based Global Finance Magazine for 'Best Islamic Digital Bank in Qatar (2021)' and the 'Most Innovative Digital Bank in Qatar (2021)'. Global Finance is a leading international magazine and industry analyst that evaluates and awards the top performers among banks and other providers of financial services on global and regional levels in categories of technology, leadership, brand, and sustainability among others, covering over 150 countries and territories around the world. (Zawya)

International

- **US pending home sales drop for second straight month in July** – Contracts to purchase previously owned US homes declined for the second consecutive month in July in step with limited supply that's been unable to keep up with demand from potential homebuyers. The National Association of Realtors (NAR) said its Pending Home Sales Index, based on contracts signed last month, fell 1.8% after dropping a revised 2.0% in June. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast pending home sales would increase 0.4%. Pending home contracts are seen as a forward-looking indicator of the health of the housing market because they become sales one to two months later. Home prices have surged nationwide in large part due to limited supply, with the median price for new single-family homes now topping \$390,000 and for existing homes just under \$360,000. Compared with one year ago, pending home sales were down 8.5%. Only the West region posted a month-over-month gain in contract activity in July, while the Midwest, Northeast and the South all reported declines. All four regions saw transactions decrease on a year-over-year basis. Existing home sales increased for the second consecutive month in July as inventories improved moderately. New home sales also increased last month, but this followed three straight months of declines. (Reuters)
- **German inflation hits fresh 13-year high in August** – Germany's annual consumer price inflation accelerated to a fresh 13-year high in August, data showed on Monday, underlining growing price pressures as Europe's largest economy recovers from the pandemic and companies struggle with supply shortages. Consumer prices, harmonized to make them comparable with inflation data from other European Union countries (HICP), rose 3.4% compared with 3.1% in July, preliminary figures from the Federal Statistics Office showed. The August reading was in line with a Reuters poll and marked the highest since July 2008, when the harmonized inflation rate also hit 3.4%. The national inflation rate (CPI) even soared to 3.9% in August, hitting its highest since December 1993 when the economy boomed following German reunification. "This is due to higher energy and food prices, while the core inflation probably even fell slightly from 2.9% to 2.8%," Commerzbank analyst Ralph Solveen said. Germany's preliminary consumer price figures do not include values for core inflation. (Reuters)
- **Japan July factory output falls 1.5% MoM** – Japan's factory output fell 1.5% in July, government data showed on Tuesday, compared with a median market forecast for a 2.5% decline. Manufacturers surveyed by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry expect output to grow 3.4% in August and advance 1.0% in September, the data showed. (Reuters)
- **Japan's July factory output slips as COVID-19 hits car production** – Japan's industrial output shrank in July as car production took a hit from a coronavirus resurgence in Asia that has cast doubt over the recovery in the world's third-largest economy. A spike in highly contagious Delta variant cases has forced governments in Asia to impose fresh lockdowns and curbs, which are causing disruptions in parts supply across the region, adding to a global chip shortage. Factory output dropped 1.5% in July from the previous month, official data showed, hit by a decline in the production of autos, including passenger cars and small buses. The fall offset growing output of production machinery items, such as those used for manufacturing semiconductors, and electronic parts and devices. That meant output fell back below pre-coronavirus pandemic levels again after surging 6.5% in the prior month, though it was stronger than a 2.5% drop forecast in a Reuters poll of economists. Manufacturers surveyed by the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) expected output to advance 3.4% in August and 1.0% in September. Overall output was projected to get a boost

from a sharp jump in production machinery manufacturing next month, even as that of transport equipment, which includes car production, was seen shrinking more than 7% from the previous month. But the forecast for the decline in transport equipment was probably not fully factoring in parts supply disruptions in Southeast Asia, a government official said. Toyota Motor Corp, the world's largest automaker by sales volume, said this month it would cut September production by 40% from its previous plan due to the chip crunch. Manufacturers' finely tuned supply chains mean carmakers often optimize car parts supplies, increasing the risk of output delays once inventories run out and replacement parts fail to turn up, said Minami. Separate data on Tuesday showed the jobless rate edged down for the second straight month, dropping to 2.8% from 2.9% in June, with the actual number of those unemployed posting the first YoY fall in 18 months. An index gauging job availability gained slightly to 1.15 from 1.13 in June, labor ministry data showed. Japan's economy expanded an annualized 1.3% in the second quarter, driven by solid consumption and exports. (Reuters)

- **China's economy under pressure as factory activity slows in August, services contract** – China's businesses and the broader economy came under increasing pressure last month as factory activity expanded at a slower pace while the services sector slumped into contraction, hurt by coronavirus-related restrictions and high raw material prices. The world's second-biggest economy staged an impressive recovery from a coronavirus-battered slump, but growth has recently shown signs of losing steam due to domestic COVID-19 outbreaks, slowing exports, tighter measures to tame hot property prices and a campaign to reduce carbon emissions. The official manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) was 50.1 in August from 50.4 in July, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed. The 50-point mark separates growth from contraction. Analysts polled by Reuters had expected it to slip to 50.2. While most of the weakness should reverse with relaxing COVID-19 restrictions, tight credit conditions and weakening foreign demand will continue to weigh on China's economy, he said. In a worrying sign for China's slow consumption recovery, a gauge of activity for the services sector in August slipped into sharp contraction for the first time since the height of the pandemic in February last year. (Reuters)
- **Official PMI: Activity in China's services sector contracts in August** – Activity in China's services sector slipped into contraction in August, official data showed, as COVID-19 curbs weighed on consumption in the world's second-largest economy. The official non-manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was 47.5 in August versus 53.3 in July, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed. The 50-point mark separates growth from contraction on a monthly basis. Though slower to recover from the pandemic than manufacturing, a gradual improvement in consumption in recent months had boosted the services sector. But a COVID-19 outbreak of the more infectious Delta strain led to strict containment measures, weighing on business activity and spending. The official August composite PMI, which includes both manufacturing and services activity, fell to 48.9 from July's 52.4. (Reuters)
- **India's economy likely rebounded in April-June amid pandemic risks** – India's economy likely rebounded in the April-June quarter from a deep slump last year helped by improved manufacturing and in spite of a devastating second wave of COVID-19 cases. Asia's third-largest economy suffered one of the biggest hits among major economies, contracting 7.3% in 2020/21, after a nationwide lockdown early last year. But the economy has not been as badly affected from the second wave in April-May this year due to less stringent lockdowns by state governments. However, many analysts say the risk of spiking

infections from the Delta variant and the slow pace of vaccinations in some states could hit India's growth momentum, with the economy unlikely to reach its pre-pandemic level of about \$2.9 trillion before the middle of next fiscal year beginning April. A Reuters survey of 41 economists projected gross domestic product grew 20.0% in the June quarter from a year earlier, versus a record contraction of 24.4% in the same quarter a year earlier. If the median poll forecast is realized, it would be the fastest growth since the mid-1990s when official quarterly data was available, and up sharply from 1.6% in the previous quarter. The Reserve Bank of India, which has kept its monetary policy loose, has forecast annual growth of 9.5% in the current fiscal year, although it has warned about the possibility of a third wave here of the pandemic. (Reuters)

- **Brazil's government posts \$3.8bn deficit in July** – Brazil's central government reported a primary budget deficit of 19.8bn Reais (\$3.8bn) in July, the Treasury said, more than the 17.3bn Reais deficit forecast in a Reuters poll of economists. (Reuters)

Regional

- **GCC 'unlikely to see inflation from excess money growth'** – The excess money growth that has produced the current episode of inflation in the US is not present in the Gulf, says an industry expert, adding that money growth rates in the UAE remain very subdued, and only slightly less so in Saudi Arabia. As a result, neither area is likely to experience the kind of inflation currently breaking out in the US, noted Invesco chief economist John Greenwood. At 5.4%, US CPI inflation in June reached the highest level since September 1990, with the core PCE rate (personal consumption expenditures) overshooting the US Federal Reserve's target rate of 2% by 1.5 percentage points. Nonetheless, after steep increases in the period to the end of March, 10-year Treasury bond yields have generally fallen since then, suggesting that market participants are buying the Fed's repeated reassurances that there will be no serious threat to price stability. (Zawya)
- **OPEC+ likely to keep oil output policy from September unchanged, sources say** – OPEC+ is likely to keep its oil output policy unchanged when the group meets on Wednesday and continue with its planned modest production increase, three OPEC+ sources told Reuters. The OPEC and allies including Russia, collectively known as OPEC+, will meet on September 1 to discuss the previously agreed increase of 400,000 bpd for the next several months. US President Joe Biden's administration has urged OPEC and its allies to boost oil output to tackle rising gasoline prices that it views as a threat to the global economic recovery. (Reuters)
- **Oil poised for biggest monthly loss this year before OPEC+ meet** – Oil headed for the biggest monthly loss since October as investors weighed the prospect of additional OPEC+ production and the restoration of crude output in the US after Hurricane Ida. West Texas Intermediate was 0.5% lower below \$69 a barrel after rising 0.7% on Monday. While Gulf of Mexico crude producers are expected to gradually resume service after Ida crashed ashore in Louisiana, local refineries may be slower. The OPEC and its allies will meet on Wednesday to assess the global market and prospects for demand as the pandemic grinds on. With expectations the hit to consumption from the delta variant will fade, they are on course to restore another 400,000 bpd. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Arabia's non-oil exports jump 52% to \$17.5bn in 2Q 2021** – Saudi Arabia's non-oil exports grew 52% YoY in the second quarter of 2021 to hit SR65.7bn, according to data issued by the Saudi General Authority for Statistics. The surge is in line with the rebound in trade as global economies recover from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Compared with the previous

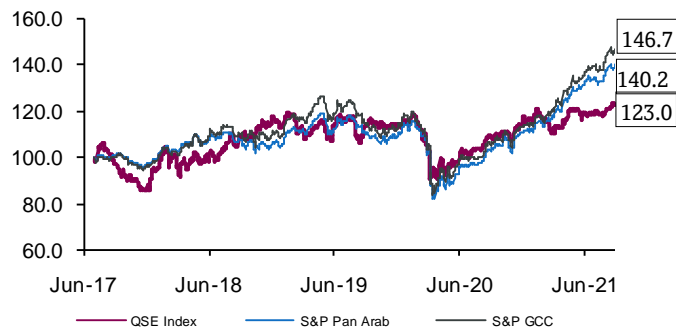
quarter, non-oil exports rose by SR5.6bn or 9.4%, the authority said. Overall, exports nearly doubled YoY in 2Q2021 to SR238.6bn, due mainly to higher oil exports, which rose by SR96.5bn, or 126%, in the same period. The ratio of oil exports to total exports also climbed to 72.5% in 2Q2021 compared with 64% in the year-ago period. (Zawya)

- **Saudi central bank's net foreign assets dip in July** – Saudi Arabia's net foreign assets, an important indicator of its economic health and a measure of the kingdom's ability to support its currency's peg to the dollar, fell slightly MoM in July, central bank data showed Sunday. Saudi Central Bank's (SAMA) net foreign assets fell by SR16.6bn to SR1.64tn. In June, net foreign assets saw a 2% rise, according to the bank's monthly report. When compared to July 2020, its net foreign assets grew by SR39.4bn. Total assets held by SAMA increased by SR6.4bn MoM to SR1.848tn in July 2021, the monetary agency said. (Zawya)
- **Saudi Arabia's NHC launches two housing projects** – Saudi Arabia's National Housing Company (NHC) announced last week the launch of Riwaa and Maylaa residential projects in Al-Jawan in Riyadh and Khayala in Jeddah respectively. NHC said in a statement that both projects will feature villas and town houses with Riwaa offering 1,060 units and Maylaa 819 units. Both projects will have access to schools, nurseries, medical centres, green spaces, gardens, mosques, governmental service centre and malls, the statement said. (Zawya)
- **Al Moammar in MoU with Al Rajhi Capital to set up SR1bn fund** – Al Moammar Information Systems signs a MoU with Al Rajhi Capital to set up a special investment fund with SR1bn. Fund aims to achieve regular income for investors through financing and leasing of technology and digital infrastructure and medical equipment. Al-Moammar will be the exclusive operator of the fund's projects. (Bloomberg)
- **UAE's ADNOC to maintain crude allocation cut at 5% in Nov** – Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) plans to maintain its allocation cuts for all grades of crude it sells to term customers at 5% in November, four sources with knowledge of the matter said on Monday. The producer from the UAE started increasing crude supplies to term customers from October when it eased allocation cuts to 5% versus a 15% cut in September. ADNOC's easing of supply cuts comes after the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies including Russia agreed in July to increase production by 400,000 bpd between August and December. (Reuters)
- **UAE's Emirates Global Aluminum posts strongest 1H profit; CEO talks IPO plans** – The CEO of UAE's Emirates Global Aluminum (EGA), Abdulnasser Bin Kalban has strongly hinted that an IPO is being considered. The leading aluminum producer in the world has returned to profit in the first half of 2021, reporting a profit of AED1.74bn. The company said its H1 profits were the strongest ever, thanks to global demand and higher prices for the metal triggered by an economic recovery across the world from the COVID-19 crisis. EGA had reported a loss of AED 208mn in 1H in 2020. "I am confident that our performance will continue to improve, making EGA increasingly attractive should our shareholders decide to proceed with an Initial Public Offering, which would be one of the UAE's largest ever," Bin Kalban said. (Zawya)
- **UAE will reduce petrol, diesel prices in September** – Motorists in the UAE will pay less for fuel next month, even as consumer demand is inching up amid the loosening of pandemic restrictions. The UAE fuel price committee announced on Monday the new prices that will take effect from September 1, showing declines of approximately 1.2% for petrol and 2.9% for diesel. Super 98 will be AED2.55 per liter, down from AED2.58 this month. Special 95 will drop from AED2.47 to 2.44 per liter,

while E-Plus 91 will fall from AED2.39 to AED2.36 per liter. As for diesel, the price is pegged at 2.38 per liter, down by 2.9% from AED2.45 in August. (Zawya)

- **Emaar Malls 2024 dollar bond set for record drop** – Emaar Malls's dollar bond due June 2024 is poised for its biggest fall on record, according to Bloomberg-compiled prices. The 4.564% note fell 15 cents on the dollar to 91 cents as of 4:02am in Hong Kong. That would be the biggest daily decrease since the bonds were issued in June 2014. (Bloomberg)
- **Oman's Bank Nizwa prices rights issue at \$2.47 per share** – Oman's Islamic lender, Bank Nizwa, has priced its rights issue at 95 Baizas (\$2.47) per share with subscription running from September 7-16. The bank will issue 789,473,685mn new ordinary shares with the aim of increasing its capital by OM75mn, Bank Nizwa said in a statement on Monday. The bank made a 2Q2021 net profit of OM3mn, a 2% drop compared with the net profit for the same quarter in 2020. (Zawya)
- **Oman sells OMR209mn 28-day bills at yield 0.597%** – Oman sold OMR209mn of bills due September 29. The bills were sold at a price of OMR99.954, have a yield of 0.597% and will settle on September 1. (Bloomberg)
- **LNG TENDER: Kuwait purchases at least 5 cargoes for October-January** – Kuwait Petroleum Corporation purchased at least five LNG cargoes on a DES basis for delivery to the Mina Al Zour terminal from October to January, according to traders with knowledge of the matter. As many as 10 cargoes were awarded via a tender that closed August 23, traders said. (Bloomberg)
- **Bahrain sells BHD70mn 91-day bills; bid-cover 1.49** – Bahrain sold BHD70mn of bills due December 01. Investors offered to buy 1.49 times the amount of securities sold. The bills were sold at a price of BHD99.626, have a yield of 1.48% and will settle on September 1. (Bloomberg)

Rebased Performance

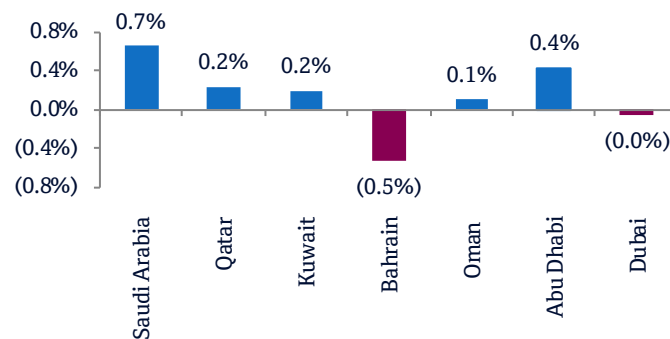


Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,810.34	(0.4)	(0.4)	(4.6)
Silver/Ounce	24.04	0.0	0.0	(9.0)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	73.41	1.0	1.0	41.7
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	69.21	0.7	0.7	42.6
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	4.24	(2.1)	(2.1)	77.4
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	114.38	0.1	0.1	52.0
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	133.88	1.6	1.6	92.6
Euro	1.18	0.0	0.0	(3.4)
Yen	109.92	0.1	0.1	6.5
GBP	1.38	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.7
CHF	1.09	(0.7)	(0.7)	(3.5)
AUD	0.73	(0.2)	(0.2)	(5.2)
USD Index	92.65	(0.0)	(0.0)	3.0
RUB	73.51	(0.0)	(0.0)	(1.2)
BRL	0.19	0.4	0.4	0.2

Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	3,146.63	0.4	0.4	17.0
DJ Industrial	35,399.84	(0.2)	(0.2)	15.7
S&P 500	4,528.79	0.4	0.4	20.6
NASDAQ 100	15,265.89	0.9	0.9	18.4
STOXX 600	472.68	0.0	0.0	14.3
DAX	15,887.31	0.2	0.2	11.2
FTSE 100	7,148.01	0.0	0.0	11.7
CAC 40	6,687.30	0.1	0.1	16.3
Nikkei	27,789.29	0.4	0.4	(4.9)
MSCI EM	1,285.39	1.0	1.0	(0.5)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,528.15	0.3	0.3	2.5
HANG SENG	25,539.54	0.5	0.5	(6.6)
BSE SENSEX	56,889.76	1.7	1.7	18.9
Bovespa	1,19,740.00	(0.6)	(0.6)	0.2
RTS	1,684.70	1.2	1.2	21.4

Source: Bloomberg(*\$ adjusted returns)

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