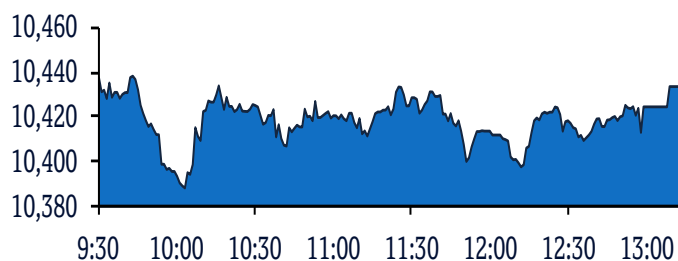


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose marginally to close at 10,434.5. Gains were led by the Banks & Financial Services and Real Estate indices, gaining 0.4% and 0.2%, respectively. Top gainers were Ahli Bank and Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company, rising 7.4% and 2.0%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatar Navigation fell 2.9%, while Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company was down 1.8%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.5% to close at 7,518.4. Gains were led by the Media & Entertainment and Retailing indices, rising 1.8% and 1.2%, respectively. Saudi Paper Manufacturing Co. rose 7.2%, while Saudi Cement Co. was up 6.5%.

Dubai: The DFM Index gained 0.1% to close at 2,825.7. The Services and Transportation indices rose 0.6% each. Amlak Finance gained 4.5%, while Al Salam Bank -Bahrain was up 2.9%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index gained 0.1% to close at 5,086.8. The Consumer Staples index rose 0.9%, while Bank index gained 0.4%. AGTHIA Group rose 3.9%, while Sudatel Telecommunications Group Company Limited was up 2.9%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.6% to close at 5,763.8. The Consumer Goods index rose 2.7%, while the Telecommunications index gained 1.7%. Gulf Investment House rose 10.0%, while Sanam Real Estate Co. was up 9.4%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell 0.3% to close at 4,003.5. The Financial index declined 0.6%, while the other indices ended in the green. Muscat Finance fell 6.2%, while Oman and Emirates Investment Holding was down 4.4%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.4% to close at 1,525.9. The Commercial Banks index rose 0.8%, while the Services index gained 0.1%. Al Salam Bank - Bahrain rose 3.3%, while APM Terminals Bahrain was up 1.4%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ahli Bank	3.65	7.4	24.0	43.4
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	3.50	2.0	30.5	(22.0)
Doha Insurance Group	1.02	2.0	106.6	(22.1)
Barwa Real Estate Company	3.43	1.2	3,512.0	(14.1)
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	2.46	0.8	4,280.1	37.2

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	0.63	(1.3)	9,702.8	(51.3)
Aamal Company	0.71	(0.1)	6,306.3	(19.5)
Masraf Al Rayan	3.83	0.5	6,112.2	(8.1)
Al Khalij Commercial Bank	1.24	0.0	5,529.6	7.5
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	2.46	0.8	4,280.1	37.2

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,434.49	0.0	2.0	0.7	1.3	69.79	158,498.7	14.9	1.6	4.1
Dubai	2,825.69	0.1	0.5	1.6	11.7	70.36	101,512.7	11.8	1.0	4.4
Abu Dhabi	5,086.81	0.1	0.3	0.6	3.5	34.70	141,054.7	15.3	1.4	4.9
Saudi Arabia	7,518.37	0.5	(2.3)	(7.1)	(3.9)	720.72	472,048.6	18.5	1.7	4.0
Kuwait	5,763.79	0.6	1.0	1.5	13.5	106.67	107,867.8	14.3	1.4	3.7
Oman	4,003.45	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)	(7.4)	4.68	17,406.5	8.0	0.8	6.9
Bahrain	1,525.85	0.4	0.2	0.6	14.1	9.91	23,827.9	11.4	1.0	5.1

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	16 Oct 19	15 Oct 19	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	255.4	276.2	(7.5)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	576,988.4	576,041.3	0.2
Volume (mn)	68.7	64.4	6.7
Number of Transactions	4,994	4,454	12.1
Companies Traded	45	44	2.3
Market Breadth	16:22	19:18	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTMP/E
Total Return	19,200.35	0.0	2.0	5.8	15.0
All Share Index	3,076.84	0.1	1.8	(0.1)	15.0
Banks	4,082.79	0.4	2.6	6.6	14.1
Industrials	3,070.60	(0.2)	0.2	(4.5)	18.1
Transportation	2,623.21	(0.7)	3.9	27.4	14.3
Real Estate	1,485.82	0.2	1.4	(32.1)	10.5
Insurance	2,866.77	0.2	0.3	(4.7)	16.2
Telecoms	938.59	(0.7)	1.6	(5.0)	16.1
Consumer	8,579.03	0.1	0.3	27.0	19.0
Al Rayan Islamic Index	3,996.26	(0.0)	1.5	2.9	15.7

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Saudi Cement Co.	Saudi Arabia	67.00	6.5	317.6	38.0
Banque Saudi Fransi	Saudi Arabia	30.10	3.1	640.4	(4.1)
Mobile Telecom. Co.	Kuwait	0.57	2.0	3,489.8	25.8
Emaar Economic City	Saudi Arabia	9.29	1.9	661.5	17.4
Bank Al Bilad	Saudi Arabia	23.70	1.8	970.5	8.7

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
National Bank of Oman	Oman	0.18	(4.2)	18.0	0.0
Bank Dhofar	Oman	0.13	(2.3)	110.2	(18.1)
Mesaieed Petro. Holding	Qatar	2.72	(1.8)	4,080.4	81.0
Nat. Shipping Company	Saudi Arabia	31.10	(1.7)	3,467.9	(6.9)
Saudi Electricity Co.	Saudi Arabia	19.54	(1.7)	1,012.6	29.1

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%
Qatar Navigation	6.41	(2.9)	271.1	(2.9)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.72	(1.8)	4,080.4	81.0
Investment Holding Group	0.53	(1.5)	1,339.5	7.4
Ezdan Holding Group	0.63	(1.3)	9,702.8	(51.3)
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.73	(1.1)	74.1	(7.1)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	19.50	0.5	42,483.1	0.0
Qatar International Islamic Bank	9.69	0.7	24,627.5	46.6
Masraf Al Rayan	3.83	0.5	23,349.8	(8.1)
Qatar Islamic Bank	15.50	(0.1)	16,404.7	2.0
Industries Qatar	10.99	0.4	14,856.5	(17.7)

Source: Bloomberg (* in QR)

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose marginally to close at 10,434.5. The Banks & Financial Services and Real Estate indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC and non-Qatari shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari shareholders.
- Ahli Bank and Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company were the top gainers, rising 7.4% and 2.0%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatar Navigation fell 2.9%, while Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company was down 1.8%.
- Volume of shares traded on Wednesday rose by 6.7% to 68.7mn from 64.4mn on Tuesday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 99.0mn, volume for the day was 30.6% lower. Ezdan Holding Group and Aamal Company were the most active stocks, contributing 14.1% and 9.2% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	22.22%	30.42%	(20,919,600.19)
Qatari Institutions	26.73%	29.18%	(6,242,805.89)
Qatari	48.95%	59.60%	(27,162,406.08)
GCC Individuals	0.81%	1.23%	(1,085,093.40)
GCC Institutions	1.60%	1.01%	1,499,910.66
GCC	2.41%	2.24%	414,817.26
Non-Qatari Individuals	7.88%	9.16%	(3,269,531.07)
Non-Qatari Institutions	40.76%	29.01%	30,017,119.89
Non-Qatari	48.64%	38.17%	26,747,588.82

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

Earnings Releases, Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 3Q2019	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 3Q2019	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 3Q2019	% Change YoY
Aldrees Petroleum and Transport Services Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	1,472.7	14.3%	34.6	-5.5%	16.6	3.8%
Bahrain Car Parks Company #	Bahrain	BHD	493.4	52.3%	183.7	41.7%	255.7	33.9%

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB. (# - Values in Thousands, *Financial for 9M2019)

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
10/16	US	Mortgage Bankers Association	MBA Mortgage Applications	11-October	0.5%	-	5.2%
10/16	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	CPI YoY	September	1.7%	1.8%	1.7%
10/16	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	CPI Core YoY	September	1.7%	1.7%	1.5%
10/16	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	RPI MoM	September	-0.2%	0.0%	0.8%
10/16	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	RPI YoY	September	2.4%	2.7%	2.6%
10/16	EU	Eurostat	Trade Balance SA	August	20.3bn	18.0bn	17.5bn
10/16	EU	Eurostat	CPI MoM	September	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
10/16	EU	Eurostat	CPI YoY	September	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%

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 3Q2019 results	No. of days remaining	Status
ERES	Ezdan Holding Group	17-Oct-19	0	Due
QGTS	Qatar Gas Transport Company Limited (Nakilat)	20-Oct-19	3	Due
QNCD	Qatar National Cement Company	21-Oct-19	4	Due
CBQK	The Commercial Bank	22-Oct-19	5	Due
QEWS	Qatar Electricity & Water Company	23-Oct-19	6	Due
MRDS	Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development	23-Oct-19	6	Due
QAMC	Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Company	23-Oct-19	6	Due
UDCD	United Development Company	23-Oct-19	6	Due
DHBK	Doha Bank	23-Oct-19	6	Due
IHGS	Islamic Holding Group	24-Oct-19	7	Due
IQCD	Industries Qatar	24-Oct-19	7	Due
NLCS	Aljarah Holding	24-Oct-19	7	Due
QGRI	Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company	24-Oct-19	7	Due
QIIK	Qatar International Islamic Bank	24-Oct-19	7	Due
SIIS	Salam International Investment Limited	24-Oct-19	7	Due
QGMD	Qatari German Company for Medical Devices	27-Oct-19	10	Due
DBIS	Dlala Brokerage & Investment Holding Company	27-Oct-19	10	Due

QCFS	Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company	27-Oct-19	10	Due
Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 3Q2019 results	No. of days remaining	Status
MERS	Al Meera Consumer Goods Company	27-Oct-19	10	Due
AKHI	Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company	27-Oct-19	10	Due
MARK	Masraf Al Rayan	27-Oct-19	10	Due
QIGD	Qatari Investors Group	27-Oct-19	10	Due
BRES	Barwa Real Estate Company	28-Oct-19	11	Due
IGRD	Investment Holding Group	28-Oct-19	11	Due
VFQS	Vodafone Qatar	28-Oct-19	11	Due
QNNS	Qatar Navigation (Milaha)	28-Oct-19	11	Due
MPHC	Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company	28-Oct-19	11	Due
MCCS	Mannai Corporation	28-Oct-19	11	Due
ZHCD	Zad Holding Company	29-Oct-19	12	Due
GISS	Gulf International Services	29-Oct-19	12	Due
QISI	Qatar Islamic Insurance Group	29-Oct-19	12	Due
DOHI	Doha Insurance Group	29-Oct-19	12	Due
ORDS	Ooredoo	29-Oct-19	12	Due
AHCS	Aamal Company	30-Oct-19	13	Due
QOIS	Qatar Oman Investment Company	30-Oct-19	13	Due
QIMD	Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company	30-Oct-19	13	Due

Source: QSE

News

Qatar

- ABQK's bottom line rises 0.4% YoY and 1.9% QoQ in 3Q2019, in-line with our estimate** – Ahli Bank's (ABQK) net profit rose 0.4% YoY (+1.9% QoQ) to QR185.3mn in 3Q2019, in line with our estimate of QR186.2mn (variation of -0.5%). Net interest income increased 0.9% YoY and 5.8% QoQ in 3Q2019 to QR207.4mn. The company's total operating income came in at QR294.3mn in 3Q2019, which represents an increase of 14.1% YoY (+11.4% QoQ). The bank's total assets stood at QR42.0bn at the end of September 30, 2019, up 6.5% YoY (+0.3% QoQ). Loans and advances to customers were QR29.7bn, registering a rise of 3.1% YoY (+5.3% QoQ) at the end of September 30, 2019. Customer deposits rose 4.8% YoY to reach QR25.0bn at the end of September 30, 2019. However, on QoQ basis, customer deposits fell 6.6%. The earnings per share remained flat YoY at QR0.080 in 3Q2019. ABQK has reported a net profit of QR544.5mn for the first nine months of 2019, an increase of 1.24% over the corresponding period of 2018. Sheikh Faisal bin AbdulAziz bin Jassem Al-Thani, Chairman and Managing Director of Ahlibank said, "We are pleased with our steady performance of the bank's key growth drivers, which reflected positively on the overall business growth." To meet one of its key strategic objectives of improving stable funding, Sheikh Faisal said, the bank successfully completed its third bond issuance for \$500mn in the international debt capital markets, under its \$1.5bn EMTN Programme, which is a continued vote of confidence from international investors on both Qatar and Ahli Bank. Sheikh Faisal said the bond issuance was oversubscribed by more than three times, with as many as 85 investors participating from Asia, MENA, and Europe. He added, "The bank is focused on delivering long-term sustainable results for its shareholders. With that in view, our investment in technology infrastructure and digital transformation is continuing and that will benefit the

bank in delivering new services and outstanding experience to our customers. "The bank continues to enjoy favorable ratings from the top international credit rating agencies. We also take this opportunity to thank the Qatar Central Bank for its valued leadership and support." (QNB FS Research, Gulf-Times.com)

- QIBK's bottom line rises 16.2% YoY and 6.8% QoQ in 3Q2019, beating our estimate** – Qatar Islamic Bank's (QIBK) net profit rose 16.2% YoY (+6.8% QoQ) to QR790.0mn in 3Q2019, beating our estimate of QR731.9mn (variation of +7.9%). The beat was due to non-funded income which came in higher than expected. Total net income from financing and investing activities increased 11.7% YoY and 1.5% QoQ in 3Q2019 to QR1,731.7mn. The company's total income came in at QR1,975.8mn in 3Q2019, which represents an increase of 13.5% YoY (+4.8% QoQ). The bank's total assets stood at QR154.9bn at the end of September 30, 2019, up 1.6% YoY (+0.2% QoQ). Financing assets were QR107.0bn, registering a rise of 0.6% YoY (+0.1% QoQ) at the end of September 30, 2019. Customers' current accounts declined 0.2% YoY and 5.2% QoQ to reach QR15.1bn at the end of September 30, 2019. The earnings per share amounted to QR0.33 in 3Q2019 as compared to QR0.29 in 3Q2018. QIBK has witnessed a 10.5% YoY growth in net profit to QR2.22bn in the first nine months of this year. Total income expanded 11.8% YoY to QR5.71bn with income from financing and investing registering a 12.9% jump to QR5.11bn, reflecting a healthy growth of core earnings. Total general and administrative expenses were brought down by 4% YoY to QR827.8mn at the end of September 30, 2019. Strict cost controls supported by higher operating revenues enabled further enhancement of efficiency, bringing down the cost-to-income ratio to 23.4% for the nine months ended September 2019 compared to 25.5% for the same period in 2018. QIBK was able to maintain the ratio of non-performing financing assets to total financing assets at 1.2%, reflecting the

quality of its financing assets portfolio and its effective risk management framework. The lender continues to pursue the conservative impairment provisioning policy with the coverage ratio for non-performing financing assets at 100% as of September 2019. Total shareholders' equity of the bank has reached QR16.4bn, registering a growth of 6.3% compared to December 2018 and a growth of 8.3% against September 2018. Total capital adequacy, under Basel III guidelines, stood at 18.4% at the end of September 2019, which is higher than the minimum regulatory requirements prescribed by the Qatar Central Bank and the Basel Committee. In June 2019, Fitch Ratings affirmed QIBK at 'A' and Moody's affirmed the long-term deposit ratings of the bank at 'A1'. In May 2019, Capital Intelligence affirmed the bank's long-term currency rating at 'A+' and in March this year; Standard & Poor's affirmed QIBK's credit rating at 'A+'. (QNB FS Research, Company press release, Gulf-Times.com)

- QFLS' bottom line rises 0.4% YoY and 46.1% QoQ in 3Q2019, misses our estimate** – Qatar Fuel Company's (QFLS) net profit rose 0.4% YoY (+46.1% QoQ) to QR323.5mn in 3Q2019, missing our estimate of QR344.1mn (variation of -6.0%). EPS amounted to QR0.88 in 9M2019 as compared to QR0.83 in 9M2018. In 9M2019, QFLS net profit (excluding minority rights) reached at QR872mn, witnessing a 5.6% increase compared to QR825mn reported for the corresponding period in 2018. The reported increase in net profit levels is attributed to the increase in sales, particularly retail sales, combined with the efforts exerted towards enhancing the capability and efficiency of the Group activities, business operations, reduction of General and Administrative expenses and good investment returns. In respect of projects, Qatar Fuel Company, which also goes by name WOQOD has constructed and opened seven new petrol stations up to end of September 2019 and is intending to complete the construction and operation of another 22 stations by the end of 2019. Hence, the number of WOQOD operated fuel stations amounted to 90 stations by the end of the 3rd quarter 2019 and will aggregate 112 stations by the end of 2019. Consequently, WOQOD will be doubling the number of stations built in 15 years, representing the period between 2002 - 2017, within only two years i.e. 2018 and 2019. The construction of new petrol stations contributed to the increase of WOQOD share of petroleum products retail distribution market to 84% at the end of the third quarter of 2019, compared to 68% for the corresponding period of 2018. The newly built stations have increased the daily WOQOD retail network sales by 28%, in comparison with the corresponding period of the year 2018. With regard to the Group's operations, the 3rd quarter has witnessed a 2% overall growth in total fuel sales volumes compared to the same period last year. Jet A1 sales increased by seven percent, Bitumen by three percent, LPG by three percent, Natural Gas & Compressed Natural Gas by 50% and Heavy Fuel Oil by 36%. Diesel sales volumes declined by 9%. The growth is attributable to macro-economic factors, whereas the decrease in diesel sales was attributable to the decrease of bulk quantities ordered by projects. Retail sales volumes of petroleum products has achieved an overall increase of 28%. Retail diesel sales increased by 12%, super gasoline by 45% and premium gasoline by 27%, while other non-petroleum retail sales revenue, including Sidra stores, grew by 14%. The increase of retail sales was attributable

to the opening and operation of additional petrol stations, as well as the promotions availed to customers. Saad Rashid Al Muhannadi Managing Director & CEO noted that the third quarter of the year 2019 has witnessed the renewal of WOQOD concession for an additional period of 5 years, as well as the issuance of a number of policies and procedures mandated by the corporate governance code for listed companies and listed legal entities. He went on to say that WOQOD has, in furtherance of consolidating its role as an exclusive downstream oil & gas company and in order to secure sustainability of its services, concluded a number of agreements and arrangements with major suppliers, consumers manufactures and service provider, with strict emphasis on the MoU signed with Al Meera for the management and operation of WOQOD current and prospective Sidra retail outlets, as well as the agreement signed with Shell. (QNB FS Research, QSE, Peninsula Qatar)

- Fitch assigns QNB Indonesia first-time 'AAA (idn)' rating with outlook 'Stable'** – Fitch Ratings Indonesia has assigned PT Bank QNB Indonesia Tbk a National Long-Term Rating of 'AAA(idn)'. The outlook is 'Stable'. 'AAA' National Long-Term Ratings denote the highest rating assigned by the agency in its National Rating scale for that country. This rating is assigned to issuers or obligations with the lowest expectation of default risk relative to all other issuers or obligations in the same country or monetary union. (Bloomberg)
- QATI to disclose 3Q2019 financial statements on October 28** – Qatar Insurance Company (QATI) announced its intent to disclose 3Q2019 financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2019, on October 28, 2019. (QSE)
- QEWS to hold Investors Relation Conference Call on October 24** – Qatar Electricity & Water Company (QEWS) announced that Investors Relation Conference Call will be held on October 24, 2019 to discuss financial results for 3Q2019. (QSE)
- QNCD to hold Investors Relation Conference Call on October 22** – Qatar National Cement Company (QNCD) announced that Investors Relation Conference Call will be held on October 22, 2019 to discuss financial results for 3Q2019. (QSE)
- QSE call for mandatory ESG regime seen luring global investors** – The Qatar Stock Exchange's (QSE) call for mandatory ESG (environment social and governance) regime is set to strengthen ESG data, which help in attracting global investors tracking such ESG-compliant firms, according to market experts. "Sound data and quality are key factors in any ESG ecosystem but somehow this is lacking in the entire Middle East region," an analyst with a leading investment firm said, adding the present ESG regime is still in its infancy in the region. With ESG reporting becoming mandatory (if the proposal is accepted by the regulator), he said it will be easier to fill the missing gap as the present system is voluntary and not timely. The ESG system is slowly getting into the financial landscape and hence it will also become an important agenda in the boardrooms, he said. High ESG-rated companies are more competitive and generated above-normal returns, often leading to higher profitability and dividend payments, especially when compared to low ESG-rated companies, global index compiler MSCI said in a report. The GCC firms that can demonstrate a commitment to ESG will win more attention from international investors, Bank of America Merrill Lynch said in a recent report. QSE's CEO, Rashid bin Ali Al-

Mansoori had recently pitched for a mandatory ESG reporting by the listed companies, which could help investors determine a company's ability to create value on a sustainable basis. The QSE is among the first stock exchanges in the world to encourage transparency and disclosure by promoting digitalization of ESG data. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **HIA clocks up 'record-high' 10.7mn passengers in 3rd quarter** – Hamad International Airport (HIA) has reported welcoming a record-high total of 10.7mn passengers in the third quarter of 2019, making it the “busiest” quarter and summer the airport has ever seen. The record-breaking third quarter saw passenger numbers growing by 10.71% compared to the previous year. In detail, HIA has served 3,700,729 passengers in July, 3,863,013 in August, and 3,157,086 in September. August is the busiest month ever recorded in HIA's history, with July being the second busiest month ever recorded. These numbers are inclusive of passengers arriving, departing and transferring through HIA. Qatar's state-of-the-art terminal has also witnessed a record 60,135 aircraft movements from July to September 2019, which includes aircraft take-offs and landings making it the busiest quarter of the year. This marked a 5.44% increase compared to the same time last year. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Vodafone Qatar is delivering 5G to facilitate business innovation** – In today's highly competitive business world, an unreliable Internet connection is more than an inconvenience – it can lead to lost opportunities and revenue. However, thanks to its rapid rollout of 5G technology across the country, Vodafone Qatar offers an all-encompassing solution – one that has the capacity to revolutionize the way of work. With speeds even greater than 4G can deliver, 5G allows for faster downloads and for users to send and receive large, high-quality files. The technology also facilitates the streaming of high-resolution video, audio and images with very little latency. Network-related tasks, such as sharing large files in the cloud, are faster and more efficient – even on mobile devices – and seem certain to result in huge productivity gains, while seamless connectivity would make remote meetings feel as if you are in the same room eventually. Vodafone Qatar has invested heavily in delivering the infrastructure needed by companies to unlock the full potential of 5G. Company's 5G network is already live across key locations around the country, and we have achieved 70% coverage in Doha – with this percentage continually on the rise. And, earlier this year Vodafone Qatar launched Vodafone GigaBusiness. Using a state-of-the-art Wi-Fi hub powered by Vodafone's GigaNet network, GigaBusiness extends the reach of Vodafone 5G to businesses of all sizes, and in all sectors. Product-oriented businesses will be able to manage production remotely, as well as speed up deliveries to customers, by connecting all the steps in every process. The availability of real-time data to employees and managers on their smart devices can improve decision-making. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Cabinet approves decision on exit of expatriates not subject to the Labor Law** – The Cabinet at its weekly meeting chaired by Prime Minister HE Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani at Amiri Diwan on Wednesday approved a draft decision of the Minister of Interior on the controls and procedures of the exit of some categories of expatriates who are not subject to the Labor Law. The Cabinet also took the necessary measures to

ratify a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the fields of youth and sports between the governments of the State of Qatar and The Gambia. Finally, the Cabinet approved a draft Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation in the field of standards between the Public Works Authority (Ashghal) and the Turkish Standards Institution (TSE) and another draft MoU for joint cooperation in the fields of health between Qatar and Nicaragua. Meanwhile, Expatriate communities in Qatar have welcomed a proposal to allow the sons of residents in Qatar to work in the private sector without changing their family sponsorship. The move was announced recently by the Ministry of Interior (MoI) and Ministry of Administrative Development, Labour and Social Affairs. Hailing the proposal, the expatriates said such a reform would benefit families as well as businesspeople and investors in Qatar. (Qatar Tribune, Gulf-Times.com)

International

- **US economy expands but trade tensions weigh, Fed survey shows** – The US economy expanded at a slight to modest pace in September and early October, but many firms are more downbeat about the months ahead, a Federal Reserve report stated on Wednesday, the latest sign that the impact of US trade policies continues to cloud the country's economic outlook. The latest temperature check of the economy, collated from the central bank's discussions with business contacts around the country, also said the pace of price increases remained modest. “Business contacts mostly expect the economic expansion to continue; however, many lowered their outlooks for growth in the coming six to 12 months,” the Fed stated in its report. Some districts suggested that persistent trade tensions and slowing global growth weighed on economic activity. For example, a business contact told the Boston Fed chip manufacturers were delaying new plant construction due to uncertainty over trade policy. Likewise, an industrial supplier in the district now planned to cut capital expenditures by as much as 25% compared to a previously planned 5% increase. The US-China trade war, now 15 months long, has dragged on economic growth. US manufacturing activity dropped to a 10-year low in September and business investment has cooled as firms delay making decisions due to the uncertainty over tariffs. Earlier on Wednesday, data showed US retail sales fell for the first time in seven months, suggesting that manufacturing-led weakness could be spreading to the broader economy. US President Donald Trump last Friday outlined the first phase of a deal to end the trade war and suspended a threatened tariff hike, but officials on both sides said much more work needed to be done before an accord could be agreed. (Reuters)
- **IMF: US-China trade tensions fuel downturn risks, spillover for emerging markets** – Trade tensions between the US and China - the world's two largest economies - are a significant source of risk for the global economy, with “real spillover effects” for emerging markets, top IMF officials said on Wednesday. Tobias Adrian, director of the monetary and capital markets department of the International Monetary Fund, told reporters the tit-for-tat trade war between Washington and Beijing had a significant impact on financial markets over the past two years. The fight could set up a “domino effect” for smaller economies, according to a second IMF official. The IMF's chief economist, Gita

Gopinath, on Tuesday welcomed a preliminary and partial trade agreement reached last week by Washington and Beijing and urged continued work by both sides to end trade tensions that have weighed on global growth and business confidence. She said global gross domestic product would be reduced by 0.8% if Washington and Beijing imposed the additional tariffs in October and December, but only 0.6% if the two countries forgo the additional increases. The IMF last month stated global GDP would be shaved by 0.8% if all the tariffs imposed or threatened since 2018 were implemented. The trade dispute, ongoing for 15 months, has roiled financial markets and has dragged global growth to its slowest pace since the 2008-2009 financial crisis. Global trade growth reached just 1% in the first half of 2019, the weakest level since 2012, weighed down by higher tariffs and prolonged uncertainty about trade policies, as well as a slump in the automobile industry. After expanding by 3.6% in 2018, the IMF now projects global trade volume will increase just 1.1% in 2019. Trade growth was expected to rebound to 3.2% in 2020; however, risks remained “skewed to the downside,” the IMF stated, with a significant drag on both the US and Chinese economies. (Reuters)

- **IMF heightens warnings on corporate debt following central bank cuts** – The International Monetary Fund heightened its warnings for the corporate debt market on Wednesday, as investors search for richer returns in riskier assets after recent interest rate cuts by central banks. The IMF, whose fall meetings with the World Bank begin in Washington this week, also warned the main drivers of downside risks to the global economy remained ongoing trade tensions and policy uncertainty. A major geopolitical event, like Britain exiting the European Union without a new agreement in place, could trigger a sharp tightening of financial conditions, the IMF stated in its bi-annual Global Financial Stability Report. The IMF and other economic policymakers have expressed concern over high levels of risky corporate debt in the past. But the group stated Wednesday that attempts by central banks worldwide to lower interest rates to combat immediate economic risks have exacerbated the situation, leading to “worrisome” levels of debt with poor credit quality and increasing financial vulnerabilities over the medium-term. The IMF warned that 40% of all corporate debt in major economies could be considered “at risk” in another global downturn, exceeding levels seen during the 2008-2009 financial crisis. Investors may be “overly complacent” about downside risks this late in the economic cycle, the IMF cautioned. On Tuesday, the IMF cut its 2019 global growth projection to its lowest level since the financial crisis, largely due to ongoing trade feuds. The IMF singled out rising risks in corporate and non-bank financial sectors as a source of concern. Investors, facing lower interest rates, are taking on more illiquid investments with weaker investor covenants in search of higher rates of return, it said. (Reuters)
- **ONS: Falling petrol prices keep lid on UK inflation in September** – Britain’s inflation rate failed to rise as expected last month as petrol prices fell at the fastest rate in more than three years, a boost to consumers ahead of Brexit. Consumer prices rose at an annual rate of 1.7% in September, matching August’s rate that was the lowest since December 2016, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) stated on Wednesday. A Reuters poll of economists had pointed to a 1.8% increase. The figures suggest

the Bank of England’s (BoE) forecast in August that inflation would average 1.6% in the final quarter of this year looks on track. “Motor fuel and second-hand car prices fell, but were offset by price increases for furniture, household appliances and hotel rooms,” ONS statistician Mike Hardie said. Fuel prices fell by 2.1% compared with a year earlier, their biggest drop since August 2016, the ONS stated. Surveys show expectations of inflation for the next year among the British public have started to cool after reaching their highest level in years. The BoE has stated that underlying inflation pressures mean it may still need to raise interest rates over the medium term — if there is an end to persistent Brexit uncertainty and the global economy recovers from its slowdown. (Reuters)

- **Eurozone inflation drops more than foreseen, trade surplus widens** – Eurozone inflation dropped to its slowest pace in nearly three years in September, more than previously estimated, the European Union statistics agency stated on Wednesday. The drop is likely to raise new concerns on the state of the Eurozone economy and may reignite a debate within the European Central Bank on how to pursue its goal of keeping inflation close to but below 2% over the medium term. Eurostat stated prices in the 19-country Eurozone rose 0.8% on the year, down from its earlier estimate of 0.9% and lower than the market consensus of 0.9%. Eurostat also stated the bloc’s trade surplus with the rest of the world rose to 14.7bn Euros (\$16.2bn) in August, from 11.9bn the previous year, as imports fell more than exports. The revised inflation reading marked a more pronounced slowdown than August’s 1.0%. It was the lowest rate since November 2016, when prices rose 0.6%. (Reuters)
- **China to lift business curbs for foreign banks, brokerages** – China will remove business restrictions on foreign banks, brokerages and fund management firms, a cabinet meeting chaired by Premier Li Keqiang on Wednesday said, according to state television. China has stepped up efforts to open its financial sector amid a festering trade war with the US, with increased access to its financial sector among a host of demands from Washington. Last week, China announced a firm timetable for opening its futures, brokerage and mutual fund sectors fully to foreign investors next year, the latest step to deregulate the country’s trillions of dollars worth of financial industry. The cabinet did not elaborate on what effect the removal of the curbs would have. China will also support local governments’ efforts to attract more foreign investment and give foreign investors more leeway in overseas borrowing, the cabinet said. (Reuters)

Regional

- **World Bank: GCC economic outlook stable** – GCC’s economic outlook is stable, as oil prices are expected to hover around \$60 per barrel. Infrastructure investment is expected to increase further, and higher oil production will support greater growth in the six countries, according to World Bank. World Bank’s ‘Mena economic update for October’ noted that on average, growth in the GCC is expected to reach 2.2% in 2020 and 2.7% in 2021. However, fundamental challenges persist as the countries remain dependent on oil exports; although discussions aimed at diversifying their economies have started to gain steam. On the growth prospects for energy exporters in the MENA region, the World Bank noted the market expects oil price to hover around \$57 per barrel through the end of 2021. This projection is slightly

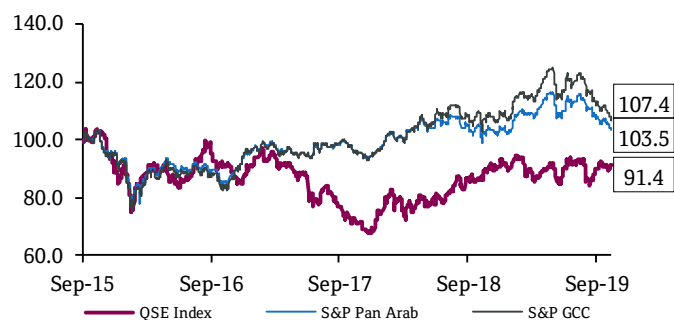
higher than the 'pre-oil attack', due to concerns about supply, but is still below April's projection. More fundamentally, technology breakthroughs in shale oil and alternative energy production will likely keep oil prices low in the future. In the meantime, growth in global oil demand has steadily declined over the past few years. This poses fundamental challenges to both the short-term and long-term prospects for MENA oil exporters directly and indirectly for MENA oil importers because of their economic connections with neighboring countries. A boost in non-oil activities in the GCC countries, most prominently in construction, partially offset the dampening effect on the region's numbers from Iran's economic contraction. (Peninsula Qatar)

- Doha Bank CEO: MENA region to witness huge investments in technology** – Despite the complex nature of challenges facing the financial institutions in the MENA region; they are expected to make more investments in technology over the next two years, according to Doha Bank's CEO, R Seetharaman. He said the key challenges facing financial institutions in the Middle East. He added, "Growing influence and scrutiny by Financial Action Task Force (FATF), Rising size and number of fines, Customer Due Diligence challenges and the disruption of FinTech and RegTech firms are the major challenges faced by the regional financial institutions." He also gave insight on the Correspondent Banking Landscape. He said, "The overall reduced risk appetite after crisis, Perceived or assessed risk and increased compliance cost for high risk clients. Insufficient Due Diligence information available and Lack of confidence in respondent bank's ability to manage risk. Sanctions on countries or individual banks. Regulatory pressure, Rising fines and penalties, enhanced corporate and personal accountability and growing reputational concerns. There is also decline in correspondent banking activity as at end of 2018." He also highlighted the impact of US AML rules on Foreign Financial Institutions and key initiatives on correspondent banking. (Peninsula Qatar)
- DIFC posts 45% solid growth in Islamic assets in 12 months** – Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC), the leading international financial hub in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia (MEASA) region, announced that it has recorded solid growth of 45% in Islamic assets during the period between the second quarter of 2018 and 2Q2019. Islamic finance has been growing at 1.5 times the rate of traditional finance as the MEASA is significantly driving this industry on the back of a number of jumbo Sukuk issuances and almost \$1tn in financial assets across GCC countries, according to a press release. Dubai is one of the largest centers in the world for Sukuk listings with offerings worth \$62bn, including listings on Nasdaq Dubai valuing at \$60bn, the DIFC highlighted. The global financial centre supports over 40 firms that provide Shari'ah-compliant products and services in reaching a Muslim population of over 600mn in the Middle East and Africa region alone. The centre has attracted several major Islamic institutions, such as Maybank Islamic Berhad, to set up their headquarters in Dubai due to the healthy legal and regulatory environment in the centre, as well as its highly developed and dynamic financial ecosystem. (Zawya)

- GlobalData: Oil & gas top sector for revenue, profit in 2018** – Oil and gas outperformed other sectors in terms of combined revenue and profitability in 2018, according to GlobalData, a leading data and analytics company. GlobalData analyzed the total YoY revenue and profit change of 10 core business sectors, based on the performance of the top 20 publicly-traded companies picked based on market capitalization in each sector. Besides oil and gas, technology, construction and medical equipment were the standout performers as they witnessed double digit growth in terms of combined revenue and profitability. Parth Vala, Company Profiles analyst at GlobalData, said, "Oil and gas companies benefitted from the rise in oil prices due to tightening supply on account of production adjustment agreement between OPEC and non-OPEC oil-producing members, and the US sanctions on Iran and Venezuela. In the coming months, oil prices are expected to further rise as recent attacks on Saudi Aramco's oil facilities can have prolonged disruption in global oil supply." On the other hand, top technology companies continued to remain on the growth path. "The growth is driven by the growing need to achieve operational efficiencies cutting across sectors. Driving these transformations are disruptive technologies such as artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity, Internet of Things, blockchain and digital payments," Vala explained. (Zawya)
- IMF slashes UAE growth forecast** – The International Monetary Fund (IMF) revised the UAE's growth outlook downward, in line with a cut in global forecasts for 2019 and 2020, according to the latest World Economic Outlook report. The UAE's 2019 growth outlook was slashed from 2.8% in April 2019 to 1.6%. In addition, next year's growth was also cut by 0.8% to 2.5%. The IMF also projected a 2.5% growth rate over the next five years till 2024. Meanwhile, the UAE's central bank, last month, revised the country's forecast upward by 0.4% to 2.4% for 2019, following a strong growth in the first quarter, led by the oil sector. (Zawya)
- CBD posts 28.2% YoY rise in net profit to AED362.0mn in 3Q2019** – Commercial Bank of Dubai (CBD) recorded net profit of AED362.0mn in 3Q2019, an increase of 28.2% YoY. Net interest income and net income from Islamic financing rose 3.1% YoY to AED504.1mn in 3Q2019. Total operating income rose 6.1% YoY to AED731.9mn in 3Q2019. Total assets stood at AED82.5bn at the end of September 30, 2019 as compared to AED74.1bn at the end of December 31, 2018. Loans and advances and Islamic financing (net) stood at AED56.4bn (+10.7% YoY), while customers' deposits and Islamic customer deposits stood at AED59.1bn (+11.1% YoY) at the end of September 30, 2019. EPS came in at AED0.13 in 3Q2019 as compared to AED0.10 in 3Q2018. (DFM)
- Abu Dhabi's Ruwais oil refinery plans maintenance in 1Q2020** – Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. (ADNOC) plans to conduct maintenance at its Ruwais refinery in the first quarter of 2020 for 35-40 days, according to sources. (Bloomberg)
- ADNOC LNG plans to upgrade program for two liquefaction trains** – ADNOC LNG plans to upgrade two of its three liquefaction trains at Abu Dhabi's Das Island, according to sources. The company to extend life of Trains 1 and 2 by 20 years; both built in 1970s. Moreover, Train 3 constructed in 1994, not included in overhaul. (Bloomberg)

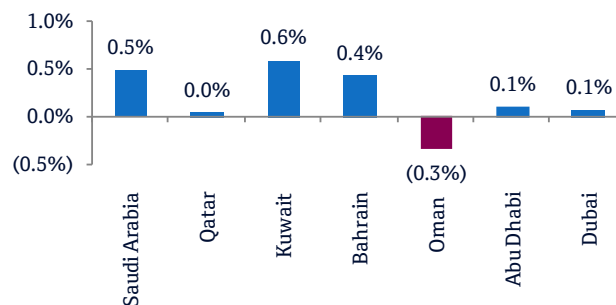
- **UAE's EWEC receives six bids for Fujairah F3 power project** – Emirates Water & Electricity Company (EWEC) stated it had received six bids for its 2.4 gigawatt (GW) Fujairah F3 independent power project. EWEC, a subsidiary of state-owned Abu Dhabi Power Corporation, is developing the power project in the northern emirate of Fujairah. EWEC had pre-qualified 20 local and international companies to bid for the project of which six submitted bids, it said in a statement, without naming the bidders. After a detailed technical and commercial evaluation, a bidder will be selected by January 2020, it stated. (Zawya)
- **Emirate of Sharjah starts marketing 10-year dollar Sukuk** – Sharjah started marketing a 10-year dollar Sukuk, or Islamic bonds, at around 185 basis points over mid-swaps, a document showed. The bonds are expected to be of benchmark size, which generally means upwards of \$500mn. (Reuters)
- **Al Salam Bank-Bahrain buys 600,000 treasury shares** – Al Salam Bank-Bahrain announced that on October 15, 2019, it bought 600,000 treasury shares on the Dubai Financial Market and Bahrain Bourse, increasing the total holding of treasury shares from 57,385,583 to 57,985,583 i.e. 2.617% of issued share capital. (Bahrain Bourse)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,490.17	0.6	0.1	16.2
Silver/Ounce	17.40	(0.0)	(0.9)	12.3
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	59.42	1.2	(1.8)	10.4
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	53.36	1.0	(2.4)	17.5
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.33	3.1	9.9	(26.9)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	46.50	1.1	(2.4)	(27.3)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	62.25	0.8	0.4	(10.4)
Euro	1.11	0.4	0.3	(3.4)
Yen	108.76	(0.1)	0.4	(0.8)
GBP	1.28	0.4	1.3	0.6
CHF	1.01	0.4	0.2	(1.3)
AUD	0.68	0.1	(0.5)	(4.1)
USD Index	98.00	(0.3)	(0.3)	1.9
RUB	64.08	(0.3)	(0.2)	(8.1)
BRL	0.24	0.6	(1.0)	(6.5)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,195.35	(0.1)	0.7	16.5
DJ Industrial	27,001.98	(0.1)	0.7	15.8
S&P 500	2,989.69	(0.2)	0.7	19.3
NASDAQ 100	8,124.18	(0.3)	0.8	22.4
STOXX 600	393.46	0.4	0.7	12.8
DAX	12,670.11	0.8	1.5	16.2
FTSE 100	7,167.95	0.1	0.3	7.4
CAC 40	5,696.90	0.4	0.8	16.5
Nikkei	22,472.92	1.4	2.8	14.1
MSCI EM	1,024.08	0.5	1.2	6.0
SHANGHAI SE Composite	2,978.71	(0.6)	0.1	15.8
HANG SENG	26,664.28	0.6	1.3	3.0
BSE SENSEX	38,598.99	0.4	0.6	4.5
Bovespa	105,422.80	0.6	(0.1)	11.6
RTS	1,347.43	1.2	1.3	26.1

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns)

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