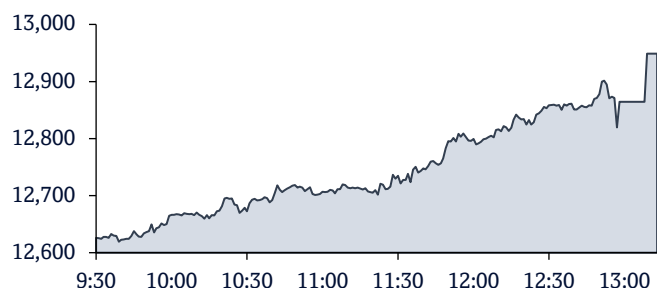


**QSE Intra-Day Movement**

**Qatar Commentary**

The QE Index rose 2.3% to close at 12,948.8. Gains were led by the Banks & Financial Services and Transportation indices, gaining 3.9% and 2.4%, respectively. Top gainers were QNB Group and Salam International Inv. Ltd., rising 6.1% and 5.7%, respectively. Among the top losers, Ahli Bank fell 9.3%, while Qatar Fuel Company was down 4.9%.

**GCC Commentary**

**Saudi Arabia:** The TASI Index gained 1.4% to close at 12,590.3. Gains were led by the Real Estate Mgmt & Dev't and Banks indices, rising 2.1% and 2.0%, respectively. Scientific and Medical Equipment House Co rose 30.0%, while National Gas and Industrialization Co. was up 5.5%.

**Dubai:** The DFM Index gained 1.3% to close at 3,354.6. The Real Estate & Construction index rose 1.9%, while the Banks index gained 1.8%. Emirates NBD rose 2.9%, while GFH Financial Group was up 2.5%.

**Abu Dhabi:** The ADX General Index gained 2.2% to close at 9,319.4. The Telecommunications index rose 5.0%, while the Consumer Staples index gained 1.8%. Ras Al Khaimah Poultry & Feeding Co. rose 14.7%, while Emirates Telecom Group Company was up 5.1%.

**Kuwait:** The market was closed of February 28, 2022.

**Oman:** The MSM 30 Index gained 0.5% to close at 4,055.4. Gains were led by the Financial and Services indices, rising 1.0% and 0.3%, respectively. Ominvest rose 7.9%, while Oman Investment & Finance Company was up 3.4%.

**Bahrain:** The BHB Index gained 0.2% to close at 1,963.6. The Consumer Discretionary index rose 3.3%, while the Real Estate index gained 2.1%. Gulf Hotel Group rose 8.7%, while Solidarity Bahrain was up 3.1%.

Market Indicators	28 Feb 22	27 Feb 22	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	1,717.5	591.1	190.5
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	734,429.9	716,012.8	2.6
Volume (mn)	502.3	227.4	120.9
Number of Transactions	24,931	10,628	134.6
Companies Traded	47	46	2.2
Market Breadth	35:12	33:12	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	25,887.43	2.5	2.7	12.5	16.6
All Share Index	4,092.32	2.8	2.8	10.7	164.3
Banks	5,449.97	3.9	3.4	9.8	16.9
Industrials	4,739.06	2.3	2.9	17.8	15.5
Transportation	3,984.76	2.4	3.2	12.0	14.8
Real Estate	1,940.26	1.6	2.2	11.5	16.9
Insurance	2,607.34	0.4	1.5	(4.4)	16.7
Telecoms	1,140.66	(0.4)	(0.3)	7.8	72.4
Consumer	8,554.88	(0.1)	0.6	4.1	20.7
Al Rayan Islamic Index	5,281.72	1.4	1.8	12.0	18.6

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ominvest	Oman	0.31	7.9	1,285.8	2.6
QNB Group	Qatar	21.80	6.1	15,814.7	8.0
Emirates Telecom. Group Co.	Abu Dhabi	34.98	5.1	6,551.8	10.3
Qatar Aluminum Man. Co.	Qatar	2.23	4.7	60,633.3	23.8
Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	Abu Dhabi	10.76	4.5	13,932.0	26.1

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Fuel Company	Qatar	18.60	(1.1)	3,473.8	1.8
Saudi Cement Co.	Saudi Arabia	55.60	(3.8)	5,539.4	1.5
Bank Dhofar	Oman	0.11	(2.6)	799.4	(11.2)
Bupa Arabia for Coop. Ins.	Saudi Arabia	162.00	(2.2)	251.5	23.3
Ooredoo	Qatar	7.68	(1.0)	4,170.7	9.3

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

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	21.80	6.1	15,814.7	8.0
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	1.01	5.7	154,597.9	23.0
Investment Holding Group	2.07	5.7	49,846.4	68.6
Qatar Oman Investment Company	0.89	5.3	14,364.9	9.0
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	2.23	4.7	60,633.3	23.8

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	1.01	5.7	154,597.9	23.0
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	2.23	4.7	60,633.3	23.8
Investment Holding Group	2.07	5.7	49,846.4	68.6
Mazaya Real Estate Dev.	0.91	3.0	23,809.3	(0.7)
Gulf International Services	1.78	2.7	20,578.2	3.7

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ahli Bank	3.80	(9.3)	0.4	4.2
Qatar Fuel Company	18.60	(4.9)	3,473.8	1.8
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	1.96	(2.0)	21.3	(2.0)
Mannai Corporation	7.96	(1.9)	426.5	67.6
Islamic Holding Group	4.80	(1.8)	1,847.8	21.7

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	21.80	6.1	339,162.8	8.0
Industries Qatar	18.30	2.9	223,582.1	18.1
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	1.01	5.7	153,781.8	23.0
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	2.23	4.7	133,517.4	23.8
Investment Holding Group	2.07	5.7	103,823.4	68.6

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	12,948.75	2.3	2.5	3.6	11.4	472.27	201,086.9	16.6	1.9	2.6
Dubai	3,354.64	1.3	2.5	4.7	5.0	137.73	114,999.1	15.8	1.1	2.3
Abu Dhabi	9,319.40	2.2	2.7	7.1	9.8	554.59	459,676.0	24.3	2.5	2.7
Saudi Arabia	12,590.26	1.4	2.4	2.6	11.6	3,169.60	3,058,042.7	27.2	2.7	2.1
Kuwait*	7,637.55	(0.3)	0.1	3.9	8.4	370.93	147,174.6	20.2	1.7	2.0
Oman	4,055.42	0.5	0.5	(1.5)	(1.8)	6.62	18,948.0	11.2	0.8	3.8
Bahrain	1,963.62	0.2	1.0	8.5	9.3	10.15	31,509.7	8.3	0.9	3.2

Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (\*\* TTM; \* Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any; #Data as of February 24, 2022)

### Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 2.3% to close at 12,948.8. The Banks & Financial Services and Transportation indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC and foreign shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari and Arab shareholders.
- QNB Group and Salam International Inv. Ltd. were the top gainers, rising 6.1% and 5.7%, respectively. Among the top losers, Ahli Bank fell 9.3%, while Qatar Fuel Company was down 4.9%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday rose by 120.9% to 502.3mn from 227.4mn on Sunday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 206.4mn, volume for the day was 143.4% higher. Salam International Inv. Ltd. and Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. were the most active stocks, contributing 30.8% and 12.1% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	26.84%	37.56%	(184,174,836.7)
Qatari Institutions	8.10%	18.85%	(184,538,915.1)
<b>Qatari</b>	<b>34.94%</b>	<b>56.41%</b>	<b>(368,713,751.8)</b>
GCC Individuals	0.13%	0.69%	(9,710,692.8)
GCC Institutions	4.02%	0.78%	55,561,592.1
<b>GCC</b>	<b>4.15%</b>	<b>1.48%</b>	<b>45,850,899.4</b>
Arab Individuals	7.68%	9.38%	(29,175,862.8)
Arab Institutions	0.05%	0.00%	798,555.2
<b>Arab</b>	<b>7.73%</b>	<b>9.38%</b>	<b>(28,377,307.7)</b>
Foreigners Individuals	1.94%	2.19%	(4,292,685.8)
Foreigners Institutions	51.25%	30.55%	355,532,845.9
<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>53.19%</b>	<b>32.74%</b>	<b>351,240,160.1</b>

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
Najran Cement Co.*	Saudi Arabia	SR	581.6	-6.7%	180.9	-11.9%	165.5	-17.6%
Arabian Cement Co.*	Saudi Arabia	SR	1,033.2	18.5%	195.2	-15.4%	161.5	-12.7%
Bawan Co.*	Saudi Arabia	SR	3,227.4	33.2%	193.9	51.0%	170.3	88.9%
Zahrat Al Waha for Trading Co.*	Saudi Arabia	SR	549.0	29.2%	71.9	25.7%	64.6	59.2%
Dubai Refreshments Company*	Dubai	AED	669.7	18.6%	97.3	71.5%	96.8	70.2%
National Central Cooling Co.*	Dubai	AED	1,955.1	12.3%	623.2	-1.1%	25.6	10.6%

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB. (\*Financial for FY2021)

#### Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
02/28	US	U.S. Census Bureau	Wholesale Inventories MoM	Jan P	0.80%	1.30%	2.30%
02/28	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry	Retail Sales YoY	Jan	1.60%	1.40%	1.40%
02/28	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry	Retail Sales MoM	Jan	-1.90%	-1.20%	-1.00%
02/28	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry	Dept. Store, Supermarket Sales YoY	Jan	2.60%	3.50%	1.40%
02/28	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry	Industrial Production MoM	Jan P	-1.30%	-0.70%	-1.00%
02/28	Japan	Ministry of Economy Trade and Industry	Industrial Production YoY	Jan P	-0.90%	0.10%	2.70%
02/28	India	Central Statistics Office India	GDP Annual Estimate YoY	14-Jul	8.90%	9.10%	-6.60%

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
DBIS	Dlala Brokerage & Investment Holding Company	2-Mar-22	1	Due
QGRI	Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company	3-Mar-22	2	Due
QOIS	Qatar Oman Investment Company	3-Mar-22	2	Due
BLDN	Baladna	7-Mar-22	6	Due
QGMD	Qatari German Company for Medical Devices	15-Mar-22	14	Due
MCCS	Mannai Corporation	16-Mar-22	15	Due
MRDS	Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development	17-Mar-22	16	Due

Source: QSE

### Qatar

- AKHI reports net loss of QR3mn in 4Q2021** – Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company (AKHI) reported net loss of QR3mn in 4Q2021 as compared to net loss of QR68.1mn in 4Q2020 and net profit of QR10.1mn in 3Q2021. The earnings per share amounted to QR0.16 in FY2021 as compared to loss per share of QR0.15 in FY2020. In addition to the board proposed cash dividends of QR0.075. (QSE)
- QE Index ETF discloses its financial statements for FY 2021** – QE Index ETF disclosed its financial statements as at and for the year ended 31 December 2021. The statements show that the net asset value as of 31 December 2021 amounted to QR461,466,780, representing QR11.349 per unit. In addition, QE Index ETF is expected to pay dividends during the second quarter of 2022. (QSE)
- Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. AGM endorses items on its agenda** – Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. announces the results of the AGM. The meeting was held on 28/02/2022 and the following resolution were approved. 1. Ratified the report of the Board of Directors on the Company's activities and financial position during the fiscal year ended 31/12/2021 and future plans. 2. Ratified the External Auditor's report on the fiscal year ended 31/12/2021. 3. Ratified the Company's balance sheet and profit & loss account for the fiscal year ended 31/12/2021. 4. Adopted the Governance report for the year ended 31/12/2021. 5. Approved the Board of Directors' suggestions regarding distribution of cash dividends for the fiscal year ended 31/12/2021 totaling (12%) of the capital, which is equivalent to (12 Qatari Dirhams) per share. 6. Approved to release and discharge the Board of Directors members from their responsibilities and approved their remuneration for the year 2021. 7. Approved the appointment of External Auditor (Ernst & Young) for the fiscal year 2022 and determined their fees. 8. Elected three Members to Nakilat's Board of Director, two of them are independent and the third from the shareholders. (QSE)
- Nakilat's Board members for new term of the next three years** – Nakilat's Ordinary General Assembly meeting held on Monday, February 28th, 2022, approved the election of three members to Nakilat's Board of Director for the next three years as follows: HE Eng. Essa Hilal Al-Kuwari (Independent), Mr. Khalid Said Ali Al-Rumaihi (Independent), Mr. Faisal Abdul Wahid Al-Hamadi (Non-independent - representing Qatar Pension Fund – General Retirement & Social Insurance Authority), In addition, QatarEnergy and Milaha appointed their representatives on the Board. Members representing QatarEnergy: Mr. Abdulaziz Jassim Mohd Al-Muftah (Chairman), Mr. Ahmad Saif Al-Sulaiti (Vice Chairman), Members representing Milaha: Mr. Abdulrahman Essa Al-Mannai, Sheikh Hamad Mohamed Al-Thani. (QSE)
- Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. EGM endorses items on its agenda** – Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. announces the results of the EGM. The meeting was held on 28/02/2022 and the following resolutions were approved: 1) Approved the amendments to the Company's Articles of Association, which are published on the Company's official website (www.nakilat.com). 2) Approved raising the percentage of non-Qatari ownership in the company's capital from 49% to 100%, and taking the necessary legal measures for that. (QSE)
- Qatar National Cement Co. AGM endorses items on its agenda** – Qatar National Cement Co. announces the results of the AGM. The meeting was held on 28/02/2022 and the following resolution were approved: 1) Approval of the Board of Directors' report for the year 2021, and the future plans for the year 2022. 2) Approval of the auditors' report on the company's budget for the year ending on 31/12/2021. 3) Approval of the budget and Financial Statements for the fiscal year 2021. 4) Approval of the distribution of 30% of the capital as cash dividends for the year 2021, at the rate of 30 dirhams for each valid share. 5) Approval of the 2021 Governance Report. 6) Approval of the release of the members of the Board of Directors of their responsibility in the year 2021, and to approve their remuneration proposal. 7) Approval of Reappointment of Talal Abu-Ghazaleh & Co., to audit the company's accounts for the year 2022, in return for a fee of -/ 110,000 (one hundred and ten thousand) riyals. (QSE)
- Vodafone Qatar P.Q.S.C. AGM and EGM endorses items on its agenda** – Vodafone Qatar announced the results of the AGM and EGM. The meeting was held on 28/02/2022 and the following resolution were approved Annual General Assembly: 1. Approved the Board of Directors' report of the Company's activities and its financial position for the financial year ended 31 December 2021; 2. Approved the External Auditor's report on the Company's Accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2021; 3. Approved the Company's Balance Sheet and the Profit and Loss Accounts for the financial year ended 31 December 2021; 4. Approved the proposal of the Board of Directors regarding the distribution of a cash dividend in the rate of 6% of the share nominal value (QR 0.06 per share) for the financial year ended 31 December 2021; 5. Discharged the members of the Board of Directors from any liability and approved their remuneration for the financial year ended 31 December 2021; 6. Approved the External Auditor's reports in accordance with Article 24 of the Corporate Governance Code for Companies and Legal Entities listed on the Stock Exchange issued by the Qatar Financial Markets Authority Board Decision No.5 of 2016. 7. Approved the Company's Corporate Governance Report for the financial year ended 31 December 2021; 8. Re-appointed KPMG as the External Auditor of the Company for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 and fix their fees. 9. Elected the 3 Independent Board Members to the Company's Board of Directors and approved the formation of the new Board of Directors for a term of three years (2022 – 2024). (QSE)
- Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development to disclose its Annual financial results on March 17** – Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development discloses its financial statement for the period ending 31st December 2021 on 17/03/2022. (QSE)
- Ooredoo to hold its AGM and EGM on March 08** – Ooredoo announced that the General Assembly Meeting AGM and EGM will be held on 08/03/2022, Ooredoo Main Headquarters in West Bay and 04:30 PM. In case of not completing the legal quorum, the second meeting will be held on 15/03/2022, Ooredoo Main Headquarters in West Bay and 04:30 PM. (QSE)
- Alkhaleej Takaful Insurance to holds its AGM and EGM on March 22** – Alkhaleej Takaful Insurance announced that the General Assembly Meeting AGM and EGM will be held on 22/03/2022, Company Premises and 06:30 PM. In case of not completing the legal quorum, the second meeting will be held on 29/03/2022, Company Premises and 06:30 PM. (QSE)
- Ooredoo announces launch of dedicated LTE network to support oil & gas industry** – Ooredoo announced the launch of a dedicated LTE network for the oil and gas industry in collaboration with technology giants Ericsson and Nokia. In a first for Qatar, the new LTE network will be dedicated to maintaining connectivity and supporting customers' data and voice call needs in remote, challenging locations such as offshore facilities. Having identified a need for the provision of data and voice services its oil and gas industry customers - to replace older Wimax/WiFi technology throughout their offshore facilities - Ooredoo collaborated with technology giants Ericsson and Nokia to develop a dedicated LTE network that could support their offshore operations. The new network will provide high-availability voice and data services to support oil and gas operations and applications in locations outside the traditional fixed and mobile network footprint, such as off-shore rigs and other facilities. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Building permits rise by 13% to 759 in January** – The number of building permits issued in January by municipalities in Qatar, has increased by 13 percent to 759, compared to the previous month, data released by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) show. The PSA in cooperation with the Ministry of Municipality released the 85th issue of the monthly Statistics of Building Permits and Building Completion Certificates issued by all municipalities in the country. According to their geo-graphical distribution, the municipality of Al Rayyan topped the list of municipalities with 196 building permits issued (26 percent of total issued permits), while the municipality of Al Wakrah came in second place with 152 permits (20 percent), followed by the municipalities of Al Da'ayen with 150 permits (20 percent), and Al Doha with 137 permits (18 percent). The rest of the municipalities were: Umm Salal with 46 permits (6 percent), Al Khor with 44 permits (6 percent), Al Sheehaniya with 21

permits (3 percent), and Al Shammal with 13 permits (2 percent). (Peninsula Qatar)

- Qatar January trade surplus widens to QR25.896bn** – Qatar's trade surplus widened to QR25.896bn in January from QR25.678bn in December, according to the Qatar Ministry of Development Planning and Statistics. (Bloomberg)
- Qatar January foreign reserves QR210.29bn** – Qatar's foreign reserves were QR210.29bn in January, according to the Qatar Central Bank. (Bloomberg)
- Qatar's housebuilding industry to benefit from 2022 FIFA World Cup** – Qatar's housebuilding industry stands to gain from direct investments related to the country's hosting of the 2022 FIFA World Cup, according to the organiser of the latest edition of Build Your House Exhibition (BYH), which is slated from March 28 to 30 at Halls 8 and 9 at Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC). Speaking about BYH 2022, Rawad Sleem, co-founder and general manager of NeXTfairs for Exhibitions and Conferences, said: "This edition of BYH is a very special show held in a significant year for Qatar. "As the country prepares to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup, we are privileged to witness the preparation and growth of this global event and benefit from the direct investment that this major sporting event brings." He added, "To welcome such an occasion, we have prepared a few featured programmes to enrich the BYH exhibition and visitor experience. Attendees will be able to source consultants, contractors, and suppliers to build or renovate their houses and learn more about global industry trends and government regulations related to housing in Qatar. In addition, they will gain valuable insight enabling them to understand the complete construction cycle and planning processes." (Gulf-Times.com)
- Work to start soon on Qatar-Saudi rail link, says minister** – The construction of the GCC railway network connecting Qatar to the neighbouring Saudi Arabia will kick off soon, reported Doha News, citing the country's transport minister. The 2,177-km Gulf Railway is a proposed railway system connecting all six GCC countries in Eastern Arabia. The project, expected to cost \$250 billion, will be shared by these countries in accordance with the length of the rail network in their territories. (Bloomberg)
- QDB, MAGNiTT release 2nd issue of Qatar Venture Capital Market Report** – Qatar Development Bank (QDB), in collaboration with the research platform MAGNiTT, released the second issue of 'Qatar Venture Investment Report' for 2021, which aims to open new horizons for SMEs in Qatar, examining key areas of venture investment, and the most important changes in the local investment landscape. The report highlights the impact of venture investment in Qatar and the evolution of the local funding ecosystem, as well as offers an overview of Qatar's investment landscape. The report is part of QDB's three-access pillars, where it provides entrepreneurs and investors with access to capabilities and sufficient and reliable information that helps in making sound decisions. QDB acting CEO Abdulrahman Hesham al-Sowaidi highlighted the various benefits of publishing the report. (Gulf-Times.com)
- QM, USQBC ink MoU to promote business opportunities** – Following on from the success of the Qatar-USA 2021 Year of Culture, and in celebration of 50 years of diplomatic relations with the United States, Qatar Museums (QM) and the US-Qatar Business Council have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to continue strengthening ties and facilitating business opportunities. As part of the agreement, which upholds the business pillar of the Year of Culture initiative, Qatar Museums' Years of Culture and the US-Qatar Business Council will work collaboratively to develop programmes to engage the Qatari and American business community. The collaboration will include the exchange of materials and publications, planning events and activities, engaging local and American businesses and co-organising specialised conferences, seminars and workshops. (Peninsula Qatar)

## International

- US slaps sanctions on Russia's central bank** – The US on Monday imposed sanctions on Russia's central bank and other sources of wealth, dealing a crushing blow to the country's economy and further punishing Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. The measures, blocking Americans from engaging in any transactions involving Russia's central bank, finance ministry or national wealth fund, are likely to push Russian inflation higher, cripple its purchasing power and drive down investments, U.S. officials said on Monday as the new measures took effect. The actions included a carve-out for energy payments. Last week Washington imposed several rounds of sanctions, including against Russian President Vladimir Putin and major banks, after Russia's forces invaded Ukraine in the biggest assault on a European state since World War Two. "Our objective is to make sure that the Russian economy goes backwards if President Putin decides to continue to go forward with an invasion in Ukraine, and we have the tools to continue to do that," a senior U.S. administration official told reporters on Monday. (Reuters)
- Germany is turning fiscal exceptions into the rule** – Germany is getting into the habit of breaking taboos. Chancellor Olaf Scholz's commitment on Sunday to spend at least 2% of GDP on defence and invest 100 billion euros in the military is just the latest instance of Berlin finding ways around its self-imposed budget rules. Scrapping them would be simpler. Scholz's pledge marked a historic policy shift for a country whose spending on its armed forces has undershot NATO's 2% of GDP target. The symbolism is bigger than the immediate shift in spending plans. Given Germany spent 1.4% of economic output on defence in 2019, the last pre-pandemic year, the bump up to 2% implies about 20 billion euros of extra outlays in 2022. Meanwhile the 100 billion euros will probably have to come from a new off-balance-sheet fund, with the borrowing and spending happening gradually over time. Doing this will mean Germany has contrived another workaround of its budget rule, which caps borrowing at 0.35% of GDP and is stricter than European Union ones. Scholz is also using off-balance-sheet structures to fund the investments in green and digital technologies that were agreed last year as part of his coalition government programme. And as finance minister in 2020, he suspended borrowing limits and passed a massive stimulus bill to mitigate the effects of Covid-19 lockdowns. (Reuters)
- Russia hikes rates, introduces capital controls as sanctions bite** – Russia's central bank more than doubled its key policy rate on Monday and introduced some capital controls as the country faced deepening economic isolation, but its governor said sanctions had stopped it selling foreign currency to prop up the rouble. The admission that restrictions had effectively tied the Bank of Russia's hands underscores the ferocity of the backlash to Moscow's invasion of Ukraine and Western allies' success in restricting its ability to deploy some \$640 billion of foreign exchange and gold reserves. "The central bank today increased its key rate to 20% as new sanctions triggered a significant deviation of the rouble rate and limited the central bank's options to use its gold and foreign exchange reserves," Governor Elvira Nabiullina told a news conference. "We had to increase rates to compensate citizens for increased inflationary risks." Western sanctions had earlier sent the rouble tumbling nearly 30% to record lows. It clawed back some ground after the central bank raised its main interest rate to 20%, the highest level this century, from 9.5%. (Reuters)
- China's Feb factory activity likely shrank amid holidays, Olympics** – China's factory activity likely contracted in February on slower production after the Lunar New Year holiday and Winter Olympics, with Beijing expected to unveil more stimulus measures at a parliamentary meeting later this week to support the economy. The official manufacturing Purchasing Manager's Index (PMI) is expected to ease to 49.9 in February, its lowest reading in four months, from 50.1 in January, according to the median forecast of 35 economists polled by Reuters on Monday. A reading below the 50-point mark indicates a contraction from the previous month. "Apart from seasonality impact from Lunar New Year timing shifts, production curbs during the Winter Olympics and still-subdued property sector activity likely weighed on upstream demand," analysts at Morgan Stanley said in a note on Friday. They expect National Bureau of Statistics manufacturing PMI to have slipped to 49.6. The week-



long Lunar New Year holidays began at the end of January and the Beijing Winter Olympics took place from Feb. 4-20. However, Capital Economics expects some upside surprise to the data, citing loosened COVID-19 restrictions as outbreaks were contained. (Reuters)

- **Japan's Q1 growth forecast slashed on Omicron hit to consumption –** Japan's economic growth will likely grind to a near halt this quarter as coronavirus curbs and supply disruptions threaten to derail the country's economic recovery, a Reuters poll of economists showed on Monday. The forecast was much lower than the robust expansion expected in January's projection in a sign of the heavy damage chip and parts shortages and the infectious Omicron variant are inflicting on the world's third-largest economy. Another setback for the economy could put pressure on the government to do more to offset a surge in global energy prices and to support households ahead of upper house elections that must be held by the summer. Japan's economy will grow an annualised 0.4% in the first quarter, down from a 4.5% expansion predicted last month, according to the median forecast of nearly 40 analysts in the poll, which was mostly carried out before Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The economy grew an annualised 5.4% in the final months of last year, keeping the seasonally-adjusted real gross domestic product (GDP), sized around 541 trillion yen (\$4.7 trillion), below the pre-pandemic level of late 2019. (Reuters)

### Regional

- **Hotel development in prime GCC tourism destinations growing at six times global average, says ATM –** Despite the pandemic headwinds that the global hospitality industry has had to contend with over the past two years, new hotel development in prime tourism destinations in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and the UAE, remains substantial even by global standards. According to new research commissioned by Arabian Travel Market and conducted at the end of 2021 by hotel market intelligence and global benchmarking company STR, Makkah and Doha are both expanding their hotel room inventory by 76%, followed by Riyadh, Medina and Muscat with 66%, 60% and 59% growth respectively. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Arabia's sovereign fund lays out plan for green financing –** Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund (PIF) laid out plans on Monday for raising green debt as the world's top oil exporter strives to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2060. The PIF is at the centre of Saudi Arabia's ambitious plans to create new sectors and diversify revenues away from hydrocarbons. PIF published its green finance framework that will allow it tap world markets to issue debt linked to environmentally friendly goals, including through the sale of green bonds. PIF Governor Yasir al-Rumayyan said in September the fund would issue green debt "soon", becoming the first sovereign wealth fund in the world to do so. Net proceeds from such debt sales will go towards eligible projects, which include renewable energy, energy efficiency sustainable water management, clean transport, green buildings and pollution prevention. PIF will publish allocation and impact reports annually when such debt is outstanding. Fitch Ratings assigned PIF an 'A' credit rating earlier this month, in line with Saudi Arabia's sovereign rating given its strong support for the fund and PIF's central role in driving the kingdom's diversification agenda. The framework is in compliance with the International Capital Market Association's Green Bond Principles 2021 and Loan Market Association's Green Loan Principles 2021. (Reuters)
- **Saudi Arabia's trade exchange with the Gulf states jumps to \$43.89bn in 2021 –** The trade exchange of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council recorded an increase during 2021 over the previous year; Supported by the remarkable rise in the level of exchange with the UAE and Bahrain. The Kingdom's trade exchange with the GCC countries increased; According to statistics prepared by "Mubasher" based on data from the General Authority for Statistics, it increased by 35.66% during 2021, with an increase equivalent to SR43.26bn (\$11.54bn) over the previous year. The value of Saudi merchandise trade with the Gulf Cooperation Council countries amounted to about SR164.6bn (\$43.89bn) in 2021, compared to SR121.3bn (\$32.35bn) in 2020. And the volume of intra-regional trade of the Kingdom with all the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council increased in 2021; Especially with Bahrain, with an increase of more than 48%, with a total

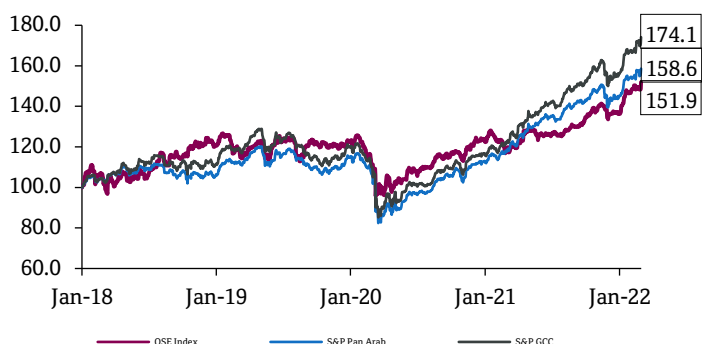
of SR36.1bn (\$9.63bn). The UAE was Saudi Arabia's largest trading partner in the Gulf in 2021; It alone accounted for about 64% of trade, with a total of SR105.18bn (\$28.05bn), registering an annual increase of 33.8%. The Kingdom's trade with Kuwait increased by 22.3% in 2021, with a total of SR9.45bn (\$2.58bn), and it increased with the Sultanate of Oman by 4.7% to SR11.08bn (\$2.96bn), while it amounted to SR2.76bn (\$736mn) with Qatar. (Bloomberg)

- **Work to start soon on Qatar-Saudi rail link, says minister –** The construction of the GCC railway network connecting Qatar to the neighboring Saudi Arabia will kick off soon, reported Doha News, citing the country's transport minister. The 2,177-km Gulf Railway is a proposed railway system connecting all six GCC countries in Eastern Arabia. The project, expected to cost \$250bn, will be shared by these countries in accordance with the length of the rail network in their territories. Each of the six nations will be responsible for implementing the portion of the project that lies within their territory, whilst also constructing their own railway lines, branch stations and freight terminals, stated the report. Given their size, the UAE and Saudi Arabia will spend the most on the project, followed by Oman, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain. Qatar Rail will develop the network in the country, while it will be done by Etihad Rail in the UAE and Oman Rail in the sultanate, it added. (Bloomberg)
- **UAE, Saudi Arabia sign joint cooperation agreement in internal auditing –** The UAE Internal Auditors Association and Saudi Internal Auditors Association have signed a cooperation agreement to work the internal auditing domain jointly. Abdulqader Obaid Ali, Chairman of the Board of UAE Internal Auditors Association, and Abdullah Saleh Al-Shebeili, CEO of the Saudi Internal Auditors Association, signed the agreement. The agreement is the outcome of the keenness of the two organisations to effectively support and enhance their existing strategic partnership to ensure its advancement and development continuously, for laying the foundations of cooperation for integrating their objectives and enhancing the role in achieving strategic goals. (Zawya)
- **UAE bank's bid for Egypt's 'national champion' EFG may be too low –** The UAEs' biggest lender may have to raise its bid to take a controlling stake in Egypt's top investment bank EFG Hermes given the latter's outsized influence over Egypt's financial markets and supercharged growth of its fintech businesses, industry players say. FAB this month made a non-binding offer to buy at least 51% of EFG Hermes for 19 Egyptian pounds (\$1.21) per share, which valued the Egyptian bank at nearly \$1.2bn, but most analysts value EFG in the 25-28 pounds range, as much as 47% above the current offer. EFG controls roughly a third of traded volumes on Egypt's stock exchange. Its size almost guarantees it a leading role on top deals in the country, including a planned pipeline of initial public offerings in state or military-owned companies. Besides being by far the biggest investment bank, EFG also has unrivalled scale in Egypt's non-banking financial services (NBFS) sector, as Egypt's 100mn people are estimated to be among the world's least banked. (Reuters)
- **Ajman Bank posts 117.5% YoY rise in net profit to AED116.2mn in FY2021 –** Ajman Bank (AJMANBAN) recorded net profit of AED116.2mn in FY2021, an increase of 117.5% YoY. Income from Islamic financing and investing assets fell 19.6% YoY to AED706.4mn in FY2020. Net operating income rose 8.7% YoY to AED668.1mn in FY2021. Total assets stood at AED22.3bn at the end of December 31, 2021 as compared to AED21.5bn at the end of December 31, 2020. Islamic financing and investing assets (net) stood at AED14.9bn (-12% YoY), while Islamic customers' deposits stood at AED15.3bn (+7.3% YoY) at the end of December 31, 2021. EPS came in at AED0.055 in FY2021 as compared to AED0.025 in FY2020. (DFM)
- **UAE's FAB sells 60% stake in Magnati to Canada's Brookfield Business Partners –** UAE's biggest lender First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) has sold a 60% stake in its payments firm, Magnati, to Canada's Brookfield Business Partners. The deal implies a valuation of up to \$1.15bn for Magnati, the lender said in a bourse filing to Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange where its shares trade. According to Zawya calculations the sale would net FAB around \$690mn. FAB will continue to hold 40% stake in Magnati upon completion of the transaction, which is subject to regulatory approvals. It said the proceeds from the sale will be used to support its growth and transformation plans. FAB launched Magnati in April last year as a fully owned affiliate. Brookfield Business Partners is a business services and

industrials company focused on owning and operating high-quality businesses. Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc is acting as sole financial adviser to FAB, while Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP acted as legal adviser to FAB on the transaction. (Zawya)

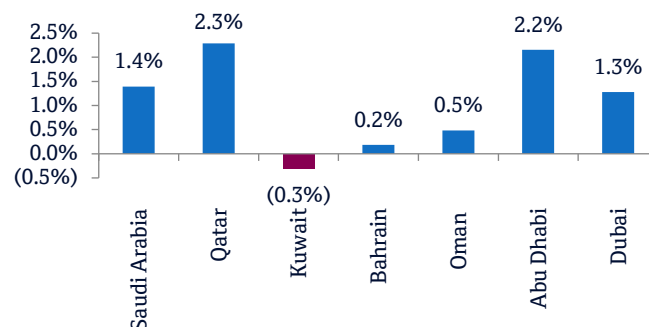
- CEO: UAE's Tabreed to enter new markets this year** – UAE-based National Central Cooling Company (Tabreed) has plans to enter new markets and expand its presence in existing territories this year, the firm's CEO said. The Dubai-listed company has recently made a significant acquisition with the new Al Mouj plant in Muscat, Oman, expanded its portfolio in the UAE and announced the start of operations in Egypt. New expansion plans include strengthening the company's presence in Saudi Arabia, said Khalid Abdulla Al Marzooqi in a report released on Monday. However, he did not disclose which new markets they intend to enter this year. "For 2022, Tabreed is entering new markets and fully intends to expand its presence in existing territories," Marzooqi said. "Our sights are set firmly on increasing our Saudi Arabia portfolio, too," the CEO said. During 2021, group revenue went up by 12% to AED1.95bn (\$530mn), while EBITDA increased by 7% to AED1.03bn. (Zawya)
- Looming FATF decision on dirty money list poses risks for UAE** – A global financial crime watchdog will decide this week whether the UAE has made enough progress to avoid landing on a 'grey' watchlist, a designation which risks reputational damage to the Middle East's business hub. The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in 2020 called for "fundamental and major improvements" by the UAE, the region's financial capital and a gold trading hub that has tightened regulations to overcome an image as a hotspot for illicit money. Countries on the 'grey list' face increased FATF monitoring and risk reputational damage, ratings adjustments, trouble obtaining global finance and higher transaction costs, experts say. UAE Minister of State Ahmed al-Sayegh told Reuters the risk from a potential greylisting to sectors such as banking, real estate and credit ratings was "generally low". "The UAE's economy is resilient and diverse," he said. "We are engaged in an active dialogue with investors, financial institutions and firms doing business in the UAE to anticipate all relevant scenarios and mitigate any consequences as a result of increased monitoring." The Paris-based FATF will update its list of high-risk and other monitored jurisdictions by March 4. (Reuters)
- UAE fuel prices to top over AED3 per litre from today** – The impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine will hit UAE drivers in the pocket from tomorrow as they will be charged more than AED 3 per litre for petrol and diesel while oil prices soar. An announcement on UAE-based Emarat's Twitter account showed that from tomorrow (March 1) one litre of Special 95 petrol will cost AED 3.12, up from AED 2.82, while the premium fuel Super 98 will cost AED 3.23, up from AED 2.92. Diesel price will rise to AED 3.19, up from AED 2.88, while E-plus 91 will now cost AED 3.05, up from AED 2.75. The price of Brent Crude has topped \$105 per barrel today as more sanctions were imposed on Russia following the start of its invasion of its neighboring state on Thursday last week. Experts said last week that oil prices could top \$125 per barrel if the conflict intensifies further. Meanwhile in the UK, petrol prices soared to a record high of 150p per litre (\$2.01 or AED 7.38), according to reports. (Zawya)
- Top UAE banks set to see profitability return to pre-pandemic levels** – Growth in net interest income will drive profitability to pre-pandemic levels at the largest UAE banks in the next 12-18 months, according to a report by Moody's Investors Service. The growth in net interest income will be underpinned by rising interest rates expectations and strong business momentum supporting non-interest income, even as provisioning efforts ease, said the report published on Monday. "The four largest banks' profitability rebounded to near pre-pandemic levels in 2021, largely reflecting robust non-interest income and softening loan loss provisions," said Nitish Bhojnarwala, a VP-Senior Credit Officer at Moody's and the author of the report. "We expect a full return to pre-pandemic levels of profitability in the next 12-18 months." The four largest banks, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Emirates NBD, Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank and Dubai Islamic Bank reported a combined net profit of \$8 billion for full-year 2021, up 31% from the previous year. The recovery was a result of improving consumer confidence as macroeconomic conditions in the UAE recovered, particularly given loosening pandemic restrictions, a strong vaccination roll-out and recovering oil prices. Moody's expects continued the pick-up in bottom-line profitability to support the UAE banks' already healthy capital buffers and outweigh the pressure coming from increased lending activity in a context of economic recovery. Although net profitability has broadly bounced back to pre-pandemic levels (in dollar terms), the return on assets may not recover for some banks until 2023, the report said. (Zawya)
- Dubai's DEWA completes 100% of short-term goals of its \$1.90bn Smart Grid Strategy** – Saeed Mohammed Al Tayer, MD & CEO of Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA), announced that DEWA has completed the short-term goals of its Smart Grid Strategy 2014-2035. Between 2015 and 2020, DEWA replaced all electricity and water meters with smart meters, a deployment of over two million smart meters. By automating meter readings, DEWA empowers its customers with information on their usage patterns; allowing them to effectively manage their electricity and water usage. Between 2015 and 2017, DEWA fully automated its transmission network connected to the 400kV and 132 kV substations. In 2017, DEWA deployed its multi-application RF Mesh network across the Emirate. Since then, it has expanded to provide communication to over 4,200 distribution substations. This supports smart grid applications such as electricity and water smart meters and the automation of the distribution network. (Zawya)
- Sharjah Islamic Bank increases foreign ownership of shares to 40%** – Shareholders of Sharjah Islamic Bank (SIB) have approved increasing the percentage of foreign ownership of the bank's shares to 40%, at the Annual General Meeting that took place on Sunday 27th headed by Abdul Rahman Al Owais, Chairman of the Board of Directors. They also approved the distribution of 8% of cash profits to shareholders after the bank achieved net profits of AED514.1mn last year. The bank's net profits for 2021 showed an increase of 26.7% over 2020, when it reached AED405.8mn. Operating profits increased by 21.9%, from AED697.7mn in 2020 to AED850.7mn in 2021. (Zawya)
- Fitch Revises Omantel's Outlook to Stable; Affirms at 'BB-'** – Fitch Ratings has revised the Outlook on Oman Telecommunications Company S.A.O.G.'s (Omantel) Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Ratings (IDR) to Stable from Negative and affirmed the IDR at 'BB-'. The revision of the Outlook reflects that on Oman's Long-Term Foreign Currency IDR (see 'Fitch Revises Oman's Outlook to Stable; Affirms at 'BB-', dated 20 December 2021 at www.fitchratings.com). The revision of Oman's Outlook reflected improvements in fiscal metrics and reforms supported by high oil prices and potentially reduced need for external financing. Fitch rates Omantel under its Government-related Entities methodology (GRE), given close ties with the government and significant domestic operations in the country. (Fitch Ratings)

### Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

### Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,908.99	1.0	1.0	4.4
Silver/Ounce	24.45	0.7	0.7	4.9
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	100.99	3.1	3.1	29.8
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	95.72	4.5	4.5	27.3
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	4.29	(5.5)	(5.5)	17.2
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	139.00	(0.7)	(0.7)	23.8
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	153.95	1.0	1.0	10.6
Euro	1.12	(0.4)	(0.4)	(1.3)
Yen	115.00	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.1)
GBP	1.34	0.1	0.1	(0.8)
CHF	1.09	0.9	0.9	(0.5)
AUD	0.73	0.5	0.5	0.0
USD Index	96.71	0.1	0.1	1.1
RUB	98.06	18.2	18.2	31.3
BRL*	0.19	0.0	0.0	7.9

Source: Bloomberg (\*Market was closed on February 28, 2022)

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,977.95	(0.1)	(0.1)	(7.9)
DJ Industrial	33,892.60	(0.5)	(0.5)	(6.7)
S&P 500	4,373.94	(0.2)	(0.2)	(8.2)
NASDAQ 100	13,751.40	0.4	0.4	(12.1)
STOXX 600	453.11	(0.4)	(0.4)	(8.6)
DAX	14,461.02	(1.0)	(1.0)	(9.8)
FTSE 100	7,458.25	(0.4)	(0.4)	(0.1)
CAC 40	6,658.83	(1.7)	(1.7)	(8.4)
Nikkei	26,526.82	0.7	0.7	(7.8)
MSCI EM	1,171.31	(0.1)	(0.1)	(4.9)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,462.31	0.4	0.4	(4.2)
HANG SENG	22,713.02	(0.3)	(0.3)	(3.1)
BSE SENSEX	56,247.28	0.1	0.1	(4.8)
Bovespa*	113,141.90	0.0	0.0	16.0
RTS*	936.94	0.0	0.0	(41.3)

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns; \*Market was closed on February 28, 2022)

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