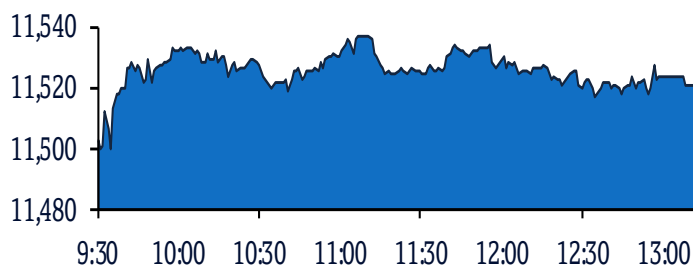


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.1% to close at 11,521.1. Gains were led by the Insurance and Industrials indices, gaining 0.5% and 0.4%, respectively. Top gainers were Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co. and Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co., rising 3.0% and 2.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, National Leasing fell 1.9%, while Doha Insurance Group was down 1.7%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.8% to close at 11,555.5. Gains were led by the Utilities and Energy indices, rising 1.8% and 1.6%, respectively. Sahara International Petrochemicals rose 4.0%, while Saudi Industrial Investment Group was up 2.7%.

Dubai: The DFM Index fell 1.0% to close at 2,783.4. The Banks index declined 1.7%, while the Telecommunication index fell 1.3%. Al Firdous Holdings declined 10.0%, while Dubai Refreshment Company was down 9.9%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell 0.1% to close at 7,688.5. The Insurance index declined 1.5%, while the Industrial index fell 1.0%. Abu Dhabi Natl Co. for Building declined 9.8%, while Emirates Insurance Co. was down 9.0%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index fell marginally to close at 6,876.7. The Technology index declined 2.8%, while the Insurance index fell 2.3%. Kuwait Hotels declined 9.5%, while Equipment Holding Co. was down 9.2%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 0.1% to close at 3,947.6. The Financial index gained 0.2%, while the Industrial index was up marginally. Bank Muscat rose 3.1%, while Al Maha Ceramics Company was up 2.3%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index fell 0.3% to close at 1,703.6. The Financials index declined 0.5%, while the other index ended flat or in green. Al-Salam Bank declined 1.2%, while Ahli United Bank was down 1.1%.

Market Indicators	05 Oct 21	04 Oct 21	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	510.3	542.8	(6.0)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	665,229.9	664,108.5	0.2
Volume (mn)	190.5	236.5	(19.4)
Number of Transactions	10,047	11,211	(10.4)
Companies Traded	45	46	(2.2)
Market Breadth	24:18	34:14	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	22,806.71	0.1	0.3	13.7	17.9
All Share Index	3,636.90	0.1	0.4	13.7	18.3
Banks	4,780.35	0.1	0.2	12.5	15.8
Industrials	4,111.60	0.4	1.0	32.7	22.0
Transportation	3,451.19	(0.1)	1.2	4.7	19.3
Real Estate	1,824.98	0.1	0.5	(5.4)	16.9
Insurance	2,585.09	0.5	1.3	7.9	17.1
Telecoms	1,078.50	(0.8)	(0.6)	6.7	N/A
Consumer	8,208.17	(0.1)	0.3	0.8	22.8
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,816.78	0.1	0.5	12.8	20.3

GCC Top Gainers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Sahara Int. Petrochemical	Saudi Arabia	42.45	4.0	4,850.7	145.1
Bank Muscat	Oman	0.46	3.1	3,211.8	28.4
Qatar Aluminum Manu.	Qatar	1.91	2.8	25,561.8	97.2
Saudi Industrial Inv.	Saudi Arabia	39.90	2.7	1,956.6	45.6
National Industrialization	Saudi Arabia	23.50	2.3	5,132.7	71.8

GCC Top Losers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Emirates NBD	Dubai	13.40	(3.9)	8,975.2	30.1
Saudi Telecom Co.	Saudi Arabia	117.40	(2.2)	2,713.5	11.6
Ooredoo Oman	Oman	0.38	(2.1)	247.0	(2.6)
Jarir Marketing Co.	Saudi Arabia	202.60	(1.9)	197.5	16.8
GFH Financial Group	Dubai	0.73	(1.9)	7,289.0	22.5

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%
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	4.62	3.0	1,299.0	143.5
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co	1.91	2.8	25,561.8	97.2
Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Co	3.20	1.9	26.0	(0.3)
Gulf International Services	1.61	1.6	21,526.1	(6.1)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.30	1.5	14,802.5	12.2

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co	1.91	2.8	25,561.8	97.2
Gulf International Services	1.61	1.6	21,526.1	(6.1)
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.96	0.5	20,317.3	47.0
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	1.08	(1.5)	15,402.2	(14.2)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.30	1.5	14,802.5	12.2

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
National Leasing	1.11	(1.9)	10,653.4	(10.8)
Doha Insurance Group	1.90	(1.7)	16.0	36.6
Mannai Corporation	4.26	(1.6)	858.1	42.1
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	1.08	(1.5)	15,402.2	(14.2)
Ooredoo	7.23	(1.0)	1,660.3	(3.9)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	19.20	0.3	82,345.5	7.7
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing	1.91	2.8	48,483.9	97.2
Industries Qatar	15.61	0.1	41,010.2	43.6
Gulf International Services	1.61	1.6	34,582.6	(6.1)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.30	1.5	33,866.3	12.2

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*	11,521.10	0.1	0.3	0.3	10.4	139.11	181,275.2	17.9	1.8	2.6
Dubai	2,783.39	(1.0)	(2.2)	(2.2)	11.7	63.70	104,987.2	21.1	1.0	2.8
Abu Dhabi	7,688.54	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	52.4	464.03	361,913.7	23.9	2.4	3.0
Saudi Arabia	11,555.53	0.8	0.5	0.5	33.0	2,020.77	2,738,761.5	28.4	2.5	2.2
Kuwait	6,876.67	(0.0)	0.2	0.2	24.0	218.74	132,467.6	27.5	1.7	1.9
Oman	3,947.56	0.1	0.1	0.1	7.9	7.30	18,623.7	11.7	0.8	4.0
Bahrain	1,703.63	(0.3)	(0.1)	(0.1)	14.4	5.86	27,400.1	12.0	0.8	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)

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.1% to close at 11,521.1. The Insurance and Industrials indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from Arab and foreign shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari and GCC shareholders.
- Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co. and Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. were the top gainers, rising 3.0% and 2.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, National Leasing fell 1.9%, while Doha Insurance Group was down 1.7%.
- Volume of shares traded on Tuesday fell by 19.4% to 190.5mn from 236.5mn on Monday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 169.9mn, volume for the day was 12.1% higher. Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. and Gulf International Services were the most active stocks, contributing 13.4% and 11.3% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	43.59%	49.36%	(29,412,443.3)
Qatari Institutions	18.88%	24.93%	(30,838,607.2)
Qatari	62.48%	74.28%	(60,251,050.5)
GCC Individuals	0.44%	0.37%	371,177.5
GCC Institutions	1.33%	1.56%	(1,183,296.7)
GCC	1.77%	1.93%	(812,119.2)
Arab Individuals	11.44%	11.35%	482,051.3
Arab Institutions	0.16%	0.00%	795,282.0
Arab	11.60%	11.35%	1,277,333.3
Foreigners Individuals	2.37%	2.71%	(1,755,145.6)
Foreigners Institutions	21.80%	9.74%	61,540,981.9
Foreigners	24.16%	12.45%	59,785,836.3

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

Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
05-10	US	Markit	Markit US Services PMI	Sep	54.9	54.4	54.4
05-10	US	Markit	Markit US Composite PMI	Sep	55	-	54.5
05-10	US	Institute for Supply Management	ISM Services Index	Sep	61.9	59.9	61.7
05-10	UK	Markit	Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Sep	55.4	54.6	54.6
05-10	UK	Markit	Markit/CIPS UK Composite PMI	Sep	54.9	54.1	54.1
05-10	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Sep	56.4	56.3	56.3
05-10	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	Sep	56.2	56.1	56.1
05-10	EU	Eurostat	PPI MoM	Aug	1.10%	1.30%	2.50%
05-10	EU	Eurostat	PPI YoY	Aug	13.40%	13.50%	12.40%
05-10	Germany	Markit	Markit Germany Services PMI	Sep	56.2	56	56
05-10	Germany	Markit	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	Sep	55.5	55.3	55.3
05-10	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Industrial Production MoM	Aug	1.00%	0.40%	0.50%
05-10	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Industrial Production YoY	Aug	3.90%	3.30%	3.90%
05-10	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Manufacturing Production MoM	Aug	1.10%	--	0.70%
05-10	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Manufacturing Production YoY	Aug	4.30%	--	3.80%
05-10	France	Markit	Markit France Services PMI	Sep	56.2	56	56
05-10	France	Markit	Markit France Composite PMI	Sep	55.3	55.1	55.1
05-10	Japan	Japan Tokyo CPI YoY	Tokyo CPI YoY	Sep	0.30%	-0.10%	-0.40%
05-10	Japan	Markit	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Sep	47.8	-	47.4
05-10	Japan	Markit	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Composite	Sep	47.9	-	47.7
05-10	India	Markit	Markit India PMI Services	Sep	55.2	-	56.7
05-10	India	Markit	Markit India PMI Composite	Sep	55.3	-	55.4

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 3Q2021 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QNBK	QNB Group	10-Oct-21	4	Due
QNCD	Qatar National Cement Company	10-Oct-21	4	Due
NLCS	Alijarah Holding	14-Oct-21	8	Due
QIBK	Qatar Islamic Bank	17-Oct-21	11	Due
QIGD	Qatari Investors Group	17-Oct-21	11	Due
KCBK	Al Khalij Commercial Bank	18-Oct-21	12	Due
ABQK	Ahli Bank	19-Oct-21	13	Due
QFLS	Qatar Fuel Company	20-Oct-21	14	Due
AKHI	Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company	25-Oct-21	19	Due

Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 3Q2021 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QIMD	Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company	27-Oct-21	21	Due
DOHI	Doha Insurance Group	27-Oct-21	21	Due

Source: QSE

News

Qatar

- MARK obtains shareholder approval for merger with KCBK and raising FOL from 49% to 100%** – Masraf al Rayan (MARK) received shareholder approval for its merger with Al Khalij Commercial Bank (KCBK, Al Khaliji) at its extraordinary general meeting held virtually on Tuesday. This is pursuant to Article 278 of Qatar Law Number 11 of 2015 and its subsequent amendments and the provisions of the Qatar Central Bank Law Number 13 of 2012. This will be done through the issuance of new shares in Al Rayan on the basis of the shareholders of Al Khaliji receiving 0.5 Al Rayan shares for every 1 share in Al Khaliji, subject to obtaining all regulatory approvals and fulfilling all the conditions precedent set out in the merger agreement dated January 7 between Al Khaliji and Masraf Al Rayan. Moreover, the shareholders approved raising the FOL from 49% to 100% taking into account the approvals of the supervisory authorities. The shareholders also approved the Fairness Opinion Report by Barclays Bank, which concludes that the exchange ratio pursuant to the proposed transaction resulting in the value of Al Khaliji of 1,800,000,000 new shares in Masraf Al Rayan's share capital is fair from a financial point of view, to the holders of Al Khaliji shares. It was reaffirmed during the meeting that the merger is subject to regulatory approvals and that both entities will continue to operate independently until the effective date of the merger. (Gulf-Times.com, Company Press Release)
- KCBK: Reminder of EGM today** – Al Khaliji Commercial Bank (KCBK) reminds its shareholders that the Extraordinary General Assembly Meeting (EGM) will be held electronically today October 06, 2021 at 4:30pm Doha Time. Registration will start at 3:00pm Doha Time. (QSE)
- QCSD modifies the individuals' ownership limit of DHBK** – Qatar Central Securities Depository (QCSD) has modified the individuals' ownership limit of Doha Bank (DHBK) to be 5% (2% previously) of the capital, which is equal to (155,023,351) shares. (QCSD)
- QGTS to disclose its 3Q2021 financial results on October 17** – Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. (QGTS) will disclose its financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2021 on October 17, 2021. (QSE)
- QGTS to holds its investors relation conference call on October 18** – Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. (QGTS) will hold the conference call with the Investors to discuss the financial results for the 3Q2021 on October 18, 2021 at 01:30 pm, Doha Time. (QSE)
- MERS to disclose its 3Q2021 financial results on October 24** – Al Meera Consumer Goods Company (MERS) will disclose its financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2021 on October 24, 2021. (QSE)
- ORDS partners with tech giant Ericsson to drive its Business Support Systems (BSS) digital transformation** – Ooredoo Group (ORDS) has engaged Ericsson as its next-generation digital transformation partner for Business Support System solutions. The two entities have signed a five-year group frame agreement that will see the deployment of the latest Ericsson BSS solutions across several Ooredoo Group operating companies, giving Ooredoo a new set of capabilities across the customer, product, revenue, and service management domains of its business operations. Ericsson BSS solutions will enable Ooredoo to serve any type of customer or partner, network technology, or chargeable event. In the partnership, aimed at driving the Group's digital transformation strategy, business operational excellence, and customer experience transformation programs, the deployment of Ericsson Business Support Systems (BSS) solutions will enable digitalization of, and innovation within, the Group, shortening time to market and increasing business opportunities. The agreement will also facilitate greater operational flexibility and enhanced efficiency. Ericsson Digital Monetization Platform (DMP), a convergent charging and billing solution to monetize all network technologies (including 5G), business models and customer types, will be one of the strategic target solutions for the most evolved operating companies of the Ooredoo Group. Designed to meet communications service providers' increasing demand for end-to-end best-in-suite solutions that combine powerful business performance with cost-efficient operations, management, and deployment, Ericsson DMP will drive Ooredoo's digital transformation by enabling convergence, providing cost efficiency, and minimizing time-to-market for new Ooredoo customer offerings, as well as promoting innovation. (Gulf-Times.com)
- QIMD to disclose its 3Q2021 financial results on October 27** – Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Co. (QIMD) will disclose its financial statement for the period ending September 30, 2021 on October 27, 2021. (QSE)
- Al Rayan Qatar ETF will disclose its 3Q2021 on October 19** – Al Rayan Qatar ETF announced that it will disclose its 3Q2021 Financial Statements on October 19, 2021. (QSE)
- QCB issues T-Bills worth QR600mn** – Qatar Central Bank (QCB) issued treasury bills for three, six and nine months for October 2021 with a value of QR600mn. QCB said in a release published on its official website that the treasury bills were distributed as follows: QR300mn for three months at an interest rate of 0.17%; QR200mn for six months at an interest rate of 0.22%; QR100mn for nine months at an interest rate of 0.25%. The issuance of the treasury bills is part of Qatar Central Bank's monetary policy initiatives and its efforts to strengthen the financial system as well as to activate the tools available for the open market operations. The issuance is part of a series of issues executed by Qatar Central Bank on behalf of the Government of the State of Qatar and in accordance with the schedule prepared by both Qatar Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance. Treasury bills are issued through auction for banks operating in Qatar. (Qatar Tribune)
- Qatar September Financial Center PMI 60.6 vs 58.2 in August** – IHS Markit releases Qatar's September financial center purchasing managers' index. The Index rose to 60.6 from 58.2 in August; year ago 51.4, indicating fifteenth consecutive month of expansion. The PMI was highest since on record. Employment rose to 52.7 vs 51.9 in August, the highest reading since June 2021 and twelfth consecutive month of expansion. (Bloomberg)
- PSA: Qatar's population decreases further to 2.57mn in August** – The total population of Qatar has decreased from 2.74mn during August 2020 to 2.57mn at end of August 2021, Planning and Statistics Authority's (PSA) monthly bulletin has revealed. The bulletin showed that a total of 2,125 live births were registered during August 2021, with an increase in the total

Qatari live births by 18.5% compared to last July. On the other hand, 221 deaths were recorded during the same period, representing an increase of 5.7 percent compared to July 2021. Moreover, August 2021 witnessed a monthly decrease by two percent in marriage contracts while the total number of divorce certificates increased monthly by 72.3% with 339 marriages and 243 divorce cases recorded in the month, the bulletin showed. (Qatar Tribune)

- **Qatar's ports see 67% rise in transshipment volume** – The ports of Qatar witnessed a growth of 67% in container transshipment volume in the first nine months of 2021 on YoY basis. The rise in volume shows that the country, especially due to Hamad Port, is fast becoming a regional trade hub. “Qatar’s ports witnessed a 16% YoY rise in container handling during the first nine months of the 2021 with a 67% growth in container transshipment volume. General cargo, RORO, and vessels increased by 20%, 22% and 6%, respectively at Hamad Port, Doha Port and Ruwais Port,” Mwani Qatar said in a tweet yesterday. According to figures released by Mwani, 1,195,321 TEUs; 1,205,831 tons of general cargo; 56,205 RORO units; 243,587 livestock heads; and 453,766 tons of building materials were handled at three ports of the country from January to September 2021. In another tweet, Mwani shared figures of last month’s cargo handling at the three ports. “Mwani Qatar received 1,143,88 tons of general cargo in September 2021, an increase of 17% compared to the same period of last year. Container handling and building materials saw a growth of 7%, 15% respectively at Hamad Port, Doha Port and Ruwais Port.” The ports handled 128,761 TEUs; 114,388 tons of general cargo, 4,356 RORO units, 32,323 livestock heads; and 41,722 tons of building materials in September 2021. QTerminals’ released figures regarding Hamad Port’s performance of last month indicate that ‘Qatar’s gateway to the world’ handled major chunk of cargo in September out of all three ports. It handled 126,150 TEUs; 111,712 tons of general cargo; 4,238 RORO units in September 2021. The Hamad Port received as many as 125 vessels last month. Hamad Port had also achieved recently a milestone by hitting handling of six million containers mark. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **PSA: Sharp rise in registration of vehicles in August** – Qatar’s automobile sector witnessed robust demand generation in the new vehicles segment this August as there was a double-digit growth in the registration of vehicles for private use and transport, according to the official data. The new registration also maintained a bullish outlook MoM in the review period, said the figures released by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). The new vehicle registration stood at 6,984, representing a 53% and 28.4% leap YoY and MoM respectively in the review period. The registration of private vehicles stood at 4,658, which registered a 62.5% and 39.6% increase YoY and MoM respectively in August 2021. Such vehicles constituted 66.69% of the total new vehicles registered in the country in the review period. The registration of new private transport vehicles stood at 1,624; which showed 55.3% and 11.5% growth on yearly and monthly basis respectively. Such vehicles constituted 23.25% of the total new vehicles in August 2021. Meanwhile, 7,791 new driving licenses were issued in August 2021, which marked a 55.2% increase over July 2021 (5,020 licenses) and a 99.5% rise over August 2020 (3,906 licenses), the data showed. According to the Qatar Central Bank data, auto loans to Qataris and non-Qatari were seen declining 29.23% and 19.23% YoY respectively to QR1.11bn and QR0.21bn this August. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Al-Kaabi: Natural gas, renewables partners in journey to reduce global carbon emissions** – HE the Minister of State for Energy Affairs Saad bin Sherida Al-Kaabi, also the President

and CEO of Qatar Petroleum, stressed the importance of collaboration between all concerned to help mitigate the effects of climate change. Speaking at the First Asia Green Growth Partnership Ministerial Meeting held virtually from Tokyo with the participation of Asian energy ministers, Al-Kaabi highlighted that the energy transition requires a collective effort by producers, governments as well as the end-consumers. He said, “The energy transition is not as much about a transition in energy supply, but rather a transition in consumer behavior.” Al-Kaabi stressed the role of natural gas in the energy transition, saying: “We believe that natural gas and renewables are partners in the journey to reduce global carbon emissions. Gas will remain a much-needed energy source to manage intermittency issues and to offset fluctuations in demand both on a seasonal and daily basis.” (Gulf-Times.com)

- **Qatar: LNG market faces winter shortage on lack of investment** – Liquefied natural gas demand will continue to rise this winter, and producers might not be able to provide enough supply due to lack of investment, Saad Al-Kaabi, Qatar’s energy minister, said Tuesday at the LNG Producer-Consumer Conference hosted by Japan. LNG spot prices are at a record high due to lack of investment, supply disruptions, rebound from the pandemic and weather, he said. Qatar is one of the world’s top LNG exporters. (Bloomberg)
- **Qatar’s construction sector advancing towards smart, sustainable future** – The second day of Project Qatar 2021, which is ongoing at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Centre (DECC) until October 7, explored sustainable construction trends on solar energy, green building regulations, and retrofitting, among others. The exhibition’s 17th edition has been attracting visitors to its new section this year – the Project Qatar Wholesale Market, which provides an exclusive opportunity to purchase in bulk and highly discounted prices from a wide selection of building materials and equipment. The Future Projects Qatar Conference and the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) trainings focused on sustainability trends on the second day and explored key topics like green building regulations, technology innovations, and corporate sustainability, among others. The second day of the conference focused on the theme ‘Building a Sustainable and Green Future’. The keynote sessions focused on ‘Building Qatar Towards a Sustainable & Green Future’ and ‘Sustainable Green Building’s Regulations & Opportunities. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Qatar Air ups ante in A350 paint-job dispute with Airbus** – Qatar Airways said a problem with rapidly deteriorating surface paint that led to the grounding of 16 of its Airbus SE A350 jets has also affected lightning protection on the model’s fuselage and caused cracks on the composite structure. Chief Executive Officer Akbar Al Baker also disputed a statement from Airbus that it had identified the cause of the problem, which the European plane maker said is limited to surface paint and does not affect airworthiness. The dust-up with its largest A350 customer is escalating just as Airbus ramps up a sales campaign for a coming freighter version of the wide-body jet. Al Baker has said he’s interested in the new freighter, as well as a competing model expected from Boeing Co. The Doha-based airline will make a decision soon on an order for 50 freighters, but won’t buy any more A350s from Airbus until the surface issue is fixed, he told Bloomberg News. “It is a problem with the paint that has led to us getting deterioration on the lightning protection of the fuselage and cracks appearing on the composite,” Al Baker said in an interview at an airline industry summit in Boston. The paint is not deteriorating on metal areas of the aircraft, and only where there is “aerodynamic stress,” he said. (Bloomberg)

- **Qatar Airways, RwandAir sign comprehensive codeshare agreement** – Qatar Airways and RwandAir have signed a comprehensive codeshare agreement to offer travelers more choice, enhanced service and greater connectivity to over 65 destinations across Africa and the rest of the world. As part of the deal, the Rwandan flag carrier will also launch new non-stop flights between their Kigali hub and Doha from December. The agreement benefits travelers from across the globe who fly with both the airlines, which expands each carrier's route network. Passengers can "enjoy the simplicity" of purchasing connecting flights on both airlines using one seamless reservation system that simplifies ticketing, check-in, boarding and baggage-check processes for the entire journey. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **Shura Council to get new 500-seat hall for meetings** – The Shura Council will get a 500-seat new hall to hold meetings. The hall is a part of an under construction two-storey building in the car parking area across the current headquarters of the Shura Council. "The hall, scheduled to be completed within one year, will also have an underground parking for 400 cars," Misfir Hamid Al-Ghashali Al-Shahwani, assistant director for Public Relations and Media Affairs at the Shura Council Speaker's Office, told local Arabic daily Arrayah. The building will include a reception hall that can accommodate 60 people. "It's distinctive in line with the comprehensive renaissance that the country is witnessing under the leadership of His Highness the Amir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani," he said. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **LNG binding producers, consumers together in abruptly changing energy landscape** – The unique flexibility of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to deliver natural gas to all corners of the world is saving the day for both producers and consumers in the face of shortages of other energy sources, Secretary General of the Gas Exporting Countries Forum (GECF) said on Tuesday at the 10th edition of the LNG Producer-Consumer Conference. Organised by Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and Asia-Pacific Energy Research Centre (APER), the conference enjoyed keynote speeches by Hosaka Shin, Commissioner at Agency for Natural Resources and Energy of METI, HE Saad Sherida Al-Kaabi, Qatar's Minister of State for Energy Affairs, Member of the Cabinet, CEO and President of Qatar Petroleum, Hardeep Singh Puri, India Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs, Fatih Birol, IEA Secretary General, and others. Speaking at the event, GECF's Yury Sentyurin emphasized that continued cooperation and dialogue between producers and consumers should be imperative for facilitating investment, reducing cost, and optimizing operations across the entire gas value chain. (Qatar Tribune)

International

- **US services activity forges ahead; trade deficit races to record high** – US services industry activity nudged up in September, but growth is being restrained by a persistent shortage of inputs and the resulting high prices as the pandemic drags on. The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) survey on Tuesday reported that "ongoing challenges with labor resources, logistics, and materials are affecting the continuity of supply." Hopes for an easing in the supply chain bottlenecks were dashed by a resurgence in COVID-19 infections over summer, driven by the Delta variant. Ports in China and the US are also experiencing congestion. The ISM's non-manufacturing activity index edged up to a reading of 61.9 last month from 61.7 in August. A reading above 50 indicates growth in the services sector, which accounts for more than two-thirds of US economic activity. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the index falling to 60. Seventeen services industries, including retail trade, public administration as well as finance and insurance

reported growth. Only agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting saw a decline in activity. Accommodation and food services businesses reported increased transportation bottlenecks, which were "resulting in longer lead times and missed appointments." Transportation and warehousing businesses said "demand far outweighs supply for goods and services." In the public administration industry, businesses complained about rising costs for both supply and service inputs, which they said "have the potential to significantly impact our operations through the end of the year, especially if seasonal trends prove exceptionally strong." Spending is shifting from goods to services like travel and other high-contact activities as the economy normalizes after being severely disrupted by the pandemic, thanks to vaccinations against the coronavirus. (Reuters)

- **UK's Sunak says borrowing for investment sensible under new budget rules** – British Finance Minister Rishi Sunak said on Tuesday that government borrowing to fund investment was a sensible thing to allow under new fiscal rules that he is likely to announce later this month, unlike borrowing for day-to-day spending. "Borrowing for capital investment that is going to drive up our growth is probably a sensible thing for us to be doing, particularly in an environment of slightly lower interest rates," Sunak said at an event on the sidelines of the annual conference of Britain's ruling Conservative Party. "Borrowing for more day-to-day spending is probably less something that you would want to have as part of your framework," he told the event organized by the Taxpayers' Alliance advocacy group. (Reuters)

- **UK factories plan most widespread price hikes since 1980s** – More British manufacturers plan to raise their prices than at any other point in the past three decades, according to a survey that added to signs of growing inflationary pressure in the world's fifth biggest economy. The net balance of factory firms expecting to hike their prices rose to +60% in the latest quarterly survey by the British Chambers of Commerce, up from +57% in the second quarter and the highest since the survey began in 1989. The share of services firms planning price increases was the highest since 2008 at 38%. The Bank of England is watching for signs that the recent rise in inflation in Britain might prove longer-lasting than it has forecast. It has said the case for a first rate hike since the onset of the coronavirus crisis appears to be strengthening. But there is little evidence that higher inflation is stoking a broad increase in pay settlements, meaning the BoE should have enough leeway to keep interest rates steady over the medium term, Thiru said. The share of BCC member companies reporting higher domestic sales in the July-to-September period increased to 47% from 44% in the second quarter, which Thiru said represented a "disappointingly modest uptick." The survey found 27% of firms invested in the third quarter, unchanged from the previous three months, which the BCC said was "another troubling warning sign for longer-term recovery." In April, finance minister Rishi Sunak introduced a big tax incentive to try to encourage companies to invest more. The online survey of 5,737 businesses was conducted between August 23 and September 13. (Reuters)

- **PMIs: European business growth hurt by supply issues, pricing in September** – Business growth across Europe remained strong last month but elevated inflationary pressures put a dent in demand while ongoing supply issues constrained activity, issues which are likely to continue, a survey showed. Although many restrictions imposed to contain the coronavirus pandemic have now been lifted in the region, firms are suffering from shortages of staff, raw materials and transport. IHS Markit's final composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), seen as a good guide to economic health, sank to 56.2 last month from August's 59.0, although still well above the 50 mark separating

growth from contraction and just above a 56.1 "flash" estimate. On Friday, a Eurozone manufacturing PMI showed growth remained robust in September but activity suffered from supply chain bottlenecks, and the bloc's dominant service industry also saw the pace of expansion slow. A PMI for the services sector fell to 56.4 from 59.0, its lowest since May, while the new business index dropped to 55.3 from 57.9. "Today's data confirm the services sector remains on the path of recovery, but the pace of expansion softened. Despite the momentum remaining solid, inflationary pressures and supply-side disruptions weigh on the outlook," said Maddalena Martini at Oxford Economics. "Looking forward, we see these downside risks to remain towards the end of 2021." Demand fell to a five-month low as firms passed on part of rising input costs, which rose at a record pace, to consumers. The composite output prices index rose to 59.1 from 58.3, not far from survey highs set in the summer months. Activity in Germany's services industry continued to grow strongly in September, but the recovery from the pandemic lost momentum as catch-up effects waned and more companies were affected by supply bottlenecks. In France, services growth slipped as inflationary pressures and COVID-19 protocols had an impact on businesses. Italian and Spanish services growth also slowed. Meanwhile, in Britain - outside the currency union - the post-lockdown economic recovery avoided losing further momentum last month but companies increased prices at the fastest pace on record, adding to signs of rising inflation. (Reuters)

- **World Bank ups Russia's 2021 GDP forecast but warns of sanctions impact** – Russia's economic recovery will be stronger than expected this year but US sanctions, a poor vaccination rate and the central bank's monetary tightening will all weigh on the growth outlook, the World Bank said on Wednesday. Russia's economic rebound will outpace its neighbor Belarus, hit by Western sanctions amid a political crisis, but will be less pronounced than in other former Soviet republics such as Armenia, Georgia and Uzbekistan. After shrinking by 3% in 2020, its sharpest contraction in 11 years, the Russian economy has recovered to pre-pandemic levels but is expected to lose momentum in the next few years without extra investment that could come from state spending. The World Bank said it now expects Russia's gross domestic product to grow by 4.3% in 2021 and 2.8% in 2022 versus 3.2% and 3.2%, respectively, that it forecast in June. This year, the economy "is supported by an earlier rebound in domestic demand and elevated energy prices," the World Bank said in a report on Europe and Central Asia. In 2022, economic growth will slow as demand stabilizes and industrial commodity prices can go down, it said. "The escalation of geopolitical tensions, including additional US sanctions imposed in 2021, low vaccination rates, and increases in the policy rate from record lows are weighing on the growth outlook." Russia has had to raise rates five times so far this year, struggling to rein in stubbornly high consumer inflation and is on track to raise the key rate by at least 25 basis points from 6.75% on October 22. (Reuters)

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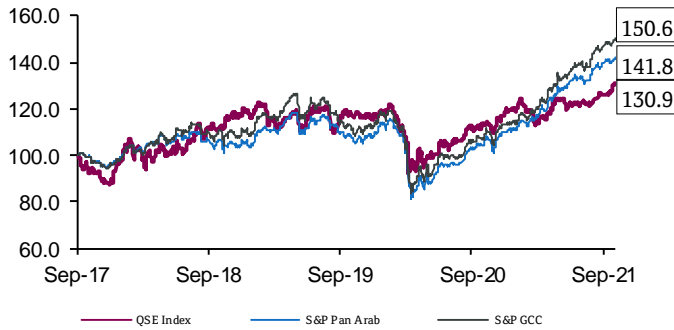
- **S&P: Private sector lending likely to remain muted in GCC, except for Saudi** – Private sector lending is likely to remain muted for one to two years in GCC countries, except for Saudi Arabia, according to S&P Global Ratings. The ratings agency said GCC central banks' unprecedented interventions, in the form of liquidity injections and regulatory forbearance measures, had helped cushion banks from wider uncertainty and masked the true hit to their asset quality indicators. However, a gradual recovery in private sector economic activity, supportive public sector demand for credit, and higher oil prices, which S&P

assumes an average of \$75 per barrel in 2021 and \$65 per barrel in 2022, helped amortize the impact on banks, S&P Global Ratings said in an update. (Zawya)

- **PMI: Saudi non-oil new business growth at seven-year high in September** – Saudi Arabia's non-oil private sector grew in September, with new orders rising at the fastest rate in seven years, a business survey showed, as a relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions on activity and travel boosted customer demand. The seasonally adjusted IHS Markit Saudi Arabia Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) surged to 58.6 in September from 54.1 in August, well above the 50 mark that separates growth from contraction. The 4.5-point gain signaled the strongest improvement in non-oil business conditions since August 2015. (Reuters)
- **Saudi pilgrimage sites developer Jabal Omar restructures loan** – Jabal Omar Development Company, one of Saudi Arabia's largest-listed property developers, said on Tuesday it had signed a deal to restructure a SR4.7bn loan agreed in 2015, including by increasing it and extending the maturity. The facility, provided by Saudi British Bank (SABB) and Samba Financial Group, will have a draw limit of SR5.9bn, around a quarter more than its original size and repayments will begin after a three-year grace period, Jabal Omar said in an exchange filing. (Reuters)
- **Saudi Aramco cuts November crude price to Asia by 40 cents/bbl** – Top oil exporter Saudi Arabia cut the November official selling price (OSP) to Asia for its flagship Arab Light crude to \$1.30 a barrel above the Oman/Dubai average, the country's state oil producer Aramco said on Tuesday. Saudi Arabia set its Arab Light OSP to northwest Europe at a discount of \$2.40 a barrel against ICE Brent for November and its OSP to the United States was at a premium of \$1.25 a barrel over Argus Sour Crude Index (ASCI). (Reuters)
- **Saudi's Al Kathiri Holding plans SR500mn Islamic bond** – Saudi Arabia-listed building materials firm Al Kathiri Holding announced on Tuesday that it is looking to issue a Saudi riyal-denominated Islamic bond. Proceeds from the sukuk issuance, valued at SR500mn, will be used for the company's "general corporate purposes" and to meet its financial objectives and strategies, the company told the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul). (Zawya)
- **Saudi Arabia and Egypt sign \$1.8bn contract for electrical connection** – Saudi Arabia and Egypt have signed new contracts for electrical connection projects. The deal is valued at \$1.8bn, and will start in 2022. By the end of the project, there will be a mutual exchange of 3000 watts of electricity. "Saudi Arabia and Egypt share the same goals, and we work together as a team to implement them," said Abdulaziz bin Salman, the minister of energy in Saudi Arabia during a virtual conference. (Zawya)
- **Saudi National Bank to start divestment of Pakistan's Samba** – Saudi national bank to name advisers to help sell stake in Samba Bank, according to statement by Samba Bank to Pakistan Stock Exchange. (Bloomberg)
- **PMI: UAE non-oil private sector grows but employment slows down in September** – The UAE non-oil private sector continued to expand in September as recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in the Middle East trade and tourism hub remained strong, although job creation slowed, a business survey showed on Tuesday. The seasonally adjusted IHS Markit UAE Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which covers manufacturing and services, dipped slightly to 53.3 in September from 53.8 in August, remaining well above the 50.0 mark that separates growth from contraction. (Reuters)

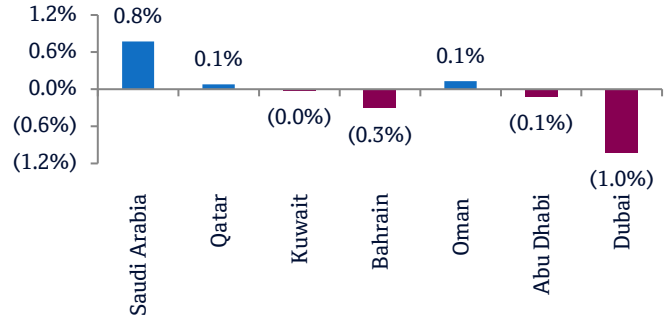
- **UAE may sell debut federal bond in 10y, 20y and 40y on Wednesday** – The UAE markets bonds for a second day. Issuer looking to sell dollar Reg S/144A bonds in 10/20/40 year maturities. Debt is rated Aa2, the third-highest investment grade at Moody's Investors Service; one step lower at AA- by Fitch Ratings. (Bloomberg)
- **Emirates airline signs \$750mn sales-backed loan** – Emirates, the world's largest long-haul airline before the pandemic, has signed a \$750mn five-year dual-tranche financing facility with Emirates NBD, the bank said on Tuesday. "The landmark transaction remains competitively priced and marks a first for Emirates Airline as a sales-receivable backed financing structure, aimed to diversify their liquidity pool," said Emirates NBD, Dubai's biggest lender. Emirates has received \$3.1bn in state support from Dubai since the start of the pandemic. That includes \$1.1bn in June, when it reported a \$5.5bn loss for the year ended March - its first annual loss in more than three decades. (Reuters)
- **Fertiglobe joint venture of OCI-ADNOC plans IPO of 13.8% stake** – Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and chemical producer OCI N.V. plan an initial public offering of 13.8% of the shares in fertilizer joint venture Fertiglobe on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX), the joint venture said on Tuesday. The deal will be the first onshore listing of a free zone company in the UAE, it added. Euronext-listed OCI, which is backed by Egyptian billionaire businessman Nassef Sawiris, is expected to retain a majority of the company, while ADNOC is seen indirectly owning 36.2% after the IPO, Fertiglobe said in a statement. (Reuters)
- **Abu Dhabi's Yahsat plans to add two more satellites to its fleet** – Abu Dhabi-listed Al Yah Satellite Communications Company (Yahsat), the satellite operator owned by sovereign fund Mubadala Investment Company, will assess adding two new satellites to its existing fleet. The two new satellites would add to the existing capabilities of Al Yah 1 and Al Yah 2, to enable next generation capabilities, the company said in a bourse filing to Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX). The new satellites Al Yah 5 and Al Yah 5 will be launched by Yahsat in 2026, if given the go ahead after the assessment. (Zawya)
- **Abu Dhabi's IHC may miss out on inflows over lack of free float** – The second-largest listed company in the United Arab Emirates may miss out on inflows worth millions due to lack of clarity over its free float. International Holding Co. is eligible for inclusion in the UAE standard Index, potentially triggering \$900mn of passive inflows, CI Capital said on Monday. Earlier this year, Arqaam Capital said it sees a low probability of the company joining the MSCI and FTSE emerging markets benchmarks, which could trigger \$670mn of flows. (Bloomberg)
- **Abu Dhabi wealth fund Mubadala worried about inflation** – Persistently high inflation in the U.S. tops the list of concerns for one of Abu Dhabi's biggest sovereign wealth funds even as growth prospects remain strong. "You worry about things like inflation. You worry about how that's going to play out over the next six to 12 months," Mubadala Investment Co's deputy chief executive officer, Waleed Al Mokarrab Al Muhairi, said in an interview at Bloomberg Invest. Global markets have been thrown into turmoil in recent weeks, partly due to concerns about persistently high inflation and disruptions to international supply chains, with investors bracing for the Federal Reserve to begin tapering pandemic stimulus as early as next month. (Bloomberg)
- **Oman August consumer prices rise 2.08% YoY** – Oman's consumer prices rose 2.08% YoY in August versus +2.19% in July, according to The Oman National Centre for Statistics & Information. (Bloomberg)
- **Oman sells OMR82mn 28-day bills at yield 0.648%** – Oman sold OMR82mn of bills due November 3. The bills were sold at a price of 99.95, have a yield of 0.648% and will settle on October 6. (Bloomberg)
- **GFH Financial Group ratings affirmed; outlook revised to stable** – Capital Intelligence Ratings (CI Ratings or CI), today announced that it has affirmed the Long-Term Foreign Currency Rating (LT FCR) and Short-Term Foreign Currency Rating (ST FCR) of GFH Financial Group (GFH) at 'BB-' and 'B', respectively. The Outlook on the LT FCR has been revised to Stable from Negative, reflecting GFH's increased exposure to higher grade assets outside of Bahrain ('BB-'/'B'/Negative), and our expectation that this will rise further in the short term as diversification of assets continues. (Bloomberg)
- **Bahrain sells BHD26m 182-day islamic sukuk; bid-cover 4** – Bahrain sold BHD26mn of Islamic Sukuk due April 7, 2022. Investors offered to buy 4 times the amount of securities sold. The Sukuk will settle on October 7. (Bloomberg)

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Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,760.18	(0.5)	(0.0)	(7.3)
Silver/Ounce	22.63	(0.2)	0.4	(14.3)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	82.56	1.6	4.1	59.4
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	78.93	1.7	4.0	62.7
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	5.81	0.0	4.1	144.3
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	151.50	0.6	1.8	101.3
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	163.25	1.3	1.7	134.9
Euro	1.16	(0.2)	0.0	(5.1)
Yen	111.46	0.5	0.4	8.0
GBP	1.36	0.1	0.6	(0.3)
CHF	1.08	(0.4)	0.3	(4.7)
AUD	0.73	0.2	0.5	(5.2)
USD Index	93.98	0.2	(0.1)	4.5
RUB	72.36	(0.2)	(0.5)	(2.8)
BRL	0.18	(0.4)	(2.0)	(5.1)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	3,016.19	0.8	(0.2)	12.1
DJ Industrial	34,314.67	0.9	(0.0)	12.1
S&P 500	4,345.72	1.1	(0.3)	15.7
NASDAQ 100	14,433.83	1.3	(0.9)	12.0
STOXX 600	456.03	1.0	0.8	8.5
DAX	15,194.49	0.9	0.3	4.6
FTSE 100	7,077.10	1.2	1.3	9.5
CAC 40	6,576.28	1.4	1.0	12.5
Nikkei	27,822.12	(2.7)	(3.7)	(6.1)
MSCI EM	1,236.51	0.0	(0.8)	(4.2)
SHANGHAI SE Composite [#]	3,568.17	-	-	4.1
HANG SENG	24,104.15	0.3	(1.9)	(11.8)
BSE SENSEX	59,744.88	0.8	1.2	22.6
Bovespa	110,457.60	(0.6)	(3.8)	(12.3)
RTS	1,840.11	3.0	3.9	32.6

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns, [#]Market was closed as on October 05, 2021)

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