Daily Market Report

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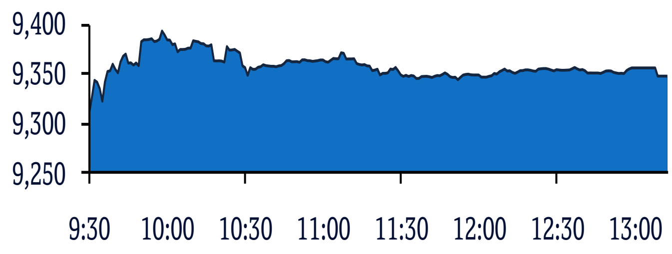
QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

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GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.8% to close at 7,267.9. Gains were led by the Pharma, Biotech and Food & Beverages indices, rising 2.4% and 1.9%, respectively. National Gypsum rose 10.0%, while Al-Ahlia Cooperative Insurance was up 9.9%.

Dubai: The DFM Index gained 4.6% to close at 2,133.3. The Banks index rose 5.8%, while the Industrials index gained 4.8%. Dubai Islamic Bank rose 9.5%, while Almadina for Finance and Investment Company was up 7.1%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index gained 2.4% to close at 4,405.3. The Banks index rose 4.6%, while the Real Estate index gained 4.0%. National Bank of Ras Al-Khai rose 15.0%, while Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank was up 9.9%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.9% to close at 5,066.0. The Basic Materials index rose 4.7%, while the Consumer Services index gained 1.8%. Energy House Holding Co. rose 19.1%, while Al Salam Group Holding Co. was up 11.1%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 0.6% to close at 3,538.3. Gains were led by the Financial and Services indices, rising 0.8% and 0.5%, respectively. Oman United Insurance Company rose 8.3%, while Al Anwar Holdings was up 5.9%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index fell 0.3% to close at 1,269.9. The Commercial Banks index declined 0.8%, while the other indices ended flat or in green. BBK declined 3.0%, while Al Salam Bank - Bahrain was down 1.6%.

Market Indicators	07 Jun 20	04 Jun 20	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	357.5	439.1	(18.6)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	531,154.3	524,628.9	1.2
Volume (mn)	224.2	182.1	23.2
Number of Transactions	7,196	10,151	(29.1)
Companies Traded	46	46	0.0
Market Breadth	39:5	24:14	–

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	17,973.73	1.1	1.1	(6.3)	14.7
All Share Index	2,900.38	1.1	1.1	(6.4)	15.4
Banks	4,030.96	0.8	0.8	(4.5)	13.2
Industrials	2,702.67	2.8	2.8	(7.8)	21.5
Transportation	2,662.71	0.3	0.3	4.2	12.9
Real Estate	1,424.45	1.6	1.6	(9.0)	14.1
Insurance	2,031.17	1.1	1.1	(25.7)	33.7
Telecoms	888.90	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.7)	14.9
Consumer	7,493.26	0.6	0.6	(13.3)	19.1
Al Rayan Islamic Index	3,748.25	1.5	1.5	(5.1)	17.3

GCC Top Gainers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank	Abu Dhabi	3.78	9.9	26,881.3	(29.9)
Dubai Islamic Bank	Dubai	4.03	9.5	20,158.2	(26.9)
Emaar Properties	Dubai	2.77	6.1	43,405.4	(31.1)
Abu Dhabi Comm. Bank	Abu Dhabi	5.25	5.6	4,550.4	(33.7)
GFH Financial Group	Dubai	0.56	4.5	41,006.3	(33.1)

GCC Top Losers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
BBK	Bahrain	0.49	(3.0)	50.5	(11.1)
Bupa Arabia for Coop. Ins.	Saudi Arabia	112.60	(2.1)	94.5	10.0
Emirates Telecom. Group	Abu Dhabi	16.40	(1.8)	2,017.5	0.2
Saudi Arabian Fertilizer	Saudi Arabia	79.40	(0.8)	145.2	2.5
Yanbu National Petro. Co.	Saudi Arabia	51.40	(0.6)	552.7	(8.1)

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%
Islamic Holding Group	2.77	10.0	9,840.9	45.9
Qatari Investors Group	1.77	10.0	9,971.3	(1.0)
Gulf International Services	1.57	8.1	9,949.3	(9.0)
Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co.	0.75	7.4	8,198.8	22.7
Qatar National Cement Company	4.12	6.3	737.3	(27.1)

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Islamic Insurance Company	6.31	(2.4)	20.1	(5.5)
Mannai Corporation	2.94	(1.6)	167.5	(4.5)
Qatar First Bank	0.97	(0.7)	3,647.5	18.0
Ooredoo	6.73	(0.3)	522.7	(4.9)
Qatar Electricity & Water Co.	16.22	(0.1)	200.6	0.8

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	0.86	4.3	58,352.7	39.2
Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing	0.71	2.2	15,916.9	(9.1)
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	1.26	4.0	12,573.7	117.0
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.70	3.2	12,249.2	(2.8)
Qatari Investors Group	1.77	10.0	9,971.3	(1.0)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	0.86	4.3	49,186.5	39.2
Masraf Al Rayan	3.91	0.2	28,800.4	(1.4)
Islamic Holding Group	2.77	10.0	26,460.3	45.9
QNB Group	18.13	0.7	24,498.0	(11.9)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.18	2.6	21,317.6	(13.1)

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*	9,349.30	1.1	1.1	5.7	(10.3)	97.82	144,527.1	14.7	1.4	4.3
Dubai	2,133.34	4.6	4.6	9.7	(22.8)	135.04	81,829.5	8.4	0.8	4.6
Abu Dhabi	4,405.32	2.4	2.4	6.4	(13.2)	82.03	131,580.3	13.7	1.3	5.8
Saudi Arabia	7,267.86	0.8	0.8	0.8	(13.4)	1,169.00	2,190,747.6	22.1	1.8	3.6
Kuwait	5,065.98	0.9	0.9	1.4	(19.4)	142.70	92,848.4	14.7	1.2	4.1
Oman	3,538.32	0.6	0.6	(0.2)	(11.1)	4.05	15,381.0	9.2	0.8	6.8
Bahrain	1,269.85	(0.3)	(0.3)	0.0	(21.1)	4.77	19,335.1	9.2	0.8	5.5

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 1.1% to close at 9,349.3. The Industrials 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.
- Islamic Holding Group and Qatari Investors Group were the top gainers, rising 10.0% each. Among the top losers, Qatar Islamic Insurance Company fell 2.4%, while Mannai Corporation was down 1.6%.
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday rose by 23.2% to 224.2mn from 182.1mn on Thursday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 222.5mn, volume for the day was 0.8% higher. Ezdan Holding Group and Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company were the most active stocks, contributing 26.0% and 7.1% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	50.44%	49.73%	2,546,032.91
Qatari Institutions	22.02%	25.83%	(13,637,624.33)
Qatari	**72.46%**	**75.56%**	**(11,091,591.42)**
GCC Individuals	1.21%	1.56%	(1,259,030.63)
GCC Institutions	3.46%	1.32%	7,654,228.24
GCC	**4.67%**	**2.88%**	**6,395,197.61**
Non-Qatari Individuals	18.58%	16.92%	5,937,935.68
Non-Qatari Institutions	4.30%	4.64%	(1,241,541.87)
Non-Qatari	**22.88%**	**21.56%**	**4,696,393.82**

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

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
06/07	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Exports YoY	May	-3.3%	-6.5%	3.5%
06/07	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Imports YoY	May	-16.7%	-7.9%	-14.2%
06/07	China	National Bureau of Statistics	Trade Balance	May	$62.93bn	$41.40bn	$45.33bn

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

News

Qatar

- **Al-Jaida: Resilient Qatar economy attracts investors across world –** Strong macroeconomic fundamentals and the expectations of improving profitability at non-energy private sector are prompting investors across the world to increasingly look at Doha with confidence, even amidst the current situation, according to the Qatar Financial Centre's (QFC) Chief Executive, Yousuf Mohamed Al-Jaida. "Despite challenges, Qatar's economy continues to prove resilient in the face of this crisis, with our GDP expected to grow to $231bn by 2024 from $193bn in 2020," he told Gulf Times in an interview. In April and May respectively, Moody's affirmed Qatar's 'Aa3' rating with a 'Stable' outlook, and Standard & Poor's affirmed its 'AA-/A-1+' rating with a 'Stable' outlook, citing strong financial buffers. Fitch affirmed Qatar's 'AA-' ratings citing the continued fiscal and external surpluses, a strong sovereign net foreign asset position, and one of the world's highest ratios of GDP per capita. Finding these as testament to the resilience of Qatar's economy, Al-Jaida said, "This is all to say that existing and potential investors turn to Qatar with confidence, even in light of the current situation." Although it is challenging to predict how the situation will play out at this time, Qatar, remains in a strong position to tackle these ongoing challenges and will be the only Gulf country to still register a fiscal surplus, he said, quoting the International Monetary Fund. Qatar's resourceful nature and proven adaptability, as demonstrated with crises in the past, will continue to be the key in tackling the impacts of this ongoing situation, he said, adding the present business sentiments also point out optimism. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **GWCS enhancing Qatar's food safety mechanism –** Gulf Warehousing Company (GWCS), the leading logistics provider in Qatar, has celebrated World Food Safety Day. The 2020 edition World Food Safety Day was held on June 7 under the theme "Food safety, everyone's business", and the action-oriented campaign promoted global food safety awareness for both public and private sector providers alike. "As a leading provider of logistics and supply chain solutions in Qatar, offering high-quality warehousing and distribution services, we are always seeking ways to provide the highest level of quality services to our clients," GWCS Group's CEO, Ranjeev Menon said. "The food security efforts done by Qatar are very visible and gaining every support from the government especially since the siege in 2017 and with the fight against coronavirus. Food security is paramount to our priorities, and that entails following the best practices in food safety systems," he said. GWCS has long been a champion of quality systems, including those for food safety, with one of its two first ISO certifications being for food safety systems. This dedication to quality in food storage and distribution has led to it being trusted by remarkable retail and food distribution outlets in the country. GWCS has emerged as the provider of choice for cold chain logistics in times of economic prosperity and during crises where the company played a major role in the food supply chain in the early days of the blockade and COVID-19 outbreak in Qatar. (Qatar Tribune)

- **Only currency to dodge Gulf market's ire shows payoff after rift –** Three years after being isolated by its Gulf Arab neighbors, Qatar also stands apart in the currency market. Its peg against the dollar has been the only one in the region that has not come under pressure even as local economies succumb to what may be their worst recession ever. The nation's bonds have also outperformed those of the other five members of the GCC this year. Qatar has bulked up its fiscal defenses and grown more self-sufficient after four Arab states led by Saudi Arabia severed diplomatic and trade ties over accusations that it supported terrorist groups – allegations the emirate denies. The world's biggest exporter of liquefied natural gas, due to host the 2022 soccer World Cup, has since rebuilt its reserves and brought the oil price it needs to balance the budget to the lowest in the region. S&P Global Ratings projects the size of the government's liquid financial assets will average about 177% of GDP from 2021 through 2023. (Bloomberg)
- **Akbar Al Baker: Air travel to become costlier post-pandemic –** People will have to pay more for air travel post-COVID-19 than what they used to spend on the same flights before the pandemic, Qatar Airways Group's Chief Executive, Akbar Al Baker has said. In an interview with Al Jazeera, Al Baker said the aviation industry will not be the same after COVID-19. He said the 2008 global financial crisis saw companies stopping executives travelling first class. After this pandemic, with virtual meetings through video conferencing and group calls becoming the new norm, business travels, which are "the bread and butter" of the aviation industry, will decline. Although Qatar Airways has announced that it would increase operations to 80 destinations by the end of June, Al Baker said resuming flights to the rest of the 170 destinations it was serving before the pandemic will take time. Al Baker asserted that the risk of virus transmission on board Qatar Airways is minimal due to the safety measures put in place. However, social distancing on the economy classes will really not be possible, he added. (Qatar Tribune)
- **ValuStrat: Qatar well-managed potential supply chain risk –** Qatar was quick to make strategic supply chain re-adjustments after the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. The country signed agreements with 14 food companies in May 2020 to raise the state's strategic stock of food commodities, which is considered sufficient to cover demand for a year, leading Advisory firm ValuStrat noted in its report on the 'impact of COVID-19 pandemic on the retail market of Qatar'. The country witnessed a significant increase in demand for food and grocery products in March 2020 due to panic buying in light of uncertainty regarding social mobility measures. There has been a surge in demand for online grocery shopping as social distancing became the norm and many residents opted for more convenient ways to acquire essentials. In light of increased demand, delivery times for grocery items notably expanded. Hypermarkets planned to increase the capacity by approximately 25% to cater to the increasing number of daily online orders. There have been challenges in the supply chain of non-food items. Hypermarkets had to change suppliers and adjust supply chain, as the majority of the merchandise was sourced from South Asian countries that also had restricting social mobility measures in place. During March and April 2020, limited hindrances to food supply chain were observed due to the existence of buffer stocks. There were some major readjustments to non-food supply chain due to existence of strict social mobility measures in exporting countries. According to experts at ValuStrat, retailers of nonessential products will have to realistically forecast sales in the medium term to take into account changes in consumer demand in order to adjust supply chain routes so shortages or inventory built up can be avoided. Logistical challenges might also arise in the coming months. There is a projected fall in the workforce within the short to medium-terms, and due to the existence of social mobility measures, logistical footprint will have to be planned out in order to reduce delays in 'last mile' deliveries to consumers. (Peninsula Qatar)

International

- **Times: UK to announce laws to prevent foreign takeovers posing national security risk –** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is preparing to announce tough laws to prevent foreign takeovers that pose risks to national security amid growing concern about the influence of China, The Times newspaper reported. The prime minister is said to be pressing for legislation to make it mandatory for companies to report attempted takeovers which could give rise to security risks, backed by the threat of criminal sanctions, according to the newspaper. Companies that fail to report takeovers or ignore conditions imposed by the UK government after takeovers could see their directors jailed, disqualified or fined, the newspaper said. The approach, which is being pushed by the prime minister's adviser Dominic Cummings, is said to have the support of finance minister Rishi Sunak and will require businesses to declare when a foreign company tries to buy more than 25% of shares, purchase assets or intellectual property, the Times said. (Reuters)
- **TheCityUK: UK firms will need new equity to cope with COVID debt surge –** About a third of the debt being taken on by British companies under the government's emergency coronavirus lending programs could be unsustainable, raising the need for fresh capital from new investors, a finance industry body said on Sunday. TheCityUK said that by the end of March 2021, companies might be struggling to meet the financing costs of up to 36bn Pounds of debt under the COVID-19 credit schemes that carry government guarantees for banks lending to firms. That was on top of about 60bn to 70bn Pounds of existing debt that was also likely to be straining borrowers. The sectors most exposed were property, accommodation and food services and construction, with small and medium-sized firms accounting for about half the total, TheCityUK said. (Reuters)
- **PM Johnson eyes relaxation of COVID lockdown, extra spending –** British Prime Minister Boris Johnson is planning to relax rules on outdoor dining and weddings, as well as speeding up government investment plans in a bid to limit the economic damage from the coronavirus, newspapers reported on Saturday. The Sunday Times said Johnson wanted to relax planning restrictions that stop many pubs, cafes and restaurants from using outside areas, and also to make it legal to hold weddings outside - something currently limited to Jews and Quakers. Indoor weddings and funerals with up to 10 people attending would also be permitted from early July, while places of worship would be allowed to reopen for private prayer from June 15, as part of plans to be announced in the coming week, the newspaper said. "Boris wants us back to normal, or as near to it

as possible, before the summer," the newspaper quoted a senior source as saying, adding the prime minister was concerned about forecasts of a sharp rise in unemployment. (Reuters)

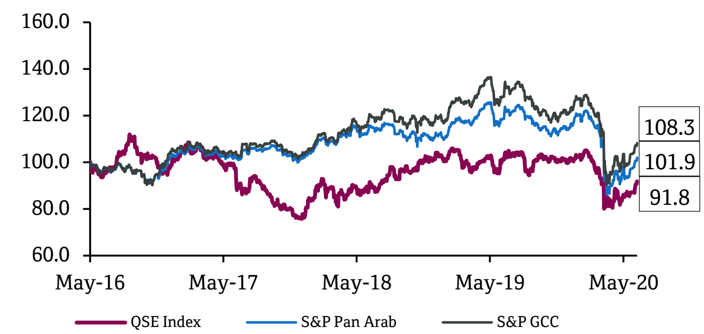
- **Springboard: UK shopper numbers indicate huge pent-up demand –** The number of British shoppers in early June indicate "a huge amount" of pent-up demand amongst consumers for shopping in physical stores as the coronavirus lockdown is eased, industry data showed on Monday. Britain went into lockdown on March 23 to slow the spread of the pandemic, with all retail stores deemed non-essential forced to close. Some home stores and garden centers re-opened in mid-May and outdoor markets and car showrooms were allowed to open from June 1. All other non-essential retailers are set to follow from June 15 if the government's social-distancing requirements are met. "The limited evidence so far has suggested that, despite the growth in online shopping over the past two months, there is a huge amount of pent-up demand amongst consumers for bricks-and-mortar shopping," said Diane Wehrle, director of market researcher Springboard. She highlighted the "monumental queues" that built up at major home stores in the weekend before the official easing of lockdown restrictions in England on June 1. Springboard found shopper numbers, or footfall, strengthened noticeably in retail parks over the first few days of the week following this, with the year-on-year decline averaging 42.9% versus 56.2% over the same days at the beginning of May. (Reuters)
- **Japan's economy braces for worst postwar slump despite capex gains in first-quarter GDP –** Japan's economy shrank less than initially estimated in the first quarter but the broad impact from the coronavirus crisis is still expected to send the country deeper into recession. A series of recent April data including exports, factory output and jobs figures suggested Japan is facing its worst postwar slump in the current quarter as the outbreak forced people to stay at home and businesses to close globally. The world's third-largest economy shrank an annualized 2.2% in January-March, revised data showed on Monday, less than the 3.4% contraction indicated in a preliminary reading and compared with a median market forecast of a 2.1% drop. The revised data confirmed Japan had slipped into recession for the first time in 4-1/2 years, after a 7.2% contraction in October-December, pressured by last year's sales tax hike and the US-China trade war. Recessions are defined as two straight quarters of contraction. On a QoQ basis, the economy contracted 0.6% in the first quarter compared with an initial reading of a 0.9% decline. Business spending showed gains after the finance ministry's survey earlier this month, which was used to calculate the revised GDP, drew fewer respondents than usual. Spending is expected to falter in coming months. Capital expenditure rose 1.9% from the previous quarter, reversing from a preliminary 0.5% fall. Private consumption, which accounts for more than half of Japan's economy, fell 0.8% compared with the preliminary 0.7% decline, as solid demand for daily necessities was offset by declines in spending on services. Net exports - or exports minus imports - subtracted 0.2 percentage point from revised GDP growth, as the coronavirus slammed global demand. (Reuters)
- **Japan's economy minister warns against deepening negative rates –** Japan should focus on back-stopping struggling businesses rather than trying to spark overall demand in fighting the coronavirus pandemic, its economy minister said, suggesting the central bank should avoid pushing interest rates deeper into negative territory. The remark by Yasutoshi Nishimura, made in an exclusive interview with Reuters, underscores the challenge Tokyo faces in supporting an economy bracing for its worst postwar slump, while preventing a renewed spike in infections. "What's most important now is to protect jobs and help businesses survive the pandemic," Nishimura said in the interview conducted on Saturday. "We're not at a stage yet where we want to stimulate consumption and encourage people to travel a lot. Efforts to stimulate consumption should wait a bit more," he said. Nishimura made the comments when asked whether the Bank of Japan should consider measures to stimulate demand, such as deepening negative interest rates. Japan's approach contrasts with that of Western countries that are already shifting from crisis-response to policies aimed at propping up growth. Under Nishimura's initiative, the government compiled two spending packages worth a combined $2.2tn to cushion the economic blow from the pandemic. (Reuters)
- **Japan bank lending surges at record pace in May as pandemic-hit firms hoard cash –** Japanese bank lending rose at the fastest annual pace on record in May as cash-strapped companies tapped loans to meet immediate funding needs to survive slumping sales from the coronavirus pandemic, central bank data showed on Monday. The data suggests a raft of measures the government and the central bank took to channel money to ailing firms, including requests for financial institutions to boost lending, is working at least for now. Total bank lending by banks and "shinkin" credit unions rose 4.8% in May from a year earlier to 562.5tn Yen (£4.04tn), accelerating from a 2.9% gain in April and marking the fastest pace of increase since comparable data became available in 2001, Bank of Japan data showed. "The data shows a surge in corporate fund demand in response to the coronavirus pandemic," a BOJ official told reporters, adding that rising credit costs so far have not discouraged financial institutions from lending. Lending by major banks surged a record 6.6% in May, the data showed, as big companies borrowed more as a precaution in case the virus fallout persists, the official said. (Reuters)
- **China May exports slip back into contraction, imports worst in 4 years –** China's exports contracted in May as global coronavirus lockdowns continued to devastate demand, while a sharper-than-expected fall in imports pointed to mounting pressure on manufacturers as global growth stalls. The sombre trade readings for the world's second-biggest economy could pile pressure on policymakers to roll out more support for a sector that is critical to the livelihoods of more than 180mn workers. Total trade accounts for about a third of the economy. Overseas shipments in May fell 3.3% from a year earlier, after a surprising 3.5% gain in April, customs data showed on Sunday. That compared with a 7% drop forecast in a Reuters poll. While exports fared slightly better than expected, imports tumbled 16.7% compared with a year earlier, worsening from a 14.2% decline the previous month and marking the sharpest decline since January 2016. It had been expected to fall 9.7% in May. "Exports benefited from the ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) market and exchange rate depreciation, while

imports were affected by insufficient domestic demand and commodity price declines," said Wang Jun, Chief economist of Zhongyuan Bank. As a result, China posted a record trade surplus of $62.93bn last month, the highest since Reuters started tracking the series in 1981, compared with the poll's forecast for a $39bn surplus and $45.34bn surplus in April. China's trade surplus with the US widened to $27.89bn in May, Reuters calculation based on customs data showed. (Reuters)

Regional

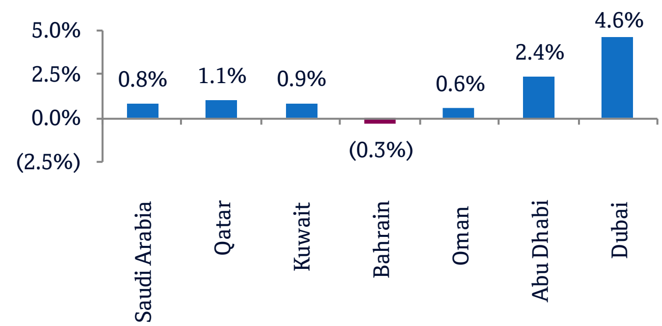
- **Saudi Arabia's oil exports plunge $11bn in first quarter –** The value of Saudi Arabia's oil exports plunged by 21.9% YoY in the first quarter to $40bn, corresponding to a decline of about $11bn, official data showed on Sunday. Brent crude prices fell more than 60% in the quarter hurt by the coronavirus pandemic and an oil price war between Saudi Arabia and Russia following the collapse in March of talks on further production cuts. The decline in oil exports was the main reason behind a 20.7% decline in the value of overall merchandise exports in the first quarter, the General Authority for Statistics said on Sunday. Non-oil exports, including chemicals and plastics, fell by 16.5%, it said. China was the main destination for Saudi exports in 1Q2020, followed by Japan and India. China was also the main origin for Saudi imports. Saudi Arabia posted a $9bn budget deficit in the quarter as oil revenue fell by 24% to $34bn. (Reuters)
- **Saudis raise July Arab light crude official selling price to Asia by $6.10 –** Saudi Aramco has raised the July price for its Arab light crude to Asia to plus $0.20 a barrel, up $6.10 from June, according to a document seen by Reuters on Sunday. It has also raised the July OSP of its Arab light crude oil to the US, setting it at a premium of $1.35 per barrel over ASCI (Argus Sour Crude Index), up $0.60 a barrel from June, according to the document. Aramco also increased its OSP for Arab light crude oil to Northwestern Europe to plus $0.30 a barrel over ICE Brent, up $4 from the previous month. (Zawya)
- **Emirates, Etihad extend temporary salary cuts to September –** Gulf carriers Emirates and Etihad Airways are extending the period of reduced pay for their staff until September as they try to preserve cash during the global coronavirus pandemic. The aviation industry has been among the worst hit by the outbreak, which has dented travel demand and forced major airlines to lay off staff and seek government bailouts. State airlines Emirates and Etihad have operated limited, mostly outbound services from the UAE since grounding passenger flights in March. They are due to restart some connecting flights this month after the UAE last week lifted a suspension on services where passengers stop off in the country to change planes, or for refueling. Dubai's Emirates told employees on Sunday it would extend a three-month wage cut due to end this month until September 30, according to an internal email seen by Reuters. In some cases, pay cuts will also be deepened, with some basic salaries reduced by 50%, the email to Emirates Group employees said. The decision was made after reviewing all possible options to preserve its cash position, it said. (Reuters)
- **DIFC posts 17.4% growth in reinsurance during 2019 –** Dubai International Financial Centre (DEFC) has announced a sustained performance in the reinsurance sector, posting a growth of 17.4% in 2019, representing the highest volume of premiums ever written in the market. The DIFC further confirmed that Gross Written Premiums (GWP) for the first quarter 1Q2020 reached $472mn, on par with the same period during 1Q2019, reflecting continued industry stability and resilience, according to a report carried by state-run news agency Wam. The premiums cover different areas including marine, aviation, transport, health, property damage and liability, alongside other sectors. This growth was characterized by reinsurers, cover holders, managing general agents, and reinsurance brokers prioritizing DIFC's world-class enabling and dynamic business environment over other global financial centers to gain access to the MEASA region, the DIFC statement said. During the last 16 years, DIFC has emerged as the leading reinsurance hub in MEASA region. It is now home to more than 100 registered insurance, reinsurance, captive firms and insurance-related entities serving the market, including three of the top five global insurance companies. The Centre has attracted world-renowned global companies including Munich Re, Lloyd's, Berkshire Hathaway Specialty, RGA, Korean Re, AIG, Zurich, Marsh, and AON. (Zawya)
- **India's Reliance says Abu Dhabi Investment Authority invests $752mn in digital unit –** Indian oil-to-telecoms conglomerate Reliance Industries said on Sunday that the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) will buy 1.16% of its digital unit Jio Platforms for $752mn. ADIA's investment in Jio Platforms, which comprises Reliance's telecoms arm Jio Infocomm and its music and video streaming apps, gives the unit an enterprise value of INR5.16tn, Reliance said in a regulatory filing. Reliance, controlled by India's richest man Mukesh Ambani, has now sold just over 21% of Jio Platforms to investors including Facebook Inc, securing nearly $13bn in less than seven weeks. On Friday, Abu Dhabi's state fund Mubadala Investment Co announced it would purchase a 1.85% stake in Jio Platforms for INR90.93bn. (Reuters)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



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Asset/Currency Performance	Close ($)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,685.06	(1.7)	(2.6)	11.1
Silver/Ounce	17.42	(1.7)	(2.5)	(2.4)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	42.30	5.8	19.7	(35.9)
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	39.55	5.7	11.4	(35.2)
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	1.80	5.9	5.9	(13.9)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	52.50	4.0	12.9	27.3
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	55.75	4.2	20.5	(16.0)
Euro	1.13	(0.4)	1.7	0.7
Yen	109.59	0.4	1.6	0.9
GBP	1.27	0.6	2.6	(4.4)
CHF	1.04	(0.7)	(0.1)	0.6
AUD	0.70	0.4	4.5	(0.7)
USD Index	96.94	0.3	(1.4)	0.6
RUB	68.69	(0.7)	(2.1)	10.8
BRL	0.20	3.2	7.6	(19.0)

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Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,266.76	2.2	5.5	(3.9)
DJ Industrial	27,110.98	3.2	6.8	(5.0)
S&P 500	3,193.93	2.6	4.9	(1.1)
NASDAQ 100	9,814.08	2.1	3.4	9.4
STOXX 600	375.32	2.1	9.0	(9.2)
DAX	12,847.68	3.0	12.8	(2.3)
FTSE 100	6,484.30	2.9	9.9	(17.8)
CAC 40	5,197.79	3.4	12.6	(12.6)
Nikkei	22,863.73	0.0	2.7	(4.1)
MSCI EM	1,002.65	1.4	7.8	(10.0)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	2,930.80	0.8	3.5	(5.5)
HANG SENG	24,770.41	1.7	7.9	(11.7)
BSE SENSEX	34,287.24	0.7	5.7	(21.7)
Bovespa	94,637.10	3.7	18.0	(33.9)
RTS	1,285.78	2.3	5.4	(17.0)

Source: Bloomberg (*$ adjusted returns)

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