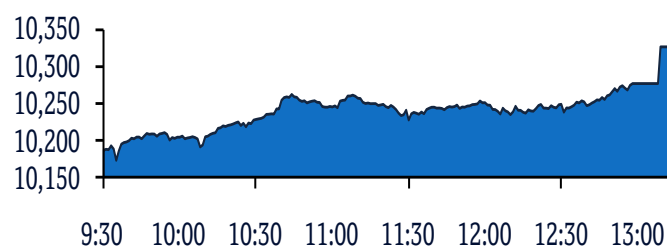


## QSE Intra-Day Movement



## Qatar Commentary

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## GCC Commentary

**Saudi Arabia:** The TASI Index rose 0.3% to close at 8,610.8. Gains were led by the Diversified Fin. and Health Care indices, rising 3.1% and 1.0%, respectively. Saudi Advanced Industries was up 10.0%, while Abdullah Saad Mohammed was up 9.9%.

**Dubai:** The DFM Index gained 1.3% to close at 2,354.2. The Services index rose 3.0%, while the Investment & Financial Services index gained 2.2%. Almadina for Finance and Investment Co. rose 14.7%, while Amanat Holdings was up 3.3%.

**Abu Dhabi:** The ADX index rose 0.8% to close at 4,974.3. The Telecommunication index gained 2.4%, while the Real Estate index rose 1.7%. Finance House gained 9.7%, while Bank of Sharjah was up 4.7%.

**Kuwait:** The Kuwait All Share Index rose 0.5% to close at 5,565.8. The Utilities index gained 2.2%, while the Consumer Services index rose 0.9%. Gulf Franchising Holding Company gained 8.4%, while Sokouk Holding Company was up 6.7%.

**Oman:** The MSM Index rose 0.4% to close at 3,627.4. Gains were led by the Services and Financial indices, rising 0.3% and 0.2% respectively. Galfar Engineering and Contracting rose 2.5%, while Oman Telecommunication was up 1.9%.

**Bahrain:** The BHB Index gained 0.1% to close at 1,460.6. The Industrial index rose 1.2%, while the Service index gained 0.1%. Aluminium Bahrain rose 1.2%, while Zain Bahrain was up 1.0%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	1.59	10.0	36,454.9	158.2
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	1.84	7.5	6,100.8	216.2
Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co.	1.90	5.3	2,623.2	210.5
Investment Holding Group	0.59	5.2	40,083.6	3.7
The Commercial Bank	4.49	4.8	1,816.2	(4.5)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Investment Holding Group	0.59	5.2	40,083.6	3.7
Ezdan Holding Group	1.59	10.0	36,454.9	158.2
Mazaya Real Estate Development	1.22	4.0	32,242.1	70.0
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	3.30	2.5	27,359.1	38.1
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.61	3.2	20,486.4	18.8

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,329.65	1.2	2.2	6.6	(0.9)	135.10	160,631.2	17.6	1.5	3.8
Dubai	2,354.24	1.3	1.6	7.6	(14.9)	87.41	89,608.3	11.0	0.8	4.1
Abu Dhabi	4,974.28	0.8	1.2	6.7	(2.0)	128.83	197,199.8	19.2	1.4	4.9
Saudi Arabia	8,610.84	0.3	0.4	8.9	2.6	3,439.81	2,444,426.7	32.5	2.1	2.4
Kuwait	5,565.81	0.5	0.7	2.3	13.3	163.10	100,212.7	35.4	1.4	3.6
Oman	3,627.39	0.4	(0.0)	2.0	(8.9)	1.97	16,438.4	10.8	0.7	6.8
Bahrain	1,460.64	0.1	0.6	2.3	(9.3)	3.69	22,288.9	14.2	1.0	4.6

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

Market Indicators	23 Nov 20	22 Nov 20	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	499.8	310.6	60.9
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	595,128.8	587,349.4	1.3
Volume (mn)	238.6	133.0	79.4
Number of Transactions	12,441	6,728	84.9
Companies Traded	43	43	0.0
Market Breadth	36:5	20:22	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	19,858.42	1.2	2.2	3.5	17.6
All Share Index	3,184.47	0.9	2.3	2.8	18.2
Banks	4,302.52	0.6	2.8	1.9	15.2
Industrials	2,991.26	1.8	2.6	2.0	26.7
Transportation	3,252.51	1.5	3.3	27.3	14.9
Real Estate	1,831.74	3.0	2.0	17.0	16.2
Insurance	2,437.92	(1.0)	(0.8)	(10.8)	N.A.
Telecoms	936.58	0.7	1.4	4.6	14.0
Consumer	8,160.21	0.3	0.1	(5.6)	24.1
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,170.94	1.4	1.7	5.6	19.0

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	Qatar	1.59	10.0	36,454.9	158.2
The Commercial Bank	Qatar	4.49	4.8	1,816.2	(4.5)
Saudi Kayan Petrochem.	Saudi Arabia	11.58	3.9	30,869.4	4.3
Qatar Islamic Bank	Qatar	17.36	3.3	1,900.3	13.2
Qatar Electricity & Water	Qatar	17.88	2.8	616.9	11.1

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Abu Dhabi Comm. Bank	Abu Dhabi	6.12	(1.3)	6,886.5	(22.7)
Jabal Omar Development	Saudi Arabia	33.90	(1.2)	2,493.9	24.9
QNB Group	Qatar	18.62	(1.0)	2,258.4	(9.6)
National Shipping Co.	Saudi Arabia	40.90	(0.9)	1,664.1	2.3
Burgan Bank	Kuwait	0.21	(0.5)	2,999.2	(32.2)

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

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Medicare Group	8.76	(2.4)	28.7	3.7
Qatar Insurance Company	2.54	(1.7)	1,669.3	(19.6)
QNB Group	18.62	(1.0)	2,258.4	(9.6)
Doha Bank	2.44	(0.4)	776.4	(3.8)
Mannai Corporation	3.02	(0.2)	163.1	(1.9)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Qatar Gas Transport Co. Ltd.	3.30	2.5	88,816.5	38.1
Ezdan Holding Group	1.59	10.0	55,856.2	158.2
QNB Group	18.62	(1.0)	41,917.3	(9.6)
Mazaya Real Estate Development	1.22	4.0	38,468.7	70.0
Qatar Islamic Bank	17.36	3.3	32,497.8	13.2

Source: Bloomberg (\* in QR)

## Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 1.2% to close at 10,329.7. The Real Estate and Industrials indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from Foreign shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari, GCC and Arab shareholders.
- Ezdan Holding Group and Qatari German Company for Medical Devices were the top gainers, rising 10.0% and 7.5%, respectively. Among the top losers, Medicare Group fell 2.4%, while Qatar Insurance Company was down 1.7%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday rose by 79.4% to 238.6mn from 133.0mn on Sunday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 246.4mn, volume for the day was 3.2% lower. Investment Holding Group and Ezdan Holding Group were the most active stocks, contributing 16.8% and 15.3% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	37.53%	47.72%	(50,927,976.6)
Qatari Institutions	13.21%	13.96%	(3,743,659.0)
<b>Qatari</b>	<b>50.74%</b>	<b>61.68%</b>	<b>(54,671,635.6)</b>
GCC Individuals	0.68%	1.24%	(2,783,994.9)
GCC Institutions	1.38%	1.09%	1,472,148.7
<b>GCC</b>	<b>2.06%</b>	<b>2.33%</b>	<b>(1,311,846.2)</b>
Arab Individuals	13.12%	14.70%	(7,906,007.7)
<b>Arab</b>	<b>13.12%</b>	<b>14.70%</b>	<b>(7,906,007.7)</b>
Foreigners Individuals	5.65%	4.10%	7,778,744.1
Foreigners Institutions	28.42%	17.20%	56,110,745.5
<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>34.08%</b>	<b>21.29%</b>	<b>63,889,489.6</b>

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

## Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
11/23	US	Markit	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	Nov	56.7	53	53.4
11/23	US	Markit	Markit US Services PMI	Nov	57.7	55	56.9
11/23	US	Markit	Markit US Composite PMI	Nov	57.9	-	56.3
11/23	UK	Markit	Markit UK PMI Manufacturing SA	Nov	55.2	50.5	53.7
11/23	UK	Markit	Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Nov	45.8	43	51.4
11/23	UK	Markit	Markit/CIPS UK Composite PMI	Nov	47.4	42.5	52.1
11/23	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	Nov	53.6	53.2	54.8
11/23	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Nov	41.3	42	46.9
11/23	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	Nov	45.1	45.6	50
11/23	Germany	Markit	Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	Nov	57.9	56	58.2
11/23	Germany	Markit	Markit Germany Services PMI	Nov	46.2	46.3	49.5
11/23	Germany	Markit	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	Nov	52	50.5	55
11/23	France	Markit	Markit France Manufacturing PMI	Nov	49.1	49.9	51.3
11/23	France	Markit	Markit France Services PMI	Nov	38	39.6	46.5
11/23	France	Markit	Markit France Composite PMI	Nov	39.9	42	47.5

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

## News

### Qatar

- **DBIS discloses the real estate deal** – Dlala Brokerage and Investment Holding (DBIS) announced that its subsidiary Dlala Real Estate has contracted to buy a residential building in Al Arkiay of Lusil City to sell fully furnished residential flats that will be finished by October 2022. (QSE)
- **Honeywell to automate world's largest LNG project** – Honeywell announced that Qatar Petroleum has selected it as the main instrument and control contractor to support the North Field East (NFE) project, which is being developed by Qatargas on behalf of Qatar Petroleum. Honeywell will provide the NFE project with streamlined automation and safety systems while reducing schedule risks and delivering cost efficiencies. The NFE project will support the Qataris' goal of increasing their total annual production of LNG by 43% from 77mn tons per annum (Mtpa) to 110 Mtpa. The project includes the development of four new LNG mega-trains as well as associated facilities, and production starting in 2025 will support the continued economic growth in Qatar. (Bloomberg)
- **Qatargas LNG Train 4 shut for unplanned maintenance on November 19** – According to sources, Qatargas LNG Train 4 was shut on November 19 for unplanned maintenance due to an issue with its compressor. Compressor may require replacement or repair, and it is unclear when the train will resume operations, sources added. (Bloomberg)
- **Qatari fund to buy \$1bn worth of stake in prominent Istanbul shopping mall** – Turkey's Doğu Group is close to selling 42% of its shares in one of Istanbul's most prominent malls, IstinyePark, to Qatar Holding LLC for \$1bn (TL 7.75bn), reports stated. After coming to restructuring agreements with its banks in 2018, Doğu has started to sell its assets. The owner of the group, Ferit Şahenk, reached consortium deals in numerous sectors including tourism, food and beverage, and yacht management. Last year, Doğu, which had been the largest marina operator in the Mediterranean, agreed with the famous Luxembourg-based CVC Capital Partners fund to sell its marinas in the UAE, Greece and Croatia. It also recently sold several hotels both in Turkey and abroad. According to the reports, Şahenk has been searching for an appropriate buyer for the 42% stake in IstinyePark since 2018. Doha-based Qatar Holding will take over Doğu's ownership soon and become partners with the Orjin Group, which holds the remaining 58% of shares, business daily Dünya reported. Turkey's Competition Board (RK) has also approved the takeover of joint control of the mall by the Qatari fund, Bloomberg HT reported. (Bloomberg)
- **Qatar boosts position in global helium market** – Qatar is working to reinforce its position as one of the world's leading exporters of helium. It is the second-largest supplier of rare earth element accounting for 32% of the global market share. The US is the world's largest helium supplier with approximately 55% share (in 2017). Qatar's helium production facilities are located in Ras Laffan Industrial City, which is operated by Qatargas. The country has been investing heavily to expand its helium production capacity, which is yielding fruitful results. The production increased by nearly 5.4% in 2018 compared to 2017, according to latest available data

(Qatar Petroleum's Annual Report 2018). Qatar Petroleum made annual revenue of QR1.23bn in 2018 (by selling about 2bn cubic feet (bcf) of helium) compared to QR1.14bn in 2017 (from 1.9 bcf). The YoY surge in revenues from helium can be attributed to increase in volumes as well as rise in market prices. The average price charged for Qatari helium also increased to \$174 in 2018 from \$169 in 2017, according to the QP annual report. (Peninsula Qatar)

- **Qatar sells Qatar marine for January at ~+35cents per barrel** – According to sources, Qatar Petroleum for the Sale of Petroleum Products Company Limited (QPSPP) sold 500k barrels of Qatar Marine crude for January-loading at about a 35cents per barrel premium to the grade's OSP. The company also sold January loading Al-Shaheen crude at an average premium of about 75cents per barrel to the Dubai benchmark price in the same tender. (Bloomberg)
- **Kahramaa releases rules for EV charging stations** – The Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation (Kahramaa), represented by the National Program for Conservation and Energy Efficiency (Tarsheed), has launched the 'Electric Vehicles and Charging Infrastructure Guideline in Qatar'. The guideline is available on the Kahramaa website. "The guideline comes to support the establishment of infrastructure regulations for electric vehicles in the country, which will encourage the spread of these types of vehicles. This will diversify energy sources and reduce carbon emission," Kahramaa stated. (Gulf-Times.com)

### International

- **Biden to name Yellen to Treasury to lead US from sharp economic downturn** – President-elect Joe Biden is expected to nominate former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen as US Treasury secretary, breaking a 231-year gender barrier and putting a seasoned economist and labor market expert in charge of leading the country out of the steepest downturn since the Great Depression. The move, confirmed by Democratic allies to the Biden campaign, will shift Treasury's focus heavily toward progressive efforts to tackle growing economic inequality and fighting climate change and away from the Trump administration's pre-pandemic emphasis on cutting taxes and easing financial regulations. Yellen, 74, brings Biden decades of economic policy experience and is respected by Congress, international finance officials, progressives and business interests alike. She has called for opening fiscal spending taps to revive an economy wracked by the coronavirus pandemic and would be the first person to head the Treasury, the Fed and the White House Council of Economic Advisers. The post will present a host of new challenges for Yellen, whose policymaking experience in the past 20 years has largely centered on monetary - rather than fiscal - policy. For one, it means a far more political role than that she played in her long career at the Fed, an institution that goes to great lengths to distance itself from partisan politics. (Reuters)
- **IHS Markit: US manufacturing, services activity expanding rapidly in November** – US business activity expanded at the fastest rate in more than five years in November led by the quickest pickup in manufacturing since September 2014, a survey showed on Monday in an indication the economy keeps

making progress at clambering out of the COVID-19 recession even as infections surge. IHS Markit's manufacturing and services sector purchasing managers' indexes both topped even the most optimistic forecasts in a Reuters poll that predicted both would level off, offering a counterweight to data suggesting economic momentum was slackening after the third-quarter's torrid rebound from an historic plunge last spring. The readings also offered one of the first pictures of the state of the US economy after a presidential election three weeks ago in which Democrat Joe Biden beat incumbent Republican President Donald Trump. Markit's manufacturing index climbed to 56.7 from 53.4 in October, above the median forecast in a Reuters economists' poll of 53. A reading above 50 indicates expansion. The services index, meanwhile, rose to 57.7 - the highest since April 2015 - from 56.9 a month earlier. The Reuters poll had pegged the expectation at 55.0. Markit's composite index - a blend of the manufacturing and services readings - increased to 57.9 from 56.3 in October. It was also the highest since April 2015. (Reuters)

- **NRF: US holiday sales expected to rise up to 5.2%** – US holiday sales are expected to rise up to 5.2% in 2020, the National Retail Federation (NRF) said, as Americans look to spend more on gifts during the festive period while COVID-19 cases rise. The US retail group forecast sales, which exclude automobile dealers, gasoline stations and restaurants, to grow between 3.6% and 5.2%, or between \$755.3bn and \$766.7bn, compared with the 4% growth last year. The NRF said reduced spending on personal services, travel and entertainment during the health crisis has freed up money for retail spending. The upbeat forecast comes after major US retailers moved their promotions up to as early as October and indicated that their holiday sales will be spread out over more days. "Consumers have shown they are excited about the holidays and are willing to spend on gifts that lift the spirits of family and friends after such a challenging year," NRF Chief Executive Officer Mathew Shay said. The trade body forecast online sales and other non-store sales to increase between 20% and 30% to between \$202.5bn and \$218.4bn, up from \$168.7bn last year. Retail chains have been doubling down on their investments in e-commerce as people staying at home due to the outbreak favor curbside pickup and delivery options. The NRF's numbers, usually published in October, have been delayed this year due to the health crisis. Its forecast is one of the most closely watched benchmarks ahead of the holiday season, when retailers such as Walmart Inc and Target Corp generate an outsized portion of their profit and sales. (Reuters)
- **PMI: UK economy shrinks as new lockdown shuts services firms** – British business activity has contracted in November as a new wave of coronavirus restrictions hammered the huge services industry, but news of possible vaccines has sharply boosted hopes for 2021, a survey showed. An early "flash" reading of the IHS Markit/CIPS UK Composite Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), a gauge of private sector growth, tumbled to a five-month low of 47.4 in November from 52.1 in October. It is the first time the index has gone below the 50.0 growth threshold level since June. The decline was smaller than a slump to 42.5 forecast in a Reuters poll of economists, however, and less severe than the drop in the Eurozone. The forward-looking component of the PMI hit its highest in more

than five years, boosted by progress on COVID-19 vaccines. Bank of England Chief Economist Andy Haldane said on Monday he hoped the economy would be "turning a leaf" next year, but warned that some long-term damage was inevitable. Britain's economy is widely expected to contract in the fourth quarter - albeit by less than it did around the time of the first coronavirus lockdown - after Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered a four-week lockdown for England. Other parts of the UK have also imposed restrictions on businesses, including in hospitality and other face-to-face activities. Those closures helped to push the services PMI to 45.8 from 51.4 in October. (Reuters)

- **Britain must rebuild economy with an eye on debt levels, UK's Labor says** – Britain must rebuild its economy after the COVID-19 pandemic with one eye on rising deficit and debt levels, the opposition Labor Party's finance policy chief said on Monday, criticizing the government response to the crisis as wasteful and divisive. Conservative Finance Minister Rishi Sunak has promised there will be no return to austerity in a spending plan he is due to announce on Wednesday. But his speech is likely to be overshadowed by official forecasts showing soaring national debt levels caused by the pandemic that has forced large sectors of the economy and millions of jobs onto taxpayer-funded life support. Anneliese Dodds, who would be set to become finance minister if Labor were to get into power, acknowledged her own party needed to rebuild trust on the economy but accused Sunak of wasting taxpayers' money during the pandemic response, and cautioned that the deficit would still need to be addressed. (Reuters)
- **UK shoppers drop 55% as English lockdown bites** – The number of shoppers across British retail destinations fell 55.4% in the week to Nov. 21 from a year earlier, mainly reflecting the impact of a second full week of England's COVID-19 lockdown, market researcher Springboard said on Monday. Prime Minister Boris Johnson ordered England into a month-long lockdown in early November after coronavirus infection cases and deaths started to rise again, angering businesses and some of his own political party over the economic consequences. The lockdown closed all non-essential shops, along with pubs, cafes and restaurants except to offer takeaway food. People have also been encouraged to work from home if possible. Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are also under varying levels of restrictions, set by their devolved administrations. Springboard said shopper numbers, or footfall, in England was down 59.8% year-on-year, with the other three nations improving to down 34.3% in Scotland, down 30.4% in Northern Ireland and down 29.6% in Wales. It said regional city centres continued to be hardest hit with footfall down 64.4%. Central London was down 80.4%. On a week-on-week basis there was an improvement of 5.9% across all UK retail destinations, Springboard said. Non-essential shops in all areas of England are expected to be allowed to reopen when the current lockdown ends on December 2, the BBC reported. Johnson is due to lay out the details of what restrictions will be in place post-lockdown when he speaks later on Monday in parliament. (Reuters)
- **AstraZeneca says COVID-19 'vaccine for the world' can be 90% effective** – AstraZeneca said on Monday its COVID-19 vaccine



was 70% effective in pivotal trials and could be up to 90% effective, giving the world's fight against the global pandemic a third new weapon that can be cheaper to make, easier to distribute and faster to scale-up than rivals. The British drugmaker said it will have as many as 200mn doses by the end of 2020, around four times as many as US competitor Pfizer Inc. Seven hundred million doses could be ready globally as soon as the end of the first quarter of 2021. "This means we have a vaccine for the world," said Andrew Pollard, director of the Oxford University vaccine group that developed the drug. The vaccine on average prevented 70% of COVID-19 cases in late-stage trials in Britain and Brazil. The success rate rose to 90% in a group of trial participants who accidentally received a half dose followed by a full dose. The efficacy was 62% if the full dose was given twice, as it was for most study participants. No serious safety events were confirmed, the company said, although little safety data was provided. AstraZeneca's shares fell nearly 4%, as investors perceived the efficacy data as less impressive than rival vaccines and may take longer to get U.S. regulatory approval. Pfizer and Moderna, which reported that their vaccines were about 95% effective in preventing illness, had set the success bar sky-high. The AstraZeneca vaccine does have advantages. Its cost to governments works out at just a few dollars a shot, a fraction of the price of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines using a new, more complex technology. It can also be transported and stored at normal fridge temperatures, which proponents say would make it easier to distribute - especially in poor countries - than Pfizer's, which needs to be shipped and stored at -70C. (Reuters)

- **Eurozone business activity shrinks but vaccine hopes boost optimism** – Eurozone business activity contracted sharply this month as renewed lockdowns forced many firms in the bloc's dominant service industry to close temporarily, although news of possible vaccines boosted hopes for 2021, surveys showed. The bloc's economy is on track for its first double-dip recession in nearly a decade as a second wave of the coronavirus sweeps across Europe, a Reuters poll suggested last week. But on Monday, Britain's AstraZeneca said its vaccine could be around 90% effective without any serious side effects. Pfizer and Moderna have also developed apparently effective vaccines and Monday's Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) showed optimism about the year ahead improving to its highest since before the pandemic hit the continent. Still, IHS Markit's headline flash composite PMI, seen as a good guide to economic health, fell to 45.1 in November from October's 50.0 - the level separating growth from contraction. A Reuters poll had predicted a shallower dip to 46.1. Vaccine hopes, and expectations of more stimulus from the European Central Bank next month, meant optimism improved. The composite future output index jumped to 60.1 from 56.5, its highest since February. (Reuters)
- **Guedes: Brazil eyes \$100bn annual exports to China within a decade** – Economy Minister Paulo Guedes on Monday lauded the economic boost from Brazil's policy mix of low interest rates and a weak exchange rate, forecasting that exports to China will reach \$100bn a year within a decade. In two online live events, Guedes also reiterated his view that the economy is undergoing a "V-shaped" recovery and creating jobs, and said the government's economic reform program will accelerate once this month's local elections are done. Brazil's exports to

China have exceeded \$60bn in each of the last two years and are on course to repeat that this year. Guedes also said he would like trade with India to reach \$100bn a year, which would mark a huge jump from last year's \$7bn. Guedes said opening up Brazil's goods transportation market is on the government's agenda, and is also one of the conditions from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development rich club of nations for Brazil's entry. In an address to the Rio de Janeiro Federation of Industries, Guedes said record low interest rates, currently 2%, are supporting exports and fueling a construction boom. He also said that jobs lost in this year's recession could be a fifth of those lost in the 2015 and 2016 recessions. (Reuters)

- **Central Bank survey: Brazil 2021 interest rate outlook rises to 3.00%** – Brazil's inflation outlook for next year rose for a fifth consecutive week, a central bank survey showed on Monday, prompting economists to raise their average year-end interest rate forecast to 3.00% from 2.75%. Economists also raised their 2020 inflation outlook for a 15th straight week, according to the central bank's latest weekly "FOCUS" survey. Inflation in Latin America's largest economy has spiked higher recently due to a surge in food and commodity prices fueled by a persistently weak exchange rate and supply shocks resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Economy ministry and central bank officials insist the spike is "transitory" and has no bearing on longer-term inflation expectations, which remain well-anchored and significantly below the central bank's official targets. But the continued creep higher is now filtering through to the interest rate outlook. Economists now expect the central bank's Selic rate to end next year at 3.00%, compared with 2.75% last week. That would imply 100 basis points of tightening from the current record low 2.00%. (Reuters)

#### Regional

- **Saudi Arabia's Acwa Power set to raise \$1bn in Sukuk sale** – Saudi Arabia's Acwa Power International, half-owned by the Kingdom's sovereign wealth fund, is planning to raise about \$1bn by selling Islamic bonds early next year, according to sources. The company, one of the largest developers of power plants in the Middle East, has appointed the Saudi unit of HSBC Holdings and Samba Capital to advise on the issuance, the sources said. The Sukuk, as Islamic bonds are known, will be used to help fund Acwa's share of an \$8bn acquisition of gasification and power assets at Jazan on Saudi Arabia's west coast. The sukuk will be followed by Acwa's initial public offering on the Riyadh stock exchange, which could raise about \$1bn and value the company at about \$8bn, the sources said. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Telecom's digital payments business plans Gulf expansion** – The digital payments business of Saudi Arabia's Saudi Telecom Company (STC), stc pay, is in talks with Gulf regulators to seek approval to operate in the UAE, Kuwait and Bahrain, its CEO, Ahmed Alenazi said on Monday. STC said on Saturday that Western Union, the world's largest money transfer company, has acquired a 15% stake in stc pay for \$200mn, valuing the business at \$1.3bn. "It is - God willing - next year, but is subject to their regulatory approvals," he said of the planned expansion into the UAE, Kuwait and Bahrain. He said that Egypt was also being discussed, though the Gulf nations were the immediate target. Asked about other markets,

such as India, Pakistan and the Philippines, Alenazi said that stc pay would “follow the money”. “We have to add value to the ecosystem. We are not looking just to be a regular player that comes with the same approach. We are looking to be innovative,” he said, declining to detail the approach. Alenazi declined to comment on the company’s financials or growth, only saying that growth has been “massive” and that stc pay has 4.5mn active users, with 500,000 people logging into the application every day. Stc pay is the first fintech company licensed by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA). Alenazi said the business is also hoping to become the Kingdom’s first licensed digital bank, allowing it to offer additional services such as lending. Alenazi declined to say whether stc pay plans to go public at some point in the future, saying that would be up to its shareholders. (Reuters)

- **UAE allows 100% foreign ownership of companies, news agency WAM reports** – Foreigners opening a company in the UAE no longer need an Emirati shareholder or agent under changes to UAE company law, state news agency WAM reported on Monday. Until now companies in the UAE had needed a certain shareholding to be held by Emirati nationals, or an Emirati agent, depending on what type of company it was. “The amendments allow foreign entrepreneurs and investors to fully establish and own companies without any nationality requirements,” WAM said. “The condition requiring a foreign company wishing to open a branch in the country to have an agent from among the country’s citizens has also been cancelled,” it added. The UAE approved a new foreign investment law in 2018 that would allow foreigners to own up to 100% of some businesses and foreigners could already own up to 100% of those registered in designated business parks known as “free zones”. (Reuters)
- **Dubai expects economic boost from UAE golden visa extension** – Dubai said the economic growth rate could increase by up to 1% because of plans by the UAE to extend to more categories a “golden” visa system which grants 10-year residency in the Gulf state. Foreigners in the UAE usually have renewable visas valid for only a few years tied to employment. The government in the past couple of years has made its visa policy more flexible, offering longer residencies for certain types of investors, students and professionals. This month, the UAE expanded eligibility for golden visas to all holders of doctorate degrees, medical doctors, as well as other categories such as those with specialized degrees in artificial intelligence and epidemiology. “The UAE progressively extending golden residency to more and more categories will accelerate economic growth and productivity in Dubai,” the emirate’s department of economic development said on Monday. (Reuters)
- **Fitch assigns final 'BBB-' ratings to Dubai Aerospace's Sukuk program** – Fitch Ratings has assigned Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE) Limited's (DAE) \$2.5bn trust certificate issuance program, issued through DAE Sukuk (DIFC) Limited (DAE Sukuk), a final program rating of 'BBB-'. Fitch has also assigned a 'BBB-' final long-term rating to DAE Sukuk's inaugural \$750mn 5 ¼ years issue under the program. The final ratings are in line with expected ratings assigned on November 17, 2020. DAE Sukuk, also trustee, is a prescribed company incorporated in the Dubai International Financial

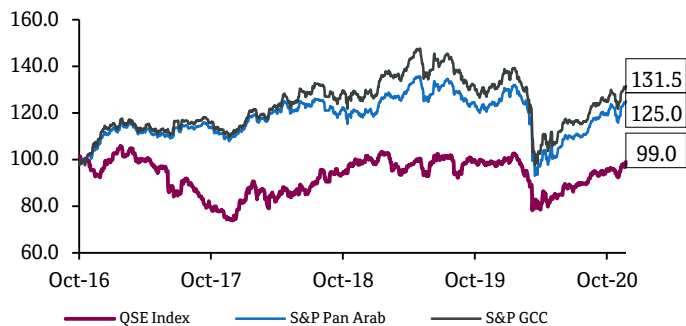
Centre (DIFC). Maples Fund Services (Middle East) Limited, also incorporated in the DIFC, acts as its secretary and corporate administrator. DAE's ratings are unaffected by today's rating action. This is principally because Fitch expects the proceeds of the \$750mn Sukuk issue to be used to reduce existing indebtedness and hence to be broadly neutral to leverage. Key rating drivers and rating sensitivities relating to DAE's ratings can be found in Fitch's most recent rating action commentary ('Fitch Affirms Dubai Aerospace Enterprise at 'BBB-'; Outlook Remains Negative') published on July 9, 2020. (Bloomberg)

- **Abu Dhabi plans \$122bn in oil spending to boost output** – The UAE is boosting investment to make good on pledges to increase output capacity, even as it struggles against OPEC+ restrictions on supply. The OPEC member’s top body for energy policy, Abu Dhabi’s Supreme Petroleum Council, approved a \$122bn budget for spending on oil and natural gas over the next five years, state media reported. The investment plan for Abu Dhabi National Oil Co. will contribute to growth and expansion “in all business areas,” including production, refining and trading. The OPEC+ oil cartel -- an alliance between the OPEC and others such as Russia -- has sought to cut output among its members after the coronavirus pandemic ravaged economies and caused energy demand to crater. Yet the UAE, like some other petrostates, sees greater oil production as a way to bolster its income and diversify the economy. The country also wants to be able to exploit any scarcity in supply once oil markets recover. “This is ADNOC demonstrating that they aim to be self-sufficient,” Managing Director of Abu Dhabi-based consultant Manaar Group, Jaafar Altaie said. “It’s a proactive step that foresees the potential for future supply shortages and that sees a need for low-cost production in the coming years.” (Bloomberg)
- **UAE oil discoveries bolster ADNOC bid to reach 5mn bpd capacity** – UAE’s Energy Minister, Suhail Al-Mazrouei said on Monday the latest oil discoveries are part of state-owned Abu Dhabi National Oil Co’s efforts to increase production capacity to 5mn bpd by 2030. The UAE on Sunday announced the discovery of 2bn barrels of conventional oil reserves and 22bn barrels of unconventional oil reserves. The discoveries “reflect the constant development operations carried out by ADNOC in its endeavor to reach its target of increasing oil production capacity to 5mn bpd by 2030,” Mazrouei said. (Reuters)
- **Kuwaiti logistic firm Agility confident business will rebound in 2021** – Kuwaiti logistic firm Agility expects its business to rebound next year as more units come back online after the pandemic and is in talks with drug makers about transporting COVID-19 vaccines, its vice chairman told Reuters. Tarek Sultan said the company was in a relatively good position despite the impact of the pandemic, which has forced some of its businesses such as airport services to temporarily close. “We are very bullish looking into 2021. We believe that there is going to be significant uptick in opportunity ... many different sectors of the business will start to recover,” Sultan said. The company saw its profit halve in the first nine months of the year to KD31.5mn, while revenue was flat at KD1.17bn. Sultan said he expected Agility to be involved in transporting vaccines but did not disclose which pharmaceutical companies it was in talks with. Dubai logistics firm Tristar, partly owned by Agility,

expects to make a decision on its listing by the second quarter of 2021, he said, adding that it was getting the regulatory requirements for a listing in the Middle East but could list elsewhere. (Reuters)

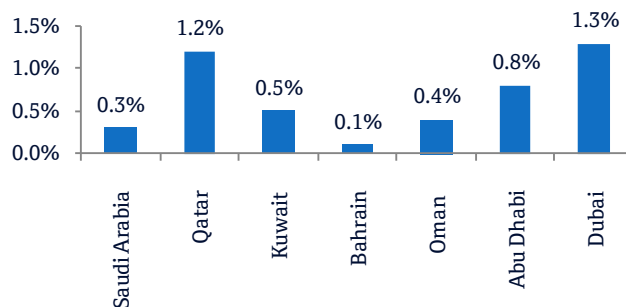
- **Oman reopens dual-tranche bond sale, raises \$500mn** – Oman raised \$500mn on Monday through a reopening of two bonds issued last month, drawing orders of more than \$3bn for the additional tranches, a document showed. Rated below investment-grade by all major credit ratings agencies, Oman has piled on debt over the past few years and faces a yawning fiscal deficit of 10% this year, according to an International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecast. The Gulf state initially sold the bonds due in October 2027 and October 2032 last month, raising \$2bn. Orders totaled \$3.8bn amid subdued investor appetite but the bonds have since performed well. “They always intended to do more than \$2bn so this is a good way to top up now the bonds have finally performed,” a debt banker away from the deal said. Monday’s sale on the same terms saw Oman sell \$200mn of the 2027 bonds at a yield of 6.3% and \$300mn of the bonds due in 2032 at a yield of 6.9%, the document from one of the banks on the deal showed. It tightened both tranches by 30 basis points from its initial price guidance earlier on Monday. The outstanding bonds due in 2027 were issued at a yield of 6.75% and were trading at 6.305% on Monday, according to Refinitiv data. Its 2032 bonds were issued with a yield of 7.375% and were trading at 6.973% on Monday. (Reuters)
- **Oman’s September M1 money supply rises 13.4% YoY; falls 0.2% MoM** – Central Bank of Oman published data on monetary aggregates for September which showed that M1 money supply rose 13.4% YoY; however, fell 0.2% MoM. The M2 aggregate rose 11% YoY and 0.8% MoM. Quasi money grew 10% YoY and 1.2% MoM, demand deposits in OMR grew 12.6% YoY; however, fell 0.1% MoM. (Bloomberg)
- **Oman sells OMR12mn 91-day bills at yield 0.811%** – Oman sold OMR12mn of 91-day bills due on February 24, 2021. The bills were sold at a price of 99.795, have a yield of 0.811% and will settle on November 25, 2020. (Bloomberg)
- **Bahrain sells BHD70mn 91-day bills at yield 2.23%** – Bahrain sold BHD70mn of 91-day bills due on February 24, 2021. The bills were sold at a price of 99.439, have a yield of 2.23% and will settle on November 25, 2020. (Bloomberg)

## Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

## Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,837.86	(1.8)	(1.8)	21.1
Silver/Ounce	23.60	(2.4)	(2.4)	32.2
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	46.06	2.4	2.4	(43.9)
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	43.06	2.2	2.2	(38.7)
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.23	1.8	1.8	6.7
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	52.63	2.4	2.4	27.6
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	62.00	12.2	12.2	(6.6)
Euro	1.18	(0.1)	(0.1)	5.6
Yen	104.52	0.6	0.6	(3.8)
GBP	1.33	0.3	0.3	0.5
CHF	1.10	(0.2)	(0.2)	6.1
AUD	0.73	(0.2)	(0.2)	3.8
USD Index	92.51	0.1	0.1	(4.0)
RUB	76.16	(0.0)	(0.0)	22.9
BRL	0.18	(1.1)	(1.1)	(26.1)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,546.90	0.3	0.3	8.0
DJ Industrial	29,591.27	1.1	1.1	3.7
S&P 500	3,577.59	0.6	0.6	10.7
NASDAQ 100	11,880.63	0.2	0.2	32.4
STOXX 600	388.84	(0.2)	(0.2)	(6.5)
DAX	13,126.97	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.9)
FTSE 100	6,333.84	(0.3)	(0.3)	(16.0)
CAC 40	5,492.15	(0.1)	(0.1)	(8.1)
Nikkei*	25,527.37	0.0	0.0	7.9
MSCI EM	1,220.52	0.9	0.9	9.5
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,414.49	1.1	1.1	11.9
HANG SENG	26,486.20	0.1	0.1	(6.0)
BSE SENSEX	44,077.15	0.4	0.4	6.8
Bovespa	107,378.90	1.3	1.3	(7.1)
RTS	1,256.81	(0.5)	(0.5)	(18.9)

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns, \*Market was closed on November 23, 2020)

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