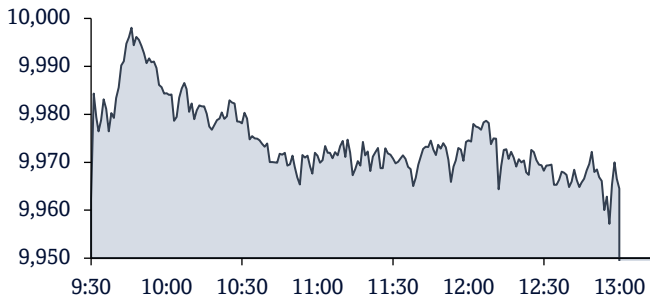


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose marginally to close at 9,964.5. Gains were led by the Industrials and Banks & Financial Services indices, gaining 0.2% each. Top gainers were Widam Food Company and Inma Holding, rising 3.8% and 3.3%, respectively. Among the top losers, Dukhan Bank fell 2.0%, while Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev. was down 1.7%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index fell 0.4% to close at 11,679.5. Losses were led by the Insurance and Banks indices, falling 2.3% and 1.2%, respectively. Saudi Automotive Services Co. declined 5.7%, while Raydan Food Co. was down 4.7%.

Dubai: The market was closed on June 30, 2024.

Abu Dhabi: The market was closed on June 30, 2024.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index fell 0.4% to close at 6,937.0. The Technology index declined 2.2%, while the Insurance index fell 2.1%. Kuwait National Cinema Co. declined 13.2%, while Kuwait Business Town Real Estate Co. was down 8.0%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell marginally to close at 4,687.3. The Financial index declined 0.2%, while the other indices ended flat or in green. Oman National Engineering & Investment Co. and Al Sharqiya Investment Holding Co. were down 2.5% each.

Bahrain: The BHB Index fell 0.3% to close at 2,025.5. The Consumer Discretionary index declined 1.9%, while the Materials index fell 0.8%. Bahrain Duty Free Shop Complex declined 5.7%, while Kuwait Finance House was down 1.4%.

| Market Indicators | 30 Jun 24 | 27 Jun 24 | %Chg. |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Value Traded (QR mn) | 302.5 | 511.1 | (40.8) |
| Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn) | 575,168.5 | 575,025.9 | 0.0 |
| Volume (mn) | 116.5 | 170.0 | (31.5) |
| Number of Transactions | 9,896 | 18,831 | (47.4) |
| Companies Traded | 51 | 52 | (1.9) |
| Market Breadth | 17:28 | 32:15 | - |

| Market Indices | Close | 1D% | WTD% | YTD% | TTM P/E |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| Total Return | 22,419.05 | 0.1 | 0.1 | (3.5) | 11.2 |
| All Share Index | 3,484.03 | 0.1 | 0.1 | (4.0) | 12.0 |
| Banks | 4,123.49 | 0.2 | 0.2 | (10.0) | 9.9 |
| Industrials | 4,140.91 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 2.8 |
| Transportation | 5,546.87 | (0.5) | (0.5) | 29.4 | 26.6 |
| Real Estate | 1,525.63 | (0.5) | (0.5) | 1.6 | 12.5 |
| Insurance | 2,267.03 | (0.3) | (0.3) | (13.9) | 167.0 |
| Telecoms | 1,605.50 | (0.1) | (0.1) | (5.9) | 8.8 |
| Consumer Goods and Services | 7,464.56 | 0.1 | 0.1 | (1.5) | 232.7 |
| Al Rayan Islamic Index | 4,632.13 | (0.0) | (0.0) | (2.8) | 14.1 |

| GCC Top Gainers** | Exchange | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------|-----|-----------|--------|
| Saudi Logistics | Saudi Arabia | 314.60 | 4.2 | 774.7 | 61.8 |
| Saudi Arabian Fertilizer Co. | Saudi Arabia | 116.60 | 3.4 | 1,246.5 | (15.6) |
| Knowledge Economic City | Saudi Arabia | 14.12 | 2.6 | 278.8 | 0.7 |
| National Shipping Co. | Saudi Arabia | 26.25 | 2.3 | 523.2 | 19.0 |
| Yanbu National Petro. Co. | Saudi Arabia | 37.40 | 2.0 | 488.8 | (1.7) |

| GCC Top Losers** | Exchange | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Bupa Arabia for Coop. Ins. | Saudi Arabia | 246.80 | (4.0) | 94.6 | 15.7 |
| Co. for Cooperative Ins. | Saudi Arabia | 139.20 | (3.7) | 291.5 | 6.9 |
| Ethihad Etisalat Co. | Saudi Arabia | 51.70 | (3.2) | 417.9 | 5.4 |
| Dallah Healthcare Co. | Saudi Arabia | 154.80 | (2.6) | 51.9 | (9.9) |
| Jabal Omar Dev. Co. | Saudi Arabia | 23.80 | (2.5) | 2,165.7 | 6.3 |

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

| QSE Top Gainers | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----|-----------|--------|
| Widam Food Company | 2.740 | 3.8 | 3,313.4 | 16.1 |
| Inma Holding | 4.545 | 3.3 | 2,072.5 | 9.6 |
| Damaan Islamic Insurance Company | 3.887 | 2.3 | 3.0 | (2.5) |
| Doha Bank | 1.456 | 2.0 | 6,063.7 | (20.4) |
| Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co. | 1.254 | 1.5 | 1,047.7 | (5.0) |

| QSE Top Volume Trades | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Masraf Al Rayan | 2.329 | (0.2) | 9,517.2 | (12.3) |
| Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding | 1.645 | (0.1) | 9,296.2 | (8.0) |
| Qatari German Co for Med. Devices | 1.907 | (1.3) | 8,906.0 | 31.4 |
| Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev. | 0.624 | (1.7) | 8,747.2 | (13.7) |
| Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. | 1.333 | (0.4) | 6,611.2 | (4.8) |

| QSE Top Losers | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Dukhan Bank | 3.701 | (2.0) | 6,489.4 | (6.9) |
| Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev. | 0.624 | (1.7) | 8,747.2 | (13.7) |
| QLM Life & Medical Insurance Co. | 2.008 | (1.6) | 15.7 | (19.6) |
| Qatari German Co for Med. Devices | 1.907 | (1.3) | 8,906.0 | 31.4 |
| National Leasing | 0.704 | (1.3) | 1,273.5 | (3.4) |

| QSE Top Value Trades | Close* | 1D% | Val. '000 | YTD% |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|
| QNB Group | 14.650 | 0.3 | 30,067.3 | (11.4) |
| Dukhan Bank | 3.701 | (2.0) | 24,579.3 | (6.9) |
| Masraf Al Rayan | 2.329 | (0.2) | 22,181.4 | (12.3) |
| Qatari German Co for Med. Devices | 1.907 | (1.3) | 17,246.5 | 31.4 |
| Industries Qatar | 12.880 | 0.6 | 16,588.6 | (1.5) |

| Regional Indices | Close | 1D% | WTD% | MTD% | YTD% | Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn) | Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn) | P/E** | P/B** | Dividend Yield |
|------------------|-----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| Qatar* | 9,967.56 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 7.0 | (8.0) | 83.2 | 157,711.2 | 11.2 | 1.3 | 4.8 |
| Dubai | 4,030.00 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 1.3 | (0.7) | 193.25 | 184,803.6 | 7.9 | 1.2 | 5.9 |
| Abu Dhabi | 9,060.73 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 2.2 | (5.4) | 457.10 | 694,198.1 | 18.2 | 2.7 | 2.2 |
| Saudi Arabia | 11,679.50 | (0.4) | (0.4) | 1.5 | (2.4) | 1,416.54 | 2,680,855.1 | 20.2 | 2.3 | 3.6 |
| Kuwait | 6,936.98 | (0.4) | (0.4) | (1.6) | 1.8 | 122.69 | 147,539.0 | 17.8 | 1.6 | 3.3 |
| Oman | 4,687.26 | (0.0) | (0.0) | (3.3) | 3.8 | 7.48 | 23,925.2 | 12.5 | 0.9 | 5.3 |
| Bahrain | 2,025.49 | (0.3) | (0.3) | (0.7) | 2.7 | 1.52 | 21,330.9 | 8.5 | 0.8 | 8.3 |

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 marginally to close at 9,964.5. The Industrials and Banks & Financial Services indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from Qatari and Arab shareholders despite selling pressure from Foreign and GCC shareholders.
- Widam Food Company and Inma Holding were the top gainers, rising 3.8% and 3.3%, respectively. Among the top losers, Dukhan Bank fell 2.0%, while Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev. was down 1.7%.
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday fell by 31.5% to 116.5mn from 170.1mn on Thursday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 158.4mn, volume for the day was 26.4% lower. Masraf Al Rayan and Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding were the most active stocks, contributing 8.2% and 8.0% to the total volume, respectively.

| Overall Activity | Buy%* | Sell%* | Net (QR) |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Qatari Individuals | 37.06% | 35.85% | 3,673,999.63 |
| Qatari Institutions | 39.35% | 33.35% | 18,134,475.01 |
| Qatari | 76.41% | 69.20% | 21,808,474.64 |
| GCC Individuals | 0.23% | 0.85% | (1,891,908.21) |
| GCC Institutions | 0.98% | 2.38% | (4,257,678.10) |
| GCC | 1.20% | 3.24% | (6,149,586.30) |
| Arab Individuals | 12.61% | 12.16% | 1,356,913.27 |
| Arab Institutions | 0.00% | 0.00% | - |
| Arab | 12.61% | 12.16% | 1,356,913.27 |
| Foreigners Individuals | 3.35% | 3.61% | (812,953.54) |
| Foreigners Institutions | 6.43% | 11.79% | (16,202,848.07) |
| Foreigners | 9.78% | 15.40% | (17,015,801.61) |

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

Earnings Calendar

Earnings Calendar

| Tickers | Company Name | Date of reporting 2Q2024 results | No. of days remaining | Status |
|---------|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| ABQK | Ahli Bank | 18-Jul-24 | 17 | Due |
| DHBK | Doha Bank | 21-Jul-24 | 20 | Due |
| QGMD | Qatari German Company for Medical Devices | 29-Jul-24 | 28 | Due |
| AKHI | Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company | 31-Jul-24 | 30 | Due |
| BEMA | Damaan Islamic Insurance Company | 07-Aug-24 | 37 | Due |

Qatar

- QatarEnergy supports interim dividends by its listed firms on QSE** - QatarEnergy, driven by its commitment to maximize the value to shareholders in the companies listed on Qatar Stock Exchange, that reflects positively on the national economy and is one of the key pillars of Qatar National Vision 2030, announced its support of the initiative of interim dividends distribution by the companies that are listed on Qatar Stock Exchange in which QatarEnergy is a shareholder. Commenting on the announcement, Minister of State for Energy Affairs and QatarEnergy President and CEO HE Saad Sherida Al Kaabi said, "The distribution of dividends on a semi-annual basis is a key step in supporting efforts and initiatives that aim to strengthen the national economy through developing Qatar's capital market. This is in line with the best regional and international standards and practices and will help enhance our market's competitive advantages and bolster its liquidity." Al Kaabi said, "The distribution of interim dividends will enhance investors' confidence in the operational performance of companies listed on Qatar Stock Exchange, the strength of their financial position, and their positive cashflow generation ability." **QatarEnergy will coordinate exclusively with Industries Qatar (IQ), Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company (MPHC), Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Company (QAMCO), Qatar Fuel Company (Woqod), Qatar Electricity and Water Company (QEWC), and Qatar Gas Transport Company Limited (Nakilat) for the purpose of semi-annual dividend distribution, in line with all relevant regulations and procedures.** (Qatar Tribune)
- QNB Financial Services will start Market Making Activity for number of Companies as of July 4** - Qatar Stock Exchange announces that QNB Financial Services will start Market Making activity for the following listed companies as of 4/7/2024: Vodafone Qatar P.Q.S.C. (VFQS), Qatari Investors Group (QIGD). (QSE)
- QNBFS will start liquidity provision activities for "Techno Q" as of 4 July 2024** - Qatar Stock Exchange announces that QNBFS will start liquidity provision activity for the shares of Qatar Electronic Systems Company – Techno Q- as of Thursday 4 July 2024. (QSE)
- Doha Bank: To disclose its Semi-Annual financial results on July 21** - Doha Bank discloses its financial statement for the period ending 30th June 2024 on 21/07/2024. (QSE)

- Ahli Bank: To disclose its Semi-Annual financial results on July 18** - Ahli Bank discloses its financial statement for the period ending 30th June 2024 on 18/07/2024. (QSE)
- Ministry of Municipality lowers rents for Industrial Area plots by 90%** - Minister of Municipality HE Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Attiyah has issued Ministerial Resolution No (123) for the year 2024, reducing the rental value of the Industrial Area land affiliated with the ministry. The move aims to support the growth of the national economy and enhancing the role of the private sector in diversifying economy and contribute to supporting the development process witnessed by the country. In a statement, the minister said that issuing the decision to reduce the rental value of land of the industrial zone affiliated with the ministry comes within the framework of the strategy launched by the Ministry recently, and in implementation of the objectives of the Third National Development Strategy 2024-2030, which aims to achieve sustainable economic growth, improve market mechanisms, and competitiveness of the local product, within the framework of the continuous efforts in the country to achieve Qatar National Vision 2030. The decision aims to support supporting activities on the land of the industrial zone affiliated with the Ministry of Municipality, whether they are commercial, industrial, for logistical activities, or for workers' housing purposes. The decision stipulates reducing the rental value of land allocated for commercial activities from QR100 to QR10 per square meter annually, i.e. reducing it by 90%, in addition to reducing the rental value of land for logistics projects from QR20 to QR5 per square meter annually, and land with an industrial license to QR5 per square meter annually, compared to QR10 previously. Regarding the rental value of mixed activities, the ministerial decision clarified that if the land area is used for commercial activity without the availability of industrial or logistical activity, the full rental value is calculated at QR10 per square meter annually, which is the same rental value (QR10 per square meter) for each of the food outlets for the covered area of the existing facility, and the land used for commercial activity as a service annex to the industrial or logistical activity, and petrol stations and their supporting services, and supporting car service stations, according to the covered area of the commercial building, and the one used for these services. The decision indicated that in the event that the land is used for non-commercial activities, such as workers' housing as a service annex to the industrial or logistical facility, the rental value is calculated at QR5 per square meter annually. As for the land fully used for

residential use without the availability of industrial or logistical activity, the rental value is calculated at QR10 per square meter annually. The ministerial decision explained that when land is used for exhibition activities, the rental value is calculated at QR5 per square meter annually if it is to display goods produced, manufactured, or stored on site for the same existing activity, according to the facility contract and for the same plot tenant, and at QR10 per square meter annually for the area covered by the exhibition. The existing property, if it is for commercial use, is for someone other than the actual investor of the land. The new decision stipulates that contracts for the land of the industrial zone affiliated with the Ministry of Municipality shall be concluded for a period of 25 years, starting from the date of receipt of the leased land, with the possibility of reviewing the rental value every five years, starting from the date of the implementation of the ministerial decision. The Minister of Municipality may, after the expiry of this period, reconsider this value. The decision of the Minister of Municipality to reduce the rental value of the ministry's Industrial Area land comes within the framework of efforts aimed at strengthening the role of the private sector in diversifying the national economy, enabling it to lead and stimulate economic growth, and focusing efforts on highly productive, specialized and competitive economic clusters. (Qatar Tribune)

- Qatar foreign travel spending up 50% in 1Q Y/Y** - Qatar foreign travel spending rose 50% in the first quarter to QAR10.1bn (\$2.78bn) compared with the same period the previous year and 127% from 2022, according to balance of payments data from Qatar Central Bank. Foreign spending, itemized as travel credit, makes up 32% of the services balance of the current account, up from 27% in 2023 and 26% in 2022. Travel accounts for 12% of total export of goods and services. Travel debit was up 1.6% to QAR12.9bn (\$3.53bn) in the first quarter of this year and down 26% from 2022. (Bloomberg)
- MoCI, MoI tie up to launch automatic renewal service for establishment registration** - The Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior (MoI) has launched the automatic renewal service for establishment registration via the Single Window platform. This service allows companies to obtain the updated establishment registration upon renewing the company's license and commercial registration. This initiative is part of efforts to develop and facilitate services provided to entrepreneurs and companies, thereby accelerating their completion and contributing to promoting the investment and trade climate in the country. The new feature simplifies the renewal transactions for company registrations via the Single Window platform. Once the transaction is completed, the user can access the Metrash Application and obtain the renewed establishment registration. The automatic renewal for establishment registration is part of the Ministry's efforts to develop services provided to the private sector and simplify and facilitate procedures for business owners and investors by providing a comprehensive smart electronic platform. This digital product is among several facilities provided under the Single Window platform to accelerate and digitize processes, aimed at enhancing delivery and improving the efficiency of government administrative procedures. It also aims to effectively leverage information technology to deliver better public services, thereby contributing to the State's vision of building a knowledge-based economy, in line with Qatar National Vision 2030. The MoCI had previously launched a smart electronic package within the Single Window portal, which represents a qualitative leap in services provided to companies and businessmen. Services now available have reached 16 qualitative services, including four comprehensive services, in addition to those related to extracts and other electronic services that can be accessed easily both from within and outside Qatar. (Qatar Tribune)
- Real estate development dispute settlement committees to enhance the sector** - Chairman of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority Eng. Khalid bin Ahmed Al Obaidli has praised the issuance of the Cabinet's resolution on the formation of real estate development dispute settlement committees, stressing that this approval from the Cabinet confirms the state's support and encouragement for the real estate sector. He explained that the issuance of this resolution is a complement to the legal framework for the committee to exercise its role in settling all disputes arising from real estate development. The draft resolution comes in implementation of the provisions of Law No. 6 of 2014 Concerning Regulating Real Estate

Development. This committee's mandate is to adjudicate on an urgent basis, all disputes arising from real estate development in accordance with the provisions of this law. The State Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Jassim Al Thani, recently endorsed the draft resolution on the formation of real estate development dispute settlement committees. The Cabinet's approval of the formation of real estate development dispute settlement committees confirms the support of the State of Qatar, stimulates the real estate sector, and encourages competitiveness and investment to achieve the Qatar National Vision 2030. The dispute resolution settlement committee is mandated to adjudicate on an urgent basis, all disputes arising from real estate development, to accelerate the adjudication of pending applications, and to cooperate with the Real Estate Regulatory Authority and the Supreme Judicial Council. (Peninsula Qatar)

- British Embassy ties up with MoFA, MCIT for AI projects** - The British Embassy in Qatar, in collaboration with Qatar's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Committee of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) and the Qatar Research, Development and Innovation Council (QRDI), is inviting proposals for artificial intelligence (AI) projects under the Gulf Strategy Fund in the range of £50,000 to £80,000, the Embassy posted recently on its X account. According to the post, the deadline for submission is August 12, 2024, and the project should be delivered between September 2024 and March 2025. This initiative aims to foster innovative AI collaborations between the UK and Qatar, lever-aging combined strengths to build dynamic, ethical AI ecosystems. The proposals should focus on scaling AI ecosystems, promoting safe AI development, and enhancing bilateral relations. "The focus of this project is on collaboration to address the shared and multifaceted challenge of building and scaling AI ecosystems. There are in principle significant opportunities for bilateral cooperation between the UK and Qatar that would support efforts in both countries to achieve this," the Embassy said. The project will be required to analyze areas where the UK and Qatar might collaborate to build and scale their respective AI ecosystems, including launching the next generation of AI-enabled companies and integrating AI into existing enterprises as well as driving UK-Qatar commercial partnerships related to the AI. "It is required to analyze where UK-Qatar diplomatic cooperation can promote safe, secure and trustworthy commercial development of AI, both in the UK and Qatar and internationally, to support the development of AI ecosystems in the two countries," it added. Besides, it should discuss how the UK-Qatar cooperation on AI ecosystems can in turn enhance the effective utilization of AI in the field of diplomacy in ways that support shared foreign policy challenges, including in the area of diplomatic mediation, assess and provide recommendations for how UK-Qatar AI cooperation can be integrated into existing UK-Qatar diplomatic structures. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Millions invested into villa-based schools in Qatar** - The Qatar Chamber Education Committee discussed the repercussions of the Ministry of Education and Higher Education's decision to close private schools that operate from residential buildings or buildings not designated for schools. Mohammed bin Ahmed bin Twar Al Kuwari, First Vice chairman of the Qatar Chamber and chairman of the Chamber's Education Committee, said that the decision to close these schools raises concern among private business investors, families, and students, as The volume of investments in these schools exceeds millions of riyals. These schools also provide educational services to 40,000 male and female students from various academic levels from the middle and lower social classes. Thousands of workers work in these schools. Bin Twar pointed out that many of those schools, which operate from villas, have obtained operating licenses from various government agencies. It has also undergone examinations and accreditation processes by local and international agencies, which indicates their compliance with educational standards and requirements while providing the educational service at low fees. He added: "Everyone agrees on the importance of having schools on pre-allocated plots of land, but we are now facing a situation that has lasted for decades and serves a large segment of citizens and residents, providing its services with quality and low prices that suit that segment. Bin Twar stressed that the Education Committee of the Qatar Chamber always welcomes the

opportunity to participate in dialogue and cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Higher Education and the relevant authorities, intensifying its efforts to achieve all its goals, expressing thanks to the Ministry of Education and Higher Education for its cooperation with the Education Committee of the Qatar Chamber as a representative of the private educational sector. He added that the private sector represents the largest part in achieving the vision of the State of Qatar, Pointing out that the private educational sector has a major role and influence within society, as the private educational sector represents 346 schools and kindergartens, 180 private educational centers, and 180 nurseries. (Qatar Tribune)

International

- China's June factory activity contracts again, services slows** - China's manufacturing activity fell for a second month in June while services activity slipped to a five-month low, an official survey showed on Sunday, keeping alive calls for further stimulus as the economy struggles to get back on its feet. The National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) purchasing managers' index (PMI), at 49.5 in June, was unchanged from May, below the 50-mark separating growth from contraction and in line with a median forecast of 49.5 in a Reuters poll. "Actual industrial activity should be stronger than the data suggests as our observation is that the official PMI fails to fully capture the current export momentum, which has been the major economic driver this year," said Xu Tianchen, senior economist at the Economist Intelligence Unit. Still, Xu added that external and domestic demand remains relatively inadequate to absorb China's manufacturing capacity and this will prevent a recovery in producer prices. While a sub-index of production was above 50 in June, other indexes of new orders, raw material stocks, employment, supplier delivery times and new export orders were all in contractionary territory, the NBS survey showed. China's exports exceeded forecasts in May, but analysts said the jury is still out on whether export sales are sustainable given growing trade tension between Beijing and Western economies. Meanwhile, a protracted property crisis continues to drag on domestic demand. With consumers wary and the Labor Day holiday boost fleeting, the non-manufacturing PMI, which includes services and construction, fell to 50.5 from 51.1 in May, the lowest since December. The services PMI sank to 50.2, a five-month low, and construction PMI slipped to 52.3, the weakest reading since July last year. Analysts expect China to roll out more policy support measures in the short term, while a government pledge to boost fiscal stimulus is seen helping kick domestic consumption into a higher gear. (Reuters)
- Japan downgrades Q1 GDP on construction data corrections** - Japan's economy shrank more than initially reported in the first quarter, the government said in a rare unscheduled revision to gross domestic product (GDP) data on Monday, darkening prospects for a fragile recovery. The downward revision is likely to lead to a cut to the Bank of Japan's growth forecasts in fresh quarterly projections due later this month and could affect the timing of its next interest rate hike, analysts say. Japan's real GDP shrank an annualized 2.9% in January-March, down from an earlier estimate of a 1.8% contraction, the revised data showed. The real GDP for the October-December period was also revised down to an annualized 0.1% growth versus the previous 0.4% increase, while that for the July-September period was revised down to an annualized 4.0% decline from the previous 3.7% drop. The government said the revisions to GDP figures for January-March reflected corrections made in construction orders data. (Reuters)

Regional

- Aramco awards \$25bn in contracts for gas expansion** - Saudi Aramco has awarded construction contracts worth \$25bn for the development of its Jafurah gas project, as it looks to boost production of the fuel considered a key part of plans to reduce planet-warming emissions. The contracts awarded include \$12.4bn for increasing gas output at Jafurah, plus \$8.8bn for expanding the so-called master gas system, which delivers natural gas to customers around the country, according to a statement. Aramco also awarded \$2.4bn in contracts for gas rigs. Saudi Arabia has some of the biggest gas reserves in the world. Development of the Jafurah field, estimated to hold 200tn cubic feet of gas, is expected to cost \$100bn and

boost the firm's gas production more than 60% by 2030. "These contract awards demonstrate our firm belief in the future of gas as an important energy source, as well as a vital feedstock for downstream industries," Aramco Chief Executive Officer Amin Nasser said in Sunday's statement. "The scale of our ongoing investment at Jafurah and the expansion of our Master Gas System underscores our intention to further integrate and grow our gas business to meet anticipated rising demand," he added. Gas from the project will be used in the first instance to supply the country's domestic industries, with any excess capacity potentially used to make blue hydrogen or exported as LNG, Aramco has said. (Gulf Times)

- Aramco to buy 10% stake in Renault-Geely thermal engines venture** - Oil producer Saudi Aramco (2223.SE), opens new tab will buy a 10% stake in a thermal engines joint venture between French carmaker Renault and Chinese automaker Geely, the companies said on Friday, valuing the business at 7.40bn euros (\$7.93bn). Geely (0175.HK), opens new tab and Renault (RENA.PA), opens new tab will own around 45% each of the powertrain venture, called Horse Powertrain, which will supply gasoline engines, hybrid systems and gearboxes for thermal vehicles. Reuters reported on Thursday that the state-owned company was close to buying a 10% stake in the venture. Renault CEO Luca de Meo described the deal in a statement as creating a "dream team" that would "reinvent" the future of combustion-engine and hybrid technologies. "Aramco's stake in the thermal engine joint venture could stabilize investments in legacy automakers, providing a safety net amidst the electric shift," investor platform Finimize wrote, ahead of the official announcement. The investment comes as the global electric-vehicle market struggles with worries around demand and rising production expenses. The European Commission this month said it would impose extra duties of up to 38.1% on imported Chinese electric cars from July. Aramco, which this month raised around \$11.2bn through a secondary share sale, had originally signaled it would buy a 20% stake in Horse Powertrain. The company signed a letter of intent in March 2023 with a view to possibly becoming a minority shareholder in the venture. Horse Powertrain was formally established on May 31. (Reuters)
- Saudi Arabia's net foreign direct investment rises 5.6% in first quarter** - Net foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows to Saudi Arabia rose 5.6% to 9.5bn riyals (\$2.53bn) in the first quarter of 2024, government data showed on Sunday. Inflows were up 0.6% to 17bn riyals in the first three months compared with a year earlier, while outflows fell by 5.1% to about 7.5bn riyals. The kingdom hopes to attract \$100bn in FDI by 2030 to boost non-oil gross domestic product as part of a wider strategy by de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman to diversify the economy away from its reliance on crude oil exports. Earlier this month, over half of the shares offered under Saudi Aramco's \$11.2bn secondary share sale were sold to foreign investors. The oil giant has also helped lift FDI previously, but even with those deals FDI remained far from the 2030 goal, peaking at \$32.8bn in 2022 and reaching \$19.2bn last year. (Zawya)
- Saudi and US officials discuss boosting digital economy partnership** - The meeting was attended by Princess Reema bint Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi Ambassador to the United States of America. During the meeting, the two sides discussed strengthening the strategic partnership between Saudi Arabia and the United States of America to support the growth of the digital economy in the region, as the Kingdom is a pivotal hub for technology and innovation. They also discussed the acceleration of the growth of modern technologies to serve scientific and technical progress in various sectors, highlighting the expanding investment opportunities in the digital economy between the two friendly countries. (Zawya)
- Saudi sukuk, debt market hits 18.3% of GDP in 2023** - The Saudi sukuk and debt instruments market reached 18.30% of GDP by the end of 2023, with 70 sukuk and debt instruments listed on the capital market. The funds raised from sukuk and debt instrument offerings amounted to SAR 29.95bn, comprising SAR 29.85bn from private placements and SAR 100mn from public offerings, according to the Capital Market Authority (CMA) annual report. The report highlighted significant advancements in the sukuk and debt instruments market, including the adoption of the Debt Market Development Strategy and the removal of the Authority's trading commission on sukuk and bonds to boost secondary market activity and overall liquidity. Foreign investment in the Saudi capital

market reached unprecedented levels in 2023, with net foreign investments totaling SAR 198bn, a 7.70% increase from 2022. Foreign investor ownership climbed to SAR 401bn by the end of the year. The number of offerings and listings in the Saudi capital market soared to 43 in 2023, marking a 79% increase from the target listings. This included the public offering of shares of seven companies in the main market, the listing of 29 companies in the parallel market, the direct listing of shares of six companies in the parallel market, and the listing of a traded real estate fund. Mohammed Elkuwaiz, Chairman of the CMA, announced that the authority has completed its strategic plan for 2021-2023 and is preparing to unveil a new strategic plan aligned with Saudi Vision 2030. In May 2024, Saudi Arabia's National Debt Management Center (NDMC) issued SAR 3.23bn sukuk. (Zawya)

- UAE Economy surges with exceptional 2024 performance, record-breaking indicators** - The UAE economy is set for more growth in the second half of this year, achieving qualitative leaps and exceptional accomplishments thanks to a stable investment and economic environment capable of continuing to prosper despite global economic uncertainties. The expected performance in 2024 is a continuation of last year's successes, with positive growth rates across macroeconomic indicators. GDP reached AED1.68tn in 2023, growing by 3.6%. Meanwhile, the non-oil GDP at constant prices was AED1.25tn, growing by 6.2%, placing the national economy fifth globally in the real GDP growth index. The World Bank forecasts a GDP growth of 3.9% for the UAE, which is expected to rise to 4.1% in 2025. Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) expects the national economy to grow by 4% in 2024, driven by strong activity in the tourism, construction, manufacturing, and financial services sectors. Dr. Karim El Solh, Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Capital, believes the UAE's economy is on an upward trajectory, bolstered by strong momentum over the past two years. He commended the UAE government's proactive measures, such as stimulus packages, foreign investment incentives, and efforts to improve business ease, amid global economic challenges. In a statement to the Emirates News Agency (WAM), Dr. El Solh highlighted the UAE's strategic location, robust infrastructure, and business-friendly policy as key factors attracting investors and fostering growth. El Solh noted that the UAE's Vision 2030 framework and forward-looking economic policy, emphasizing diversification, innovation, and sustainability, have gained international acclaim. This has boosted confidence in the national economy, resulting in increased foreign investment, improved credit ratings, and enhanced global competitiveness. Damian Hitchen, CEO of Saxo Bank in the Middle East and North Africa, expected the UAE's economy to grow by over 4% in 2024, driven by OPEC's increased oil production quota and momentum in non-oil sectors. He added that the UAE's attractiveness is reflected in its record \$23bn in foreign direct investment in 2022, reaching an all-time high. Additionally, the UAE ranks 14th globally in attracting professional talent, according to the Boston Consulting Group. Hitchen highlighted the crucial roles of the tourism and aviation sectors in boosting the economy, enhancing trade, and transforming the UAE into a global transportation and logistics hub. Vijay Valecha, Chief Investment Officer at Century Financial, anticipated the UAE's economy will sustain robust growth exceeding 4% this year, supported by strong performances in non-oil sectors. He underscored economic diversification away from oil, emphasizing sectors like renewable energy, technology, financial services, tourism, construction, and real estate, which collectively drive over 70% of the UAE's GDP. Valecha predicted the UAE will lead the Gulf and Arab countries in economic performance in 2024, credited to strategic initiatives and forward-looking policy. (Zawya)
- Ajman's GDP rises to \$9.8bn in 2023** - Preliminary estimates of Ajman's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) for the year 2023, issued by the Ajman Statistics Centre, reveal the emirate's robust economic performance and positive growth rates. The emirate achieved a GDP at current prices exceeding AED36bn, compared to AED33.9bn in the previous year, reflecting a growth rate of 6.25%. At constant prices, the GDP reached approximately AED32bn, compared to AED30.5bn in 2022, with a growth rate of 4.7%. In this context, Dr. Hajar Saeed Al-Hubaishi, Executive Director of Ajman Statistics Centre, said that the preliminary estimates of the gross domestic product for the Emirate of Ajman for the year 2023

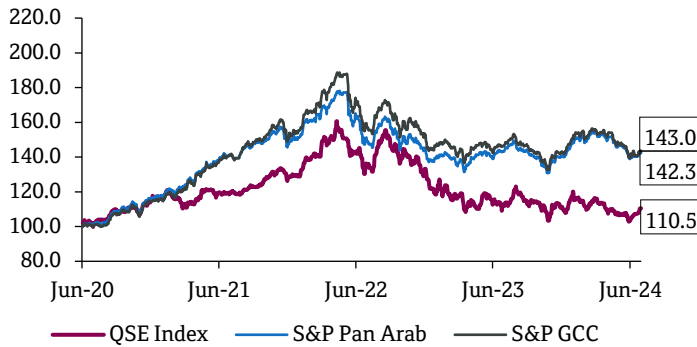
show a notable improvement in economic performance and demonstrate the improvement in efforts to promote sustainable development. She also said that the growth confirmed the emirate's ability to overcome economic challenges and enhance its position at the local and international levels. The results indicated that the manufacturing industries, wholesale and retail trade, vehicle repair, and construction sectors are prioritized in leading the economic locomotive and contributing to the GDP at current prices in the Emirate of Ajman for the year 2023. The manufacturing industry contributed 18.80% to the GDP, followed by wholesale and retail trade and vehicle repair at 18.04%, while construction activity contributed 16.42%. These activities also contributed significantly to the real GDP, with manufacturing accounting for 18.9% of GDP, while wholesale and retail trade and vehicle repair contributed 18.31%, and construction activities contributed 17.36% of GDP. (Zawya)

- Oman's inflation rate rises by 0.9% in May** - Oman's inflation rate increased in May 2024 by 0.9% compared to the same month in 2023 (taking the base year 2018), according to the latest data on consumer price index numbers issued by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI). The data further indicated an increase in the prices of food and non-alcoholic beverages groups by 3.8%, miscellaneous goods and services by 3.3%, health by 2.4%, culture and entertainment by 0.6%, tobacco by 0.6%, housing, water, electricity, gas and other types of fuel by 0.4%, restaurants and hotels by 0.3%, and clothing and shoes at 0.1%. On the other hand, transportation group prices decreased by 1.6%, education by 0.4%, and communications by 0.2%. In the food and non-alcoholic beverages group, the prices of vegetables rose by 12.3%, fruits by 7.9%, fish and seafood by 4.6%, milk, cheese and eggs by 4.5%, other food products by 2.4%, oils and fats by 1.7%, meat by 1.5%, sugar, jam, honey and sweets by 1.3%, bread and cereals by 0.9%, and non-alcoholic beverages by 0.9%. At the governorate level, North Al Sharqiyah Governorate recorded an increase in the inflation rate by 2.07%, by 1.58% in Musandam Governorate, 1.41% in Dhofar Governorate, 1.37% in North Al Batinah Governorate, 1.34% in Al Wusta Governorate, 1.28% in Al Buraimi Governorate, 1.23% in South Al Batinah Governorate, 0.90% in Ad Dakhiliyah Governorate, 0.83% in Ad Dhahirah Governorate, 0.74% in South Al Sharqiyah Governorate, and 0.59% in Muscat Governorate. (Zawya)
- Untapped potential in Bahrain's trade with Saudi highlighted** - Trade between Saudi Arabia and Bahrain has grown steadily in recent years, with Bahrain emerging as Saudi Arabia's top export destination and fifth-largest import partner. However, despite this strong relationship, a new report by the Bahrain Chamber highlights significant untapped potential for further economic collaboration. While overall trade volume has increased by 32% since 2019, a closer look reveals a shift in the types of goods exchanged. Notably, imports of unwrought aluminum from Saudi Arabia have skyrocketed by 809pc in the past year, reflecting Bahrain's growing industrial base. Conversely, Bahraini exports of agglomerated iron ores and concentrates to Saudi Arabia have risen by 44pc over the same period, demonstrating a maturing supply chain. The 'Trade in Focus' report identifies several promising sectors with untapped export potential for both countries. For instance, Bahrain could significantly increase exports of aluminum wire and processed cheese to Saudi Arabia, while Saudi Arabia has the potential to export more poultry, cleaning products, and steel rods to Bahrain. Looking beyond traditional trade, the report also identifies key sectors in Saudi Arabia ripe for investment from Bahrain. These include, food processing underlining Saudi Arabia's expanding food industry, with a focus on halal products and a projected growth rate of 3pc annually, which presents a compelling investment opportunity. The Saudi government's ambitious plan to invest \$65bn in healthcare infrastructure by 2030 creates significant opportunities for private sector involvement. Vision 2030's goal of sourcing half of the country's energy from renewable sources opens doors for investment in solar, wind, and tidal energy solutions. Driven by population growth and industrial activity, Saudi Arabia's environmental services sector is anticipated to reach \$10bn by 2030, attracting significant foreign investments. The report further highlights Saudi Arabia's robust manufacturing sector, pharmaceutical market, and advanced chemical industry, all presenting lucrative opportunities for Bahraini investors. While Saudi Arabia and

Bahrain boast a strong foundation for economic co-operation, untapped potential remains. By exploring new avenues for trade and investment, particularly in the identified growth sectors, both countries can unlock significant mutual benefits. (Zawya)

Rebased Performance

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

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| Asset/Currency Performance | Close (\$) | 1D% | WTD% | YTD% |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Gold/Ounce | 2,326.75 | (0.0) | 0.2 | 12.8 |
| Silver/Ounce | 29.14 | 0.6 | (1.4) | 22.5 |
| Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future) | 86.41 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 12.2 |
| Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future) | 81.54 | (0.2) | 1.0 | 13.8 |
| Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu | 2.55 | 0.0 | 4.7 | (1.2) |
| LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton | 82.80 | 0.5 | 6.0 | 18.3 |
| LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton | 79.00 | 0.6 | 2.9 | (21.4) |
| Euro | 1.07 | 0.1 | 0.2 | (3.0) |
| Yen | 160.88 | 0.1 | 0.7 | 14.1 |
| GBP | 1.26 | 0.0 | 0.0 | (0.7) |
| CHF | 1.11 | 0.0 | (0.5) | (6.4) |
| AUD | 0.67 | 0.3 | 0.4 | (2.1) |
| USD Index | 105.87 | (0.0) | 0.1 | 4.5 |
| RUB | 110.69 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.9 |
| BRL | 0.19 | 0.8 | 0.8 | (10.0) |

Source: Bloomberg

| Global Indices Performance | Close | 1D%* | WTD%* | YTD%* |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|
| MSCI World Index | 3,511.78 | (0.3) | 0.1 | 10.8 |
| DJ Industrial | 39,118.86 | (0.1) | (0.1) | 3.8 |
| S&P 500 | 5,460.48 | (0.4) | (0.1) | 14.5 |
| NASDAQ 100 | 17,732.60 | (0.7) | 0.2 | 18.1 |
| STOXX 600 | 511.42 | (0.1) | (0.5) | 3.4 |
| DAX | 18,235.45 | 0.2 | 0.6 | 5.4 |
| FTSE 100 | 8,164.12 | (0.3) | (0.9) | 4.6 |
| CAC 40 | 7,479.40 | (0.6) | (1.7) | (4.0) |
| Nikkei | 39,583.08 | 0.5 | 1.7 | 3.6 |
| MSCI EM | 1,086.25 | 0.4 | (0.1) | 6.1 |
| SHANGHAI SE Composite | 2,967.40 | 0.8 | (1.1) | (2.5) |
| HANG SENG | 17,718.61 | 0.0 | (1.8) | 4.0 |
| BSE SENSEX | 79,032.73 | (0.2) | 2.6 | 9.2 |
| Bovespa | 123,906.55 | (1.1) | (0.3) | (19.5) |
| RTS | 1,127.16 | 0.1 | (0.9) | 4.0 |

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns if any)

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