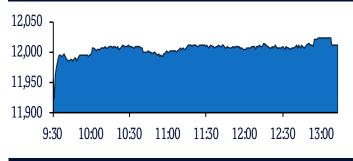


# **Daily Market Report**

Monday, 10 January 2022

## **QSE Intra-Day Movement**



### Qatar Commentary

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#### **GCC Commentary**

Qatar\*

Dubai#

Kuwait

Oman

Bahrain

Abu Dhabi#

Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 1.1% to close at 11,560.5. Gains were led by the Consumer Durables & Apparel and Consumer Services indices, rising 3.2% and 2.8%, respectively. Rabigh Refining and Petroche rose 10.0%, while Abdullah Saad Mohammed Abo was up 9.9%.

Dubai: The market was closed on January 09, 2022.

Abu Dhabi: The market was closed on January 09, 2022.

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Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.8% to close at 7,152.0. The Technology index rose 5.2%, while the Real Estate index gained 0.9%. Palms Agro Production Co rose 20.8%, while First Takaful Insurance Co was up 9.5%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 0.7% to close at 4,216.8. Gains were led by the Financial and Services indices, rising 0.6% and 0.4%, respectively. Gulf International Chemicals rose 3.2%, while National Gas Company was up 3.1%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.3% to close at 1,794.5. The Financial and Materials indices rose 0.4% each. Al Baraka Banking Group rose 1.7%, while Ahli United Bank was up 1.1%.

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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%
Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co.	1.31	5.7	3,481.3	5.8
Investment Holding Group	1.29	5.5	20,966.4	5.0
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	1.96	4.8	80.6	(2.3)
Widam Food Company	3.74	4.5	1,156.5	4.1
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.86	4.5	43,093.2	5.3
QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.86	4.5	43,093.2	5.3
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.96	4.2	26,547.7	4.7
Investment Holding Group	1.29	5.5	20,966.4	5.0
Gulf International Services	1.76	2.4	19,646.0	2.6
Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing	1.94	2.2	13,224.0	7.4
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QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Zad Holding Company	16.00	(3.6)	8.0	(4.2)
Ahli Bank	3.85	(3.5)	0.7	0.6
Mannai Corporation	4.96	(2.2)	288.5	4.4
QLMI Life & Medical Insurance	5.22	(1.5)	20.3	3.4
Industries Qatar	15.95	(0.7)	1,932.6	3.0
QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Masraf Al Rayan	4.99	0.3	56,153.9	7.5
QNB Group	20.21	0.2	44,215.4	0.1
Qatar Islamic Bank	19.30	1.6	38,086.0	5.3
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.86	4.5	36,770.1	5.3
Qatar Navigation	7.75	(0.0)	36,053.5	1.5
Source: Bloomberg (* in QR)				
Exch. Val. Traded Ex (\$ mn)	change Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
146.00	185,598.8	16.7	1.8	2.5
76.89	112,110.0	20.1	1.1	2.4
368.77	403,984.3	22.9	2.5	2.7
1,556.69	2,680,160.7	25.4	2.4	2.3
198.82	136,923.3	20.9	1.6	2.2
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(0.2)Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market

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#### **Qatar Market Commentary**

- The QE Index rose 0.4% to close at 12,011.4. The Real Estate and Insurance indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC, Arab and foreign shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari shareholders.
- Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co. and Investment Holding Group were the top gainers, rising 5.7% and 5.5%, respectively. Among the top losers, Zad Holding Company fell 3.6%, while Ahli Bank was down 3.5%.
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday rose by 46.5% to 224.3mn from 153.1mn on Thursday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 120.7mn, volume for the day was 85.8% higher. Salam International Inv. Ltd. and Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev. were the most active stocks, contributing 19.2% and 11.8% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	39.10%	51.69%	(66,776,744.3)
Qatari Institutions	33.83%	32.73%	5,844,176.1
Qatari	72.93%	84.42%	(60,932,568.3)
GCC Individuals	0.65%	0.55%	572,710.5
GCC Institutions	2.35%	0.51%	9,724,128.1
GCC	3.00%	1.06%	10,296,838.6
Arab Individuals	11.27%	10.10%	6,188,693.2
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Arab	11.27%	10.10%	6,188,693.2
Foreigners Individuals	3.08%	2.55%	2,798,725.1
Foreigners Institutions	9.72%	1.87%	41,648,311.3
Foreigners	12.80%	4.42%	44,447,036.5

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

## **Earnings Calendar**

Earnings Calendar							
Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 4Q2021 results	No. of days remaining	Status			
QNBK	QNB Group	11-Jan-22	1	Due			
ABQK	Ahli Bank	13-Jan-22	3	Due			
QIBK	Qatar Islamic Bank	16-Jan-22	6	Due			
QFLS	Qatar Fuel Company	18-Jan-22	8	Due			
CBQK	The Commercial Bank	19-Jan-22	9	Due			
QIIK	Qatar International Islamic Bank	24-Jan-22	14	Due			
NLCS	Alijarah Holding	27-Jan-22	17	Due			

Source: QSE

# News

Qatar

- MCCS opens nominations for its board membership 2022 Mannai Corporation (MCCS) announced the opening of nominees for the board memberships, years from 2022 to 2025. Applications will be accepted starting from January 10, 2022 until 06:00 PM of January 16, 2022. (QSE)
- NLCS to disclose its annual financial results on January 27 - National Leasing Holding (NLCS) will disclose its financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2021 on January 27, 2022. (QSE)
- Qatar's hospitality industry expected to thrive from March this year - While January and February forecasts may be lower for the hospitality industry in Qatar and the MENA region amid the onslaught of the Omicron Covid-19 variant, "the rest of the year looks very promising" and the demand is expected "to pick up very strongly leading up to the FIFA 2022 World Cup", a senior hotelier has said. Aurelio Giraudo, cluster general manager at Banyan Tree Doha at La Cigale Mushaireb & La Cigale Hotel managed by Accor, told Gulf Times that he sees 2022 to be a remarkable year for Qatar, citing that 1.2mn visitors are likely to travel to the country for the showpiece event. (Gulf-Times.com)
- HIA posts nearly 42% YoY surge in passengers served in 2021 - The Hamad International Airport (HIA) has witnessed a 41.37% increase in the number of passengers served in 2021 compared to 2020, with a total of 17,702,635 passengers

served. Airport cargo operations increased by 20.71% in 2021, with 2,589,283 tons of cargo handled in 2021 along with the introduction of 6 new cargo destinations. Aircraft movement also grew by 28.12%, with 169,909 total aircraft take-off and landing at HIA. (Gulf-Times.com)

• QCB: Weighted average interest rates on customer deposits, credit facilities fell in Qatar in 2020 - Weighted average interest rates on customer deposits in Qatar at end-2020 fell by a range of 126-148 basis points (1.26% to 1.48%) across maturities from the corresponding levels of end-2019, according to QCB. With the cuts in policy rates, particularly the QCB Deposit Rate (QCBDR) by 100 basis points (1%) during 2020, interest rates on customer deposits softened across maturities. The decline in deposit rates was also transmitted to interest rates across credit facilities/maturities, although by a lesser extent, QCB said in its latest Financial Stability Report. Thus, the weighted average rate across credit facilities declined by a range of 49-120 basis points (0.49% to 1.2%) at end-2020 from the corresponding levels at end-2019, the report noted. According to QCB, movements in interest rates during 2020 continued to reflect the policy rate changes by QCB in alignment with the US Federal Reserve and the evolution of domestic liquidity conditions. Interest rates in the money market declined significantly along with the large cuts in the QCBDR in March. Abundant supply of primary liquidity in the system also pushed down the money market interest rates. (Gulf-Times.com)

- Expo 2023 Doha to help develop agricultural sector The International Horticultural Exhibition ('Expo 2023 Doha') will not only benefit just Qatar, but also help strengthen agricultural sector in the entire region. The first-of-its-kind expo in GCC and MENA region is expecting large number of research works from 80 countries and their reputed universities and research institutions. Expo 2023 Doha, spreading over 1.7 million sqm, will be held at Al Bidda Park between two Doha Metro stations from October 2, 2023 to March 28, 2024, under the theme 'Green Desert Better Environment'. (Peninsula Qatar)
- ORDS boosts its Enterprise EDGE portfolio with Fortinet Secure SD-WAN – Ooredoo (ORDS) has chosen Fortinet, a global leader in broad, integrated, and automated cyber security solutions to boost its Enterprise EDGE portfolio based on the Fortinet Secure SD-WAN. Enterprise EDGE is Ooredoo's managed SD-WAN service that allows enterprise customers to mix and match services from a wide range of WAN connections to create a customized network. Having transformed its network to be SD-WAN ready, Ooredoo now offers a new capability unrivalled by traditional connectivity services. The collaboration with Fortinet means Ooredoo now has access to a securitydriven networking approach that consolidates SD-WAN functionality and next-generation firewall security in a single offering. (Gulf-Times.com)
- VFQS, Microsoft strengthen partnership to provide digital transformation solutions to businesses in Qatar - Vodafone Qatar (VFQS) and Microsoft announced Sunday that the companies are building on their existing partnership to provide more digital solutions to businesses across the country. The companies will integrate their suite of technologies, primarily by incorporating Microsoft Azure as part of Vodafone's IoT range of products and services. Business customers in Qatar, including government entities and public and private enterprises, will enjoy highly secure, reliable, and customized features and benefits from Vodafone's IoT solutions hosted on Microsoft Azure. Mahday Saad E M Al-Hebabi, Enterprise Business Unit director, Vodafone Qatar, said: "As part of our mission to bring innovative digital technologies and solutions to the market, partnering with global players such as Microsoft, and incorporating platforms such as Microsoft Azure, means that we can offer best-of-breed products and services, with a higher standard of security and user experience. Through our partnerships, together we can turn the challenge of digital transformation into an opportunity for all businesses." (Gulf-Times.com)
- Technology advancements in banking sector on rise With technological advancements in the Qatari banking sector on the rise, especially within the post-COVID-19 and pre-FIFA World Cup 2022 context, banks continue to adapt to market and customer needs, strengthening Fintech within the country. Virtual assistants are playing an increasingly important part in the daily lives of individuals and this cutting-edge technology offers customers a new way to engage and receive answers to inquiries in a friendly manner. Forbes discussed the importance of Dukhan Bank's virtual assistant 'Rashid' in enhancing customers' experience. The article published in Forbes December 2021 issue entitled 'Guiding customer experience to the next level' shed light on how Dukhan Bank's virtual assistant 'Rashid' paves the way towards digitally empowering customers. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Qatar reduces the selling price premium for its crude over Dubai/Oman in February – State oil and gas company Qatar Energy said on Sunday it will cut its crude price premium to the benchmark Dubai/Oman average in February. Qatari marine crude will be sold in February at 1.35 a barrel above the Dubai/Oman average, while Qatar land crude will be sold at a

premium of \$2, according to a document published on the Qatar Energy website. The premiums in January were \$3.05 a barrel for Qatari marine crude and \$3.80 for land crude. (Bloomberg)

## International

- Deloitte: Major UK companies plan 2022 investment surge Major British companies plan a surge in investment in 2022 to meet strong demand and respond to climate change against a backdrop of growing labor shortages, according to a survey from accountants Deloitte. Some 37% of chief financial officers viewed higher capital spending as a priority for 2022, the most since the guarterly survey started in 2009 and up from 20% at the start of 2021. If the plans translate into action, they could help ease long-standing problems with weak productivity in Britain, which many economists blame on lower rates of business investment than in other rich nations. "CFOs seem to be looking past Omicron and plan to focus their businesses on growth in 2022," said Ian Stewart, chief economist at Deloitte. Previous concerns about Brexit and weak global growth have eased. Instead, businesses named persistent labor shortages as their biggest threat, ahead of the COVID-19 pandemic, while climate change then higher inflation and asset price bubbles were in third and fourth place. The Bank of England said a tight labor market, which had pushed wage growth above prepandemic levels, was one of the main reasons why it raised interest rates last month from their record low 0.1%. Policymakers expect inflation to peak at a 30-year high of around 6% in April and take more than two years to return to its 2% target. Digital technology was the area of investment which businesses expected to increase most relative to the prepandemic trend, followed by more general productivity and workforce skills. Physical plant and machinery and real estate were the least likely areas to see faster investment. The biggest motivation for the investment was to support expected growth in demand in Britain, followed by longer-term business plans and overseas demand. Tax incentives and the government's levelling-up agenda - investment aimed at reducing regional inequality - were named as smaller factors. Deloitte conducted the survey from December 1-14, and spoke to 85 CFOs from 60 listed companies with a market value of 493bn Pounds (\$669bn) and 25 subsidiaries of large foreign firms. (Reuters)
- UK manufacturers positive about 2022 despite Brexit and inflation - British manufacturers are optimistic that business conditions and productivity will improve this year despite most saying they have been hurt by Brexit and rising costs, according to an industry survey published on Monday. Trade body Make UK and accountants PwC said 73% of manufacturers believed conditions for the sector would improve and 78% foresaw at least a moderate increase in productivity in 2022. But two thirds of companies said Brexit had hampered their business in the nearly two years since Britain left the EU, while retaining staff and rising input costs linked to inflation also presented a challenge. Amid supply chain shortages linked to Brexit and the pandemic last year, more than a third of those surveyed said they would reshore some operations within the next two years, while just over half said they did not intend to move any of their production back to the United Kingdom. The number of British manufacturers raising prices hit its highest in at least two decades last month, according to a similar survey, as the Bank of England raised interest rates to 0.25% to help head off inflationary pressure. (Reuters)
- Bond rout that kicked off 2022 lights fuse for Europe volatility it's going to be an action-packed year for bond markets if the first week of 2022 is any guide. Treasuries had their worst-ever start and German debt followed to send yields to the highest since 2019. Now they are threatening to break above 0 percent as traders bet European Central Bank policy

makers will have to act to rein in inflation that has accelerated to record levels. The overall theme is one many foresaw coming in 2022: of markets re-pricing as inflationary pressures force the hand of central bankers. As bond issuance gets going this month and the policy speeches roll in, that's likely to lead to more volatility and divergence between rates. "The first week of this new year has surely not disappointed investors looking to trade central bank news," said Gaetan Peroux, a strategist at UBS Global Wealth Management. "With every communication and decision it appears increasingly clear that most G-10 central banks' normalization schedules are becoming more advanced." The Federal Reserve is leading the way, with market expectations for at least three rate hikes and a reduction in the bond assets on its balance sheet. While the ECB's debt buying continues, its total quantitative easing this year is expected to fall to just over €500bn (\$570bn), almost half the level seen in 2021, according to TD Securities. (Peninsula Qatar)

• World food prices hit 10-year high in 2021 - Up 28.1% YoY, world food prices hit a 10-year high in 2021, the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said. The FAO food price index averaged at 12 5.7 points last year, up 27.6 points from 2020, with all sub-indices averaging sharply higher compared to the previous year. The figure was 131.9 in 2011. "While normally high prices are expected to give way to increased production, the high cost of inputs, ongoing global pandemic and ever more uncertain climatic conditions leave little room for optimism about a return to more stable market conditions even in 2022," said FAO senior economist Abdolreza Abbassian. The FAO food price index is a trade-weighted index that tracks inter-national market prices of five major food commodity groups. The cereal price index rose 27.2% from the previous year to reach its highest annual average registered since 2012, mostly driven by strong demand and tighter supplies, especially among major wheat exporters. The FAO vegetable oil price index reached an all-time high last year, increasing 65.8% from 2020. (Peninsula Qatar)

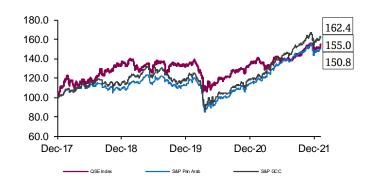
### Regional

- Report: GCC equity markets' returns in 2021 best since 2008 - The GCC equity markets generated their best returns in more than a decade last year, the GCC region's leading IR specialist Iridium has said in a report published on Sunday. Citing a report from Kamco Invest, Iridium revealed that the MSCI GCC index climbed 34.9% in 2021, registering its highest increase since 2008. The cumulative GCC equity trading value also grew for a third straight year in 2021 by 19.7% YoY to \$789.7bn. Abu Dhabi stood at the top among the GCC equity markets as it surged 68.2%. Saudi Arabia, which appreciated 29.8%, stood as the second-best performer. The report cited that gains in Abu Dhabi and Saudi Arabia were led by equity offerings of several state-owned entities against the backdrop of an improving macroeconomic situation. Looking forward to 2022, the report said that players in the regional equity markets may abstain from making significant moves ahead of the start of the new earnings season this week. Further, the report said, they are also likely to remain cautious owing to a rapid increase in new coronavirus cases, both locally and globally, which clouds the global recovery outlook. (Qatar Tribune)
- Advanced Petrochemical Company announces the estimated annual financial results – Advanced Petrochemical Company has reported estimated net profits after zakat and tax of SR815mn in 2021, up 36.839% from SR595.59mn in 2020. Higher net profits are attributed to a 51% rise in polypropylene sales prices. The company's revenues increased by 39.42% to SR3.111bn in 2021, compared to SR2.231bn in the earlier year.

The earnings per share (EPS) stands at SR3.767 in 2021, compared to SR2.751 in the previous year. (Tadawul)

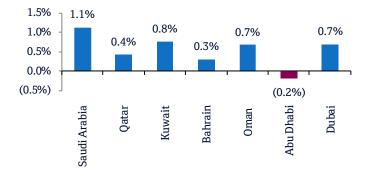
- UAE central bank expects economy to grow 4.2% in 2022 The Central Bank of the UAE said it expects the UAE economy to grow 4.2% in 2022, accelerating from last year's 2.1% growth. The central bank's projection, in its latest quarterly report on the economy, is rosier than that of the International Monetary Fund, projects the UAE economy will grow 3% this year. Non-oil real gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to increase by 3.9%, due to a continued increase in public spending, positive outlook for credit growth, higher employment and better business sentiment with a world fair EXPO event in Dubai, the bank said on its website. Oil GDP is forecast to grow 5% this year, reflecting the expected increase in demand with majority of the world economies being vaccinated, it said. (Reuters)
- Dubai Free Zones Council explores facilitating opening business bank accounts for SMEs – The Dubai Free Zones Council (DFZ Council) held its 19th meeting, headed by H.H. Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum, Chairman of the Dubai Free Zones Council, to discuss the Council's action plan to support Dubai's dynamic economy as it promisingly tops ranks of various economic and investment indices. During the meeting, council members also explored how to facilitate opening business bank accounts for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), opportunities to attract Emirati talent to free zones, and other topics related to business sectors that operate within Dubai's free zones. (Zawya)
- Six decrees issued to regulate Dubai Chambers, their Boards of Directors - In his capacity as the Ruler of Dubai, His Highness Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE, has approved legislations aimed at creating a new legal framework for Dubai Chambers and their Boards of Directors. The legislations are aimed at helping Dubai Chambers achieve their strategic objectives, reinforcing Dubai's position as a global economic hub, and supporting the business community in the emirate. The legislations include a Decree establishing Dubai Chambers as a new entity that replaces the Dubai Chamber of Commerce & Industry and appointing HE Juma Al Majid as the Honorary Chairman of Dubai Chambers. Another Decree establishes the Board of Directors for Dubai Chambers and appoints HE Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair as its Chairman. Other Decrees establish the Board of Directors for Dubai Chamber of Trade, the Board of Directors for Dubai Chamber of International Trade with Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem as Chairman, and the Board of Directors for Dubai Chamber of Digital Economy with HE Omar Sultan Al Olama as Chairman. (Zawya)

#### **Rebased Performance**



### **Daily Index Performance**

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns)



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,796.55	0.3	(1.8)	(1.8)
Silver/Ounce	22.37	0.8	(4.0)	(4.0)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	81.75	(0.3)	5.1	5.1
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	78.90	(0.7)	4.9	4.9
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	3.83	(2.5)	4.6	4.6
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	111.13	0.8	(1.0)	(1.0)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	153.63	0.0	10.3	10.3
Euro	1.14	0.6	(0.1)	(0.1)
Yen	115.56	(0.2)	0.4	0.4
GBP	1.36	0.4	0.4	0.4
CHF	1.09	0.3	(0.7)	(0.7)
AUD	0.72	0.3	(1.1)	(1.1)
USD Index	95.72	(0.6)	0.1	0.1
RUB	75.75	(0.7)	1.4	1.4
BRL	0.18	0.9	(1.2)	(1.2)

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	3,177.54	(0.2)	(1.7)	(1.7)
DJ Industrial	36,231.66	(0.0)	(0.3)	(0.3)
S&P 500	4,677.03	(0.4)	(1.9)	(1.9)
NASDAQ 100	14,935.90	(1.0)	(4.5)	(4.5)
STOXX 600	486.25	0.1	(0.6)	(0.6)
DAX	15,947.74	(0.1)	0.8	0.8
FTSE 100	7,485.28	0.8	1.7	1.7
CAC 40	7,219.48	0.1	0.7	0.7
Nikkei	28,478.56	0.1	(1.5)	(1.5)
MSCI EM	1,226.10	0.7	(0.5)	(0.5)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,579.54	(0.1)	(2.0)	(2.0)
HANG SENG	23,493.38	1.8	0.4	0.4
BSE SENSEX	59,744.65	0.4	2.9	2.9
Bovespa	102,719.50	2.3	(3.2)	(3.2)
RTS	1,545.24	0.0	(3.2)	(3.2)

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