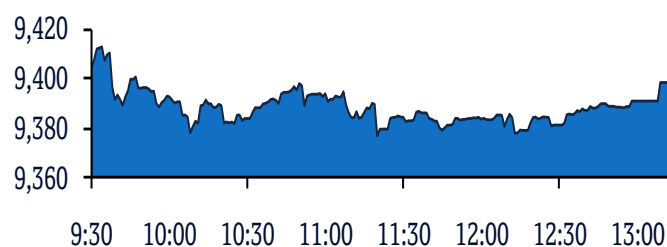


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index declined 0.1% to close at 9,398.9. Banks & Financial Services index fell 0.5%. Top losers were Qatari Investors Group and Ahli Bank, falling 2.8% and 2.3%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatari German Company for Medical Devices gained 10.0%, while Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company was up 8.5%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.4% to close at 7,530.3. Gains were led by the Software & Services and Retailing indices, rising 2.5% and 1.7%, respectively. Wataniya Insurance rose 10.0%, while Takween Advanced Industries was up 8.2%.

Dubai: The DFM Index fell 0.7% to close at 2,093.6. The Real Estate & Construction index declined 1.1%, while the Banks index fell 0.8%. Ektitab Holding Company declined 4.7%, while Arabtec Holding was down 3.7%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell 0.6% to close at 4,331.5. The Real Estate index declined 1.6%, while the Insurance index fell 1.0%. Methaq Takaful Insurance declined 4.8%, while Abu Dhabi National Insurance was down 3.0%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.4% to close at 5,029.2. The Oil & Gas index rose 5.9%, while the Basic Materials index gained 2.0%. Ream Real Estate Asset Management rose 45.9%, while Gulf Petroleum Investment was up 12.9%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 0.5% to close at 3,587.4. Gains were led by the Services and Financial indices, rising 0.8% and 0.6%, respectively. Oman & Emirates Investment Holding rose 7.9%, while Gulf Investments Serv. was up 7.4%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.3% to close at 1,292.9. The Industrial index rose 0.9%, while the Commercial Banks index gained 0.6%. Ahli United Bank rose 1.0%, while Aluminium Bahrain was up 0.9%.

| QSE Top Gainers | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|------------------------------------|--------|------|-----------|-------|
| Qatari German Co for Med. Devices | 2.47 | 10.0 | 23,052.4 | 324.2 |
| Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co. | 2.39 | 8.5 | 15.1 | (3.0) |
| Gulf Warehousing Company | 5.20 | 5.1 | 3,643.8 | (5.1) |
| Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co. | 2.06 | 4.8 | 9,325.1 | 237.3 |
| Qatar Oman Investment Company | 0.91 | 3.9 | 20,482.4 | 36.0 |

| QSE Top Volume Trades | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Investment Holding Group | 0.52 | 1.4 | 38,535.2 | (7.1) |
| Baladna | 1.85 | (1.9) | 25,229.1 | 84.5 |
| Qatari German Co for Med. Devices | 2.47 | 10.0 | 23,052.4 | 324.2 |
| Qatar Oman Investment Company | 0.91 | 3.9 | 20,482.4 | 36.0 |
| Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing | 0.88 | 2.0 | 19,068.7 | 12.8 |

| Regional Indices | Close | 1D% | WTD% | MTD% | YTD% | Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn) | Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn) | P/E** | P/B** | Dividend Yield |
|------------------|----------|-------|-------|------|--------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------|----------------|
| Qatar* | 9,398.90 | (0.1) | (0.1) | 0.3 | (9.8) | 91.90 | 150,139.9 | 15.3 | 1.4 | 4.3 |
| Dubai | 2,093.63 | (0.7) | (0.7) | 2.1 | (24.3) | 62.76 | 80,790.1 | 7.2 | 0.7 | 4.6 |
| Abu Dhabi | 4,331.49 | (0.6) | (0.6) | 0.6 | (14.7) | 14.30 | 175,014.5 | 15.0 | 1.3 | 5.6 |
| Saudi Arabia | 7,530.31 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.0 | (10.2) | 1,470.70 | 2,240,768.4 | 24.7 | 1.8 | 3.4 |
| Kuwait | 5,029.15 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 1.2 | (19.9) | 57.99 | 93,452.0 | 16.7 | 1.2 | 4.0 |
| Oman | 3,587.35 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | (9.9) | 3.21 | 16,205.8 | 10.4 | 0.8 | |
| Bahrain | 1,292.91 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 | (19.7) | 2.34 | 19,527.4 | 12.0 | 0.8 | 5.5 |

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

| Market Indicators | 09 Aug 20 | 06 Aug 20 | %Chg. |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| Value Traded (QR mn) | 336.3 | 463.9 | (27.5) |
| Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn) | 549,962.8 | 550,759.1 | (0.1) |
| Volume (mn) | 211.4 | 255.5 | (17.3) |
| Number of Transactions | 6,422 | 8,234 | (22.0) |
| Companies Traded | 46 | 44 | 4.5 |
| Market Breadth | 27:16 | 32:10 | - |

| Market Indices | Close | 1D% | WTD% | YTD% | TTM P/E |
|------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| Total Return | 18,069.07 | (0.1) | (0.1) | (5.8) | 15.3 |
| All Share Index | 2,939.13 | (0.1) | (0.1) | (5.2) | 16.2 |
| Banks | 4,081.50 | (0.5) | (0.5) | (3.3) | 13.7 |
| Industrials | 2,646.52 | 0.1 | 0.1 | (9.7) | 23.5 |
| Transportation | 2,874.37 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 12.5 | 13.6 |
| Real Estate | 1,586.65 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 1.4 | 13.0 |
| Insurance | 2,065.20 | 1.3 | 1.3 | (24.5) | 32.7 |
| Telecoms | 895.90 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 15.1 |
| Consumer | 7,498.22 | 0.3 | 0.3 | (13.3) | 21.9 |
| Al Rayan Islamic Index | 3,801.27 | 0.3 | 0.3 | (3.8) | 17.8 |

| GCC Top Gainers** | Exchange | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------|-----|-----------|--------|
| Sembcorp Salalah Power. | Oman | 0.11 | 3.7 | 16.0 | (17.0) |
| Saudi Industrial Inv. | Saudi Arabia | 19.14 | 3.7 | 3,309.1 | (20.3) |
| Bank Muscat | Oman | 0.36 | 2.9 | 473.7 | (13.4) |
| Dar Al Arkan Real Estate | Saudi Arabia | 7.50 | 2.6 | 59,204.5 | (31.8) |
| Co. for Cooperative Ins. | Saudi Arabia | 84.30 | 1.7 | 111.3 | 9.9 |

| GCC Top Losers** | Exchange | Close* | 1D% | Vol. '000 | YTD% |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|
| Aldar Properties | Abu Dhabi | 1.73 | (1.7) | 2,731.3 | (19.9) |
| Emaar Malls | Dubai | 1.35 | (1.5) | 1,888.1 | (26.2) |
| Emaar Properties | Dubai | 2.66 | (1.1) | 10,104.5 | (33.8) |
| HSBC Bank Oman | Oman | 0.09 | (1.1) | 43.4 | (24.8) |
| First Abu Dhabi Bank | Abu Dhabi | 11.00 | (1.1) | 490.7 | (27.4) |

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% |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Qatari Investors Group | 2.31 | (2.8) | 4,756.9 | 29.0 |
| Ahli Bank | 3.23 | (2.3) | 6.5 | (3.2) |
| Baladna | 1.85 | (1.9) | 25,229.1 | 84.5 |
| Qatar Islamic Insurance Company | 6.20 | (1.5) | 148.7 | (7.2) |
| Doha Bank | 2.40 | (1.4) | 232.5 | (5.3) |

| QSE Top Value Trades | Close* | 1D% | Val. '000 | YTD% |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Qatari German Co for Med. Dev. | 2.47 | 10.0 | 55,328.7 | 324.2 |
| Baladna | 1.85 | (1.9) | 46,717.5 | 84.5 |
| Masraf Al Rayan | 3.93 | (0.2) | 27,071.7 | (0.8) |
| Investment Holding Group | 0.52 | 1.4 | 20,089.6 | (7.1) |
| Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co | 2.06 | 4.8 | 19,178.4 | 237.3 |

Source: Bloomberg (* in QR)

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index declined 0.1% to close at 9,398.9. The Banks & Financial Services index led the losses. The index fell on the back of selling pressure from GCC and Arab shareholders despite buying support from Qatari and Foreigners shareholders.
- Qatari Investors Group and Ahli Bank were the top losers, falling 2.8% and 2.3%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatari German Company for Medical Devices gained 10.0%, while Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company was up 8.5%.
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday fell by 17.3% to 211.4mn from 255.5mn on Thursday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 305.5mn, volume for the day was 30.8% lower. Investment Holding Group and Baladna were the most active stocks, contributing 18.2% and 11.9% to the total volume, respectively.

| Overall Activity | Buy %* | Sell %* | Net (QR) |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| Qatari Individuals | 56.59% | 53.60% | 10,036,560.5 |
| Qatari Institutions | 22.88% | 25.83% | (9,923,321.2) |
| Qatari | 79.46% | 79.43% | 113,239.3 |
| GCC Individuals | 0.92% | 1.08% | (555,627.7) |
| GCC Institutions | 0.29% | 0.25% | 134,825.9 |
| GCC | 1.21% | 1.34% | (420,801.8) |
| Arab Individuals | 12.98% | 13.54% | (1,883,745.7) |
| Arab | 12.98% | 13.54% | (1,883,745.7) |
| Foreigners Individuals | 3.80% | 3.64% | 517,034.5 |
| Foreigners Institutions | 2.55% | 2.05% | 1,674,273.8 |
| Foreigners | 6.34% | 5.69% | 2,191,308.3 |

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

Earnings Releases and Earnings Calendar

Earnings Releases

| Company | Market | Currency | Revenue (mn) 2Q2020 | % Change YoY | Operating Profit (mn) 2Q2020 | % Change YoY | Net Profit (mn) 2Q2020 | % Change YoY |
|------------------------------|--------------|----------|------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Saudi Arabian Oil Co.# | Saudi Arabia | SR | 123.2 | -57.0% | 53.1 | -70.7% | 24.6 | -73.4% |
| Saudi Arabia Refineries Co.* | Saudi Arabia | SR | 7.5 | -31.0% | 7.0 | -30.8% | 7.1 | -30.5% |
| AXA Green Crescent Insurance | Abu Dhabi | AED | 6.0 | -48.2% | - | - | 1.9 | 87.7% |

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB. (# – Values in Billions, *Comparison for YTD period)

Earnings Calendar

| Tickers | Company Name | Date of reporting 2Q2020 results | No. of days remaining | Status |
|---------|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|
| IGRD | Investment Holding Group | 10-Aug-20 | 0 | Due |
| SIIS | Salam International Investment Limited | 10-Aug-20 | 0 | Due |
| DBIS | Dlala Brokerage & Investment Holding Company | 11-Aug-20 | 1 | Due |
| MCCS | Mannai Corporation | 11-Aug-20 | 1 | Due |
| MRDS | Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development | 12-Aug-20 | 2 | Due |
| QOIS | Qatar Oman Investment Company | 12-Aug-20 | 2 | Due |
| QCFS | Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company | 12-Aug-20 | 2 | Due |
| MERS | Al Meera Consumer Goods Company | 12-Aug-20 | 2 | Due |
| GISS | Gulf International Services | 12-Aug-20 | 2 | Due |
| ERES | Ezdan Holding Group | 13-Aug-20 | 3 | Due |
| MPHC | Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company | 13-Aug-20 | 3 | Due |

Source: QSE

Qatar

- **DOHI posts 2.7% YoY decrease but 17.0% QoQ increase in net profit in 2Q2020** – Doha Insurance Group's (DOHI) net profit declined 2.7% YoY (but rose 17.0% on QoQ basis) to QR17.2mn in 2Q2020. The company's Net Premiums came in at QR96.5mn in 2Q2020, which represents an increase of 42.3% YoY. However, on QoQ basis Net Premiums fell 0.4%. EPS amounted to QR0.03 in 2Q2020 as compared to QR0.04 in 2Q2019 (1Q2020: QR0.03). In 1H2020, DOHI's net profit reached to QR32.0mn compared to net profit of QR35.4mn for the same period of the previous year. EPS amounted to QR0.06 for the period ending on the June 30, 2020 as compared to QR0.07 for the same period of the previous year. (QSE)
- **QGMD reports net profit of QR1.2mn in 2Q2020** – Qatari German Company for Medical Devices (QGMD) reported net profit of QR1.2mn in 2Q2020 as compared to net loss of QR2.6mn in 2Q2019 and net loss of QR2.4mn in 1Q2020. The company's Revenue came in at QR9.3mn in 2Q2020, which represents an increase of 585.9% YoY (+352.5% QoQ). In 1H2020, QGMD posted net loss of QR1.1mn as compared to net loss of QR5.6mn for the same period of the previous year. Loss per share amounted to QR0.010 in 1H2020 as compared to loss per share of QR0.049 in 1H2019. (QSE)
- **WOQOD opens Al Mazrouah new WOQOD petrol station & FAHES** – Qatar Fuel (WOQOD) opened Al Mazrouah WOQOD petrol station & FAHES, on August 9, 2020, and by this it raised its network of petrol stations to 105. New Al Mazrouah WOQOD petrol station & FAHES is spread over an area of 40,000 square meters, WOQOD petrol station has 2 lanes with 4 dispensers for Heavy Vehicles, which will serve Al Mazrouah area, and its neighborhood. In addition to FAHES have 2 lanes for light vehicle inspection and 12 lanes for trucks. Al Mazrouah WOQOD petrol station offers round-the-clock services to customer, and includes Trucks Manual Car Wash, Oil Change and Tire Repair for Trucks, in addition to sale of diesel products for Trucks. (QSE)
- **QSE gets QFMA approval to correct error trades executed under NINs** – Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) has obtained the Qatar Financial Market Authority's (QFMA) approval to correct error trades executed under NINs (national identification numbers), effective from Monday. The trade shall be corrected no later than the end of the business day following the date of the trade. The broker shall notify the related parties of the corrected trades (wrong NIN and correct NIN) on the same day during which the correction takes place. It is not permissible to amend any data in the trade except for the NIN, and it is not permissible for the corrected trade to exceed the shareholder's ownership percentages or contradict the relevant regulations. The process of correcting the trade shall be executed in the private market, regardless of the value of the trade and the broker must send a daily report to the exchange showing the corrected. The exchange shall provide the QFMA with a weekly report on the trades that have been corrected in the private market, including all of the documents submitted to the QSE regarding the corrected trades. The bourse, which must approve the trade correction application before the broker executes the correction, should collect fees for trading corrections equivalent

to the fees for trading commission. The broker undertakes to bear the legal consequences of the error trade or its correction, without any responsibility on QSE in terms of the error trade or its correction. In the event of violating the provisions of this notice, the broker shall be subject to the relevant accountability and regulatory procedures. The trade correction application must include the correction justifications and supporting documents, which include an email addressed to the QSE from the broker, containing the details of the error trade to be corrected; a copy of the relevant purchase and sales order; and a copy of the clients' request or the incoming messages sent to the local broker by the international broker. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **QFMA approves QSE rules amendments relating to market maker and liquidity provider** – The Qatar Financial Market Authority (QFMA) has approved certain amendments of the Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) rules relating to market maker and liquidity provider, a move that is seen to greatly benefit the asset management industry. Through the amendment, the QSE seeks to also ensure higher quality and flexible regime relating to disclosure. In this regard, the QFMA gave its nod on the amendments of the QSE Rulebook relating to market maker, liquidity provider and disclosure of financial and non-financial statements of companies through the unified electronic disclosure system. These amendments regarding the market makers and liquidity providers have been made in compliance with the liquidity provider rules issued previously by the QFMA. As per the QFMA website, a market maker shall sign the market maker agreement with the market before commencing any activity as per the agreement form approved by the QFMA. A liquidity provider shall not be a market maker for the same securities, but securities may have more than one market maker. The move comes especially in the backdrop of Qatar inviting many financial powerhouses across the globe to make it as a wider platform for their entry into the Middle East region. The market makers, who lift up market liquidity by standing ready to buy and sell securities at any time of day, make profit on the difference between the bids and ask prices on their trades. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Qatar's private sector exports increase 7% and amounts to QR609.6mn in May** – Qatar's private sector exports in May increased by 7% and amounted to QR609.6mn compared to QR572.2mn in April, Qatar Chamber (QC) has said in its latest newsletter. The chemical fertilizers group came first in the private sector exports' list at QR40mn, recording a sharp increase compared to QR117,000 in April. The second was helium gas and industrial gas group, with exports amounting to QR130mn in May, an increase of 319% compared to QR31mn in April. This was followed by chemical substances, which reached QR72mn in May compared to QR53mn in April, an increase of 35%. Petrochemicals exports reached QR15mn in May compared to QR13mn in April, it said. On the other hand, there were many commodities that had seen a decrease such as steel exports, which accounted for QR165,000 in May compared to QR10mn in April, a decrease of 98%, followed by paraffin exports, which reached QR28mn in May compared to QR48mn in April, a decrease of 40%. This was followed by essential and industrial oils, amounting to QR99mn in May compared to QR128mn in April, a decrease of 23%. The QC report also

included figures from the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). Total value of foreign merchandise trade in May reached QR21.2bn, which increased by 9.8% from QR19.3bn in April. This indicated that the state's foreign trade has grown to its normal level before the COVID-19 pandemic, backed by an increase in the value of exports and imports. In May 2020, the total exports of goods (including exports of goods of domestic origin and re-exports) reached QR13.3bn, an increase of 12.7% compared to QR11.8bn in April, while imports during the same month reached about QR7.9bn, recording an increase of 5.3% compared to QR7.5bn in April. Therefore, the foreign merchandise trade balance, which represents the difference between total exports and imports, showed a surplus of QR5.4bn, recording an increase of 25.5% compared to QR4.3bn in April. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **IGU: Qatar, Australia frontrunners in global LNG exports** – Qatar retained the top LNG export spot in 2019 but its share in the global supply market is now tied with Australia, International Gas Union (IGU) has said in a report. In its latest 'Global Gas Report 2020' released recently, IGU noted Qatar and Iran remain supply growth engines for the Middle East, but it is Iraqi gas production that is expected to see the largest increase, at 12.1% per annum from a low base. After growing by more than 2% in 2019, global gas use is set to fall by around 4% in 2020, as the COVID-19 pandemic reduces energy consumption across the global economies, IGU said. However, the resulting low gas prices, as well as clean air and climate policies, will promote further switching to gas from other more polluting energy sources, such as oil and coal. This trend was already underway before the pandemic, thanks to cost-competitive gas in key sectors including power, industry and transport, and major regions including Europe, North America and Asia. The Global Gas Report 2020, published by the International Gas Union, research company BloombergNEF (BNEF) and Snam, the Italian-headquartered international gas infrastructure company reviews key global gas industry developments over the last year, provides a high-level outlook for future gas market developments, and examines the potential of hydrogen as a clean fuel to help meet climate goals. The report showed that medium-term growth will come from increasing cost-competitiveness and increased global access to gas. A particular growth opportunity exists in liquefied natural gas. LNG imports reached 482bn cubic meters in 2019, up 13% from 2018, and while this figure is expected to fall by around 4.2% in 2020, it could rebound quickly to previous levels as soon as 2021, depending on the persistence and longevity of the pandemic. (Gulf-Times.com)

International

- **Trump signs coronavirus relief orders after talks with Congress break down** – The US President Donald Trump signed executive orders on Saturday partly restoring enhanced unemployment payments to the tens of millions of Americans who lost jobs in the coronavirus pandemic, as the US marked a grim milestone of 5mn cases. Negotiations broke down this week between the White House and top Democrats in Congress over how best to help Americans cope with the heavy human and economic toll of the crisis, which has killed more than 160,000 people across the country. Trump said the orders would provide an extra \$400

per week in unemployment payments, less than the \$600 per week passed earlier in the crisis. Some of the measures were likely to face legal challenges, as the US Constitution gives Congress authority over federal spending. "This is the money they need, this is the money they want, this gives them an incentive to go back to work," the Republican president said of the lower payments. He said 25% of it would be paid by states, whose budgets have been hard hit by the crisis. Republicans have argued that higher payments were a disincentive for unemployed Americans to try to return to work, though economists, including Federal Reserve officials, disputed that assertion. Trump's move to take relief measures out of the hands of Congress drew immediate criticism from some Democrats. (Reuters)

- **Japan unsuccessful in lifting auto tariffs early in UK trade deal** – Japan and Britain agreed to lift auto tariffs for a post-Brexit trade agreement in 2026 despite Japan's push to lift the tariffs earlier, the Nikkei Asian Review reported on Sunday. Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi is currently in negotiations with British Trade Minister Liz Truss in London. British Trade Minister Lizz Truss said in a statement that they "have reached consensus on the major elements of a deal," and both have announced that they will agree on the principles of a trade deal by the end of August. However, despite reassurances that the two countries had by and large reached an agreement, auto tariffs and agricultural products have proven to be a sticking point in the negotiations. Japan had hoped to lift tariffs on auto and auto parts earlier than in the current trade deal between the EU and Japan, which will phase out import tariffs on Japanese vehicles by 2026. "Japan agreed to phasing auto tariffs on Japanese vehicles out in 2026 in line with the EU trade deal, despite asking to hasten the timing," Nikkei reported on Sunday. Britain, on the other hand, is hoping to secure better terms on agriculture, Financial Times reporter George Parker tweeted on Friday. Britain, which left the European Union in January, is seeking to clinch a trade agreement with Japan based on the 2019 EU-Japan agreement by the end of the year, when Britain's no-change transition arrangement with the EU will expire. The Japanese Trade Ministry and Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to Reuters' request for comment. (Reuters)
- **China's factory deflation slows in July as recovery gains strength** – China's factory deflation eased in July, driven by a rise in global oil prices and as industrial activity climbed back towards pre-coronavirus levels, adding to signs of recovery in the world's second-largest economy. The producer price index (PPI) fell 2.4% from a year earlier in July, the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) said in a statement on Monday, compared with a 2.5% decline tipped in a Reuters poll of analysts and a 3.0% drop in June. Analysts say China's industrial output is steadily returning to levels seen before the pandemic paralyzed huge swathes of the economy, as pent-up demand, government stimulus and surprisingly resilient exports propel a recovery. Iron ore futures prices in Dalian have rallied over 50% so far this year while prices of steel bars used in construction have jumped 12%. Prices of petroleum and natural gas extraction led the headline gains, rising 12% month-on-month, thanks to the continued rebound in global crude oil prices, according to Dong Lijuan, a senior statistician at the NBS. Coal mining and

automobile manufacturing prices also turned positive in July. However, PPI rose 0.4% on a monthly basis, unchanged from the increase in June, pointing to strains on construction and production work caused by recent floods in southern China. Some economists have warned the recovery could stall amid cautious consumer spending and a resurgence in global infections. Consumer inflation also picked up in July as the bad weather pushed food prices higher. The consumer price index (CPI) rose 2.7% from a year earlier, its fastest pace in three months and compared with an expected 2.6% increase and a 2.5% rise in June. It was mainly driven by surging pork prices, which rose 85.7% on a yearly basis. However, core inflation, which excludes food and energy costs, rose a mere 0.5% in July from a year earlier. (Reuters)

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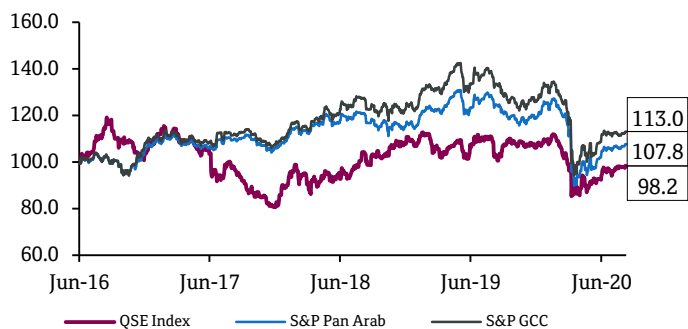
- Saudi Aramco's profit plunges, sees signs of oil market recovery** – Saudi Aramco's profit plunged 73% in the second quarter of the year, as a slump in energy demand and prices due to the coronavirus crisis hit sales at the world's biggest oil exporter. But the company stuck with plans to pay \$75bn in dividends this year and CEO, Amin Nasser said global oil demand was recovering. All major oil companies have taken a hit in the second quarter as lockdowns to contain the coronavirus limited travel, which reduced oil consumption and sent prices tumbling to levels not seen in nearly two decades. Aramco, which listed in Riyadh last year in a record \$29.4bn flotation, said the rapid spread of COVID-19 globally had significantly reduced demand for crude oil, natural gas and petroleum products. Nasser told reporters he had seen a partial recovery in the energy market and a pick up in demand as economies gradually open after the easing of coronavirus lockdowns. Saudi Aramco says it still plans to pay \$75bn in dividends for 2020 "Look at China, their gasoline and diesel demand is almost at pre-COVID 19 levels. We are seeing that Asia is picking up and other markets (too)," he told reporters after announcing the company's quarterly results. "As countries ease the lockdown, we expect the demand to increase." Nasser said Aramco was committed to its 2020 dividend. "We intend to pay the \$75bn, subject to board approval and market conditions," he said. The group's dividends play a critical role in helping the Saudi government to manage its fiscal deficit. Aramco reported a 73.4% fall in second-quarter net profit, a steeper drop than analysts had forecast, and said it expected capital expenditure for 2020 to be at the lower end of a \$25bn to \$30bn range. Net profit fell to SR24.6bn for the quarter to June 30 from SR92.6bn a year earlier. Analysts had expected net profit of SR31.3bn, according to the mean estimate from three analysts, provided by Refinitiv. "Aramco figures are healthy compared to other global peers," Head of research at Al Rajhi Capital, Mazen Al-Sudairi said. "This was the worst quarter in the modern history of oil industry and surviving it with healthy figures points to a very positive outlook." Aramco shares were up about 0.4% in early trade. The group is currently the world's second most valuable publicly traded company after Apple. Aramco said it will pay a dividend of \$18.75bn for the second quarter of this year, in line with plans for a \$75bn dividend for 2020. (Reuters)
- Saudi Aramco still aims for \$15bn investment in India's Reliance** – Saudi Aramco said it is still working on a deal to buy

a \$15bn stake in Reliance Industries Ltd.'s refining and chemicals business, even as lower oil prices forces it to slash investment spending. Reliance's Chairman, Mukesh Ambani said a transaction had been delayed "due to unforeseen circumstances in the energy market and the Covid-19 situation." A deal with Reliance would help the world's biggest crude exporter join the ranks of the top oil refiners and chemical makers. State-owned Aramco is already a major supplier of crude to India, while Reliance sells petroleum products, including gasoline, to the Kingdom. "We are still in discussion with Reliance," Aramco Chief Executive Officer, Amin Nasser said on a call with reporters on Sunday. "The work is still on. We will update our shareholders in due course about the Reliance deal." (Bloomberg)

- Saudi Arabia's tourism landmark Al Ula signs agreement with Accor** – Saudi Arabia has agreed with Europe's biggest hotel group Accor for the group to expand and operate a resort at the \$20bn Al-Ula tourism project in the Kingdom's northwestern region, the Royal Commission for the project said on Sunday. Al-Ula, the site of an ancient civilization in a remote northwestern corner of the country, is part of plans by the world's top crude exporter to diversify its economy away from oil and open up after decades of seclusion. The agreement will see Accor operate an expanded Ashar Resort under the Banyan Tree brand, with 47 new units bringing the resort's total capacity to 82 high-end villas, along with a spa and several gourmet restaurants, a commission statement said. The project is located in the Ashar valley, 15 km (9 miles) from the Kingdom's first UNESCO World Heritage Site, Hegra. In April, Saudi Arabia's Tourism Minister told Reuters the sector could see a 35-45% decline this year due to measures taken by the government to fight the coronavirus pandemic. (Reuters)
- Saudi information security firm Elm to acquire Tabadul** – Saudi information security company Elm is to acquire digital services company Tabadul from Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, Elm said. The Public Investment Fund (PIF) also owns Elm and was considering an initial public offering of the information security company, sources told Reuters in May. The value of the deal, under which Elm will acquire 100% of Tabadul's shares, was not disclosed. The transaction is subject to securing regulatory approvals. Tabadul's executive management will continue to lead it, the statement said, and its board will remain in place until the acquisition is finalized. Tabadul, also known as Saudi Company for Exchanging Digital Information, provides digital solutions for the logistics sector. "The combination of Elm and Tabadul will create a one-stop-shop that will cater to the entire logistics value chain," the statement cited Elm CEO, Abdulrahman Aljadhai as saying. PIF said the deal would contribute to Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, which seeks to diversify the economy of the world's biggest oil producer away from hydrocarbons. (Reuters)
- Derayah Financial, HSBC, NCB and Samba among Saudi derivatives exchange members** – Saudi stock exchange, Tadawul says five firms completed regulatory and technical requirements to become members of its derivatives market. They are: Derayah Financial, HSBC Saudi Arabia, NCB Capital, Samba Capital & Investment Management, Saudi Fransi Capital. They have the right to conduct brokerage services for

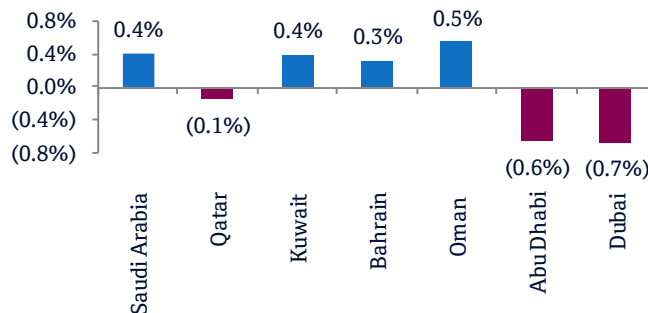
derivatives trading and deal as a principal and as an agent in Saudi stock exchange. (Bloomberg)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

| Asset/Currency Performance | Close (\$) | 1D% | WTD% | YTD% |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|
| Gold/Ounce | 2,035.55 | (1.4) | 3.0 | 34.2 |
| Silver/Ounce | 28.30 | (2.1) | 16.0 | 58.5 |
| Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future) | 44.40 | (1.5) | 2.5 | (32.7) |
| Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future) | 41.22 | (1.7) | 2.4 | (32.5) |
| Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu | 2.15 | (0.9) | 19.6 | 2.9 |
| LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton | 49.75 | (1.2) | (1.5) | 20.6 |
| LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton | 48.38 | (0.8) | 0.3 | (26.1) |
| Euro | 1.18 | (0.8) | 0.1 | 5.1 |
| Yen | 105.92 | 0.4 | 0.1 | (2.5) |
| GBP | 1.31 | (0.7) | (0.3) | (1.5) |
| CHF | 1.10 | (0.3) | 0.1 | 6.1 |
| AUD | 0.72 | (1.1) | 0.2 | 1.9 |
| USD Index | 93.44 | 0.7 | 0.1 | (3.1) |
| RUB | 73.72 | 0.6 | (0.9) | 18.9 |
| BRL | 0.18 | (1.9) | (4.0) | (26.1) |

Source: Bloomberg

| Global Indices Performance | Close | 1D%* | WTD%* | YTD%* |
|----------------------------|------------|-------|-------|--------|
| MSCI World Index | 2,355.97 | (0.2) | 2.2 | (0.1) |
| DJ Industrial | 27,433.48 | 0.2 | 3.8 | (3.9) |
| S&P 500 | 3,351.28 | 0.1 | 2.5 | 3.7 |
| NASDAQ 100 | 11,010.98 | (0.9) | 2.5 | 22.7 |
| STOXX 600 | 363.55 | (0.6) | 1.8 | (8.4) |
| DAX | 12,674.88 | (0.3) | 2.7 | 0.4 |
| FTSE 100 | 6,032.18 | (0.8) | 1.8 | (21.4) |
| CAC 40 | 4,889.52 | (0.8) | 2.0 | (14.3) |
| Nikkei | 22,329.94 | (0.9) | 2.7 | (3.1) |
| MSCI EM | 1,089.32 | (1.6) | 1.0 | (2.3) |
| SHANGHAI SE Composite | 3,354.04 | (1.2) | 1.4 | 9.9 |
| HANG SENG | 24,531.62 | (1.6) | (0.3) | (12.5) |
| BSE SENSEX | 38,040.57 | (0.1) | 1.0 | (12.5) |
| Bovespa | 102,775.50 | (2.9) | (4.2) | (34.2) |
| RTS | 1,271.43 | (0.9) | 3.0 | (17.9) |

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns)

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