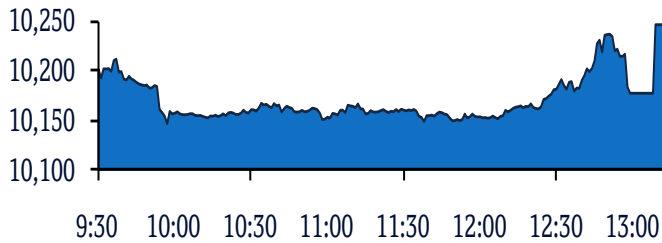


## QSE Intra-Day Movement



## Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.4% to close at 10,248.5. Gains were led by the Insurance and Transportation indices, gaining 1.9% and 0.9%, respectively. Top gainers were Qatar Insurance Company and Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company, rising 2.5% and 2.4%, respectively. Among the top losers, Medicare Group fell 2.8%, while Mazaya Real Estate Development was down 2.6%.

## GCC Commentary

**Saudi Arabia:** The TASI Index rose 0.6% to close at 8,621.2. Gains were led by the Pharma and Consumer Durables indices, rising 3.8% and 3.3%, respectively. Saudi Industrial Development Co. and Al-Ahlia Insurance Co. were up 10.0% each.

**Dubai:** The DFM Index gained 0.3% to close at 2,324.0. The Insurance index rose 1.9%, while the Investment & Financial Services index gained 1.3%. Gulfa Mineral Water & Processing Industries Co. rose 14.4%, while Takaful Emarat was up 6.0%.

**Abu Dhabi:** The ADX benchmark index fell 0.2% to close at 4,952.4. The Industrial index declined 1.2%, while the Telecommunication index fell 0.7%. Abu Dhabi National Takaful Co. declined 5.0%, while Emirates Insurance Co. was down 2.9%.

**Kuwait:** The KSE All Share Index rose 0.2% to close at 5,481.8. The Oil & Gas index gained 2.3%, while the Telecommunications index rose 0.8%. The Commercial Real Estate Company gained 9.3%, while Mashaer Holding Company was up 7.1%.

**Oman:** The MSM Index fell 0.5% to close at 3,624.3. Losses were led by the Services and Industrial indices, falling 1.0% and 0.6%, respectively. Renaissance Services fell 4.7%, while Phoenix Power was down 3.6%.

**Bahrain:** The BHB Index fell 0.2% to close at 1,445.0. The Commercial Banks index declined 0.5%, while the other indices ended flat or in green. Ahli United Bank declined 0.9%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Insurance Company	2.60	2.5	7,629.0	(17.8)
Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution	3.90	2.4	14.9	77.3
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	1.96	1.9	785.8	(2.3)
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	3.18	1.6	26,078.8	33.1
Qatar National Cement Company	4.00	1.6	256.8	(29.2)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Gas Transport Co. Ltd.	3.18	1.6	26,078.8	33.1
Investment Holding Group	0.57	(1.4)	15,746.5	1.1
Aljjarah Holding	1.17	(1.8)	15,321.9	65.8
Ezdan Holding Group	1.54	(1.3)	14,027.0	150.2
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.61	(0.2)	11,772.6	17.8

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,248.45	0.4	0.4	5.8	(1.7)	409.84	160,171.5	17.4	1.5	3.9
Dubai	2,323.95	0.3	2.7	6.2	(15.9)	322.89	88,546.8	10.9	0.8	4.2
Abu Dhabi	4,952.36	(0.2)	2.0	6.3	(2.4)	531.32	196,798,178.6	19.2	1.4	4.9
Saudi Arabia	8,621.19	0.6	2.2	9.0	2.8	12,866.35	2,448,801.0	32.5	2.1	2.4
Kuwait	5,481.77	0.2	(0.6)	0.7	11.6	42.45	99,927,159.9	36.0	1.3	3.6
Oman	3,624.26	(0.5)	(0.1)	1.9	(9.0)	1.53	16,449.3	10.8	0.7	6.8
Bahrain	1,444.96	(0.2)	(0.3)	1.2	(10.3)	1.29	22,036,519.8	14.0	1.0	4.7

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	18 Nov 20	17 Nov 20	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	409.7	495.6	(17.3)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	591,038.6	589,488.1	0.3
Volume (mn)	162.5	203.4	(20.1)
Number of Transactions	10,037	10,539	(4.8)
Companies Traded	45	45	0.0
Market Breadth	17:23	13:27	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	19,702.31	0.4	0.4	2.7	17.4
All Share Index	3,164.37	0.4	0.0	2.1	18.1
Banks	4,280.79	0.4	(0.2)	1.4	15.1
Industrials	2,953.11	0.2	(0.9)	0.7	26.4
Transportation	3,122.16	0.9	4.0	22.2	14.3
Real Estate	1,832.39	(0.6)	(2.7)	17.1	16.2
Insurance	2,466.10	1.9	6.1	(9.8)	28.9
Telecoms	930.72	0.9	(0.8)	4.0	13.9
Consumer	8,253.82	(0.4)	0.4	(4.5)	24.4
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,145.50	(0.0)	(0.4)	4.9	18.9

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Saudi Industrial Inv.	Saudi Arabia	6.80	4.3	7,149.5	6.3
Emaar Economic City	Saudi Arabia	2.63	2.4	17,871.8	3.5
Aldar Properties	Abu Dhabi	2.86	2.1	52,739.8	32.4
National Comm. Bank	Saudi Arabia	11.57	2.0	2,046.4	(11.8)
Saudi Arabian Fertilizer C	Saudi Arabia	21.68	1.6	360.8	4.9

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Saudi Electricity Co.	Saudi Arabia	5.32	(1.7)	6,325.4	(1.3)
ADNOC Distribution	Abu Dhabi	0.93	(1.4)	5,170.6	14.9
Ezdan Holding Group	Qatar	1.54	(1.3)	14,027.0	150.2
HSBC Bank Oman	Oman	0.24	(1.1)	265.0	(24.0)
Bank Nizwa	Oman	0.26	(1.0)	7.3	4.2

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

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Medicare Group	8.75	(2.8)	15.3	3.6
Mazaya Real Estate Development	1.28	(2.6)	10,316.3	77.9
Aljjarah Holding	1.17	(1.8)	15,321.9	65.8
Aamal Company	0.84	(1.5)	1,581.2	3.0
Investment Holding Group	0.57	(1.4)	15,746.5	1.1

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Qatar Gas Transport Co. Ltd.	3.18	1.6	82,193.9	33.1
QNB Group	18.68	0.7	56,062.2	(9.3)
Ezdan Holding Group	1.54	(1.3)	21,573.0	150.2
Qatar Insurance Company	2.60	2.5	19,568.3	(17.8)
Aljjarah Holding	1.17	(1.8)	17,868.6	65.8

Source: Bloomberg (\* in QR)

## Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.4% to close at 10,248.5. The Insurance and Transportation indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from Qatari and Arab shareholders despite selling pressure from GCC and Foreigners shareholders.
- Qatar Insurance Company and Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company were the top gainers, rising 2.5% and 2.4%, respectively. Among the top losers, Medicare Group fell 2.8%, while Mazaya Real Estate Development was down 2.6%.
- Volume of shares traded on Wednesday fell by 20.1% to 162.5mn from 203.4mn on Tuesday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 267.4mn, volume for the day was 39.2% lower. Qatar Gas Transport Company Limited and Investment Holding Group were the most active stocks, contributing 16.0% and 9.7% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	39.42%	39.60%	(730,263.2)
Qatari Institutions	18.05%	16.10%	7,986,425.7
<b>Qatari</b>	<b>57.47%</b>	<b>55.70%</b>	<b>7,256,162.5</b>
GCC Individuals	0.89%	2.08%	(4,886,109.1)
GCC Institutions	1.27%	2.08%	(3,293,150.6)
<b>GCC</b>	<b>2.16%</b>	<b>4.16%</b>	<b>(8,179,259.7)</b>
Arab Individuals	9.78%	9.54%	979,466.6
<b>Arab</b>	<b>9.78%</b>	<b>9.54%</b>	<b>979,466.6</b>
Foreigners Individuals	3.26%	2.79%	1,920,701.4
Foreigners Institutions	27.32%	27.80%	(1,977,070.8)
<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>30.58%</b>	<b>30.60%</b>	<b>(56,369.4)</b>

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

## Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
11/18	US	Mortgage Bankers Association	MBA Mortgage Applications	13-Nov	-0.3%	-	-0.5%
11/18	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	CPI MoM	Oct	0.0%	-0.1%	0.4%
11/18	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	CPI YoY	Oct	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%
11/18	EU	Eurostat	CPI MoM	Oct	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
11/18	EU	Eurostat	CPI YoY	Oct	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%

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

## News

### Qatar

- Qatar's cement production surges in September amid scaling back of COVID restrictions** – Qatar witnessed a robust monthly growth in printing and in the production of cement, basic metals and rubber and plastic products this September, as the country scaled back the COVID-19 restrictions; even as its overall industrial production was on the decline, according to the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). The country's Industrial Production Index (IPI) declined 3.9% and 7.7% MoM and YoY respectively in September 2020, according to the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). The mining and quarrying index, which has a relative weight of 83.6%, saw a 3.6% shrinkage MoM on account of 3.6% dip in the extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas and 0.5% in other mining and quarrying sectors. On a yearly basis, the index showed a 7.7% fall owing to a 7.7% decline in the extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas and 4.8% in other mining and quarrying sectors. The manufacturing index, with a relative weight of 15.2%, saw a 5.6% decline MoM in September owing to a 26.4% plunge in the production of refined petroleum products, 3.9% in chemicals and chemical products, 3.7% in food products and 3.4% in beverages. Nevertheless, there was a 9.7% increase in the printing and reproduction of recorded media, 9.1% in the production of cement and other non-metallic mineral products, 8.3% in basic metals and 8% in rubber and plastics products. On

a yearly basis, the manufacturing index shrank 8.7% as there was 83.8% drop in the printing and reproduction of recorded media, 31.6% in the production of refined petroleum products. Electricity, which has a 0.7% weight in the IPI basket, saw its index shrink 4.4% on monthly basis but jumped 3.9% on yearly basis in September 2020. In the case of water, which has a 0.5% weight, there was a 2.1% decrease MoM; even as it soared 7% YoY this September. (Gulf-Times.com)

- QATI appoints Hasan Al-Lawati as CEO of its subsidiary Oman Qatar Insurance Company** – Qatar Insurance Group (QATI) has appointed Hasan Al-Lawati as the new CEO of its subsidiary Oman Qatar Insurance Company (OQIC). He will drive forward the strategic goals of OQIC and also facilitate its further growth and development in Oman. This step comes in line with QATI's consistent strategic approach, which is aimed at focusing on identifying local talent and empowering them to spearhead key developments within the company. (Gulf-Times.com)
- QFZA drives digitization via GWCS, Tradeshift partnership** – Gulf Warehousing Company (GWCS) and Tradeshift have recently signed a partnership agreement under the auspices of Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZA) for the development of cloud-based solutions to drive efficiencies through digitization of the supply chain. Both firms are operating from Ras Bu Fontas Free Zone. The partnership is also a demonstration of the growing role that QFZA plays in strengthening supply

chains and bolstering Qatar's position as a global hub for trade. The partnership is also a validation of QFZA's vision to establish the free zones as a platform for companies to take advantage of the services from other businesses in the zones and create new market offerings. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **Realty deals exceed QR414mn during November 8-13** – The total value of real estate transactions in the sales contracts registered with the Real Estate Registration Department of the Ministry of Justice from November 8 to November 13 reached QR414.958mn. The types of real estate traded included plots of land, houses, multi-use buildings, a residential building and a residential compound. Most of the trading took place in the municipalities of Al Doha, Al Rayyan, Umm Salal, Al Da'ayen, Al Shamal, Al Wakrah, Al Khor and Al Dhakira. The volume of real estate trading from November 1 to November 5 was worth QR472.58mn. (Qatar Tribune)
- **Qatar sells January Al Shaheen crude at highest premiums in four months** – According to sources, Qatar Petroleum has sold Al Shaheen crude for January loading at the highest premiums in four months via its monthly tender. The cargoes fetched an average premium of 75 cents a barrel to Dubai quotes, they said, up from an average discount of 46 cents in the previous month. Japanese refiner ENEOS has likely bought one of the cargoes to load on January 2-3 and January 23-24, the sources said. (Zawya)
- **Qatar Airways to codeshare with Air Canada in December** – Qatar Airways and Air Canada will begin codesharing when Air Canada launches service between Toronto and Doha next month. Per the agreement, Qatar will put its code on the Air Canada flights, which will operate three times per week beginning December 15, and the passengers in turn will be able to connect to Qatar flights to more than 75 destinations in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, according to Qatar. The agreement crosses alliances; Qatar is a member of the Oneworld alliance, while Air Canada is a Star Alliance member. (Bloomberg)

#### **International**

- **IIF: Global debt to hit record \$277tn by year-end on pandemic spending splurge** – Global debt is expected to soar to a record \$277tn by the end of the year as governments and companies continue to spend in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Institute of International Finance said in a report. The IIF, whose members include over 400 banks and financial institutions across the globe, said debt ballooned already by \$15tn this year to \$272tn through September. Governments - mostly from developed markets - accounted for nearly half of the increase. Developed markets' overall debt jumped to 432% of GDP in the third quarter, from a ratio of about 380% at the end of 2019. Emerging market debt-to-GDP hit nearly 250% in the third quarter, with China reaching 335%, and for the year the ratio is expected to reach about 365% of global GDP. Total US debt is on track to hit \$80tn in 2020, the IIF report said, up from \$71tn in 2019. In the Euro area, debt rose by \$1.5tn to \$53tn through September. Among developing economies, Lebanon, China, Malaysia and Turkey have seen the biggest increases in non-financial sector debt ratios so far this year. Emerging market governments' declining revenues have made paying down debt "much more onerous" even amid record low

borrowing costs across the globe. Through the end of next year, some \$7tn of emerging market bonds and syndicated loans will come due, about 15% of which is denominated in US dollars, IIF said. (Reuters)

- **US housing starts blow past expectations; COVID-19 poses risk** – US homebuilding increased more than expected in October as the housing market continues to be driven by record low mortgage rates, but momentum could slow amid a resurgence in new COVID-19 infections that is putting strain on the economic recovery. The report from the Commerce Department on Wednesday also showed building permits unchanged at a 13-1/2-year high. It followed on the heels of data on Tuesday showing the smallest gain in retail sales in October since the recovery from the pandemic started in May. The economy is slowing as more than \$3tn in government coronavirus relief dries up. Daily new COVID-19 cases have been exceeding 100,000 since early this month, pushing the number of infections in the United States above 11mn, according to a Reuters tally. Several states and local governments have imposed restrictions on businesses, raising fears that the resulting weak demand could unleash a fresh wave of layoffs that could reverberate across the economy and slow the housing market's run. Housing starts rose 4.9% to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.530mn units last month. That lifted homebuilding closer to its pace of 1.567mn units in February. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast starts would rise to a rate of 1.460mn units in October. Permits for future homebuilding were unchanged at a rate of 1.545mn units in October, the highest since March 2007. The densely populated South region accounted for 56.1% of homebuilding last month. Groundbreaking activity also rose in the West and Midwest, but tumbled in the Northeast. Homebuilding surged 14.2% on a YoY basis. (Reuters)
- **UK inflation ticks higher as pandemic pushes up some prices** – British inflation picked up by a little more than expected in October as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to affect the cost of goods, with clothing and food prices rising during the month, official data showed on Wednesday. Consumer prices rose 0.7% in annual terms, after a 0.5% rise in September, the Office for National Statistics said, still far below the Bank of England's 2% target. A Reuters poll of economists had pointed to a reading of 0.6%. Unlike last year, food prices rose in October when people stocked up on potatoes and fruit. Previously published shopping surveys had pointed to renewed stockpiling as health restrictions spread through the UK. Paul Dale, an economist at consultancy Capital Economics, said there had been "pockets of pandemic-induced inflation". "But we suspect that the weak economy will prevent a sustained period where inflation is above the 2% target, unless there is a no-deal Brexit," he added. In that case, Dales said inflation could rise to 3% or 4%, pushed higher by a fall in the value of sterling. Other economists saw potential for more inflation as cuts to sales taxes and energy bills are likely to be reversed next year. Earlier this month the Bank of England said it expected to hit its 2% inflation target in two years' time. Its main focus has been on supporting Britain's economy through one of the worst years in its history. (Reuters)

- **Canada, UK on brink of trade deal** – Canada and the UK are closer to signing a new trade agreement, which will replace the existing deal Britain has through European Union membership, Bloomberg News reported. An announcement could come as early as Thursday, the report added, citing people familiar with the matter. The news comes a week after Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said a trade agreement with Britain should be secured by the end of the year, although there was an issue that Britain might not have "bandwidth" to move forward with talks. British trade minister Greg Hands on Tuesday also expressed his confidence in striking a trade deal with Canada by the end of the year. (Reuters)
- **Eurozone inflation confirmed negative in October on weak energy** – Eurozone annual inflation was negative for a third consecutive month in October, matching a four-year low, as energy prices were around 8% lower than a year earlier. Inflation in the 19 countries sharing the euro was plus 0.2% MoM in October for a 0.3% YoY fall, the same annual decline as in September and in line with the initial estimates released at the start of November. Food, alcohol and tobacco added 0.38 percentage points to the final results, Eurostat said, and services another 0.19 points, but an 8.2% year-on-year plunge in energy prices subtracted 0.81 percentage points from the final number. Non-energy industrial goods also reduced inflation by 0.03 points. Without volatile energy and unprocessed food prices, what the European Central Bank (ECB) calls core inflation, prices rose 0.1% MoM and 0.4% YoY. An even narrower measure that also excludes alcohol and tobacco showed a 0.1% MoM and a 0.2% YoY increase. The ECB wants to keep inflation below, but close to 2% over the medium term. Across the euro zone, the highest inflation was 1.6% in Slovakia, followed by 1.2% in the Netherlands and by 1.1% in Austria. Declines were sharpest in Greece at 2.0%, Estonia at 1.7% and 1.5% in Ireland. In the bloc's largest and third largest economies, Germany and Italy, inflation was negative. It was up by just 0.1% in France, the Eurozone's second largest economy. (Reuters)
- **Xi says China must rely on innovation-driven growth model** – Chinese President Xi Jinping said that China must rely on a growth model driven by innovation while continuing to deepen so-called supply-side reforms. Xi also called for stronger policy coordination among international communities, saying globalization is "irreversible" and that China will not engage in "de-coupling". Xi made the comments in a keynote speech delivered via video at the APEC CEO Dialogues, ahead of a leaders' virtual summit on the future of international Cooperation. (Reuters)
- **Brazil Central bank to intervene in FX if it sees dysfunction from \$15bn 'over hedge' flow** – Brazil's central bank will intervene in the foreign exchange market if the market is unable to absorb the "large" outflow of reais expected by the end of the year as local banks unwind their so-called over hedge position, the bank's monetary policy director, Bruno Serra, said. Speaking in a live online event hosted by Valor Economico newspaper, Serra said this should come as no surprise, as the central bank acts to ensure the market functions smoothly, irrespective of the nominal exchange rate. "The central bank has never denied that this volume of approximately \$15 billion

... is very large. There is a risk that the market may not have the capacity, the depth, to digest it," Serra said. Brazilian banks are set to unwind half of their so-called over hedge trades put on to protect their FX exposure on overseas equity investments by December 31 for tax purposes. Serra said this total exposure stands at just under \$30bn, half of which is to be unwound by the end of the year. It was around \$50bn earlier this year. Brazil's real has slumped around 30% against the dollar this year, making it one of the world's worst-performing currencies against the greenback and prompting the central bank to sell billions of dollars in the spot and derivatives markets to slow the slide. (Reuters)

- **Global luxury goods sales set for largest ever fall in Bain forecast** – Sales of luxury goods worldwide are set to fall by 23% to 217bn euros (194.06bn Pounds) this year, their largest ever drop and first since 2009, due to the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic, consultancy Bain said. The expected decline, despite a strong sales recovery in China, is at the lower end of a 20% to 35% range which Bain's closely followed industry forecast had predicted in May. That is due to a bigger than expected rebound during the summer, when lockdown measures were lifted or eased across the world and stores selling high-end handbags, clothes, jewelry and watches were reopened. However, a resurgence of the pandemic in Europe and the US since October has led to new restrictions and shop closures while uncertainty linked to the US elections also weighed on consumer sentiment. The only bright spot is China, where sales have surged since it began to emerge from the health crisis in the spring. Sales in mainland China are seen growing by 45% at current exchange rates to 44bn euros this year. (Reuters)

#### Regional

- **Boeing forecasts resilience and return to growth for Middle East aviation sector** – Boeing anticipates demand for 2,945 new airplanes in the Middle East valued at \$685bn over the next two decades, as the industry recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic in the medium and long-term. The projection is part of Boeing's 2020 Commercial Market Outlook (CMO), an annual forecast of 20-year demand for commercial airplanes and services. The 2020 CMO reflects the impact of the pandemic and Boeing's view of near-, medium- and long-term market dynamics globally and regionally. Commercial aviation and services markets will continue to face significant challenges earlier in the 20-year forecast, while showing resilience and a return to growth trend over the longer term. Over the next 20 years, passenger traffic growth in the Middle East is projected to increase by an average of 4.3% per year, above the global average of 4% growth per year. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **JODI: Saudi crude exports rise to 6.07mn bpd in September** – Saudi Arabia's crude oil exports rose for a third straight month to 6.07mn bpd in September, from 5.97mn bpd in August, official data showed on Wednesday. The country's crude output was at 8.98mn bpd in September, the official figures showed. Crude exports from Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, fell to their lowest on record in June, according to data from the Joint Organizations Data Initiative (JODI) stretching back to 2002. The country's total oil product demand fell by 168,000 bpd in September to 2.38mn bpd, data on the JODI

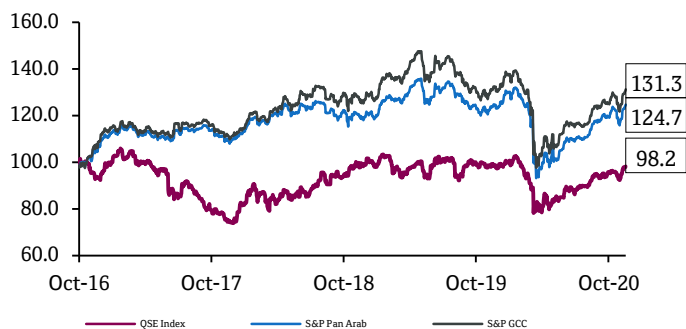
website showed. Saudi domestic crude refinery throughput fell by 8.9% to 2.35mn bpd in September, while direct crude burn dropped by 87,000 bpd to 615,000 bpd. (Reuters)

- **Italy's Saipem signs deal with Saudi Aramco for onshore activities** – Italian energy services group Saipem said on Wednesday it had signed a framework agreement with Saudi Aramco covering onshore engineering and construction activities. It said the agreement, which will last 12 years, is part of Saudi Aramco's broader long-term plan to update its facilities in Saudi Arabia's Eastern Province. The agreement entails efficiency activities on existing facilities, Saipem said. (Reuters)
- **Saudi Energy Minister: Jury Is out on extending OPEC+ oil cuts** – The jury is out on a possible extension in OPEC+ oil-output cuts beyond January, Saudi Energy Minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Aramco awards contracts for oil, gas brownfield projects** – Eight companies awarded long-term agreements to upgrade oil and gas brownfield and plant projects by Saudi Aramco, according to a statement. The scope of work includes engineering, procurement, construction, start-up and pre-commissioning of projects. The agreements are for six-years; extendable by six years. The companies are: Consortium of Nasser Saeed Al-Hajri And Contracting /Samsung EPC, Daelim Saudi Arabia, Engineering for The Petroleum and Process Industries (Enppi) Branch, GS Construction Arabia, Snamprogetti Engineering and Contracting Co(Saipem), JGC Gulf Engineering, Branch of Technip Italy and Branch of Hyundai Engineering and Construction. (Bloomberg)
- **Struggling airline Saudia got \$7bn of state help in 2019-2020** – The government has provided state-owned Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) with at least \$7bn in direct payments and other financial support in 2019 and 2020, company documents show, as the carrier struggles with losses and the coronavirus pandemic. The finance ministry approved a payment of SR13.6bn for Saudia in 2019, and a further SR6.4bn in the first half of this year, according to the documents reviewed by Reuters. Saudia has struggled for years and the pandemic, which has brought global aviation to its knees, has added more pressure on its finances. The amounts, labelled as "government compensation", include government payments for services. The ministry has also taken charge of a SR5.3bn loan provided by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, the Public Investment Fund (PIF), to the airline, and converted it to a "contribution in equity", according to the documents. The airline and ministry declined to comment on the details of the documents but said government compensation can cover a wide range of receivables, as well as any services provided by Saudia, including mandatory flight routes. (Reuters)
- **Saipem signs framework pact with Aramco for onshore activities** – Saipem has signed a framework agreement with Saudi Aramco for a duration of 12 years and covering onshore engineering and construction activities. The agreement entails efficiency activities on existing facilities and is part of Aramco's plan to update its facilities in the country's Eastern Province. The agreement includes possible interventions on Upstream and Downstream facilities. (Bloomberg)
- **UAE compliance with OPEC+ accord 126% in October** – The UAE's compliance with the OPEC+ agreement was 126% in October, according to a post on by the UAE Energy Ministry on Wednesday. (Reuters)
- **UAE escalates OPEC dispute as tensions on output quotas grow** – The UAE ratcheted up tension with oil allies Saudi Arabia and Russia, with officials privately floating a surprising idea: The Gulf producer is even considering leaving the OPEC+ alliance. The move is unusual because the UAE has for a long time avoided public clashes, preferring to solve disputes quietly behind closed doors. It is unclear whether the warning is a maneuver to force a negotiation over production levels, or represents a genuine policy debate. UAE officials have not given any indication in public that the producer is debating its membership in OPEC, let alone planning to leave, and officials briefed the media under condition they would not be named, allowing room for maneuver if the state later wants to distance itself from the comments. (Bloomberg)
- **SHUAA Capital, Arton to form fund targeting citizenship seekers** – Dubai's SHUAA Capital and Arton Capital Ltd. plan to set up a \$119mn fund for investments in real estate projects for people seeking a second residency and citizenship across the world. Two mixed-use projects in Montenegro have already been identified as potential investments, according to a statement. The partnership will target returns in excess of 20% through the acquisition, development and sale of real estate projects, it said. SHUAA is an investment bank with \$13.6bn in assets under management, while Montreal-based Arton Capital facilitates foreign residence and citizenship applications. (Bloomberg)
- **Abu Dhabi's ADQ eyes around \$1bn loan to back Louis Dreyfus deal** – Abu Dhabi state-owned ADQ is in talks with banks for a loan of about \$1bn that would back its acquisition of a 45% stake in commodities trader Louis Dreyfus Co (LDC), three sources said. ADQ said last week it had signed an agreement to acquire an indirect 45% equity stake in LDC, in what would be the first outside investment in the family-owned commodity merchant's 169-year-old history. ADQ has been in talks with a group of lenders including Abu Dhabi and European banks for a loan of up to around \$1bn to back the proposed acquisition, two of the sources said. Discussions have revolved around the structure of the financing, with the company initially looking to raise the loan on a non-recourse basis, said the two sources. "It will most likely be a club loan as in events like these you don't have the time for a syndication," the third source said. Club loans are generally debt facilities provided by a select group of lenders with close ties to the borrower. The acquisition price was not disclosed, but LDC said last week at least \$800mn of the proceeds will go towards repaying a \$1bn loan LDC made to bail out Brazilian sugar firm Biosev, which is controlled by one of its holding firms. One of the sources said typically a similar loan would cover 70% to 90% of the acquisition value. In its first-half results, LDC declared equity of \$4.5bn as of June 30, down from \$4.8bn on December 31. At holding level, Louis Dreyfus Holding (LDH) in its 2019 financial filing reported total equity of \$3.8bn, down from \$4.1bn in 2018. Abu Dhabi has increasingly used ADQ to consolidate strategic assets. The company owns Abu Dhabi Ports, Abu Dhabi Airport and bourse

operator ADX. It has also built up a portfolio of food and agriculture businesses and recently took a 22% stake in Dubai-based courier Aramex. (Reuters)

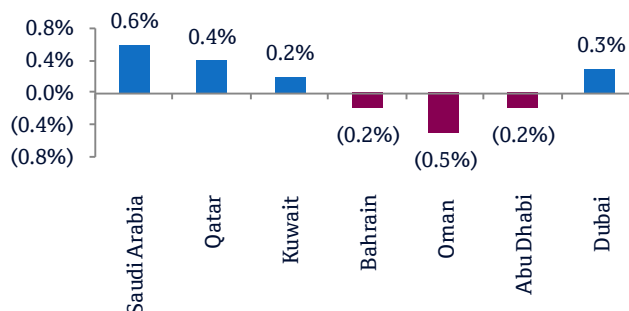
- **Kuwait International Bank hires banks for dollar Sukuk** – Kuwait International Bank has hired banks to arrange investor calls starting on Wednesday for the planned issuance of Tier 2 US dollar-denominated 10-year Sukuk that are non-callable for five years, a document showed on Wednesday. KIB hired Citi, Standard Chartered, Boubayan Bank, Emirates NBD Capital, First Abu Dhabi Bank, Kamco Invest and KFH Capital, the document from one of the banks on the deal said. The Sukuk issuance will follow subject to market conditions. (Zawya)
- **Oman talks to banks about new loan of at least \$1bn** – Oman is discussing a loan of at least \$1bn with a group of banks, sources said, as the oil-producing Gulf state seeks more funding ahead of heavy debt redemptions over the next two years. Rated below investment grade by all major credit agencies, Oman issued \$2bn in bonds last month in a deal which saw lacklustre demand partly because of investor concerns over the country's worsening credit trajectory. It is now in talks with banks for a loan that would refinance \$1bn of existing bank debt due in January, said one of the three sources familiar with the matter. A second source said the new facility could exceed \$1bn. Oman has \$1.5bn in international bonds due in June, in addition to the \$1bn loan due in January, which it took out in 2016 after oil prices plummeted, Refinitiv data showed. S&P, which downgraded Oman last month, said external debt maturing in the next two years came to \$10.7bn, or about 7.5% of GDP. (Reuters)

## Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

## Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,866.81	(0.7)	(1.2)	23.0
Silver/Ounce	24.19	(1.2)	(1.9)	35.5
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	44.18	1.0	3.3	(46.2)
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	41.56	0.3	3.6	(40.8)
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.37	(7.1)	(16.8)	13.4
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	52.88	(2.3)	(3.9)	28.2
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	63.00	(9.0)	(13.1)	(5.1)
Euro	1.19	(0.4)	0.5	5.7
Yen	103.82	(0.4)	(0.8)	(4.4)
GBP	1.33	0.6	0.6	0.1
CHF	1.10	(0.2)	(0.2)	6.2
AUD	0.73	0.1	0.1	4.0
USD Index	92.32	(0.1)	(0.5)	(4.2)
RUB	76.04	(0.2)	(1.7)	22.7
BRL	0.19	(1.9)	3.6	(25.1)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,543.36	(0.6)	0.6	7.8
DJ Industrial	29,438.42	(1.2)	(0.1)	3.2
S&P 500	3,567.79	(1.2)	(0.5)	10.4
NASDAQ 100	11,801.60	(0.8)	(0.2)	31.5
STOXX 600	390.54	0.4	1.4	(6.1)
DAX	13,201.89	0.5	1.0	(0.4)
FTSE 100	6,385.24	0.3	1.1	(15.3)
CAC 40	5,511.45	0.5	2.4	(7.8)
Nikkei	25,728.14	(1.1)	1.3	8.8
MSCI EM	1,207.55	0.5	1.6	8.3
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,347.30	0.2	1.1	9.7
HANG SENG	26,544.29	0.5	1.5	(5.8)
BSE SENSEX	44,180.05	0.5	1.7	7.1
Bovespa	106,119.10	(1.1)	1.3	(8.2)
RTS	1,276.75	1.5	4.0	(17.6)

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns)

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