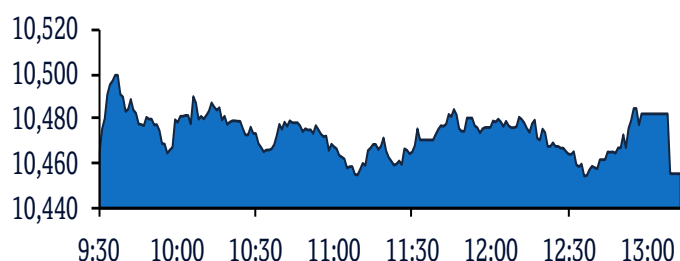


## QSE Intra-Day Movement



## Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.1% to close at 10,455.7. Gains were led by the Banks & Financial Services and Insurance indices, gaining 0.6% and 0.3%, respectively. Top gainers were Islamic Holding Group and Investment Holding Group, rising 10.0% and 5.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company fell 9.5%, while Ahli Bank was down 4.9%.

## GCC Commentary

**Saudi Arabia:** The TASI Index gained 0.3% to close at 8,821.8. Gains were led by the Consumer Services and Insurance indices, rising 1.3% and 1.2%, respectively. Arabia Coop. Insurance rose 9.9%, while Nat. Agricultural Marketing was up 5.4%.

**Dubai:** The DFM Index gained 1.2% to close at 2,658.6. The Banks index rose 1.9%, while the Investment & Financial Services index gained 1.8%. Emirates NBD rose 4.1%, while Aan Digital Services Holding Company was up 3.6%.

**Abu Dhabi:** The ADX General Index fell 0.2% to close at 4,980.0. The Industrial index declined 0.8%, while the Banks index fell 0.4%. Gulf Cement Co. declined 10.0%, while Ras Al Khaimah Poultry & Feeding Co. was down 9.1%.

**Kuwait:** The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.3% to close at 5,832.1. The Basic Materials index rose 1.0%, while the Financial Services index gained 0.5%. Umm Al Qaiwain General Investments rose 32.8%, while Kuwait Foundry Co. was up 9.9%.

**Oman:** The MSM 30 Index fell 0.2% to close at 3,884.9. The Financial and Industrial indices declined 0.4% each. Oman Refreshment fell 7.0%, while Oman National Engineering & Investment Co. was down 5.1%.

**Bahrain:** The BHB Index gained 0.2% to close at 1,471.0. The Hotels & Tourism index rose 3.0%, while the Services index gained 1.2%. Gulf Hotel Group rose 4.4%, while Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company was up 2.5%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Islamic Holding Group	2.43	10.0	1,216.0	11.2
Investment Holding Group	0.60	5.8	13,480.0	22.7
Qatari Investors Group	2.50	3.7	1,704.8	(10.1)
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	40.70	2.3	582.5	(9.3)
The Commercial Bank	4.67	1.7	135.0	18.6

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Investment Holding Group	0.60	5.8	13,480.0	22.7
Qatar First Bank	0.41	0.2	8,881.9	0.0
Qatari German Co. for Med. Dev.	0.84	1.3	4,662.0	48.6
Masraf Al Rayan	3.82	0.3	2,733.2	(8.3)
Mesaieed Petrochem. Holding Co.	2.61	0.0	2,695.3	73.7

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,455.67	0.1	0.1	1.8	1.5	51.58	158,656.3	14.7	1.6	5.7
Dubai	2,658.63	1.2	1.2	1.5	5.1	32.82	96,261.2	11.8	1.0	4.6
Abu Dhabi	4,979.95	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.5)	1.3	29.05	138,574.3	14.8	1.5	5.0
Saudi Arabia	8,821.76	0.3	0.3	3.6	12.7	669.10	554,815.4	19.6	2.0	3.4
Kuwait	5,832.13	0.3	0.3	1.8	14.8	79.78	110,518.9	16.5	1.5	3.4
Oman	3,884.91	(0.2)	(0.2)	(1.3)	(10.1)	3.61	16,998.3	7.7	0.8	7.1
Bahrain	1,471.04	0.2	0.2	2.6	10.0	12.34	22,879.1	10.8	0.9	5.1

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	30 June 19	27 June 19	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	188.7	288.7	(34.6)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	577,561.9	576,206.7	0.2
Volume (mn)	51.2	58.5	(12.5)
Number of Transactions	5,357	6,321	(15.3)
Companies Traded	46	44	4.5
Market Breadth	24:17	24:15	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	19,239.32	0.1	0.1	6.0	14.7
All Share Index	3,098.01	0.2	0.2	0.6	14.7
Banks	4,062.59	0.6	0.6	6.0	14.2
Industrials	3,255.81	0.1	0.1	1.3	16.4
Transportation	2,551.71	(0.4)	(0.4)	23.9	13.7
Real Estate	1,519.35	(0.6)	(0.6)	(30.5)	12.7
Insurance	3,104.21	0.3	0.3	3.2	17.9
Telecoms	903.85	(0.2)	(0.2)	(8.5)	18.6
Consumer	8,085.54	(0.2)	(0.2)	19.7	15.7
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,064.06	0.1	0.1	4.6	13.9

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Comm. Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait	0.52	3.0	216.4	13.3
Dubai Investments	Dubai	1.26	2.4	4,374.2	0.0
Co. for Cooperative Ins.	Saudi Arabia	71.50	2.1	163.7	18.6
Saudi Arabian Fertilizer	Saudi Arabia	86.50	2.0	189.0	12.2
Bahrain Telecom. Co.	Bahrain	0.36	2.0	519.3	29.3

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Human Soft Holding Co.	Kuwait	3.05	(3.5)	504.1	(7.0)
Bank Nizwa	Oman	0.09	(2.2)	655.2	(3.3)
Banque Saudi Fransi	Saudi Arabia	41.55	(2.0)	144.8	32.3
VIVA Kuwait Telecom Co.	Kuwait	0.80	(1.8)	398.7	0.0
Saudi British Bank	Saudi Arabia	40.70	(1.7)	223.0	24.7

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%
Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution	1.90	(9.5)	0.3	(0.1)
Ahli Bank	2.93	(4.9)	0.9	15.1
Mannai Corporation	3.70	(2.1)	441.9	(32.7)
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	18.11	(1.9)	220.1	110.8
Doha Bank	2.64	(1.5)	1,033.0	18.9

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	40.70	2.3	22,726.8	(9.3)
Qatar Electricity & Water Co.	16.49	(1.0)	16,384.4	(10.9)
Vodafone Qatar	7.04	(0.6)	11,234.1	(9.9)
Industries Qatar	11.50	0.0	10,959.5	(13.9)
Qatar International Islamic Bank	7.50	0.0	10,739.4	13.4

Source: Bloomberg (\* in QR)

## Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.1% to close at 10,455.7. The Banks & Financial Services and Insurance indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC and non-Qatari shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari shareholders.
- Islamic Holding Group and Investment Holding Group were the top gainers, rising 10.0% and 5.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company fell 9.5%, while Ahli Bank was down 4.9%.
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday fell by 12.5% to 51.2mn from 58.5mn on Thursday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 95.9mn, volume for the day was 46.6% lower. Investment Holding Group and Qatar First Bank were the most active stocks, contributing 26.3% and 17.3% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	33.83%	45.31%	(21,650,548.30)
Qatari Institutions	32.43%	33.08%	(1,229,732.96)
<b>Qatari</b>	<b>66.26%</b>	<b>78.39%</b>	<b>(22,880,281.26)</b>
GCC Individuals	1.93%	0.84%	2,056,227.37
GCC Institutions	2.40%	0.53%	3,527,960.67
<b>GCC</b>	<b>4.33%</b>	<b>1.37%</b>	<b>5,584,188.04</b>
Non-Qatari Individuals	13.65%	10.19%	6,529,431.37
Non-Qatari Institutions	15.76%	10.05%	10,766,661.86
<b>Non-Qatari</b>	<b>29.41%</b>	<b>20.24%</b>	<b>17,296,093.23</b>

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

## Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

### Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
06/30	China	China Federation of Logistics	Manufacturing PMI	June	49.4	49.5	49.4
06/30	China	China Federation of Logistics	Non-manufacturing PMI	June	54.2	54.2	54.3

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

### Earnings Calendar

Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 2Q2019 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QNBK	QNB Group	10-Jul-19	9	Due
QGTS	Qatar Gas Transport Company Limited (Nakilat)	10-Jul-19	9	Due
WDAM	Widam Food Company	15-Jul-19	14	Due
MARK	Masraf Al Rayan	15-Jul-19	14	Due
IHGS	Islamic Holding Group	16-Jul-19	15	Due
QIGD	Qatari Investors Group	22-Jul-19	21	Due
DHBK	Doha Bank	24-Jul-19	23	Due
ORDS	Ooredoo	29-Jul-19	28	Due

Source: QSE

### Stock Split Dates for Listed Qatari Companies

Day / Date	Company Symbols			Sector
	1	2	3	
Sunday 09/06/2019	CBQK	QFBQ		Banking and Financial Services
Monday 10/06/2019	KCBK	DBIS	QOIS	
Tuesday 11/06/2019	QIHK	NLCS		
Wednesday 12/06/2019	QNBK	ABQK	IHGS	
Thursday 13/06/2019	QIBK	DHBK		
Sunday 16/06/2019	MARK			Consumer Goods & Services
Monday 17/06/2019	MERS	MCCS		
Tuesday 18/06/2019	WDAM	ZHCD	QGMD	
Wednesday 19/06/2019	QFLS	MCGS		
Thursday 20/06/2019	SIIS	QCFS		Industrial
Sunday 23/06/2019	MPHC	IGRD		
Monday 24/06/2019	QIGD	AHCS	QNCD	
Tuesday 25/06/2019	IQCD	QIMD		Insurance
Wednesday 26/06/2019	QEWS	GISS		
Thursday 27/06/2019	QISI	QATI		Real Estate
Sunday 30/06/2019	DOHI	QGRI	AKHI	
Monday 01/07/2019	BRES	ERES		Telecoms
Tuesday 02/07/2019	UDCD	MRDS		
Wednesday 03/07/2019	VFQS	ORDS		Transport/Logistics ETFs and QAMCO
Thursday 04/07/2019	QGTS	GWCS	QNNS	
Sunday 07/07/2019	QETF	QATR	QAMC	

Source: QSE

## News

### Qatar

- **QSE executes share splits for DOHI** – Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) announced that the split of shares for Doha Insurance Group (DOHI) has been executed, effective from July 01, 2019. The new number of DOHI's shares after the split is 500,000,000 and the adjusted closing price of QR1.22 per share. QSE also sets price limits, (i) Price up limit: QR1.34 and (ii) Price down limit: QR1.10. (QSE)
- **QSE executes share splits for QGRI** – Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) announced that the split of shares for Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company (QGRI) has been executed, effective from July 01, 2019. The new number of QGRI's shares after the split is 875,067,030 and the adjusted closing price of QR4.07 per share. QSE also sets price limits, (i) Price up limit: QR4.47 and (ii) Price down limit: QR3.67. (QSE)
- **QSE executes share splits for AKHI** – Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) announced that the split of shares for Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company (AKHI) has been executed, effective from July 01, 2019. The new number of AKHI's shares after the split is 255,279,020 and the adjusted closing price of QR1.81 per share. QSE also sets price limits, (i) Price up limit: QR1.99 and (ii) Price down limit: QR1.63. (QSE)
- **ABQK to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements on July 18** – Ahli Bank (ABQK) announced its intent to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019, on July 18, 2019. (QSE)
- **NLCS to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements on July 18** – Alijarah Holding (NLCS) announced its intent to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019, on July 18, 2019. (QSE)
- **QIHK to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements on July 17** – Qatar International Islamic Bank (QIHK) announced its intent to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019, on July 17, 2019. (QSE)
- **QIGD's EGM approves its agenda items** – Qatari Investors Group (QIGD) announced the results of its EGM, which was held on June 30, 2019, and the following has been approved the amendment of Articles (3), (56), (58) and (12) of the Articles of Association of the company and authorize the board of directors to make the necessary amendments before the competent authorities. (QSE)
- **IHGS to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements on July 16** – Islamic Holding Group (IHGS) announced its intent to disclose 2Q2019 financial statements for the period ending June 30, 2019, on July 16, 2019. (QSE)
- **QCB: Non-resident deposits in Qatar banks jump 35% YoY in May** – Non-resident deposits within Qatar's commercial banks witnessed a robust 35% YoY expansion in May 2019; outpacing the 3% rise in total deposits; indicating the strong confidence among global investors on the local economy amidst the continuing economic blockade. Non-resident deposits amounted to QR188.43bn, according to figures released by the Qatar Central Bank (QCB). Various reports including that from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) stated the non-resident deposits initially declined (after the blockade started in June 2017), but rebounded later; indicating the resiliency in the domestic macro economy. Non-resident deposits have been increasing especially from January this year when it stood at QR161.62bn, rising to QR170.59bn in February, QR176.44bn in March and QR178.64bn in April 2019. Between May and December last year, non-resident deposits had a cheered path, with them increasing from May until September, but only to witness decline for the next two months. "Recovery in non-resident deposits and foreign bank funding helped banks increase private sector credit and banks has been able to diversify the geographical composition of non-resident deposits," the IMF stated. Of the QR188.43bn non-resident deposits; some QR184.98bn was within the Qatari banks and the remaining QR3.44bn with the foreign lenders. A large chunk of the non-resident deposits with the Qatari lenders was within the traditional segment (QR160.94bn) and the remaining QR24bn with Islamic lenders. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Qatar Petroleum slashes petrol prices by more than 12%** – Qatar Petroleum announced the diesel and gasoline prices for the month of July 2019, showing 12.5% and 12.8% decrease for gasoline and 7.5% decrease for diesel. The company set the price for one liter of diesel at QR1.85 in July compared to QR2 in June, a decrease of 7.5%. The price for one liter of Super Gasoline 95 is set at QR1.75 in July compared to QR2 in the previous month, a decrease of 12.5%, Qatar Petroleum stated, adding that Premium Gasoline 91 is set at QR1.7 per liter in July compared to QR1.95 in June, a decrease of 12.8%. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Jaidah Equipment announces tie up with Terex Finlay** – Jaidah Equipment, the largest Heavy Equipment supplier in Qatar, announced a new partnership with Terex Finlay to deliver a wide range of best-in class crushers, conveyors and screeners that will support businesses within key industries in the country. The partnership is in line with Jaidah Equipment's strategy to further grow and diversify its portfolio. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Dun & Bradstreet: Qatar can tackle energy price volatility** – Qatar has the resources, including through its sovereign wealth fund, to inject liquidity as required in the event of energy price volatility, Dun & Bradstreet stated in its latest economic bulletin. Referring to the economic blockade imposed on Qatar since June 2017 by four regional Arab countries, Dun & Bradstreet stated Qatar has largely overcome the economic impact of the blockade, and found new trade routes and sources of financing, limiting risks. Deflation in the country, it stated, eased YoY to 0.5% in April-May this year largely due to higher global oil prices, against which Qatari domestic fuel is roughly indexed each month. Transport prices, the second most highly weighted component of the consumer price index, rose by 5% in those two months, bringing annual transport inflation back to an average of 1.7%, compared with 2.4% deflation in the first quarter, the researcher said. "We expect average annual deflation of 0.3% in 2019," Dun & Bradstreet noted. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Qatar buys Lebanese bonds as part of \$500mn investment in economy** – Qatar has bought some Lebanese government bonds as part of its planned \$500mn investment in the Lebanese economy, a Qatari government official said. The Qatari

Ministry of Foreign Affairs said earlier this year the wealthy Gulf country planned to invest \$500mn in Lebanese government US Dollar bonds to support Lebanon's struggling economy, which has one of the world's highest levels of public debt to GDP and stagnant growth. (Zawya)

- **Special court for investment, trade important step, says SJC President** – The establishment of a specialized court for investment and trade is an important step in the development of the judicial system in Qatar, President of the Supreme Judiciary Council (SJC) and Court of Cassations Hassan bin Lahdan Al Mohanadi said. Hassan lauded the Council of Ministers' approval for the establishment of the specialized court to achieve speedy justice, develop judicial systems and encourage creative initiatives that contribute to the advancement of the economic and investment sectors in the country. He said the new court also comes within the framework of creating an attractive environment for investment in Qatar, which has become the focus of many investors. He noted the establishment of the court keeps pace with the demand for the investment sector in the country and thus is a reassuring message to investors and employers wishing to work in Qatar. Hassan added the SJC is working hard to develop the judicial system in line with the developments in Qatar. He pointed out that the council is in the process of preparing for the launch of the Court of Investment and Trade, aimed to accelerate the pace of conflict settlement and achieving justice. (Qatar Tribune)
- **Just Real Estate adds Msheireb Downtown Doha project to its portfolio** – Just Real Estate has added to its portfolio Msheireb Properties, a subsidiary of Qatar Foundation and the developer of Msheireb Downtown Doha (MDD) – the smartest and most sustainable fully built city district in the world. Through this tie-up, Just Real Estate will be responsible for the leasing and marketing of residential, retail and commercial premises in the city district with an on-site team, a press statement noted. The MDD project is divided into five broad quarters that are fully supported through an intrinsic mix of hospitality, retail, residential, commercial, and civic offerings. (Gulf-Times.com)

#### **International**

- **Trump says China trade talks back on track, new tariffs on hold** – The US and China agreed to restart trade talks after President Donald Trump offered concessions including no new tariffs and an easing of restrictions on tech company Huawei in order to reduce tensions with Beijing. China agreed to make unspecified new purchases of US farm products and return to the negotiating table, Trump said. No deadline was set for progress on a deal, and the world's two largest economies remain at odds over significant parts of an agreement. The last major round of talks collapsed in May. (Reuters)
- **China warns of long road ahead for deal with US after ice-breaking talks** – China and the US will face a long road before they can reach a deal to end their bitter trade war, with more fights ahead likely, Chinese state media said after the two countries' presidents held ice-breaking talks in Japan. The world's two largest economies are in the midst of a bitter trade war, which has seen them level increasingly severe tariffs on each other's imports. In a sign of significant progress in relations, Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Donald

Trump, on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, agreed to a ceasefire and a return to talks. However, the official China Daily, an English-language daily often used by Beijing to put its message out to the rest of the world, warned while there was now a greater likelihood of reaching an agreement, there's no guarantee there would be one. (Reuters)

- **Asia's factory activity shrinks, US-China trade truce fails to brighten outlook** – Factory activity shrank in most Asian countries in June as the simmering US-China trade conflict put further strains on the region's manufacturing sector, keeping policymakers under pressure to deploy stronger steps to avert a global recession. The raft of manufacturing surveys followed the Group of 20 summit in Osaka, Japan, where leaders warned of slowing global growth and intensifying geopolitical and trade tensions. The US and China agreed at the summit to restart trade talks after President Donald Trump offered concessions including no new tariffs and an easing of restrictions on tech company Huawei, providing some relief to businesses and financial markets. However analysts doubt the truce will lead to a sustained easing of tensions while lingering uncertainty could dampen corporate spending appetite and global growth. (Reuters)
- **Japan big manufacturers' mood hits near three-year low as trade war bites** – Japanese big manufacturers' business confidence worsened to a nearly three-year low in the quarter to June, a central bank survey showed, in yet another sign of the growing economic toll exerted by slowing global demand and the US-China trade war. However service-sector mood improved and companies maintained their solid spending plans, the Bank of Japan's closely watched tankan survey showed, suggesting that solid domestic demand was partially offsetting weakness in overseas shipments. A weekend truce in the US-China trade war may also offer some respite, though analysts said there was little to cheer given soft global demand and lingering uncertainty over future developments in the trade talks. The headline index gauging big manufacturers' sentiment slid to plus 7 in June from plus 12 in March, worse than a median market forecast and hitting the lowest level since September 2016, the tankan showed. The index for big non-manufacturers rose to plus 23 from plus 21 in March, exceeding a median market forecast of plus 20. Roughly 70% of the companies surveyed gave their replies on June 11, according to the Bank of Japan. (Reuters)
- **China's June factory activity unexpectedly shrinks as trade war weighs** – China's factory activity unexpectedly shrank in June as domestic and export demand faltered, a private sector business survey showed, pointing to further strains on its vast manufacturing sector as the Sino-US trade war drags on. The downbeat readings suggest the world's second-largest economy is still losing steam despite a flurry of support over the past year, underlining an urgent need for more stimulus measures. The Caixin/Markit Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for June came in at 49.4, the worst reading since January and below economists' expectations of 50.0. It was the first time in four months that the keenly-watched index has fallen below the neutral 50-mark dividing expansion from contraction on a monthly basis. Business confidence dropped to the lowest in over seven years as a result, and manufacturers shed jobs for

the third straight month. The Caixin survey's new orders sub-index - which measures new work both from home and abroad - fell sharply to 48.8 from 50.7 in the previous month. In June, China's factory output growth slowed, with the subindex falling to 51.3 from 51.7 in May while the contraction in total new orders accelerated to 49.6 from 49.8. Export orders extended their decline with the sub-index falling to 46.3 from May's 46.5, suggesting a further weakening in global demand. (Reuters)

- **China eases foreign investment curbs amid cooling trade tensions** – China's state planning agency stated it has cut the number of sectors subject to foreign investment restrictions, as Beijing moved to fulfill its promise to open major industries. The loosening in curbs, though widely anticipated, comes after the US and China agreed on the weekend to restart trade talks with US President, Donald Trump offering concessions on tariffs and an easing of restrictions on tech company Huawei. The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) stated it has eased foreign investment curbs on sectors including petroleum and gas exploration and widened access to agriculture, mining and manufacturing. NDRC published on its website the new, shorter so-called negative list that sets out industries where foreign investment is limited or prohibited. China has repeatedly promised to further open its markets to foreign investment, but has stressed such decisions would be based on the economy's own needs and not due to external pressure. It shortened the negative list last year, easing curbs on sectors including banking, the automotive and heavy industries, while also allowing 100% foreign ownership in some industries where ownership caps previously applied. (Reuters)

### Regional

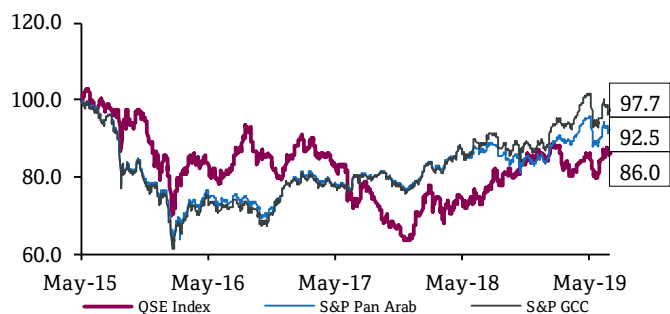
- **OPEC+ moves toward extending oil output cuts to early 2020** – Oil producers from the OPEC+ alliance are moving toward extending supply cuts into the first quarter of 2020 as they grapple with surging US shale output and weakening demand growth. After Russia and Saudi Arabia reached a deal at the Group of 20 summit to roll over curbs by six to nine months, other nations have voiced support for a longer extension into next year as the group gathers in Vienna for a key meeting. "The longer the horizon, the stronger the certainty to the market," OPEC Secretary-General, Mohammad Barkindo said in the Austrian capital after meeting with the Saudi Arabian Energy Minister, Khalid Al-Falih. "It will be more certain to look beyond 2019. I think most of the forecasts that we are seeing now and most of the analysis are gradually shifting to 2020," he added. (Bloomberg)
- **Oil production cuts weigh on Saudi Arabia's growth in the first quarter** – Saudi Arabia's economic growth more than halved on a quarterly basis to 1.66% in the first quarter of this year, in line with expectations of only a modest pick up as oil production cuts weigh on the world's top crude exporter. The Saudi Arabian oil sector grew 1% in the first quarter, government data showed. This is almost twice the rate reached in the same period a year ago but a massive slowdown from the previous quarter, when the oil sector grew by almost 6% YoY. The OPEC and its Russia-led allies agreed in December to slash oil production by more than the market had expected. Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister, Khalid Al-Falih said the cuts will most likely be extended by nine months. This is expected to weigh on oil sector growth this year, while non-oil sector growth is likely to pick up slightly, on the back of a boost in government spending. "We estimate that the oil sector will contract on an annual basis in 2Q and for the subsequent quarters in 2019," Chief Economist at Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank, Monica Malik said in a research note. Non-oil sector growth in the first quarter was 2.13%, largely in line with the same period last year, but up from a 1.8% growth in last year's fourth quarter. Non-oil activity picked up particularly in the private sector, which saw a growth of 2.3%. But "the underlying drivers of non-oil activity remain relatively subdued, with the more favorable fiscal backdrop being a key factor supporting private sector activity in 1Q," she said. (Reuters)
- **SAMA studying license requests for two new banks** – Saudi Arabian Monetary Authority (SAMA) is reviewing license requests for two new Saudi banks, SAMA's Governor, Ahmed Al-Kholifey said in an interview with Al Arabiya TV, without providing any further details. (Reuters)
- **Saudi Arabia's buying of US treasuries has soared since Trump election** – As Trump continues to defend the embattled Crown Prince, the Kingdom has everything to gain from playing nice. However, what is gone largely unnoticed is just how enthusiastic that the Kingdom has been in snapping up US's debt. After aggressively culling its holdings of US government debt for most of 2016, Saudi Arabia has amassed an even larger position since Trump's election in November that year. Based on the latest reported figures, the nation nearly doubled its ownership of treasuries to \$177bn. No major foreign creditor has ramped up its lending to the US faster. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Arabia's Tadawul says profit gains as foreign investors increase** – Tadawul, Saudi Arabia's main stock exchange, stated that gross profit gained 14% in 2018 to SR285mn. Operating revenue increased 6.9% to SR583mn, while operating profit grew 29%, according to the exchange's annual report. The number of qualified foreign investors in 2018 increased 400%. There were 12 new listings, increasing the total to 190 companies. Total market capitalization rose 10%. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Arabia's Falih says OPEC consensus is for rollover of oil cut** – OPEC members agree on the need to extend oil production cuts but has undecided whether it needs to be for six or nine months, Saudi Arabia's Energy Minister, Khalid Al-Falih told Reuters. "Certainly it is a rollover, consensus is emerging everybody I am talking to is assuring that conformity in the second half is going to be a lot more uniform than what we have seen in the first half," he added. (Reuters)
- **UAE confident OPEC+ will reach a decision to balance oil market balance** – The UAE's Energy Minister, Suhail bin Mohammed al-Mazroui said that he hoped for good and productive outcomes as he headed to attend a meeting of OPEC and its allies in Vienna. "Confident the alliance will reach a decision that will restore oil market balance," he said. Oil ministers from the OPEC meet in Vienna, followed by talks with non-OPEC oil producers. (Reuters)
- **DP World in talks to acquire Topaz Energy** – DP World is in talks to acquire oil services company Topaz Energy and Marine, the port operator stated. Britain's Sky News, citing sources, earlier reported that a \$1.3bn deal for DP World to take over

Topaz could be announced. DP World confirmed it was in talks to buy the company. "While negotiations are ongoing, there can be no certainty of a transaction," it stated in a bourse statement. Dubai-headquartered Topaz, a unit of Oman's Renaissance Services, operates in the Caspian Sea, the Middle East and West Africa, and has a fleet of 120 vessels. Standard Chartered Private Equity holds a minority share of the company, according to Topaz's website. (Reuters)

- **Abu Dhabi stock exchange to cut trading cost by as much as 90%** – Abu Dhabi stock exchange will reduce costs to traders by as much as 90% starting Monday, it stated. Cost for trading will be up to AED250mn a year will be 0.05% of the transaction value. Trading over AED1bn a year will cost 0.01%. Exchange had 8,395 registered institutional investors as of the end of May, including 6,318 foreign investors. As of May, institutional investors traded AED1.5bn as compared to AED890mn the year earlier. (Bloomberg)
- **Dana Gas Egypt receivables down 38% over last 12 months** – Dana Gas, the Middle East's largest regional private sector natural gas company, has received payments of \$48mn from its operations in Egypt in June. These collections comprise \$38mn in payments from the government (of which \$30mn as Dana Gas' share of the industry payment) and \$10mn from the sale of the second El Wastani condensate shipment in 2019. The industry payment is part of the Government's ongoing efforts to reduce its overdue receivables position to zero by the end of 2019. Since 2018 the Company has continued to make steady progress in reducing its outstanding balance of overdue receivables. Total receipts from Egypt in 2018 reached \$208mn, reducing the total receivables sum to \$ 140mn by year end, the lowest level since January 2011. The Company has received a total of \$78mn in payments during 1H2019, further reducing the Company's receivables by 38% to \$125mn. (ADX)
- **MENA fund managers continue to increase investments in Kuwait** – Middle Eastern funds plan to continue increasing their investments in Kuwait over the next three months, while largely keeping their exposure to other countries in the region at current levels, according to a Reuters poll. A third of the managers who took part in the poll said they will increase investment in Egypt. Six of the 11 fund managers polled said they will increase their investments in Kuwait, continuing a trend from previous months. Kuwait's BKP index (Premier Market Index) is up 20.7% this year, making it the best performing market in the region. Last week, index compiler MSCI stated that it will upgrade Kuwaiti equities to its main emerging markets index in 2020, a move that could trigger billions of Dollars of inflows from passive funds. That decision "further supports our constructive view on our existing holdings in Kuwait," Head of public markets at Abu Dhabi's Waha Capital, Mohamed El Jamal said. Kuwait's Capital Market Authority stated that Kuwaiti stocks could attract inflows of around \$5bn. (Reuters)
- **Oman says it supports OPEC+ deal extension of 6-9 months** – Oman stated that it supports OPEC+ deal extension of 6-9 months. Extension of the OPEC+ cuts is necessary because oil prices are fragile, Oman Oil Minister, Mohammed Al Rumhy said. (Bloomberg)

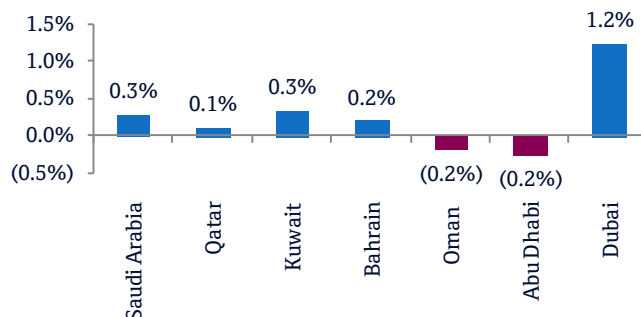
- **Investcorp Credit Management US announces acquisition of a majority interest in CM Investment Partners** – Investcorp Credit Management US (Investcorp), a subsidiary of Investcorp Bank Bahrain, today announced that it has entered into a definitive interest purchase agreement to acquire a majority ownership interest in CM Investment Partners LLC (CMIP), the investment adviser to CM Finance Inc (CM Finance), through its purchase of the respective equity positions held by certain funds managed by Cyrus Capital Partners, (Cyrus) and Stifel Venture Corp. (Stifel), and newly issued interests in CMIP (the Transaction). As a result of the Transaction, Investcorp will become the majority owner of CMIP and Michael Mauer and Christopher Jansen, CMIP's Co-Chief Investment Officers, will together maintain a minority ownership interest in CMIP. Simultaneously therewith, Investcorp BDC Holdings Limited entered into a definitive stock purchase and transaction agreement with CM Finance (the Stock Purchase Agreement), pursuant to which, during the two year-period following the closing, it will purchase (a) newly issued shares of CM Finance's common stock in an amount representing 5% of the total outstanding shares of common stock as of the date of the Stock Purchase Agreement, at the most recently determined net asset value per share of CM Finance's common stock at the time of such purchase, and (b) shares of CM Finance's common stock in open-market transactions in an amount representing 5% of the total outstanding shares of common stock as of the date of the Stock Purchase Agreement. (Bahrain Bourse)

## Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

## Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,409.45	(0.0)	0.7	9.9
Silver/Ounce	15.31	0.4	(0.2)	(1.2)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	66.55	0.0	2.1	23.7
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	58.47	(1.6)	1.8	28.8
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.42	4.8	6.6	(24.1)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	48.25	(1.0)	2.1	(24.0)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	41.75	(6.7)	(7.5)	(40.4)
Euro	1.14	0.0	0.0	(0.8)
Yen	107.85	0.1	0.5	(1.7)
GBP	1.27	0.2	(0.3)	(0.5)
CHF	1.02	0.0	0.0	0.6
AUD	0.70	0.2	1.4	(0.4)
USD Index	96.13	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.0)
RUB	63.21	0.2	0.3	(9.3)
BRL	0.26	(0.7)	(0.7)	0.9

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,178.35	0.5	0.0	15.6
DJ Industrial	26,599.96	0.3	(0.4)	14.0
S&P 500	2,941.76	0.6	(0.3)	17.3
NASDAQ 100	8,006.24	0.5	(0.3)	20.7
STOXX 600	384.87	0.6	0.2	13.1
DAX	12,398.80	1.0	0.6	16.6
FTSE 100	7,425.63	0.4	0.2	9.9
CAC 40	5,538.97	0.8	0.4	16.1
Nikkei	21,275.92	(0.4)	(0.3)	8.8
MSCI EM	1,054.86	0.0	0.2	9.2
SHANGHAI SE Composite	2,978.88	(0.4)	(0.7)	19.6
HANG SENG	28,542.62	(0.2)	0.2	10.7
BSE SENSEX	39,394.64	(0.3)	1.4	10.4
Bovespa	100,967.20	1.1	(1.2)	16.0
RTS	1,380.52	(0.5)	0.4	29.2

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns)

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