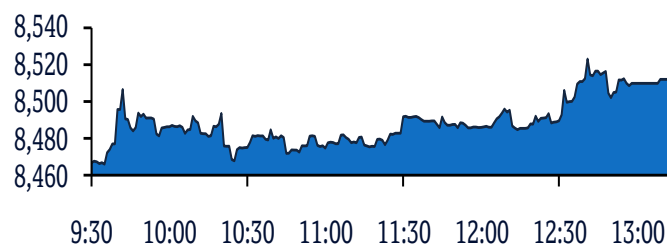


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.5% to close at 8,513.1. Gains were led by the Telecoms and Insurance indices, gaining 2.6% and 1.3%, respectively. Top gainers were Vodafone Qatar and Dlala Brokerage & Investment Holding Company, rising 9.3% each. Among the top losers, Qatari German Company for Medical Devices fell 9.9%, while Ezdan Holding Group was down 6.6%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 3.5% to close at 6,838.7. Gains were led by the Retailing and Consumer Durables indices, rising 7.9% and 6.2%, respectively. Amana Cooperative Insurance and Saudi Public Transport Co. were up 10.0% each.

Dubai: The DFM Index gained 3.5% to close at 1,956.7. The Insurance index rose 6.5%, while the Real Estate & Construction index gained 5.2%. Islamic Arab Insurance Company rose 15.0%, while Dar Al Takaful was up 14.0%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index gained 2.9% to close at 4,181.8. The Investment & Financial Services index rose 11.2%, while the Energy index gained 4.1%. International Holdings Co. rose 13.6%, while Manazel was up 10.9%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.8% to close at 4,723.2. The Real Estate index rose 1.6%, while the Consumer Goods index gained 1.3%. Alargan International Real rose 10.0%, while Future Kid Entertainment was up 9.4%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 0.9% to close at 3,513.3. Gains were led by the Financial and Industrial indices, rising 0.9% and 0.6%, respectively. Muscat Gases Company rose 9.0%, while Vision Insurance was up 5.8%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index fell 0.4% to close at 1,302.1. The Commercial Banks index declined 1.1%, while the other indices ended flat or in green. Ahli United Bank declined 1.8%, while BBK was down 1.0%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Vodafone Qatar	1.09	9.3	8,803.6	(6.5)
Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding Co.	0.58	9.3	6,467.3	(5.4)
Qatar Oman Investment Company	0.49	8.9	3,315.9	(27.1)
Islamic Holding Group	1.89	7.9	223.7	(0.4)
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.31	7.2	26,487.9	(39.8)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	0.63	(6.6)	112,770.2	2.0
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.31	7.2	26,487.9	(39.8)
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.60	2.2	22,417.7	(16.8)
Vodafone Qatar	1.09	9.3	8,803.6	(6.5)
Aamal Company	0.55	3.2	8,757.5	(32.0)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	8,513.07	0.5	0.5	3.7	(18.3)	52.87	130,610.5	12.8	0.8	4.7
Dubai	1,956.68	3.5	3.5	10.5	(29.2)	91.84	77,239.0	7.4	0.7	6.4
Abu Dhabi	4,181.84	2.9	2.9	12.0	(17.6)	33.09	122,122.5	11.7	1.1	5.9
Saudi Arabia	6,838.67	3.5	3.5	5.1	(18.5)	1,271.10	2,072,958.6	18.9	1.6	3.8
Kuwait	4,723.21	0.8	0.8	(2.1)	(24.8)	78.52	85,811.2	13.4	1.1	4.5
Oman	3,513.29	0.9	0.9	1.9	(11.8)	1.95	15,203.6	7.4	0.7	7.9
Bahrain	1,302.14	(0.4)	(0.4)	(3.6)	(19.1)	5.39	20,205.6	9.3	0.8	6.0

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	26 Apr 20	23 Apr 20	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	193.3	449.2	(57.0)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	478,426.7	477,489.9	0.2
Volume (mn)	234.4	345.0	(32.1)
Number of Transactions	5,193	11,439	(54.6)
Companies Traded	44	45	(2.2)
Market Breadth	31:10	14:27	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	16,366.09	0.5	0.5	(14.7)	12.8
All Share Index	2,648.39	0.4	0.4	(14.5)	13.5
Banks	3,805.91	0.3	0.3	(9.8)	12.4
Industrials	2,164.88	0.2	0.2	(26.2)	16.6
Transportation	2,481.69	0.1	0.1	(2.9)	12.0
Real Estate	1,194.12	0.2	0.2	(23.7)	10.5
Insurance	2,038.10	1.3	1.3	(25.5)	34.1
Telecoms	833.34	2.6	2.6	(6.9)	13.7
Consumer	6,967.64	0.8	0.8	(19.4)	17.5
Al Rayan Islamic Index	3,305.43	0.9	0.9	(16.3)	14.9

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Arabian Centres Co. Ltd	Saudi Arabia	23.62	10.0	1,903.7	(19.0)
Jarir Marketing Co.	Saudi Arabia	154.40	8.0	305.7	(6.8)
Saudi British Bank	Saudi Arabia	21.78	7.4	1,368.1	(37.2)
Samba Financial Group	Saudi Arabia	22.00	6.9	1,105.2	(32.2)
Saudi Industrial Inv.	Saudi Arabia	18.60	6.7	863.0	(22.5)

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ahli United Bank	Bahrain	0.62	(1.8)	700.0	(35.5)
The Commercial Bank	Qatar	3.85	(1.6)	2,219.0	(18.1)
BBK	Bahrain	0.52	(1.0)	884.9	(4.7)
Barwa Real Estate Co.	Qatar	2.69	(0.3)	935.3	(23.9)
National Shipping Co.	Saudi Arabia	36.55	(0.1)	1,285.0	(8.6)

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 German Co for Med. Dev.	0.71	(9.9)	7,191.0	21.6
Ezdan Holding Group	0.63	(6.6)	112,770.2	2.0
Alijarah Holding	0.62	(3.9)	5,339.4	(12.6)
Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing	0.59	(2.0)	5,663.0	(24.5)
The Commercial Bank	3.85	(1.6)	2,219.0	(18.1)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	0.63	(6.6)	74,333.1	2.0
QNB Group	17.05	0.3	15,200.4	(17.2)
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.60	2.2	13,373.9	(16.8)
Vodafone Qatar	1.09	9.3	9,345.4	(6.5)
The Commercial Bank	3.85	(1.6)	8,532.5	(18.1)

Source: Bloomberg (* in QR)

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.5% to close at 8,513.1. The Telecoms 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.
- Vodafone Qatar and Djala Brokerage & Investment Holding Company were the top gainers, rising 9.3% each. Among the top losers, Qatari German Company for Medical Devices fell 9.9%, while Ezdan Holding Group was down 6.6%.
- Volume of shares traded on Sunday fell by 32.1% to 234.4mn from 345.0mn on Thursday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 139.4mn, volume for the day was 68.1% higher. Ezdan Holding Group and Salam International Investment Limited were the most active stocks, contributing 48.1% and 11.3% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	49.98%	48.70%	2,457,704.64
Qatari Institutions	17.27%	21.08%	(7,357,995.85)
Qatari	67.25%	69.78%	(4,900,291.21)
GCC Individuals	2.41%	1.26%	2,223,616.94
GCC Institutions	1.92%	0.70%	2,352,663.87
GCC	4.33%	1.96%	4,576,280.81
Non-Qatari Individuals	24.30%	20.73%	6,892,103.25
Non-Qatari Institutions	4.12%	7.52%	(6,568,092.85)
Non-Qatari	28.42%	28.25%	324,010.40

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

Earnings Releases and Earnings Calendar

Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 1Q2020	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 1Q2020	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 1Q2020	% Change YoY
Saudi Kayan Petrochemical Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	1,887.9	-25.8%	(350.9)	N/A	(516.8)	N/A
Thob Al Aseel Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	117.5	16.1%	21.9	10.2%	17.5	8.1%
Oman United Insurance Co.	Oman	OMR	10.0	-7.7%	-	-	1.1	N/A
Muscat Gases Co.	Oman	OMR	5.3	136.3%	-	-	0.3	68.6%
Al Ahlia Insurance Company	Oman	OMR	6.0	-19.2%	-	-	1.6	-4.5%
Takaful Oman Insurance	Oman	OMR	1.3	-14.6%	-	-	0.4	-42.9%
Salalah Mills Co.	Oman	OMR	14.4	-2.3%	-	-	0.9	-8.9%
Al Sharqiya Investment Holding Co.	Oman	OMR	0.7	8.5%	-	-	0.4	5.9%
Oman Investment & Finance	Oman	OMR	4.6	-22.1%	-	-	0.4	-69.3%

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB.

Earnings Calendar

Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 1Q2020 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QISI	Qatar Islamic Insurance Group	27-Apr-20	0	Due
MPHC	Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company	27-Apr-20	0	Due
BLDN	Baladna	27-Apr-20	0	Due
QFBQ	Qatar First Bank	28-Apr-20	1	Due
QATI	Qatar Insurance Company	28-Apr-20	1	Due
QAMC	Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Company	28-Apr-20	1	Due
AHCS	Aamal Company	28-Apr-20	1	Due
IGRD	Investment Holding Group	28-Apr-20	1	Due
GWCS	Gulf Warehousing Company	28-Apr-20	1	Due
QGRI	Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company	29-Apr-20	2	Due
ZHCD	Zad Holding Company	29-Apr-20	2	Due
GISS	Gulf International Services	29-Apr-20	2	Due
MERS	Al Meera Consumer Goods Company	29-Apr-20	2	Due
DOHI	Doha Insurance Group	29-Apr-20	2	Due
ORDS	Ooredoo	29-Apr-20	2	Due
SIIS	Salam International Investment Limited	30-Apr-20	3	Due
QOIS	Qatar Oman Investment Company	30-Apr-20	3	Due
AKHI	Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company	30-Apr-20	3	Due

Source: QSE

News

Qatar

- **BLDN adds one item to its board meeting agenda** – Baladna's (BLDN) board of directors has decided to add one item to the agenda of its meeting i.e. to consider the distribution of interim cash dividends to shareholders for the period ended March 31, 2020. The meeting will be held virtually on April 27, 2020. (QSE)
- **ERES' AGM endorses items on its agenda** – Ezdan Holding Group (ERES) announced that the Ordinary General Assembly Meeting (AGM) held on April 26, 2020 has endorsed all the items on its agenda including board of directors' recommendation of no distribution of dividends, among others. (QSE)
- **ABQK to hold investors relation conference call on April 27** – Ahli Bank (ABQK) announced that the conference call with the Investors to discuss the financial results for the 1Q2020 will be held on April 27, 2020 at 12:00 pm, Doha Time. (QSE)
- **QGRI to hold investors relation conference call on May 5** – Qatar General Insurance and Reinsurance Company (QGRI) announced that the conference call with the Investors to discuss the financial results for the 1Q2020 will be held on May 5, 2020 at 12:00 pm, Doha Time. (QSE)
- **QGMD to hold its AGM and EGM on May 12** – Qatari German Company for Medical Devices' (QGMD) board of directors will hold the Annual Ordinary & Extra Ordinary General Assembly meeting (AGM & EGM) for the year 2020, virtually through means of telecommunication on May 12, 2020 at 9:30 pm. If the quorum is not completed the alternate date for the meeting will be May 17, 2020 at 9:30 pm, while if the quorum of EGM is not completed the alternate date for the meeting will be June 17, 2020 at 4:30 pm. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **QCB: Qatari banks post more than 9% jump in total assets in March** – The credit line of Qatar's commercial banks, especially for the private sector, appears to be strong, thus helping in a more than 9% YoY growth in their total assets in March 2020, according to Qatar Central Bank (QCB) figures. Total assets in the country's commercial banking system stood at QR1.59tn with domestic assets constituting QR1.38tn, or 87%, of the total and overseas assets at QR213mn, or 13%, of the total. Domestic assets witnessed more than 14% YoY expansion at the end of March 31, 2020 on a robust growth trajectory especially in the cases of credit, securities portfolio, credit on banks and cash and precious metals. Total credit of the commercial banks grew more than 12% to QR1.09tn at the end of review period. They constituted about 69% of the total assets of the banks. Private sector credit registered a more than 17% YoY jump to QR713.72bn, or 66%, of the total credit at the end of March this year and public sector credit by more than 4% to QR357.69bn, while non-banking finance credit declined more than 3% to QR14.15bn in the review period. The banks' securities portfolio amounted to QR195.04bn, which witnessed about 9% yearly increase in March this year. Domestic portfolio was seen growing more than 10% to QR176.54bn; whereas overseas portfolio shrank 4% to QR18.5bn. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **EIU: Qatar's sound financial system 'supportive' of its outlook** – Qatar's sound financial system is "supportive" of its outlook, the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) said and noted the country's currency regime should be able to "weather the short-

term shocks" posed by the coronavirus pandemic. The country's large stock of public debt, however, weighs on its outlook, the EIU said in its latest economic update. Nonetheless, the EIU noted "Qatar's ability to fully service its debt obligations remains strong." The EIU said the Riyal's peg to the Dollar is backed by ample foreign reserves and the assets of the Qatar Investment Authority (QIA, the sovereign wealth fund). "Despite the current account moving into deficit in 2020-21, the currency regime should be able to weather the short-term shocks posed by the coronavirus pandemic," the EIU said. The currency risk rating remains at BB, despite the score deteriorating by five points. In terms of the country's banking sector risk, the EIU said despite three-point deterioration in the score, banking sector risk remains BB-rated. It is supported by a strong regulatory framework and solid capital and liquidity indicators. Commercial banks in the country have been increasing liquidity from abroad in the form of a number of debt issues, and cash injections from the QIA have bolstered banks' liquidity. The ratio of non-performing loans as a proportion of total loans has historically been low, but it is likely to rise in the short term. In an earlier update, the EIU said the country's real economic growth will remain stable throughout most of the long-term forecast period. However, economic diversification investment projects will sustain robust growth until 2030, before slowing thereafter. There remains potential for bursts of high growth if further gas export projects, beyond those planned for the mid-2020s, are approved by the government. Diversification and the expansion of the services sector, funded by the State's hydrocarbons wealth, will also provide opportunities for growth. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **ValuStrat: Residential sector remains attractive to real estate investors** – Developers who are willing to sell properties during the COVID-19 crisis might provide favorable deals for the buyer in the form of discount on asking sale prices. This coupled with reduced interest rates offered by banks has increased attractiveness of real estate, particularly in the residential sector, as an investment option, consulting firm ValuStrat Qatar has said in its latest quarterly report titled 'COVID-19 & The Qatar Housing Market'. As of first quarter this year, Qatar's ValuStrat Price Index (VPI) has estimated average gross yield of residential unit in Qatar to be 5.05%, which have been increasing since first quarter of 2018. Overall, during first quarter in 2020, transactional volumes of residential houses decreased by 13% YoY, and no change compared to 4Q2019. However, this fall cannot be fully attributed towards the advent of COVID-19 as transactional volumes have been dipping annually since second quarter of 2019. Qatar's VPI, a valuation-based index (100 points base set in 1Q2016), that tracks change in capital values for a representative fixed basket of properties, showed an overall 3.4% annual fall in capital values for residential sector, with trivial quarterly fall of 0.5%. The report added that launches of all new real estate projects in Qatar including residential developments has been postponed for the next three to six months in order to minimize risk and limit cash flow problems, quoting insights from the country's major real estate developers. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **FT: Qatar's sovereign wealth fund targets health and tech deals** – Qatar's sovereign wealth fund plans to be very active through

the pandemic and will target health and tech deals, the Financial Times reported, citing an interview with the country's Finance Minister. Ali Sharif Al-Emadi, who is also on the wealth fund's board, told the newspaper that the fund is looking for businesses that will prove resilient over the long term (Bloomberg)

International

- **Trump's adviser says US economy faces historic shock, with 16% joblessness possible** – The shuttering of the US economy due to the coronavirus pandemic is a shock of historic proportions that will likely push the national unemployment rate to 16% or higher this month and require more stimulus to ensure a strong rebound, a White House economic adviser said on Sunday. "It's a really grave situation," President Donald Trump's adviser, Kevin Hassett, told the ABC program "This Week." "This is the biggest negative shock that our economy, I think, has ever seen. We're going to be looking at an unemployment rate that approaches rates that we saw during the Great Depression" of the 1930s, Hassett added. Lockdowns across the US to curtail the spread of the novel coronavirus have hammered the economy, shuttering businesses and sending unemployment skyrocketing. A record 26.5mn Americans have filed for jobless benefits since mid-March, and retail sales, homebuilding and consumer confidence have all cratered. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office predicts US GDP will contract at nearly a 40% annual rate in the second quarter, with unemployment cresting at 16% in the third quarter. But even next year, the CBO sees the jobless rate still averaging above 10%. Before the pandemic struck, the US jobless rate had been hovering at a 50-year low of 3.5%. (Reuters)
- **US will cap how much each bank can lend under emergency coronavirus program** – The US government notified lenders on Sunday that it will cap how much each bank can lend under the emergency loan program designed to keep workers on payrolls amid the coronavirus pandemic, hours ahead of the reopening of the lending program. The Small Business Administration (SBA) will impose a maximum dollar amount for individual lenders at 10% of Paycheck Protection Program funding, or \$60bn per lender, and pace the applications filed, according to SBA guidance on Sunday to lenders that have received a significant number of applications. The steps are "prudent and reasonable" due to the unprecedented demand for the loans, the memo said. US banks were girding over the weekend for another frantic race to grab \$310bn in fresh small-business aid due to be released by the government. The SBA was due to reopen PPP funding at 10:30 a.m. ET (1430 GMT) on Monday, allowing lenders to resume processing piles of backlogged applications from businesses hurt by the coronavirus shutdown. The SBA will also take applications in one bulk submission with a minimum of 15,000 loans, the SBA said in the memo. The PPP came under criticism after a number of publicly traded companies with thousands of employees and hundreds of millions of dollars in annual sales got loans, while smaller businesses did not. (Reuters)
- **EU firms hit by coronavirus can get loans of up to 5% of turnover** – Companies in the European Union (EU) hit by the coronavirus will be able to ask for a government loan of up to

5% of their 2019 turnover under a measure proposed by the European Commission, a person familiar with the matter said on Sunday. Several EU countries had asked for such a measure, other sources with direct knowledge of the matter told Reuters on Saturday, declining to provide details. The size of the loan could also be up to 40% of the beneficiary's annual wage bill, the person said. Such loans will be considered as subordinated debt, ranked below senior debt holders in the event of a liquidation. Due to that high risk, there will be strict conditions tied to such loans. The cap on turnover or the annual wage bill could still change, as EU competition regulators are seeking feedback from EU countries on the proposal. The EU executive has in recent weeks relaxed its state aid rules and approved trillions of euros via guaranteed loans, grants, subsidized interest rates and short-term export credit insurance offered to virus-hit companies across the bloc. (Reuters)

- **China industrial firms' March profits fall 34.9% YoY** – Profits earned by China's industrial firms in March fell 34.9% from a year earlier to 370.66bn Yuan (\$52.43bn), the statistics bureau said on Monday. The decline compares with a 38.3% slump in January-February, which was the steepest decline since at least 2010. For January-March, industrial firms' profits fell 36.7% on an annual basis to 781.45bn Yuan. Liabilities at industrial firms rose 5.4% on year at end-March, versus a 5.3% increase as of end-February. The industrial profit data covers large firms whose annual revenue exceeds 20mn Yuan from their main operations. The slide in profits reflects continued pressure on China's manufacturing sector, hard-hit by slowing global demand from the coronavirus pandemic and the contraction of China's economy for the first time in nearly 30 years in the first quarter. (Reuters)
- **China's industrial firms' profits contract in March but at slower pace** – Profits at China's industrial firms fell in March although at a slower pace than in the first two months, with many sectors seeing significant declines, suggesting the economy is still struggling to resume production after the coronavirus outbreak. The world's No.2 economy is limping back after weeks of near paralysis caused by the health crisis and tough containment measures, but recovery has been patchy with worries about a second wave of infections and a global recession adding to the challenges for policymakers. China's industrial firms earned 370.66bn Yuan (\$52.43bn) in March, down 34.9% from a year earlier, data from the National Bureau of Statistics showed. This follows a 38.3% slump in January-February, the steepest drop since at least 2010. For the quarter ended March, industrial firms' profits fell 36.7% on an annual basis to 781.45bn Yuan. Electronics and drinks manufacturers saw some recoveries in profits from the first two months, the data showed. Eight out of 41 sectors surveyed marked profit increases in March, better than only four in January-February. The advanced manufacturing sector, as well as private, small-scale and foreign invested companies all saw narrower drops in profits in March compared with the first two months. Beijing has stepped up tax and credit relief for virus-hit firms since February, including cuts in borrowing costs. However, top policy advisers are still calling for stronger fiscal stimulus as soon as possible. Beijing's policies are less aggressive than the quantitative easing of other major central banks and it balances the need for stimulus against high household and corporate

debt. Chinese President Xi Jinping has said Beijing will step up investment in traditional industries such as transportation and energy as well as new infrastructure areas including 5G and artificial intelligence to boost the economy. Earnings at China's state-owned industrial firms were down 45.5% on an annual basis for January-March, versus a 32.9% fall in the first two months, the statistics bureau data showed. Liabilities at industrial firms rose 5.4% on year at end-March, versus a 5.3% increase as of end-February. (Reuters)

- **Indian government brushes off Indian tax officers' proposal for coronavirus tax on super rich** – A group of Indian Revenue Service officers have recommended taxing the super rich, and foreign companies, to help pay for the coronavirus economic fallout, but the government brushed off the idea, saying it did not reflect official views. Some 50 officers of the Indian Revenue Service (IRS) recommended raising the highest tax rate to 40% for people with annual income above 10mn Rupees (\$131,130) or a wealth tax for those with net worth of 50mn or more in a report sent to the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) and shared on Twitter on Saturday. In a tweet late on Sunday the Income Tax Department, governed by the CBDT, said the report did not reflect the official views of the CBDT and the Finance Ministry. It said an inquiry was being launched into why the report was shared with the public. Finance Ministry sources said that neither IRS Association nor any group of officers mentioned in report were ever asked by the government to give any report on the subject. It was not part of their duty to prepare such a report and taking personal views to the media constituted an act of indiscipline, the sources said. (Reuters)

Regional

- **IMF: Lower growth, decline in oil prices put pressure on MENAP** – Lower growth and the sharp decline in oil prices are putting significant strains on fiscal and external positions in MENAP (Middle East, North Africa, Afghanistan, and Pakistan) oil exporters. The fiscal deficit for the region is expected to deteriorate from 2.8% of GDP in 2019 to 10% of GDP in 2020, with about two-thirds of this decline (or 4.4% of GDP) resulting from crisis related spending and revenue measures, IMF noted in its updated regional economic outlook. Countries with fiscal buffers like Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and UAE are better placed to accommodate rising deficits than those with limited space (Algeria, Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, and Oman). Lower projected hydrocarbon revenue will also weigh on the region's current account balance, which is expected to tip into a deficit of 5.8% of GDP in 2020 from a surplus of 2.7% of GDP in 2019. In the GCC, the current account will shift from a surplus of 5.6% of GDP in 2019 to a deficit of 3.1% of GDP this year. The combination of weaker fiscal and external balances leaves MENAP oil exporters more vulnerable to downside risks, with limited space to combat the effects of the coronavirus. The net debt for the MENAP region will stabilize at about 35% of GDP in 2021, however, is expected to rise in the medium term. In some countries, however, gross and net debt will reach much higher levels, reflecting large financing needs of Algeria, Bahrain, Iraq, and Oman. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Citigroup sees asset sales boosting \$47bn Gulf debt binge** – Citigroup sees asset sales boosting \$47bn Gulf debt binge. Oil-

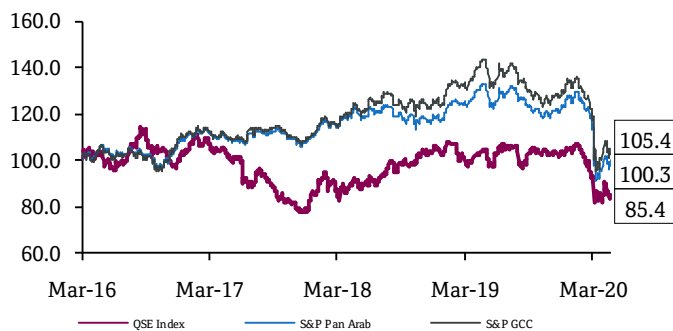
rich Gulf nations may turn to asset sales to complement an almost \$50bn debt spree to support economies rocked by the coronavirus pandemic and the collapse in crude prices, according to Citigroup Inc. Countries including Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have "really attractive" government-owned assets, which could be sold to the public or partnered with other investors, Head of Citigroup Inc.'s emerging-market cluster for Europe, the Middle East and Africa, Atiq Rehman said. "There are opportunities obviously on that front," he said. "There is also high investment-grade rating for their ability to raise substantial amount of international debt at very attractive prices. There is capacity to borrow more." Gulf governments are looking at ways to shore up their economies as the coronavirus pandemic and a historic crash in oil prices add to pressure on already strained finances. Unlike in Europe, most major entities in the region are still state owned. Saudi Arabia last year raised \$29.4bn by selling less than a 2% stake in the world's biggest oil producer, Saudi Aramco. (Bloomberg)

- **Emirates dips into cash reserve to clear 500,000 refunds** – Emirates is using cash reserves to refund customers as airlines around the world look for ways to handle rebates in the aftermath of grounded flights. With about half-a-million requests pending, the Dubai-based carrier said it is ramping up the capability to handle 150,000 refunds per month from 35,000 before the coronavirus outbreak. Emirates, which received assurances for government support last month, plans to clear the backlog by early August. "We are dipping into our cash reserves by being proactive in processing refunds, however, it is our duty and responsibility," President, Tim Clark said. (Bloomberg)
- **Abu Dhabi's main refinery makes China sales push after servicing** – Abu Dhabi National Oil Co.'s (ADNOC) main refinery is boosting efforts to sell fuel in China, where the economy is starting to recover from the coronavirus, according to Eni SpA, a partner in the plant. The Ruwais refinery resumed operations after shutting for scheduled maintenance, an Eni Senior Vice President for investor relations, Peter Sahota said. ADNOC did general turnaround work on all units of the refinery in the first quarter, Sahota said, without specifying dates for the servicing. Ruwais "is ready to supply the Far East, where the crisis is finishing and the consumption is increasing," Sahota said. Eni holds a 20% stake in the ADNOC Refining joint venture, which includes the 837,000-bpd Ruwais refinery. Rome-based Eni sees Ruwais operating at 60% capacity in the second quarter and reaching full capacity in the second half. Prior to the pandemic, the plant had been mostly targeting Europe for sales of low-sulfur diesel and jet fuel. Refineries worldwide have slowed operations as the coronavirus chokes oil consumption. Unlike China, Europe has yet to show sign of a recovery in fuel demand. ADNOC planned the first-quarter maintenance at Ruwais prior to the outbreak with assistance from Laura Hurst. (Bloomberg)
- **Sharjah Islamic Bank net profit increases 1.3% in 1Q2020** – Sharjah Islamic Bank (SIB), has projected strong results despite the current situation, with net profits totaling AED153.7mn in the first quarter of 2020 compared to AED151.7mn in 2018, an estimated 1.3% increase. In a statement by the bank on Sunday, the balance sheet reflects the bank's strong

performance and sound financial position with total assets reaching AED49.3bn at the end of March 2020, a 6.2% increase in comparison to AED46.4bn recorded at the end of 2019. Liquid assets reached AED9.7bn or 19.8% of total assets at the end of March 2020. During the month, the bank also repaid \$500mn Sukuk from its own liquidity sources, strengthening the bank's liquidity management. SIB continued to provide financing facilities to large companies and SME'S in different economic sectors in accordance with its prudent credit policy that takes into consideration the effects of the prevailing market volatility and instability in global and regional capital market on banking operations. Financing facilities reached AED28.2bn, an increase of AED3.1bn or 12.2% compared to AED25.1bn last year. The bank successfully attracted more deposits during the quarter as customer deposits increased by 15.3% or AED4.2bn to reach AED31.5bn compared to AED27.3bn as of December 31, 2019. Net operating income dropped to AED321.8mn in the first quarter of 2020 compared to AED329.2mn in 2019, projecting a 2.3% or AED7.4mn decrease. On the expenses side, general and administration expenses declined to AED135mn during the 1Q2020 compared to AED142.9mn achieved during the same period in 2019. The projected decrease was recorded to be a 5.5% or AED7.9mn, due to operational efficiencies achieved by the Bank. (Zawya)

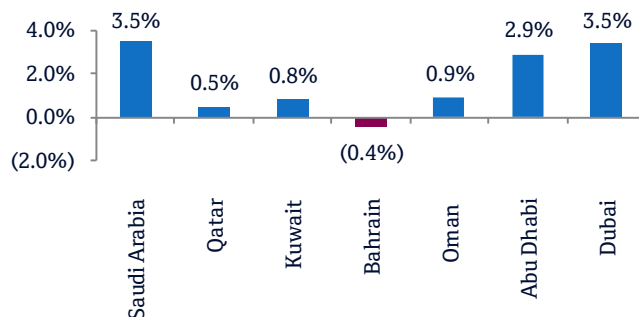
- **S&P lowers outlooks for UAE's Ras Al Khaimah to Negative –** S&P has lowered its outlook to Negative from Stable for Ras Al Khaimah, one of the seven Emirates that form the UAE, citing the financial risks of lower oil prices and the coronavirus. The rating agency affirmed its A/A-1 long-term rating for Ras Al Khaimah. A Negative outlook means an expectation that a credit issuer's finances may worsen and the agency may downgrade its rating as its next move. In response to the outlook change, the Ras Al Khaimah government said it was in a strong fiscal position to weather global economic conditions. Its state debt burden was low and declining, and the government was set to retire two bonds before maturity this year, it said in a statement to Reuters. (Reuters)
- **Kuwait's KPC cuts crude supplies in line with OPEC+ deal –** Kuwait Petroleum Corp (KPC) is coordinating with clients around the world to cut its crude supplies in line with commitments under a deal by oil producers to reduce output, state news agency KUNA reported on Sunday. KPC stressed its keenness to support the country's role in making the agreement to rebalance global oil markets a success. The group of producers, known as OPEC+, has agreed to reduce output by 9.7mn bpd for May and June. (Reuters)
- **ABOB's net profit falls 5.4% YoY to OMR7.0mn in 1Q2020 –** Ahli Bank (ABOB) recorded net profit of OMR7.0mn in 1Q2020, registering decrease of 5.4% YoY. Operating income rose 10.2% YoY to OMR18.9mn in 1Q2020. Total assets stood at OMR2,515.8mn at the end of March 31, 2020 as compared to OMR2,386.4mn at the end of March 31, 2019. Net Loans & advances and Financing stood at OMR2,125.2mn (+8.2% YoY), while Customer deposits stood at OMR1,720.8mn (+1.6% YoY) at the end of March 31, 2020. (MSM)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,729.60	(0.1)	2.8	14.0
Silver/Ounce	15.25	(0.0)	0.5	(14.6)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	21.44	0.5	(23.6)	(67.5)
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	16.94	2.7	(7.3)	(72.3)
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	1.81	(4.2)	6.5	(13.4)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	34.38	(7.1)	(10.7)	(16.7)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	31.38	(6.3)	(17.4)	(52.7)
Euro	1.08	0.4	(0.5)	(3.5)
Yen	107.51	(0.1)	(0.0)	(1.0)
GBP	1.24	0.2	(1.1)	(6.7)
CHF	1.03	0.3	(0.6)	(0.5)
AUD	0.64	0.0	0.1	(9.3)
USD Index	100.38	(0.1)	0.6	4.1
RUB	74.57	(0.3)	0.8	20.3
BRL	0.18	(1.0)	(6.4)	(28.1)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	1,987.65	0.7	(1.5)	(15.7)
DJ Industrial	23,775.27	1.1	(1.9)	(16.7)
S&P 500	2,836.74	1.4	(1.3)	(12.2)
NASDAQ 100	8,634.52	1.6	(0.2)	(3.8)
STOXX 600	329.59	(1.3)	(1.9)	(23.9)
DAX	10,336.09	(1.9)	(3.4)	(24.9)
FTSE 100	5,752.23	(1.5)	(1.9)	(29.1)
CAC 40	4,393.32	(1.5)	(3.1)	(29.4)
Nikkei	19,262.00	(0.8)	(3.1)	(17.5)
MSCI EM	879.41	(1.4)	(2.4)	(21.1)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	2,808.53	(1.3)	(1.2)	(9.5)
HANG SENG	23,831.33	(0.6)	(2.3)	(15.0)
BSE SENSEX	31,327.22	(2.3)	(0.6)	(29.2)
Bovespa	75,330.60	(9.8)	(12.6)	(54.4)
RTS	1,081.32	(1.7)	0.2	(30.2)

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns)

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