

QSE Intra-Day Movement

Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.4% to close at 12,799.6. Gains were led by the Telecoms and Banks & Financial Services indices, gaining 0.8% and 0.6%, respectively. Top gainers were The Commercial Bank and Mannai Corporation, rising 3.8% and 1.6%, respectively. Among the top losers, Aljjarah Holding fell 3.7%, while Estithmar Holding was down 3.1%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index fell 0.8% to close at 11,874.2. Losses were led by the Diversified Financials and Utilities indices, falling 2.6% and 1.8%, respectively. United Cooperative Assurance Co. declined 9.9%, while Nayifat Finance Co. was down 5.5%.

Dubai: The DFM Index fell 0.6% to close at 3,235.9. The Real Estate & Construction index declined 2.1%, while the Consumer Staples and Discretionary index fell 1.7%. Dar Al Takaful declined 5.8%, while Ekttitab Holding Company was down 4.1%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell 0.8% to close at 9,579.4. The Telecommunication index declined 2.5%, while the Basic Materials index fell 2.1%. Rak Co. declined 9.4%, while Sudatel Telecommunications was down 7.2%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.5% to close at 7,699.9. The Telecommunications index rose 3.1%, while the Consumer Staples index gained 1.0%. Alimtiqaz Investment Group rose 5.3%, while Kuwait Projects Company was up 3.4%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell 0.4% to close at 4,298.9. Losses were led by the Industrial and Services indices, falling 1.0% and 0.4%, respectively. Salalah Mills Company declined 9.3%, while Vision Insurance was down 9.1%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.1% to close at 1,889. The Communications Services index rose 0.6%, while the Financials index gained 0.2%. Ahli United Bank and Bahrain Telecom Co. were up 0.7% each.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
The Commercial Bank	7.18	3.8	5,310.7	6.4
Mannai Corporation	9.16	1.6	884.2	92.8
Qatar Islamic Bank	25.32	1.3	2,030.5	38.1
Ooredoo	9.00	1.2	1,533.8	28.2
Qatar Electricity & Water Co.	18.39	1.1	284.7	10.8

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Estithmar Holding	1.91	(3.1)	30,503.7	55.4
Baladna	1.75	0.4	21,142.4	21.0
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	1.62	(1.4)	15,243.1	(10.0)
Gulf International Services	1.93	(2.5)	10,482.3	12.2
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.86	(1.3)	8,700.0	4.9

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	12,799.58	0.4	0.7	5.0	10.1	139.49	192,620.1	15.8	1.8	3.4
Dubai	3,235.90	(0.6)	(0.6)	0.4	1.3	49.84	148,994.3	10.9	1.1	2.8
Abu Dhabi	9,579.42	(0.8)	(0.1)	2.3	13.0	321.53	546,111.0	20.5	2.7	2.0
Saudi Arabia	11,874.22	(0.8)	(0.9)	3.0	5.3	1,370.89	3,059,907.0	21.2	2.5	2.5
Kuwait	7,699.88	0.5	0.4	3.9	9.3	186.33	147,738.9	17.2	1.7	3.0
Oman	4,298.91	(0.4)	0.2	4.3	4.1	4.28	19,923.2	11.6	0.9	4.8
Bahrain	1,888.95	0.1	0.8	2.7	5.1	5.92	30,300.7	7.2	0.9	5.9

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	25 Jul 22	24 Jul 22	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	509.7	437.5	16.5
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	708,422.7	708,362.5	0.0
Volume (mn)	155.0	202.4	(23.4)
Number of Transactions	19,857	11,054	79.6
Companies Traded	44	46	(4.3)
Market Breadth	14:28	34:12	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	26,217.70	0.4	0.7	13.9	15.8
All Share Index	4,078.64	0.2	0.5	10.3	160.1
Banks	5,445.86	0.6	1.2	9.7	16.6
Industrials	4,460.04	(0.7)	(0.8)	10.9	13.0
Transportation	4,604.38	0.4	(0.9)	29.4	16.1
Real Estate	1,836.03	(1.2)	(0.5)	5.5	19.3
Insurance	2,587.77	(1.3)	0.4	(5.1)	16.5
Telecoms	1,310.10	0.8	2.1	23.9	40.2
Consumer	8,521.66	0.0	0.5	3.7	23.7
Al Rayan Islamic Index	5,299.13	(0.3)	0.1	12.3	13.5

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate	Saudi Arabia	13.00	7.4	33,598.4	29.2
Bank Dhofar	Oman	0.13	5.8	-	2.4
The Commercial Bank	Qatar	7.18	3.8	5,310.7	6.4
Ahli Bank	Oman	0.13	3.2	720.0	12.1
Abdullah Al Othaim Mar. Co.	Saudi Arabia	111.00	2.6	150.0	2.6

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Riyad Bank	Saudi Arabia	35.50	(3.4)	1,070.2	31.0
Fertiglobe PLC	Abu Dhabi	4.58	(3.4)	3,651.4	30.1
Acwa Power Co.	Saudi Arabia	164.00	(3.0)	534.4	95.2
Saudi Tadawul Holding	Saudi Arabia	198.00	(2.9)	201.6	57.4
National Bank of Oman	Oman	0.23	(2.9)	77.2	18.9

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%
Aljjarah Holding	0.87	(3.7)	6,121.4	(7.4)
Estithmar Holding	1.91	(3.1)	30,503.7	55.4
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	3.21	(2.7)	837.4	(10.8)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.64	(2.6)	2,035.2	26.3
United Development Company	1.46	(2.5)	1,377.1	(5.0)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	20.50	(0.1)	81,930.6	1.5
Estithmar Holding	1.91	(3.1)	58,873.5	55.4
Qatar Islamic Bank	25.32	1.3	50,616.0	38.1
The Commercial Bank	7.18	3.8	37,980.0	6.4
Baladna	1.75	0.4	36,920.4	21.0

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.4% to close at 12,799.6. The Telecoms and Banks & Financial Services indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from foreign shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari, GCC and Arab shareholders.
- The Commercial Bank and Mannai Corporation were the top gainers, rising 3.8% and 1.6%, respectively. Among the top losers, Aljarah Holding fell 3.7%, while Estithmar Holding was down 3.1%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday fell by 23.4% to 155mn from 202.4mn on Sunday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 172.2mn, volume for the day was 10% lower. Estithmar Holding and Baladna were the most active stocks, contributing 19.7% and 13.6% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	33.04%	38.46%	(27,589,937.7)
Qatari Institutions	18.67%	17.33%	6,827,313.1
Qatari	51.71%	55.78%	(20,762,624.6)
GCC Individuals	0.22%	0.31%	(422,891.6)
GCC Institutions	1.28%	1.82%	(2,770,981.0)
GCC	1.50%	2.13%	(3,193,872.6)
Arab Individuals	10.46%	12.50%	(10,365,602.9)
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.00%	-
Arab	10.46%	12.50%	(10,365,602.9)
Foreigners Individuals	2.96%	2.88%	406,216.3
Foreigners Institutions	33.38%	26.72%	33,915,883.7
Foreigners	36.33%	29.60%	34,322,100.1

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

Earnings Releases, Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 2Q2022	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 2Q2022	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 2Q2022	% Change YoY
Saudi Ceramic Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	338.83	-4.8%	35.75	-47.8%	37.97	-40.0%
Saudi Paper Manufacturing Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	146.29	3.6%	7.01	-66.3%	21.06	39.1%
Yanbu National Petrochemical Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	2061.50	4.0%	276.90	-56.7%	288.50	-51.6%
Development Works Food Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	33.81	37.4%	3.18	24.0%	3.26	14.5%
Makkah Construction and Development Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	146.00	342.4%	79.00	N/A	78.00	N/A
Saudi Paper Manufacturing Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	146.29	3.6%	7.01	-66.3%	21.06	39.1%
Palms Sports	Abu Dhabi	AED	67.43	-1.3%	N/A	N/A	27.04	38.2%

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB. (#Values in Thousands, *Financial for 2Q2022)

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
07-25	UK	Confederation of British Indus	CBI Trends Total Orders	Jul	8	13	18
07-25	UK	Confederation of British Indus	CBI Trends Selling Prices	Jul	48	55	58
07-25	Germany	Ifo Institute	Ifo Business Climate	Jul	88.6	90.1	92.2
07-25	Germany	Ifo Institute	Ifo Current Assessment	Jul	97.7	97.5	99.4
07-25	Germany	Ifo Institute	Ifo Expectations	Jul	80.3	83	85.5

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 2Q2022 results	No. of days remaining	Status
GWCS	Gulf Warehousing Company	26-Jul-22	0	Due
QFLS	Qatar Fuel Company	26-Jul-22	0	Due
ABQK	Ahli Bank	26-Jul-22	0	Due
ORDS	Ooredoo	27-Jul-22	1	Due
QGRI	Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company	27-Jul-22	1	Due
DHBK	Doha Bank	27-Jul-22	1	Due
AHCS	Aamal Company	27-Jul-22	1	Due
UDCD	United Development Company	27-Jul-22	1	Due
QIMD	Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company	27-Jul-22	1	Due
MKDM	Mekdam Holding	28-Jul-22	2	Due
AKHI	Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company	01-Aug-22	6	Due
QCFS	Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company	01-Aug-22	6	Due
QNCD	Qatar National Cement Company	03-Aug-22	8	Due
DOHI	Doha Insurance Group	03-Aug-22	8	Due
BLDN	Baladna	04-Aug-22	9	Due
QLMI	QLM Life & Medical Insurance Company	04-Aug-22	9	Due
QETF	QE Index ETF	07-Aug-22	12	Due
QATI	Qatar Insurance Company	07-Aug-22	12	Due

Code	Company Name	Event Date	Days	Status
WDAM	Widam Food Company	07-Aug-22	12	Due
IHGS	INMA Holding Group	07-Aug-22	12	Due
QGTS	Qatar Gas Transport Company Limited (Nakilat)	08-Aug-22	13	Due
QISI	Qatar Islamic Insurance Group	08-Aug-22	13	Due
DBIS	Dlala Brokerage & Investment Holding Company	09-Aug-22	14	Due
SIIS	Salam International Investment Limited	09-Aug-22	14	Due
QGMD	Qatari German Company for Medical Devices	10-Aug-22	15	Due
MERS	Al Meera Consumer Goods Company	10-Aug-22	15	Due
MCCS	Mannai Corporation	14-Aug-22	19	Due
ZHCD	Zad Holding Company	14-Aug-22	19	Due

Source: QSE

Qatar

- ABQK posts 14.3% YoY increase but 27.2% QoQ decline in net profit in 2Q2022, in-line with our estimate** – Ahli Bank's (ABQK) net profit rose 14.3% YoY (but declined 27.2% on QoQ basis) to QR139.3mn in 2Q2022, in line with our estimate of QR142.5mn (variation of -2.3%). Net Interest Income decreased 3.9% YoY in 2Q2022 to QR285.6mn. However, on QoQ basis Net Interest Income gained 16.1%. The company's Total operating income came in at QR333.5mn in 2Q2022, which represents a decrease of 9.1% YoY. However, on QoQ basis Total operating income rose 2.2%. The bank's total assets stood at QR49.2bn at the end of June 30, 2022, up 2.9% YoY (+6% QoQ). Loans and Advances to Customers were QR34.3bn, registering a fall by 2.1% YoY at the end of June 30, 2022. However, on QoQ basis Loans and Advances to Customers increased 2.3%. Customer Deposits declined 5.5% YoY and 3.4% QoQ to reach QR26.7bn at the end of June 30, 2022. EPS amounted to QR0.06 in 2Q2022 as compared to QR0.05 in 2Q2021. (QSE)
- QIHK posts ~5% YoY increase but ~6% QoQ decline in net profit in 2Q2022, in-line with our estimate** – Qatar International Islamic Bank's (QIHK) net profit rose ~5% YoY (but declined ~6% on QoQ basis) to ~QR276mn in 2Q2022, in line with our estimate of QR270.2mn (variation of +2.2%). The company's Total Income came in at ~QR627mn in 2Q2022, which represents a decrease of ~4% YoY. However, on QoQ basis Total Income rose ~6%. The bank's total assets stood at ~QR63bn at the end of June 30, 2022, up 1.2% YoY. However, on QoQ basis the bank's total assets decreased 2.5%. Earnings per share amounted to QR0.38 in 6M2022 as compared to earnings per share of QR0.36 in 6M2021. However, Customer deposits at the end of the first half achieved a growth rate of 1.1%, as they reached QR39.3bn compared to QR38.8bn for the corresponding period in 2021. The total equity at the end of the first half rose by 4.7% to reach QR8.7bn compared to QR8.3bn at the end of the first half of 2021. As for the bank's capital adequacy under Basel III, it remained stable at 16.24%. (QSE)
- Ahli Bank to hold its investors relation conference call on July 27 to discuss the financial results** – Ahli Bank announced that the conference call with the Investors to discuss the financial results for the Semi-Annual 2022 will be held on 27/07/2022 at 12:00 PM, Doha Time. (QSE)
- PwC: Closing skills gap key to growth of manufacturing sector of Qatar** – Developing local and international talent pools will be crucial to the growth of Qatar's manufacturing sector, which plays a central role in the country's push to diversify its economy, a new PwC Middle East report says. The need to develop and attract local talent pools is highlighted in the identification of two of nine strategic enablers in the Qatar Manufacturing Strategy focusing around developing Qatar's local and international talent pools. Dr. Bashar Eljawahri, Consumer and Industrial Products and Services, Partner at PwC Middle East, said: "The manufacturing sector in Qatar is a priority sector under the National Vision 2030 program and a key contributor to the government's economic diversification agenda. However, the growth of the sector is dependent on the availability of appropriate skills and competencies. In our report we highlight five interventions that should be prioritized to bridge the talent demand and supply gap in the manufacturing sector. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Qatar Airways gets new ISO certification in Occupational Health and Safety Management System** – Qatar Airways' commitment to preventing work-related injuries and improving the wellbeing of its employees has been recognized as it attained the ISO 45001:2018 Occupational Health and Safety Management System certification, awarded by Bureau Veritas. The certification was achieved through various preventative measures, including the implementation of risk assessments, trainings and regular inspections of adherence. Over a period of 28 days, a number of criteria were assessed by Bureau Veritas before awarding Qatar Airways Group with ISO 45001:2018, including an independent testing analysis by eight auditors across eleven locations. The assessment involved interviews of airline employees during the evaluation period to ensure compliance with the industry standard. Qatar Airways Group Chief Executive Akbar Al Baker said, "The safety and wellbeing of our employees is of paramount importance to us, and our new ISO 45001:2018 is a testament to the vigorous measures we have taken. We have demonstrably reduced the factors that lead to work-related injuries and thereby improved the lifestyle of our employees. Qatar Airways is an industry leader and we are proud to have attained our 14th ISO certification. (Qatar Tribune)
- Qatar, UK officials discuss World Cup** – HE the Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Majed bin Mohamed al-Ansari, met via videoconferencing with the UK Government Spokesperson to the Middle East and North Africa, Rosie Dyas. The meeting discussed bilateral relations, ways to enhance co-operation in the media and the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, and the latest regional developments. Dr al-Ansari stressed that Qatar welcomes the British fans in the World Cup, noting the State's readiness to organize a unique and safe tournament. He pointed out that the tournament will reflect the region's legacy, considering that Qatar's hosting of the championship means that it is for all Arabs. (Gulf Times)
- MoCI survey to identify challenges facing Qatar's tech entrepreneurs** – To strengthen the entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem in the country, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has launched an online poll on challenges to entrepreneurs in the technology sector. The questionnaire has two main questions: What are the challenges facing entrepreneurs in the technology sector? What is the best way to overcome them? Anyone can contribute to identifying and overcoming these issues by answering the survey available online, the Ministry announced on Twitter. Different entities in Qatar have launched many initiatives in recent years to promote entrepreneurship in the country. Digital Incubation Center (DIC) of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology was created to boost ICT innovation in Qatar, particularly among young people at the critical early stages of starting or growing a technology-related business. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Yacht rentals among top options for leisure in Qatar** – Yacht cruises have emerged as a top desired entertainment option for citizens and residents in Qatar this summer, according to an industry expert. Qatar boasts 500km of sandy coastline — hence, yachts are never lacking at the docks. Mosaad Moustafa Eleiwa, Founder and Managing Director of Outing Qatar, luxury tourism agency, told The Peninsula that many families, groups of friends and visiting tourists prefer going on the sea to make the most of the summer. "The yacht has been popular among our customers this summer," Eleiwa said. "It is hot, so people prefer going to the sea,



especially during Eid. We also got more local interests in this yacht rental. (Peninsula Qatar)

- **Qatar Tourism launches program to upskill global travel trade partners** – Qatar Tourism has launched an interactive online training course – Qatar Specialist Program- designed to enhance its global travel trade partners' knowledge of Qatar's diverse product offering and provide a recognized qualification for its global travel trade partners. The program, which uses the latest technologies in digital learning, replaces the current Tawash program and supports Qatar's mission to become a leader in Service Excellence. Available in 11 languages, Qatar Specialist Program equips trade partners with the relevant knowledge and tools to promote and sell Qatar internationally more effectively. (Bloomberg)
- **GHM opens Chedi Katara in November** – General Hotel Management Ltd confirms the scheduled opening of the Chedi Katara this November 2022, along the beachfront of the Katara Cultural Village district in Doha, Qatar. The Chedi Katara will be GHM's latest hotel opening and third property in the GCC region, adding to the group's pipeline of seven projects. The property's launch is in conjunction with GHM's 30th-anniversary celebrations in 2022, and it will join the group's portfolio of luxury hotels comprising The Chedi Muscat, Oman, The Chedi Al Bait, Sharjah, The Chedi Andermatt, Switzerland and The Chedi Hotel and Residences Lustica Bay, Montenegro. Sandwiched between desert and sea across a 66,000 sqm plot, The Chedi Katara Hotel & Resort comprises 91 rooms, suites and villas, and five dining and entertainment venues. The Chedi Katara Hotel & Resort is the latest property opening for GHM, adding to the group's strong pipeline of seven projects in destinations like Taiwan, India and Thailand. This includes The Chedi El Gouna, an upcoming beachfront resort slated to open in 2022 on the Red Sea in Egypt. (Bloomberg)

International

- **ELFA: US business borrowing for equipment falls 1% in June** – US companies borrowed 1% less in June to finance their investments in equipment compared with a year earlier, the Equipment Leasing and Finance Association (ELFA) said. The companies signed up for \$10.3bn in new loans, leases and lines of credit last month, compared with \$10.4bn a year earlier. However, borrowings rose 6% from January. ELFA, which reports economic activity for the nearly \$1tn equipment finance sector, said credit approvals totaled 78.1%, up from 76.8% in May. The index is based on a survey of 25 members, including Bank of America Corp, and financing affiliates or units of Caterpillar Inc, Dell Technologies Inc, Siemens AG, Canon Inc and Volvo AB. The Equipment Leasing & Finance Foundation, ELFA's non-profit affiliate, said its confidence index in July is 46.1%, a decrease from 50.9% in June. A reading above 50 indicates a positive business outlook. (Reuters)
- **US Treasury officials say overall economic strength belies weak GDP** – US Treasury officials said overall income and jobs figures suggested the economy was in good health and not in a recession, even if data due this week shows gross domestic product falling for a second consecutive quarter. After a 1.6% annualized drop in first-quarter GDP, a negative second quarter result would likely prompt critics of President Joe Biden to declare a US recession under a traditional shorthand measure used by economists, journalists and analysts -- two consecutive quarters of decline. But Ben Harris, Treasury assistant secretary for economic policy and Neil Mehrotra, deputy assistant secretary for macroeconomics, wrote that gross domestic income (GDI), which measures aggregate income -- wages, business profits, rental and interest income -- continued to rise in the first quarter at a 1.8% annual pace, while GDP fell. While first quarter GDP, which only counts final goods, was negative, they said a 2% increase in real gross output for the period was the result of the economy producing more "stuff," but more of this went into intermediate goods not counted in GDP. (Reuters)
- **BoE torn over whether to join big rate hike club** – The Bank of England must decide next week whether to join the ranks of central banks rushing out their biggest interest rate hikes in decades, or whether the warning signs of a recession mean it should tread more cautiously. The BoE was the first big central bank to increase borrowing costs last December as inflation began to accelerate in the global economy. As policymakers around the world scramble to catch up with inflation, investors are putting a nearly 90% chance on the BoE raising Bank Rate by half a percentage point to 1.75% on Aug. 4. That would be its biggest rate hike since 1995 and the first increase on that scale since the British central bank was given operational independence 25 years ago. Since then, inflation has climbed further to 9.4%, a 40-year high, and a new set of BoE economic forecasts due next week could point to inflation peaking at 12% in October - six times its target level - after higher fuel prices caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine and sterling's recent weakness. Bailey said last week that the BoE could seek to reduce its 847bn Pounds (\$1.0tn) of gilt holdings by up to 100bn Pounds over the space of a year. (Reuters)
- **Bank of England to raise rates by 25bps on Aug. 4, but 50 a close call** – The Bank of England (BoE) will likely shy away from a bigger interest rate rise in August and instead stick to the more modest 25 basis point increases it has been delivering, but it is a very close call, a Reuters poll of economists found. The BoE is grappling with four-decade-high inflation, driven in large part by global pressures related to supply-chain disruptions and high energy prices. That has become a cost of living crisis, now pushing up the chances of recession. Britain's central bank was the first among its major peers to begin hiking rates in the current cycle, lifting Bank Rate five times since December from its pandemic low of 0.10% to where it currently sits at 1.25%. A slight majority in the July 13-25 Reuters poll - 29 of 54 economists - said the BoE will stick to 25 basis points at its next meeting on Aug. 4, to 1.50%. The remaining 25 forecast 50 basis points, which would put it more in line with its peers. The poll gave a median 55% chance of a recession in the coming year, up sharply from 35% in the June poll. But that was based on a small sample of 11 respondents, with several declining to answer as they thought the recession was already here. Economic growth was seen averaging just 0.2% this quarter, following a 0.4% contraction last quarter, and then shrinking 0.1% next quarter before expanding just 0.1% in early 2023. The economy was forecast to expand 3.4% this year and 0.6% next, less than the 3.7% and 1.2% given in a June poll. (Reuters)
- **CBI: UK factory output slows, price pressures come off peak** – British industrial output grew at the slowest pace in over a year in the three months to July, but there are tentative signs that some challenges around inflation and investment are easing, a Confederation of British Industry survey showed on Monday. The Bank of England's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) must decide next week whether to speed up the pace of interest rate rises with a rare half-point rate rise to tackle the highest inflation in 40 years. Monday's CBI Industrial Trends Survey output balance dropped to +6 for July from +19 in April, its lowest since the three months to April 2021 but still above its long-run average of +2. The monthly CBI industrial orders balance dropped to +8 from +18, its lowest since October but above its long-run average of -13. Quarterly inflation expectations - a key concern for the BoE as it judges how long high inflation will last - dropped sharply to +48 from April's record high of +71. A wider CBI measure of manufacturers' optimism improved from a two-year low touched in April but remained below average at -21. BoE policymakers have been gloomy about Britain's medium- to long-term ability to meet economic demand, in part because of low investment by international standards. Without higher investment and productivity, higher interest rates may be needed to keep inflation in check, even with limited growth. (Reuters)
- **Germany on cusp of recession, says Ifo, as business sentiment sinks** – German business morale fell more than expected in July, the Ifo business sentiment survey showed on Monday, as the institute that compiles it said high energy prices and looming gas shortages had left Europe's largest economy on the cusp of recession. The Ifo institute's closely watched business climate index dropped to 88.6, its lowest in more than two years and below the 90.2 forecast in a Reuters poll of analysts. June's reading was marginally revised down to 92.2. Germany's gas network regulator said on Friday that, if gas through the pipeline continued to be pumped at only 40%, the country would need to take "additional measures" to reach the 90% of storage capacity set as a target to avert winter rationing. S&P Global's flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PM) for German services and its index for manufacturing both fell to 49.2 in July, data showed on Friday, below analyst forecasts for them to hold above the 50 mark that separates growth from contraction. (Reuters)

- Japan slashes fiscal year GDP growth forecast to 2.0% on global demand slump** – Japan's government slashed its economic growth forecast for this fiscal year largely due to slowing overseas demand, highlighting the impact of Russia's war in Ukraine, China's strict COVID-19 lockdowns and a weakening global economy. The forecast, which serves as a basis for compiling the state budget and the government's fiscal policy, included much higher wholesale and consumer inflation estimates as surging energy and food costs and a weak Yen push up prices. The world's third-biggest economy is now expected to expand about 2.0% in price-adjusted real terms in the fiscal year ending in March 2023, according to the Cabinet Office's projections, presented at the Council on Economic and Fiscal Policy – the government's top economic panel. That marked a sharp downgrade from the government's previous forecast of 3.2% growth released in January. The cut largely stemmed from weaker exports, which the government expects to expand 2.5% compared to 5.5% in the previous assessment. It released its projections days after the Bank of Japan downgraded expectations for growth for this fiscal year to March 2023 to 2.4% from 2.9% three months ago, and underscored the central bank's stance to maintain massive stimulus even as several other economies have started to hike rates to curb inflation. For fiscal 2022 and fiscal 2023, the Cabinet Office forecast nominal economic growth of 2.1% and 2.2%, respectively. Higher nominal growth estimates point to government expectations for greater tax revenue. (Reuters)

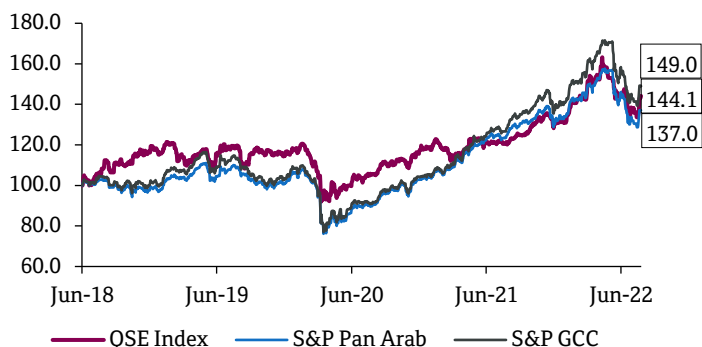
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- Saudi economy set to grow at 8.3% in 2022 on elevated oil prices** – Saudi Arabia's economy is set to grow at 8.3% this year, according to Egypt based investment bank Beltone Financial, revising its earlier estimate of 4.9%. The upward revision comes on the back of "higher oil production and further supported by a maintained positive trend in the non-oil sector, rebounding from the pandemic woes," the bank said in a new report. According to the Saudi General Authority for Statistics, 1Q22 already saw a 9.9% growth. "We note that non-oil GDP registered a growth of 4.9% in 2021, slightly higher than our estimated 4.4% growth. Total GDP expanded 3.2% in 2021, above our estimate of 2.1%, due to a flat performance of the oil sector vs our expectations of a 1.2% contraction," Beltone said. The report also highlighted the 20bn Saudi Riyals stimulus package, return of international pilgrimage, and higher employment among Saudis as key drivers to an upward revision of private spending growth. The brokerage expects headline inflation to be tamed at 2.5% this year, below global average. "We expect the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates by 200bps in 2H22e, with Saudi Arabia to mimic only 100bps on more favorable monetary conditions." (Zawya)
- Saudi crown prince says NEOM will raise capital amounting to 500bn Riyals** – Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman said the government will raise 500bn Riyals of capital in 2027 and tap the market for an additional 200-300 bn Riyals for the country's futuristic city project NEOM, state al-Ekhabriya TV reported early on Tuesday. The crown prince added in remarks to reporters that NEOM will rely on government support until 2030, then it will become self-sustaining. The crown prince also said that NEOM will add a trillion Riyals to the Saudi stock market's value. (Reuters)
- Saudi BinDawood's unit eyes majority stake in France's Ykone** – BinDawood Holding Company has entered into exclusive negotiations with TF1 group, a French leader in content production, publishing, and distribution, to acquire a majority stake in the latter's subsidiary Ykone. The potential transaction will be carried out through Future Retail for Information Technology Company (Future Tech Retail), a wholly-owned unit of BinDawood, according to a bourse disclosure on Sunday. Ykone is a marketing agency that offers tech services related to travel, beauty, fashion, and luxury brands. Meanwhile, it operates in Europe, Asia, the US, and the Middle East. The French company offers end-to-end solutions about strategy, talent management, content production, and monitoring to over 200 brands across the globe, including MENA. Last March, Future Tech Retail acquired a 62% equity in the International Applications Trading Company (IATC) for an initial purchase value of SAR107.50mn. (Zawya)
- Thimar shareholders ask for vote on dismissal of two non-exec board members** – Shareholders of Saudi Arabia's Thimar Development Holding Company have asked for a vote on the dismissal of two non-executive board members. The company said in a bourse filing that it had received a letter from a number of shareholders, who own more than 5% of the company's capital, requesting an ordinary general assembly to vote on dismissing non-executive board members Ibrahim Abdul Karim Al-Mayouf and Sari Ibrahim Al-Mayouf. The food and staples retailer announced last week that its accumulated losses had reached 55% of its SAR 100mn capital (\$26.67mn). (Zawya)
- Arabian Centers pens agreement to develop Al Khobar Mall** – Arabian Centers Company (ACC) has signed a lease and investment agreement at an annual lease amount of nearly SAR 51.50mn to build Jawharat Al Khobar Mall in Saudi Arabia. Located in the north of Al Khobar city in Al Kurnaihs district, the mixed-use development will span about 300,000 square meters. Meanwhile, the mall is expected to include between 130,000 square meters to 150,000 square meters of gross leasable area, according to a bourse filing. The deal holds a 30-year duration period that can be renewed upon both entities' approval. The listed firm noted that the value of the contract will stand at SAR969.77mn for the first binding 20 years. Arabian Centers plans to initiate development works of the mall during the coming six months (6M) at a budget ranging between SAR1bn and 1.30bn. The mall is set to open in the second half (H2) of 2025 or H1-26. It is estimated that the project would generate annual revenues between SAR290mn and SAR330mn once established. The agreement, which was signed and awarded on 20 July 2022, is expected to reflect positively on the listed firm's income statements starting from July 2022, which marks the beginning of the second quarter (Q2) of fiscal year (FY) 2022/2023. Meanwhile, the company will disburse cash dividends worth SAR356.25mn for 475mn eligible shares for H2 of FY21/22. (Zawya)
- UAE plans \$23bn of infrastructure investment** – Boasting some of the world's tallest buildings and innovative cityscapes, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is at the forefront of creating modern skylines of the future. Extravagant landmarks and innovative high-rises have become an attraction for tourists and cities, such as Abu Dhabi and Dubai, continue to see over 16mn visitors annually. The United Arab Emirates Construction Market Report 2022-2025 has forecasted that the UAE construction industry is set to expand by 4.2% in real terms this year, as the country continues a strong recovery following a difficult two years during the Covid-19 pandemic. It is expected that the construction industry will register an annual growth rate of 3.7% during 2023-2026, but a rise in cases of Covid-19 would negatively impact this. According to Global Data, the market was valued at \$85.6bn in 2021. The report further suggests that the commercial construction sector is expected to expand in real terms in 2022 – this will be supported by the continued recovery in the tourism and hospitality sector. (Bloomberg)
- UAE: Fuel reimbursement costs up 38% for companies amid rising petrol prices** – With petrol prices in the UAE having jumped nearly 75% in July this year as compared to January, companies in the country have reported a 38% increase in fuel reimbursement expenses. New data from Bayzat, an employee benefits platform, shows that on average, the amount spent monthly by UAE companies on fuel reimbursements for their staff has increased by over a third between January and June. The company also found that fuel is among the most requested reimbursements for UAE employees. The average amount per reimbursement has increased by 18%. The UAE has increased fuel prices by half a dirham per liter for two months in a row in June and July, reaching Dh4.63 per liter for Super 98 as global crude oil prices consistently stay above \$100 per barrel. The Bayzat study found that there has also been a significant spike in requests for travel reimbursements. On average, the amount spent per month by UAE companies on reimbursing travel expenses grew over five-fold over the first six months of 2022. The data revealed that the average amount spent per travel reimbursement in June was 144% higher than in January this year. (Zawya)
- UAE jobs up by 10%** – The UAE saw a 10% increase in job creation in the second quarter of 2022 as compared to the first quarter, according to Cooper Fitch's latest report. It also saw the biggest jump in job creation among Gulf countries, followed by Bahrain at 9%, Oman at 6%, Qatar at 4% and Saudi at 3%. Kuwait's job market contracted by 2% in Q2 this year. The country's latest initiatives to attract top talent through different

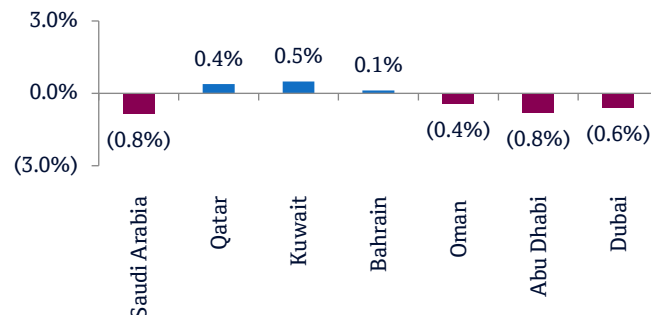
reforms such as Golden Visas have been paying off very well, as high net worth individuals and freelance professionals flock to the country for better returns on investments as well as safety against the pandemic. (Zawya)

- Bahrain joins Industrial Partnership for Sustainable Economic Development in Cairo** – The second Higher Committee meeting of the Industrial Partnership for Sustainable Economic Development kicked off in Cairo in the presence of Dr. Nevin Jameh, Egypt Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology, and Yousef Al Shamali, Jordanian Minister of Industry, Trade and Supply. At the meeting, the Higher Committee announced and welcomed the Kingdom of Bahrain as a new member of the Partnership represented by Zayed bin Rashid Alzayani, Minister of Industry and Commerce of Bahrain. Bahrain, a major producer of raw aluminum and iron ore, will increase the partnership's total industrial manufacturing value add from \$106.26bn to \$112.5bn. Bahrain boasts a strong industrial sector with more than 9,500 companies and 55,000 employees and \$4.3bn in industrial Foreign Direct investments. The Partnership aims to establish large joint industrial projects, create job opportunities, contribute to increasing economic output, diversify the economies of the partner countries, support industrial production and increase exports. (Zawya)
- Bahrain's Al Barih Phase 4 work completed** – Diyar Al Muharraq has announced the completion of all infrastructure work on the Al Barih freehold residential project. Work on Phase 4 commenced in November 2021 and completed in May 2022, in accordance with the set schedule. Phase 4 infrastructure works on Al Barih plots included connecting electricity, water and telecommunications systems, installing irrigation systems, drainage and sewage systems, as well as road paving and lighting. The leading consultant on the project, AECOM, oversaw the project planning and supervised it alongside Jahecon. Diyar Al Muharraq chief executive Ahmed Al Ammadi said, "We are pleased to announce the successful and timely completion of the fourth and final phase of Al Barih. We have finalized all infrastructure works while maintaining the highest standards. Al Barih is located in the Northwest of Diyar Al Muharraq overlooking views of the Gulf and the city's main canal. (Zawya)
- Tourism sector growth 'key to support Bahrain's economy'** – Developing the tourism sector is essential for supporting Bahrain's economy, and a major national priority for translating His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa's directives into the ground, said a top official. Fawzia bint Abdulla Zainal, Speaker of the Council of Representatives, commended the role played by the Ministry of Tourism in reviving the tourism sector, exploiting the kingdom's rich cultural components and adapting them to attract tourists and tourism investments, reported Bahrain News Agency (BNA). She also highlighted the ministry's efforts to achieve the goals that serve the country and citizens in accordance with the plans and strategies implemented by the government, led by His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister. She made the statements while receiving the Minister of Tourism, Fatima bint Jaffar Al-Sairafi yesterday (July 24), whom she congratulated on the precious royal trust bestowed upon her by appointing her to her post, wishing her every success in carrying out the tasks entrusted to her. The two sides reviewed future plans to boost the tourism sector in the kingdom, and discussed the projects currently implemented by the Tourism Ministry. (Zawya)
- Oman announces over 301,000 hours of part-time jobs** – Oman's Ministry of Labor has announced the availability of 301,172 hours of part-time jobs as part of an initiative codenamed "A Million Hours of Employment" in government units. The opportunities are open for job aspirants with different qualifications: 175 for holders of Bachelor's degree, 43 for holders of post General Education Diploma (GED), 35 for GED holders and 44 for any literate contestants, reported Oman News Agency (ONA). The Ministry will allow a period of two weeks for the competitors to register for the announced jobs. (Zawya)
- Agility to increase credit facilities to \$3.2bn** – Kuwait-based Agility Public Warehousing Company, the largest logistics firm in the Middle East, is refinancing and increasing its credit facilities with lenders from \$1.4bn up

to \$3.2bn. The purpose of more than doubling the facilities with existing and new local, regional and international banks is to finance growth plans, including the acquisition of UK-based rival John Menzies, the logistics giant said in a bourse filing on the Dubai Financial Market (DFM). As part of the refinance and increase, the company said it has just closed a new facility of \$700mn and expects to close further facilities in the coming weeks. The facilities are set to mature in three, five and six years. The company had posted a 1% Y-o-Y increase in net profit to KD12.8mn (\$41.7mn) for the first quarter of 2022. In March this year, the company reached an agreement with John Menzies to acquire the airport handler for around \$750mn. The deal is expected to close next month. (Zawya)

Rebased Performance


Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance


Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,719.78	(0.5)	(0.5)	(6.0)
Silver/Ounce	18.44	(0.9)	(0.9)	(20.9)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	105.15	1.9	1.9	35.2
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	96.70	2.1	2.1	28.6
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	8.52	5.2	5.2	132.8
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	113.50	1.0	1.0	1.1
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	112.75	1.7	1.7	(19.0)
Euro	1.02	0.1	0.1	(10.1)
Yen	136.69	0.4	0.4	18.8
GBP	1.20	0.4	0.4	(11.0)
CHF	1.04	(0.1)	(0.1)	(5.4)
AUD	0.70	0.4	0.4	(4.2)
USD Index	106.48	(0.2)	(0.2)	11.3
RUB	118.69	0.0	0.0	58.9
BRL	0.19	2.6	2.6	4.0

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,651.22	0.0	0.0	(18.0)
DJ Industrial	31,990.04	0.3	0.3	(12.0)
S&P 500	3,966.84	0.1	0.1	(16.8)
NASDAQ 100	11,782.67	(0.4)	(0.4)	(24.7)
STOXX 600	426.25	0.0	0.0	(21.6)
DAX	13,210.32	(0.4)	(0.4)	(24.9)
FTSE 100	7,306.30	0.7	0.7	(11.9)
CAC 40	6,237.55	0.2	0.2	(21.7)
Nikkei	27,699.25	(1.3)	(1.3)	(18.9)
MSCI EM	987.08	(0.3)	(0.3)	(19.9)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,250.39	(0.6)	(0.6)	(15.9)
HANG SENG	20,562.94	(0.2)	(0.2)	(12.7)
BSE SENSEX	55,766.22	(0.5)	(0.5)	(10.6)
Bovespa	100,269.85	2.5	2.5	(1.5)
RTS	1,155.45	(0.5)	(0.5)	(27.6)

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns)

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