

### **QSE Intra-Day Movement**



### **Qatar Commentary**

The QE Index rose 0.2% to close at 14,018.4. Gains were led by the Real Estate and Transportation indices, gaining 3.9% and 2.9%, respectively. Top gainers were Mannai Corporation and Qatar First Bank, rising 9.9% and 7.0%, respectively. Among the top losers, QLM Life & Medical Insurance Co. fell 3.4%, while The Commercial Bank was down 2.5%.

### **GCC Commentary**

*Saudi Arabia:* The TASI Index fell 0.2% to close at 12,621.7. Losses were led by the Media & Entertainment and Insurance indices, falling 7.3% and 1.5%, respectively. Saudi Research and Media Group fell 8.2%, while Malath Cooperative Insurance Co. was down 6.6%.

*Dubai:* The DFM Index fell 0.4% to close at 3,419.7. The Banks index declined 0.9%, while the Investment & Financial Services index fell 0.7%. Dar Al Takaful declined 3.5%, while Dubai Islamic Insurance and Reinsurance Co. was down 3.1%.

*Abu Dhabi:* The ADX General Index fell 0.2% to close at 10,110.5. The Utilities index declined 1.6%, while Telecommunication index was down 1.1%. Hayah Insurance Co. declined 10.0%, while Abu Dhabi National Co. for Building Materials was down.

*Kuwait:* The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.2% to close at 7,685.4. The Health Care index rose 2.7%, while the Consumer discretionary index gained 1.0%. Jiyad Holding Co. rose 12.1%, while Sultan Center Food Products Co. was up 9.7%.

*Oman:* The MSM 30 Index fell 0.9% to close at 4,606.8. Losses were led by the Financial and Services indices, falling 1.0% and 0.2%, respectively. Dhofar Cattle Feed Company declined 9.4%, while Muscat Thread Mills Company was down 5.8%. *Bahrain:* The BHB Index fell marginally to close at 1,900.2. Nass Corporations gained 9.4%, while National Bank of Bahrain was up 0.3%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Mannai Corporation	13.51	9.9	1,674.8	184.5
Qatar First Bank	1.46	7.0	37,083.6	(7.0)
Ezdan Holding Group	1.41	6.8	68,105.1	5.1
Qatar Navigation	11.98	6.5	3,384.4	56.8
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	2.02	5.3	10.3	1.0

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	1.41	6.8	68,105.1	5.1
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	1.93	(1.5)	40,323.0	6.9
Qatar First Bank	1.46	7.0	37,083.6	(7.0)
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.92	2.9	29,096.1	0.0
Estithmar Holding	2.35	(0.0)	28,682.0	91.3

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Market Indicators	18 Aug 22	17 Aug 22	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	1,342.1	931.7	44.0
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	781,054.3	777,862.8	0.4
Volume (mn)	380.5	355.9	7.0
Number of Transactions	22,403	20,777	7.8
Companies Traded	46	45	2.2
Market Breadth	27:18	30:10	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	28,714.30	0.2	2.0	24.8	16.2
All Share Index	4,454.59	0.2	2.1	20.5	165.7
Banks	6,005.10	(0.5)	2.0	21.0	18.3
Industrials	4,944.10	0.2	1.3	22.9	13.3
Transportation	4,923.55	2.9	2.6	38.4	15.8
Real Estate	1,999.23	3.9	4.2	14.9	21.2
Insurance	2,658.42	0.5	1.8	(2.5)	16.6
Telecoms	1,335.15	0.5	3.2	26.2	13.9
Consumer	8,938.45	1.2	3.2	8.8	25.0
Al Rayan Islamic Index	5,807.42	1.2	2.7	23.1	13.2

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	Qatar	1.41	6.8	68,105.1	5.1
Barwa Real Estate Co.	Qatar	3.80	4.5	17,529.6	24.2
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate	Saudi Arabia	14.70	2.8	24,924.8	46.1
Al Rajhi Bank	Saudi Arabia	90.90	1.7	8,491.3	2.6
Human Soft Holding Co.	Kuwait	3.47	1.4	179.6	7.6

Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Oman	0.89	(2.6)	480.1	18.6
Saudi Arabia	42.45	(2.5)	787.5	28.6
Oman	0.11	(1.8)	1,660.0	(6.9)
Saudi Arabia	234.80	(1.8)	46.9	35.1
Saudi Arabia	72.80	(1.6)	83.4	(3.4)
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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%
QLM Life & Medical Insurance Co.	5.41	(3.4)	9.2	7.1
The Commercial Bank	7.80	(2.5)	6,986.1	15.5
Ahli Bank	4.00	(2.4)	202.9	9.7
Baladna	1.67	(1.6)	17,632.4	15.8
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	1.93	(1.5)	40,323.0	6.9

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	22.60	(0.5)	368,222.3	11.9
Industries Qatar	18.00	(0.2)	123,039.2	16.2
Ezdan Holding Group	1.41	6.8	95,497.1	5.1
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	1.93	(1.5)	77,710.8	6.9
Estithmar Holding	2.35	(0.0)	67,636.0	91.3

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	14,018.43	0.2	2.0	4.8	20.6	366.07	212,134.3	16.2	2.0	3.1
Dubai#	3,419.72	(0.4)	(0.4)	2.4	7.0	34.68	155,087.9	10.5	1.2	2.6
Abu Dhabi <sup>#</sup>	10,110.45	(0.2)	(0.1)	4.3	18.8	290.81	578,495.1	20.2	2.9	1.9
Saudi Arabia	12,621.73	(0.2)	0.7	3.5	11.9	1,967.75	3,177,686.8	20.8	2.6	2.4
Kuwait	7,685.43	0.2	(0.2)	(0.4)	9.1	194.02	148,253.7	17.5	1.7	2.8
Oman	4,606.78	(0.9)	(0.3)	1.6	11.6	6.50	21,415.0	13.2	0.9	4.5
Bahrain	1,900.16	(0.0)	0.0	(0.4)	5.6	2.80	30,478.7	6.5	0.9	5.6

Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (\*\* TTM; \* Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any, # Data as of August 19, 2022)



# **Daily Market Report**

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#### Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.2% to close at 14,018.4. The Real Estate and Transportation indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC and foreign shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari and Arab shareholders.
- Mannai Corporation and Qatar First Bank were the top gainers, rising 9.9% and 7.0%, respectively. Among the top losers, QLM Life & Medical Insurance Co. fell 3.4%, while The Commercial Bank was down 2.5%.
- Volume of shares traded on Thursday rose by 7.0% to 380.5mn from 355.8mn on Wednesday. Further, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 203.5mn, volume for the day was 87.0% higher. Ezdan Holding Group and Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. were the most active stocks, contributing 17.9% and 10.6% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	29.93%	35.63%	(76,566,925.4)
Qatari Institutions	18.34%	13.16%	69,479,595.0
Qatari	48.27%	48.80%	(7,087,330.4)
GCC Individuals	0.28%	0.47%	(2,579,716.6)
GCC Institutions	2.09%	1.40%	9,219,527.3
GCC	2.37%	1.87%	6,639,810.7
Arab Individuals	8.28%	9.39%	(14,913,948.1)
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.54%	(7,177,314.1)
Arab	8.28%	9.92%	(22,091,262.2)
Foreigners Individuals	2.17%	1.72%	6,034,245.5
Foreigners Institutions	38.93%	37.70%	16,504,536.4
Foreigners	41.09%	39.41%	22,538,781.9

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
Methanol Chemicals Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	325.81	42.7%	102.60	43.8%	92.16	53.2%
Sadr Logistics Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	16.48	2.5%	-0.69	N/A	-1.00	N/A
Umm Al-Qura Cement Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	59.48	-6.9%	13.51	-44.7%	8.33	-54.7%
Dur Hospitality Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	124.78	9.9%	8.73	121.5%	-4.58	N/A
Middle East Specialized Cables Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	198.20	59.7%	-8.20	N/A	-11.80	N/A
Taiba Investments Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	81.17	152.5%	36.59	N/A	34.49	N/A
Abdullah Al Othaim Markets Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	2,254.52	3.8%	57.38	2.4%	46.63	-2.7%

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
08-18	US	Department of Labor	Initial Jobless Claims	13-Aug	250k	264k	252k
08-18	US	National Assoc. of Realtors	Existing Home Sales	Jul	4.81m	4.86m	5.11m
08-18	US	National Assoc. of Realtors	Existing Home Sales MoM	Jul	-5.90%	-5.10%	-5.50%
08-18	US	Conference Board	Leading Index	Jul	-0.40%	-0.50%	-0.70%
08-19	UK	UK Office for National Statistics	Public Sector Net Borrowing	Jul	4.2b	N/A	20.1b
08-19	Germany	German Federal Statistical Office	PPI MoM	Jul	5.30%	0.70%	0.60%
08-19	Germany	German Federal Statistical Office	ΡΡΙ ΥοΥ	Jul	37.20%	31.80%	32.70%

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

#### Qatar

Doha Insurance Group and Gulf International Services intend to start initial negotiations on a potential merger in the insurance sector - Gulf International Services and Doha Insurance Group announced, in a joint press release issued today, that they intend to engage in initial negotiations on a potential all-share merger of Al Koot Insurance and Reinsurance Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of GISS, with Doha Insurance Group. The potential merger, as a joint strategic priority, would create one of the largest local insurance companies with highly competitive potential and financial strength, that could provide worldclass insurance services in various segments in line with Qatar National Vision 2030. The potential merger would form a local champion with increased competitive advantages and provide better avenues to fulfil and enhance the potentials of growth and expansion both domestically and internationally. Potential merger will allow capturing major commercial & operational synergies of service-oriented platform and human resources, financial, marketing and management expertise capabilities of both companies, in turn would lead to value creation for all the stakeholders, including respective shareholders of each company. Qatar Central Bank have provided in-principle no-objection to both the companies subject to compliance with all provisions as set out in Articles

162 and 163 of Law No. 13 of 2012 on the Issuance of the Qatar Central Bank Law and Regulation of Financial Institutions. Potential merger decision and its structure are subject to the outcome of the relevant due diligence exercises to be conducted by each party, detailed joint valuation exercise, with the respective shareholder's and all relevant regulatory approvals, along with other customary closing conditions. Further details about the merger will be announced in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations. (QSE)

• Semi-Annual Review of FTSE Russell Indices September 2022 - Qatar Stock Exchange would like to announce that the results of FTSE Russell Global Equity Index Series Semi-Annual Review, published on August 19th 2022, will be effective on 15th September 2022 after the close for the Qatari market. The details of the semi-annual review are as follows: Additions and deletions:

1. Qatar Navigation: Addition to FTSE Russell Large Cap Indices Reclassifications:

- 2. Ooredoo: Reclassified from FTSE Russell Large Cap Segment to Mid Cap Segment
- 3. The review result will be effective on closing of business of 15th September 2022 (QSE, FTSE Russell)



- Report: Rise in rents temporary, expected to subside in 2023 The rental increases witnessed at present in the country is expected to subside in 2023, according to Cityscape Intelligence Report 2022. The increase in rents ahead of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 is likely to be 'temporary' due to the demand said the report 'Real estate trends in Qatar: Freehold Zones, work from home solutions, FIFA World Cup to dominate in 2022.'It said that the commercial market has also seen an increase in activity, particularly in Lusail, however rental levels are still impacted by a general oversupply in the market. "The residential real estate market has seen a surge in activity in 2022, which can be explained by the additional demand being generated by the World Cup. We are seeing evidence of rental increases in Qatar for the first time since 2015; however, this increase is likely to be temporary as demand is expected to subside in 2023," the report said quoting an official at Cushman & Wakefield. The report discussed about Qatar's real estate market over the next year and what impact the FIFA World Cup will have on the property sector. The report also said that it is expected to see further upward pressure in apartment rents as availability become scarcer ahead of Qatar 2022. It said that landlords are increasingly likely to demand 2-year contracts to capitalize on the rental inflation and lessen the impact of reduced demand in 2023. It emphasized that Qatar's real estate market has been dominated in recent years by the upcoming FIFA World Cup, with an unprecedented volume of apartments, hotels, villas, retail malls and office buildings developed between 2010 and 2022. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Arab Monetary Fund forecasts 4.4% GDP growth for Qatar in 2022 The Arab Monetary Fund expected the Qatari economy to grow by 4.4% this year and 3.6% in 2023, supported by the boom in activities related to the countrys hosting of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, and the growth of non-hydrocarbon activities, in addition to its vital role in the global gas market, which enhances prospects for Growth of the local economy. The fund said in a report released today that it expect inflation in Qatar will record about 4.3% during the current year, and that it will decline to 3.5% during the next year, as it expected that the Gulf Cooperation Council countries will achieve Arabia, a relatively high growth rate this year, at about 6.3%, compared to 3.1% last year, due to a sum of factors supporting growth in both the oil and non-oil sectors, and the positive impact of the applied economic reforms, in addition to continuing to adopt stimulus packages supportive of recovery from the Corona (COVID-19) pandemic, it is likely that the growth rate of the groups countries will decline to 3.7% in 2023. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Qatar's oil and gas revenues rise 67% in H1 The revenues of the oil and gas sector in the State of Qatar increased 67% in the first half of 2021, official numbers showed yesterday. Data released from the Ministry of Finance showed that oil and gas revenues increased to QR117.6bn, compared to QR70.4bn in the first half of 2021. The figure helped the country reach a budget surplus of QR47.3bn, compared to QR4bn in the first half of last year. A total of QR33.7bn of the surplus was recorded in the second quarter. Total revenues achieved, during the first half of this year, reached a level of QR150.7bn, with QR85.7bn coming in the second quarter, and QR65bn in the first. There was a total of QR33.1bn of non-oil revenues, with QR27.5bn coming in the second quarter of the year and QR5.6bn in the first. Total expenditures amounted to QR103.4bn during the first half of 2022, distributed over QR52bn during the second quarter and QR51.4bn during the first quarter, of which QR32.9bn were salaries and wages. Spending on main projects came in at QR35.1bn in the first half. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Widam Food Company signs an agreement Widam Food Company, the main supplier of meat and livestock in the country, announced About signing an agreement with Frigo Trading Company based in Cairo, for the supply of beef meat. The agreement was signed by Mr. AlNoubay Salem Al-Marri, Chief Executive Officer of Widam and Mr. Mustafa Hussein Abdel Fattah, Chief Executive Officer of FRIGO Trading Company, in the presence of Engineer Mohammed Al-Sadah, Chairman, Widam Food Company, on Thursday, August 18, in Doha. The agreement stipulates that Widam will supply frozen beef worth QR100mn, in cooperation with FRIGO Trading Company. It is worth mentioning that Widam Company supplied two shipments of meat to the Arab Republic of Egypt in the months of March and July. This agreement is in line with Widam's strategy, which aims to expand international business. Since the

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beginning of the year, it has started supplying meat to a number of Arab countries, such as the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the Republic of Iraq and the Sultanate of Oman, in addition to the Kingdom of Jordan. It is worth mentioning that Frigo Trading Company was established in 1994 and is considered one of the largest companies working in the field of meat import in the Arab Republic of Egypt. (QSE)

- FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 ticket sales reach 2.45mn With less than 100 days to go until the start of the greatest show on Earth, a total of 2.45mn tickets have now been sold. The first FIFA World Cup to be held in the Middle East and Arab world will kick off on November 20, bringing fans from the region and across the world together in a compact and modern setting, with Qatar, the USA, England, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, the UAE, France, Argentina, Brazil and Germany leading the ranking of ticket sales by country of residence. In the last sales period alone, which ran from July 5 to August 16 when fans were able to buy tickets on a first-come, firstserved basis via FIFA.com/tickets, a total of 520,532 tickets were sold. The biggest number of allocated tickets were for group-stage matches such as Cameroon v Brazil, Brazil v Serbia, Portugal v Uruguay, Costa Rica v Germany, and Australia v. Denmark. Fans living in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the USA, Mexico, the UAE, England, Argentina, Brazil, Wales and Australia led the way - and the digital queues - by securing the biggest number of tickets. (Peninsula Qatar)
- Real estate deals exceed QR265mn last week The volume of real estate trading in sales contracts registered with the Department of Real Estate Registration at the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) during the period from August 7 to 11 amounted to QR265,067,325. The weekly bulletin issued by the department stated that the list of real estate traded for sale included vacant lands, houses, a multi-use vacant land and residential complex. Sales operations were concentrated in the municipalities of Al Rayyan, Doha, Al Daayen, Umm Salal, Al Khor, Al Dhakira, Al Wakra and Al Shamal. (Peninsula Qatar)
- GAC sets up dedicated unit for shipments approval Enhancing customs services in preparation for the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, the General Authority of Customs (GAC) has set up a dedicated unit for government agency procedures under its Sport Events Management System to facilitate taking approvals for shipments. "The Sports Events Management System will help facilitate the entry and exit of goods to and from all custom check posts of Qatar during the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022," GAC said in a tweet. This is part of a massive plan by the authority to upgrade its electronic system and facilities to facilitate the growing number of tourists and trade expected during the World Cup. GAC had earlier announced the launch of a special program to simplify custom procedures for major sports events in the country, notably the forthcoming World Cup. The program aims at simplifying customs procedures through a single-window system for those seeking services from Oatar and abroad, in coordination with the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy (SC) and the Organizing Committee for FIFA World Cup Oatar 2022. (Peninsula Oatar)
- S Korean envoy: Qatar has done exceptional job as World Cup host South Korean Ambassador to Qatar, HE Lee Joon-Ho, said the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 will be an 'unforgettable' experience. At a press conference on Wednesday, the envoy said the country had done an exceptional and impressive job in organizing the first ever World Cup in the region. Ambassador Lee also commended the different aspects of the hosting of the tournament, from logistics to accommodation and environmental protection. "It has dealt very well with all the aspects of the tournament such as public transportation, world-class stadiums, accommodations and even environment protection as the first carbon-neutral World Cup." He said Korean companies have also contributed to Qatar's preparation for the World Cup through infrastructure projects including highways, Doha Metro, Al Thumama Stadium, and the iconic Lusail Plaza Tower. "Qatar already showcased to the world its ability to hold major international football events successfully even amid COVID-19 such as the AFC Champions League and FIFA Club World Cup," the envoy said. (Peninsula Qatar)
- '1,000 Opportunities' initiative a big hit among investors, draws 346 applicants – The '1,000 Opportunities' initiative of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has been widely welcomed by investors, *qnbfs.com*



as 346 applicants have applied for it in a short span of time. This service give local investors opportunities to invest in major foreign and local companies operating in Qatar, the MoCI said in a tweet. Some of the companies part of initiative include Match Hospitality, McDonald's, CCC Contracting, Lulu Hypermarket, Americana, Alshaya Group, Power International and General Electric. The '1,000 Opportunities' opens new horizons for the private sector and enhances partnership between the public and private sector in Qatar, a senior official recently said. (Peninsula Qatar)

- Ooredoo explores AR technology for FIFA WC 2022 during visit to tech & innovation partner Snap Inc - Ooredoo, Qatar's leading provider of ICT and Official Middle East & Africa Telecommunications Operator of FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, sent a C-suite delegation to California in the US recently to meet with technology and innovation partner Snap Inc., the renowned camera company behind Snapchat. Ooredoo's Deputy Group Chief Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer of Ooredoo Qatar Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulla Al Thani, and Chief Commercial Officer Sheikh Nasser bin HamadbBin Nasser Al Thani led the delegation, aimed at fostering close ties with Snapchat and exploring the exciting technologies that the ICT leader will be making use of at FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. Jeremi Gorman, chief business officer, and Ben Schwerin, senior vice president Content and Partnerships, headed the representation at Snap Inc. With the world waiting to see just what Qatar can do at FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, a primary focus for the visit was exploration of the exciting technology Ooredoo will be using during the upcoming tournament. Fans at the football extravaganza will experience three key new Augmented Reality (AR) experiences using Snapchat latest capabilities. An augmented reality billboard will bring the Ooredoo Tower mural to life and celebrate the World Cup coming to Qatar; a series of fan lenses, representing the 32 countries taking part to the competition and enabling fans to cheer for their favorite team with unique AR effects; and a Juggling Challenge the first-ever augmented reality keep-up game designed for fan zones and beyond. All these AR experiences will be made available via the Snapchat app to millions of football fans and will be powered by Ooredoo's speedy and robust 5G network in Qatar. (Qatar Tribune)
- Development project to give Doha a new look The Doha Central Development and Beautification project is imparting a new look to Qatar's capital city. The latest video by the Public Works Authority (Ashghal) explains that the project will link the outskirts of the city to the heart of Doha in multiple ways while opening tunnels, revamped roads, pedestrian ways and bicycle paths. Granite pavements across 30km and pedestrian, bicycle and running tracks spanning over 35km are among the highlights. Granite slabs are meant to go along with the heritage ambience of Doha, while increasing the lifespan of roads and reducing the speed of vehicles and increasing the safety of pedestrians. Engineer Mubarak al-Nuaimi, engineering consultant at the Urban Planning Department at the Ministry of Municipality, said that the project includes the development of the BRing, D-Ring, and E-Ring roads in central Doha with links that connect to the city outskirts through Al Rayyan Road, Salwa Road and Rawdat Street, Old Airport and Ras Abu Aboud. Ashghal has expanded the sidewalks on both sides of the road in several parts of the project area, to encourage pedestrians and cyclists while providing special parking for bicycles and parking for buses and public transport with the aim of diversifying the means of transport. (Gulf Times)
- Al Meera partners with Zippin to open first checkout-free stores in Qatar – Al Meera Consumer Goods Company has announced a partnership with Zippin, a leading provider of checkout-free technology, to advance its expansion strategy to meet customers' demands and provide unique services to all members of the community through innovative technology. Al Meera will soon open fully autonomous stores in strategic locations to provide visitors with snacks, beverages, grab-and-go meals, and other essential items in a seamless and cashier-less process. Commenting on this new offering in the market, Al Meera said: "We are excited to introduce these new checkout-free stores to make shopping more convenient and fun for our customers. This step is part of our expansion plans to ensure that our services are always within the reach of all consumers. In addition, it is in line with the country's strategy to achieve digital transformation, using modern technology solutions to promote

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cashless payment solutions and facilitate economic growth in accordance with Qatar National Vision 2030. These stores will enable our customers to quickly grab their drinks and snacks and complete their transactions seamlessly. We continuously strive to keep pace with the growing demands of customers in a digital-dominated era. (Peninsula Qatar)

- Pakistan PM To Visit Qatar on 23rd, May Seek 15-Year LNG Deal In another development, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif will undertake an official visit to Qatar on August 23-24 at the invitation of the Emir of the State of Qatar Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani. Official sources said PM Shehbaz Sharif would call on Sheikh Tamim followed by a banquet in the honor of the prime minister. During the meeting at the Royal Palace, the leadership of both countries would discuss bilateral ties and cooperation in various fields and situation in the Middle East. Both countries are expected to sign a number of MOUs and agreements to enhance bilateral cooperation in diverse fields. During the visit and talks with Qatari leadership Pakistan may seek a 15-year LNG contract with Qatar on a (government to government) basis — two cargoes in a month with a reopening price clause after 11 years. (Bloomberg)
- Geneva Motor Show Canceled for February, Second Show in Qatar Still On

   The Comité permanent du Salon international de l'automobile de Genève foundation has announced that the 2023 Geneva Motor Show will exclusively happen in Doha, Qatar. That means that the event that's supposed to happen in Geneva in February 2023 has been canceled. "Due to the uncertainties in the global economy and geopolitics, as well as the risks related to the development of the pandemic, the organizers have decided to focus exclusively on the planning of the event in Doha in 2023," said Maurice Turettini, President of the foundation. (Bloomberg)

### International

- US labor market resilient despite rate hikes; housing market wilting The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits fell last week and the prior period's data was revised sharply lower, suggesting labor market conditions remain tight despite a slowdown in momentum due to higher interest rates. The weekly unemployment claims report from the Labor Department on Thursday combined with strong industrial production in July and underlying retail sales growth to allay fears that the economy was in recession. The claims report, the most timely data on the economy's health, could give the Federal Reserve more ammunition to deliver another hefty rate hike next month. Initial claims for state unemployment benefits slipped 2,000 to a seasonally adjusted 250,000 for the week ended Aug. 13. Data for the prior week was revised to show 10,000 fewer claims filed than previously reported. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast 265,000 applications for the latest week. The median existing house price increased 10.8% from a year earlier to \$403,800 in July. While that was the smallest gain in two years, prices typically retreat in July after surging in June. With fewer homes being built, prices could remain high even as demand softens, presenting a challenge for the Fed. (Reuters)
- GfK: UK consumer sentiment hits record low as inflation soars British households are feeling "a sense of exasperation" about the surging cost of living which has pushed consumer sentiment to its lowest since at least 1974, according to the country's longest-running survey of household finances. The GfK consumer sentiment index sank to a record-low -44 in August from July's reading of -41, which was already the lowest since the survey began. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast a drop to -42. Households' assessment of their personal finances and the general economic situation declined, both looking back at the past 12 months and for the year ahead. Food prices have risen at their fastest rate since 2008, while regulated household energy bills have doubled. Industry analysts say they look set to double again to more than 4,000 Pounds (\$4,816.80) a year by January. Transport, tourism and recreation recorded the biggest falls in activity reflecting the impact of rail strikes and reduced consumer spending, Lloyds said. (Reuters)
- Analysis: UK slips towards recession, heaping pressure on next PM to help

   Britain's slide towards a recession has gathered momentum after data this week showed inflation jumping above 10%, wages lagging far behind price growth and consumer confidence sinking to a record low. The deteriorating picture for the world's fifth-biggest economy comes after



the Bank of England warned this month of a 15-month contraction from the end of this year, worse than the outlook for other big European economies and the United States. The scale of the hit to households from their energy bills will become clearer next Friday when regulators announce the latest leap in the cap on electricity and gas tariffs, which have surged since Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Andrew Goodwin, chief UK economist at Oxford Economics, said that provided support measures are temporary they would not hurt Britain's long-term fiscal outlook. "There's plenty of room for the next prime minister to offer that support and ultimately if they don't, that's a political choice," Goodwin said. "It's not something that's forced on them by the public finances." (Reuters)

- Eurozone July inflation confirmed at 8.9% y/y, core measure sharply up -Eurozone inflation reached a new record high of 8.9% year-on-year in July, the EU's statistics office confirmed on Thursday, with the core measure, excluding the most volatile components and key for monetary policy, also sharply up. The European Union's statistics office Eurostat said consumer prices in the 19 countries using the euro rose 0.1% month-on-month in July for a 8.9% year-on-year increase, the highest since the euro was created in 1999. Eurostat said that of the total, 4.02 percentage points came from more expensive energy -- the costs of which surged because of Russia's invasion of Ukraine -- and 2.08 percentage points from more expensive food alcohol and tobacco. But even when these most volatile components are excluded, in what the European Central Bank calls core inflation and watches closely in interest rate decisions, prices still were 5.1% year-on-year higher in July. The ECB's headline inflation target is 2.0% Last month, the bank started a tightening cycle after years of ultraloose monetary policy, but still the prices of services, which create more than two thirds of the Eurozone's GDP, rose 3.7% year-on-year in July, adding 1.6 percentage point to the final outcome. Industrial goods were 4.5% more expensive than 12 months earlier, adding 1.16 percentage point to the final headline figure. (Reuters)
- China set to lower lending benchmarks to revive wobbly economy China is widely expected to lower its benchmark lending rates on Monday, a Reuters survey showed, with a vast majority of participants predicting a deeper cut to the mortgage reference to lift the ailing property sector and the overall economy. The loan prime rate (LPR), which banks normally charge their best clients, is set by 18 designated commercial banks who submit proposed rates to the People's Bank of China (PBOC). Twenty-five out of 30 respondents in the Reuters snap poll predicted a 10-basis-point reduction to the one-year LPR . All 30 participants expected a cut to the five-year tenor, with 27, or 90% of them, forecasting a reduction larger than 10 bps. Among them, 15 traders and analysts predicted a 15 bps cut, 10 forecast a 20 bps cut, and the remaining two tipped a 25 bps reduction. Most new and outstanding loans in China are based on the one-year LPR, which now stands at 3.70%, after a reduction in January. The five-year rate, which was last lowered in May, influences the pricing of home mortgages and is now at 4.45%. (Reuters)
- Govt: Japan July core CPI up 2.4% year/year Japan's core consumer prices rose 2.4% in July from a year earlier, government data showed on Friday, topping the central bank's 2% price stability goal for the fourth straight month. The core consumer price index, which includes oil products but excludes fresh food prices, matched the median estimate in a Reuters poll. Stripping away the effect of fresh food and energy, consumer prices rose 1.2% in July from a year ago, the internal affairs ministry data showed. (Reuters)

#### Regional

 Arab Monetary Fund: Expected economic growth rate for Arab countries set to rise to 5.4% in 2022 – The expected economic growth rate for the Arab countries will rise to 5.4% in 2022 due to rising oil prices, the increase in production in Arab oil-exporting countries, and the continuation of reforms that promote growth, according to the Seventeenth Edition of the Arab Economic Outlook Report (AEOR), released by the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) today. The GCC countries are expected to record a relatively high growth rate of 6.3% in 2022, compared to 3.1% in 2021, thanks to a combination of factors, including the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, economic reforms, and continued adoption of stimulus packages, while 2023 will see a decline to 3.7% in economic growth. As for other Arab oil exporters, they will benefit from increased production

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quantities within the OPEC+ agreement and a rise in global oil prices to raise their growth rates. As a result, they are expected to achieve 4.6% in 2022, which is higher than 3.1% in 2021. However, due to business environment challenges, their growth rate will come down to 3.9% next year. (Zawya)

- Saudi holdings of US treasury bonds rise by \$4.5bn in June Saudi Arabia's holdings of US Treasury bonds increased M-o-M to \$119.2bn during June 2022, an increase of \$4.5bn (SR16.88bn), compared to May 2022, according to new data released by the US Treasury. The Kingdom maintained its 16th position among the largest holders of US bonds in June. However, on an annual basis, Saudi Arabia reduced its holdings of US Treasury bonds by 6.58%, equivalent to \$8.4bn, after the value of bonds held by Saudi Arabia was about \$127.6bn in June of 2021. Saudi Arabia's long-term bond investments in US treasury bonds last June accounted for \$102.02bn, representing 86% of the total, while the shortterm bonds amounted to \$17.1bn or 14%. Japan was the top holder of US Treasury bonds in June, with a value of \$1236.3bn, followed by China and UK with a value of \$967.8bn and \$615.4bn respectively. Asian countries such as Japan, China, India, and Saudi Arabia reduced their holdings during a full year of US Treasury bonds by the equivalent of \$155.1bn. (Zawya)
- Saudi oil exports grow by 218,000 bpd in June 2022 Saudi Arabia's oil exports increased by 218,000 barrels per day (bpd) in June 2022 to reach 8.79mn bpd, compared with 8.57mn bpd in May 2022, data from the Joint Organizations Data Initiative (JODI) showed. Y-o-Y, the GCC country's oil exports grew by 20.1% or 1.47mn bpd in June 2022, compared to 7.32mn bpd. Month-on-month (MoM), crude oil exports rose by 146,000 bpd to 7.20mn bpd in June 2022, compared with 7.05mn bpd. Likewise, Saudi oil product exports jumped by 72,000 bpd in June 2022 MoM to record 1.60mn bpd from 1.52mn bpd. On the other hand, Saudi Arabia's oil inventory, comprising crude oil and total oil products, dropped by 1.01mn bpd MoM in June 2022 to stand at 234.7mn bpd, compared to 235.68mn bpd. (Zawya)
- Saudi's Red Sea International secures \$9.5mn financing deal Saud Arabian construction company Red Sea International has secured a SAR35mn (\$9.5mn) financing deal with SABB Bank. The financing will be used to fund company projects, Red Sea International said in a statement to the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul) on Thursday. The company did not provide any details of the projects. The new facility agreement has a duration of four years and six months. The Saudi-listed firm reported a net loss of SAR48.2mn (\$12.8mn) for the second quarter of the year, up from SAR29.9mn a year ago. The higher net loss has been attributed to lower revenue. (Zawya)
- Saudi Arabia announces qualified bidders for second exploration licensing round, Umm Ad Damar - In line with Saudi Arabia's Vision 2030, which seeks to transform the mining sector into the third pillar of the national industries, the Kingdom's Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources (MIM) announced that 13 bidders have qualified for the second stage of the Umm Ad Damar exploration site licensing round, the second of its kind in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Umm Ad Damar is an early exploration site that is part of the mineral-rich Arabian Shield, and covers more than 40 square km. The Umm Ad Damar deposit which includes copper, zinc, gold, and silver, lies 300km northeast of Jeddah and 25km northwest of Mahd Adh Dhahab town, on the Jeddah geological terrane in the Jabal Saiyd mineralized belt within the Mahad formation. On July 17th, a diverse pool of highly experienced and competent candidates, both local and international, submitted qualification questionnaires with the aim of proceeding to the second stage of the licensing round. The Ministry has qualified 13 bidders from this pool to the proposal stage: Abdul Rahman Saad AlRashid & Sons Co. (ARTAR), African Rainbow Minerals, Al Masane Al Kobra Mining Company (AMAK), Alara Saudi Ventures PTY LTD, Barrick Gold T 7 Limited, Consortium between Moxico Resources PLC and Ajlan & bros mining company, ERG Arabia LLC, Norin Mining Ltd, Saudi Arabian Mining Company (Ma'aden), UDS Golden Group, Vedanta Limited, Yancoal Australia Ltd. and Yilmaden Holding. Qualified bidders will receive an Information Memorandum, which sets out the requirements to follow when submitting their proposals for the site exploration license. Qualified bidders are given until the beginning of October 2022 to complete and submit their proposals. (Zawya)



- Volume of trade exchange between Saudi Arabia and Uzbekistan amounts to \$77.06mn - The Federation of Saudi Chambers of Commerce has revealed that the volume of trade exchange between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Uzbekistan amounted to SAR 289mn. The economic report, which was issued by the Federation of Saudi Chambers of Commerce on the occasion of the visit of the President of Uzbekistan Shavkat Mirziyoyev to the Kingdom, indicated that the volume of trade exchange between the two countries in 2021 amounted to SAR 65mn, and that the value of the Kingdom's exports to Uzbekistan in 2021 grew by 20%, compared to 2020. It stated that the value of the Kingdom's imports from Uzbekistan increased in 2021 by 37% compared to 2020 and the value of the trade balance in favor of Uzbekistan in 2021 increased by 37% compared to 2020, while the value of trade between the two countries increased in 2021 to reach SAR 65mn, achieving a growth of 38% over its value in 2020. The report showed that the Kingdom's most important exports to Uzbekistan are insecticides and mineral or chemical fertilizers, while the most important Saudi imported goods from Uzbekistan are fresh or dried fruits and crude zinc. (Zawya)
- Uzbekistan exempts Saudi nationals from visit visa requirement Saudi Arabia commended the decision of Uzbekistan to exempt Saudi citizens from the requirement of visitor visa, which contributes to deepening friendly ties between the two countries and peoples and strengthening economic and trade relations. Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman praised Uzbekistan's support for the Saudi Arabia's bid to host the World Expo 2030 in Riyadh. A joint Saudi Uzbek statement at the conclusion of President Shavkat Mirziyoyev's visit to the Kingdom stressed the importance of continuing efforts to strengthen economic relations between the two countries by exploring investment areas and opportunities in the light of the "Kingdom's Vision 2030" and the "New Uzbekistan" strategy for mutual benefit. The two sides expressed their desire to enhance cooperation in the fields of renewable energy, and to develop new projects to generate energy from various sources, such as solar power and wind power, in addition to studying investment opportunities in the renewable energy sector. (Zawya)
- Sultan Al Jaber: UAE is a reliable supplier of some of world's least carbonintensive oil and gas - Dr. Sultan bin Ahmed Al Jaber, Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology and Managing Director and Group CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), and the UAE's special envoy for climate change, has said that record growth in renewables, representing over 80% of all new power-generating capacity last year, is the clearest sign yet that the energy transition is gathering pace. "But recent events have shown that unplugging the current energy system before we have built a sufficiently robust alternative puts both economic and climate progress at risk - and calls into question whether we can ensure a just transition that is equitable to all," he wrote in his article published in Project Syndicate, an international media organization that publishes and syndicates commentary and analysis on a variety of global topics. It produces and delivers original, high-quality commentaries to a global audience, featuring exclusive contributions by prominent political leaders, policymakers, scholars, business leaders, and civic activists from around the world. Al Jaber said that a successful energy transition must be built on progress for the economy and the climate together. (Zawya)
- SWF focus: UAE's revamped ADIA targets infrastructure, healthcare for long-term returns - Long considered a cautious, inscrutable investor, the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) now seems intent on shedding that reputation. This year, it has increased its exposure to Indian real estate and healthcare; it has also signed a multi-billion-dollar deal for a European transport firm and joined a consortium attempting to buy an Australian hospital operator. ADIA has \$708.8bn in assets under management, according to the Sovereign Wealth Fund Institute. Much of its recent private investments have focused on emerging markets in Asia; it only invests abroad. "ADIA believes in the long-term growth of India's middle class; it's investing on a 20-year timeframe or longer," said Javier Capapé, Director of Sovereign Wealth Research at the Center for the Governance of Change, IE University. In June, ADIA agreed to pay 22bn Rupees for a 20% stake in India's IIFL Home Finance, which provides property and construction loans. In a statement announcing the deal, an ADIA official highlighted the prospects for India's "under-served and fastgrowing affordable housing finance market". In the same month, it

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launched a \$590mn fund along with Mumbai's Kotak Investment Advisors to invest in office space in India's major cities. In April, ADIA agreed to buy 10% of HDFC Capital, which invests in mid-income housing, for 1.84bn Rupees. (Zawya)

- Indian Envoy: CEPA a huge marker in post-pandemic economic recovery - India and UAE are enjoying a golden era in trade, economic, diplomatic, and cultural relations, the Indian envoy to the UAE said Thursday. Indian Ambassador to the UAE Sunjay Sudhir said, "The effects of CEPA can already be seen, and the agreement plays a huge marker in post-pandemic economic recovery." Since the establishment of India-UAE diplomatic relations in 1972, the scope of bilateral ties has widened, and the level of engagement has increased significantly over the past several years. The ambassador praised UAE's role in promoting peace and prosperity in the region amid turbulent times. "A total of 25 per cent of all Indian passport holders overseas reside in the UAE, which says a lot about our relationship," he added. "While trade deals take years to negotiate, CEPA has proven that mutual trust and commitment to work together is all that is required to close trade deals," he stated. Sudhir was speaking at the very first Khaleej Times' Breakfast Connect', a celebration of UAE's year of the 50th and 75th anniversary of India's independence. (Zawya)
- UAE tops GCC region in 5G download speed The UAE has the fastest average 5G download speed among countries in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region, according to UK-based mobile analytics company Opensignal. OpenSignal has studied the GCC smartphone users' 5G experience when using the 5th generation (5G) mobile network for mobile video streaming, multiplayer mobile gaming, and voice app communications. It looked at 5G availability and speed, as well as the uplift in experience compared with older 4G services. The UAE leads the table in terms of 5G download speed, with users having experienced average speeds of 316.8 Mbps, ahead of Qatar and Kuwait. The three countries lead the region for 5G peak download speed as well, with a score of 743 Mbps in UAE, 713.4 Mbps in Qatar and 663.7 Mbps in Kuwait. The UAE also took the first place for 5G games experience with a score of 74 on a 100-point scale. "5G is continuing to advance across the GCC. In all six markets, users experience much improved speeds and video experience using 5G, OpenSignal said in its report. "While smaller markets top the rankings for 5G download speed, the position of Saudi Arabia is notable: its users saw a strong uplift in both speed and video experience, as well as good 5G availability despite its size." (Zawya)
- Fujairah ranks 1st in Numbeo's 'Safety Index by City,' outperforms 466 cities – The Emirate of Fujairah was ranked first in the "Safety Index by City" compiled by Numbeo, which provides regular statistics on economic, social and safety areas worldwide. Fujairah received a score of over 93%, outperforming 466 international cities, which is attributed to its high living standards and the significant support of HH Sheikh Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Fujairah, and the monitoring of HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Mohammed Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah, making the emirate a safe place for families from all nationalities and an attractive destination for foreign investment. According to the Fujairah's Police official statistics, the rates of crime and serious accidents in the emirate are the lowest in the region, underscoring its high quality of life and the government's keenness to support the work of security and police institutions, in line with the best international standards. (Zawya)
- UAE: Safeen Marine Service achieves key safety milestone Safeen Marine Services, a part of AD Ports Group's Maritime Cluster, has announced that it has marked more than 5mn man-hours with Zero Lost Time Injuries (LTI) and zero environmental incidents since its launch in 2012. Operating in nine commercial ports in the UAE and the Middle East, Safeen Marine Services extends HSE policy across a comprehensive portfolio of integrated and tailor-made marine services and solutions, which include towage, quayside-support services, emergency response, vessel assistance, inspections, and shipping maintenance. Captain Adil Alhammadi, CEO of Safeen Marine Services, AD Ports Group said: "We are proud to announce our success in achieving 5mn man-hours with Zero Lost Time Injuries and zero environmental incidents, highlighting our commitment to AD Ports Group's robust Health, Safety and Environment



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(HSE) practices that have been cultivated from the highest industry standards. (Zawya)

- Bahrain launches tender for 72 MW solar project Bahrain has launched its tendering process to award a 20-year contract for local or international bidders to build, own, operate, and maintain grid-tied solar photovoltaic (PV) power panels with a minimum capacity of 72 MWac in multiple premises located in Sakhir, south of the kingdom. The tender was launched by Bahrain's Ministry of Electricity and Water Affairs, as it seeks to build solar panels in the Bahrain International Circuit, University of Bahrain, Bahrain International Exhibition & Convention Centre, and Al Dana Amphitheatre. The solar panels are to be built on the rooftops, car park shades, electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, and on the ground of these organizations' facilities, said a statement. To qualify for the tender, bidders need to be engaged in the business of solar PV energy and have successfully commissioned at least 10 grid-tied solar PV projects (out of which at least five are solar PV car park projects). Additionally, bidders should be commissioned in at least 40 MWac grid-tied solar PV projects in any country globally in the last three years (2019 - 2021). Yasser bin Ebrahim Humaidan, Bahrain's Minister of Electricity and Water Affairs, said: "The launch of this tender comes as part of the kingdom's wider vision to adopt a circular carbon economy, with the aim to bring carbon emissions in Bahrain to net zero by 2060 in line with its national commitments to protect the environment and combat climate change. (Zawya)
- Digital tagging of excisable goods picks up steam in Oman The Oman Tax Authority has announced new timelines for the phased implementation of its Digital Tax Stamps project - an initiative designed to help regulate the import, trade and sale of excisable products, as well as to optimize the collection of excise tax on these goods. The Digital Tax Stamp project, first unveiled earlier this year, is being implemented in phases per specific timelines, starting with cigarette and tobacco products. With effect from June 30, 2022, importers and local manufacturers of excisable products have been obliged to start requiring original manufacturers to affix Digital Tax Stamps - also known as excise tax stamps or simply 'digital tagging' -- on tobacco packaging. The next key milestone in the program's implementation falls on October 14, 2022. Effective from this date, cigarettes and tobacco products without Digital Tax Stamps will be prohibited from entry into the country. Going into 2023, all tobacco products will be barred from import, distribution or sale within the country if they lack the digital tax stamps effective from February 1. (Zawya)
- Tourism booms in Dhofar, Oman Tourism rebounded this khareef season in Dhofar with a 50% increase in passengers travelling through Salalah Airport. As many as 315,000 passengers travelled through Salalah Airport since the beginning of June till August 13. The number of passengers in the airport in the June to August period of 2021 was 206,657. In a statement to ONA, Salim bin Awad al Yafei, executive vice-president of Salalah Airport, said the airport has been handling 195 flights per week (incoming and outgoing). He noted that the governorate has become one of the most popular tourist destinations in the Gulf region during summer due to its diverse natural features, exceptional weather and varied terrain. (Zawya)
- Kuwait ranks 4th in Arab world, 26th globally in average salaries Kuwait ranked fourth in the Arab world and 26 globally in average monthly salaries, according to a list recently published by the American magazine "CEO World", where the average net monthly salary in Kuwait amounted to \$1854.45, reports Al-Rai daily. Five Gulf countries occupied the first positions in the Middle East and North Africa countries with net average monthly salaries, where the UAE topped the list in the Arab world and ranked fifth globally, to be the only country regionally among the top ten countries on the list. The value of the average net monthly salaries in the UAE, according to the list, is \$3663.27, surpassing all European countries except for Switzerland and all Asian countries except for Singapore. In the second place in the Arab world is Qatar and ranked 11th globally, with an average of \$1,888.68, then Kuwait, followed by Bahrain, which ranked 28th globally with an average of \$1,728.74, and in

sixth place in the Arab world and 30th globally Oman averages \$1,626.64. (Zawya)



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### **Rebased Performance**

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Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,747.06	(0.7)	(3.1)	(4.5)
Silver/Ounce	19.05	(2.5)	(8.5)	(18.3)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	96.72	0.1	(1.5)	24.4
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	90.77	0.3	(1.4)	20.7
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	9.11	(3.3)	4.1	148.9
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	110.50	0.5	1.6	(1.6)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	113.75	1.1	0.8	(18.3)
Euro	1.00	(0.5)	(2.2)	(11.7)
Yen	136.97	0.8	2.7	19.0
GBP	1.18	(0.8)	(2.5)	(12.6)
CHF	1.04	(0.3)	(1.8)	(4.9)
AUD	0.69	(0.6)	(3.5)	(5.3)
USD Index	108.17	0.6	2.4	13.1
RUB	118.69	0.0	0.0	58.9
BRL	0.19	(0.1)	(1.8)	7.7

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,787.71	(1.4)	(1.7)	(13.7)
DJ Industrial	33,706.74	(0.9)	(0.2)	(7.2)
S&P 500	4,228.48	(1.3)	(1.2)	(11.3)
NASDAQ 100	12,705.21	(2.0)	(2.6)	(18.8)
STOXX 600	437.36	(1.3)	(2.9)	(21.0)
DAX	13,544.52	(1.6)	(3.9)	(24.4)
FTSE 100	7,550.37	(0.8)	(1.9)	(10.7)
CAC 40	6,495.83	(1.5)	(3.0)	(20.0)
Nikkei	28,930.33	(0.9)	(1.1)	(15.4)
MSCI EM	1,001.46	(0.8)	(1.5)	(18.7)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,258.08	(1.1)	(1.7)	(16.5)
HANG SENG	19,773.03	0.0	(2.1)	(16.0)
BSE SENSEX	59,646.15	(1.3)	(0.1)	(4.6)
Bovespa	111,496.21	(1.8)	(3.2)	14.0
RTS	1,170.57	0.7	4.9	(26.6)

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns, Data as of August 19, 2022)



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