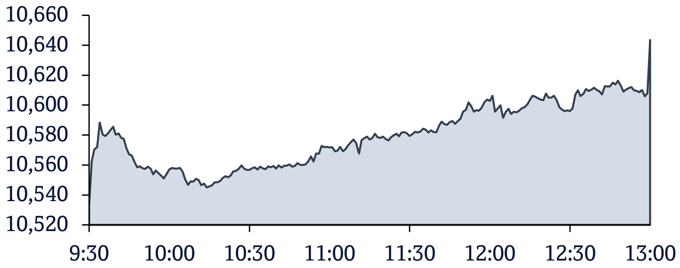
QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 1.1% to close at 10,643.5. Gains were led by the Transportation and Insurance indices, gaining 2.7% and 1.6%, respectively. Top gainers were Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co. and Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution, rising 10.0% and 8.3%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatari German Co for Med. Devices and Industries Qatar were down 0.5% each.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.1% to close at 10,974. Gains were led by the Software & Services and Commercial & Professional Svc indices, rising 3.2% and 1.8%, respectively. Sustained Infrastructure Holding Co. rose 9.9%, while Saudi Printing and Packaging Co. was up 9.8%.

Dubai The DFM Index gained 0.4% to close at 5,613.4. The Consumer Discretionary index rose 2.7%, while the Communication Services index gained 1.8%. Al Mazaya Holding Company rose 14.9%, while Agility The Public Warehousing Company was up 4.7%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index gained 0.2% to close at 9,811.1. The Health Care index rose 2.6%, while the Consumer Discretionary index gained 1%. E7 Group PJSC Warrants rose 14.9%, while Sharjah Cement and Industrial Development Co. was up 13.6%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.8% to close at 8,293.4. The Consumer Staples index rose 4.4%, while the Real Estate index gained 2.3%. Kuwait Emirates Holding Co. rose 33.8%, while Real Estate Trade Centers Company was up 18.7%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell 0.6% to close at 4,513.9. The Financial index declined 0.6%, while the other indices ended flat or in green. Bank Dhofar declined 4.4%, while Al Anwar Holdings was down 3.4%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.5% to close at 1,921. The Material Index rose 2% while the Real Estate index gained 1%. Aluminum Bahrain rose 2.4% while Kuwait Finance House was up 2.2%.

Market Indicators	25 Jun 25	24 Jun 25	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	1,031.6	688.0	50.0
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	628,678.5	621,728.0	1.1
Volume (mn)	277.8	329.4	(15.7)
Number of Transactions	28,803	26,645	8.1
Companies Traded	53	53	0.0
Market Breadth	46:6	48:5	–

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	25,109.08	1.1	3.7	4.2	11.8
All Share Index	3,928.07	1.2	3.6	4.0	12.0
Banks	4,901.99	1.3	2.9	3.5	10.5
Industrials	4,221.85	0.3	2.9	(0.6)	16.1
Transportation	5,860.14	2.7	7.8	13.5	13.7
Real Estate	1,629.79	1.4	5.8	0.8	19.5
Insurance	2,308.16	1.7	4.5	(1.7)	12.0
Telecoms	2,156.66	0.3	6.6	19.9	13.5
Consumer Goods and Services	7,980.79	0.8	2.9	4.1	20.0
Al Rayan Islamic Index	5,054.97	0.7	3.4	3.8	13.8

GCC Top Gainers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Presight	Abu Dhabi	3.15	7.5	39,604.0	52.2
ELM Co.	Saudi Arabia	992.60	4.2	75.5	(11.0)
Qatar Gas Transport Co.	Qatar	5.02	3.7	13,840.6	21.0
Pure Health	Abu Dhabi	2.60	3.2	8,563.8	(21.9)
Co. for Cooperative Ins.	Saudi Arabia	153.80	2.6	369.5	4.2

GCC Top Losers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Bank Dhofar	Oman	0.13	(4.4)	421.7	(16.1)
Aldar Properties	Abu Dhabi	8.72	(2.0)	12,104.1	13.5
National Co. For Glass	Saudi Arabia	42.55	(1.7)	422.2	(21.6)
Dr. Sulaiman Al Habib Medical Services Group Co	Saudi Arabia	261.20	(1.4)	147.5	(6.8)
Bank Sohar	Oman	0.14	(1.4)	8,611.4	3.7

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

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	1.226	10.0	160.3	6.3
Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution	2.600	8.3	2.6	8.3
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	5.019	3.7	13,840.6	21.0
Aamal Company	0.806	2.5	5,048.2	(5.6)
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	1.340	2.5	22,960.6	10.6

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	1.458	(0.5)	10,111.7	6.4
Industries Qatar	12.240	(0.5)	2,113.6	(7.8)
Dukhan Bank	3.606	(0.3)	4,298.6	(2.4)
Medicare Group	5.100	(0.2)	740.7	12.1
Lesha Bank	1.789	(0.1)	5,669.3	32.1

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	1.320	0.3	31,541.8	(11.7)
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co.	1.340	2.5	22,960.6	10.6
Masraf Al Rayan	2.289	1.3	22,371.0	(7.1)
Ezdan Holding Group	1.044	0.6	15,963.6	(1.1)
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	5.019	3.7	13,840.6	21.0

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	17.20	1.8	198,832.0	(0.5)
Qatar Islamic Bank	21.94	1.2	123,463.0	2.7
Industries Qatar	12.24	(0.5)	76,932.0	(7.8)
Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd.	5.019	3.7	68,553.8	21.0
Qatar Electricity & Water Co.	15.80	1.3	56,716.0	0.6

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded ($ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. ($ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,643.52	1.1	3.7	1.7	0.7	283.09	172,383.7	11.8	1.3	4.6
Dubai	5,613.39	0.4	6.5	2.4	8.8	189.58	267,630.0	9.8	1.6	5.3
Abu Dhabi	9,811.12	0.2	4.1	1.3	4.2	360.65	767,093.8	19.8	2.6	2.3
Saudi Arabia	10,973.98	0.1	3.4	(0.1)	(8.8)	1,628.10	2,404,929.7	16.8	2.0	4.2
Kuwait	8,293.37	0.8	4.3	2.2	12.6	394.78	161,835.1	20.4	1.5	3.2
Oman	4,513.93	(0.6)	0.2	(1.0)	(1.4)	29.19	33,553.5	8.1	0.9	6.0
Bahrain	1,921.00	0.5	2.5	0.0	(3.3)	1.2	19,795.4	13.0	1.4	9.9

*Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (** TTM; * Value traded ($ mn) do not include special trades if any)*

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 1.1% to close at 10,643.5. The Transportation and Insurance indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from non-Qatari shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari shareholders.
- Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co. and Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution were the top gainers, rising 10.0% and 8.3%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatari German Co for Med. Devices and Industries Qatar were down 0.5% each.
- Volume of shares traded on Wednesday fell by 15.7% to 277.8mn from 329.4mn on Tuesday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 211.0mn, volume for the day was 31.6% higher. Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding and Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Co. were the most active stocks, contributing 11.4% and 8.3% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy%*	Sell%*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	12.92%	16.15%	(33,275,893.57)
Qatari Institutions	11.01%	66.00%	(567,254,800.91)
Qatari	**23.94%**	**82.15%**	**(600,530,694.49)**
GCC Individuals	0.30%	0.31%	(70,377.70)
GCC Institutions	1.20%	0.65%	5,621,453.30
GCC	**1.50%**	**0.96%**	**5,551,075.60**
Arab Individuals	5.64%	4.98%	6,859,517.64
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.00%	-
Arab	**5.64%**	**4.98%**	**6,859,517.64**
Foreigners Individuals	1.04%	1.16%	(1,201,536.45)
Foreigners Institutions	67.88%	10.75%	589,321,637.70
Foreigners	**68.92%**	**11.91%**	**588,120,101.25**

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

Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
06-25	Japan	Bank of Japan	PPI Services YoY	May	3.30%	3.10%	3.40%
06-25	Japan	Japan Machine Tool Builders' A	Machine Tool Orders YoY	May	3.40%	NA	NA

Earnings Calendar

Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 2Q2025 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QNBK	QNB Group	09-Jul-25	13	Due
ABQK	Ahli Bank	17-Jul-25	21	Due
UDCD	United Development Company	23-Jul-25	27	Due

Qatar

- **QIA, Fiera Capital launch $200mn Fiera Qatar equity fund -** Qatar Investment Authority (QIA) and Fiera Capital announced on Wednesday the launch of the Fiera Qatar Equity Fund. With $200mn in assets under management, the Fund aims to deliver superior risk-adjusted returns by investing in equities listed on the Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE). The Fund - structured as a daily-dealing mutual fund - will be available to international and local institutions desiring actively-managed exposure to Qatar's equity market. QIA is acting as the Fund's anchor investor, contributing capital in the form of cash and stock. QIA remains a committed long-term investor in the Qatar equity market and the reallocation of QSE-listed company shares reflects a desire to enhance Qatar's economic landscape and market liquidity. This is the second partnership announced as part of QIA's Active Asset Management Initiative, following the successful partnership with the Ashmore Group. QIA CEO Mohammed Saif Al Sowaidi said, "It is part of QIA's mandate to support the development of a competitive Qatari economy. Attracting overseas asset managers to invest in Qatar equity will fuel market participation and help to diversify and broaden the market. The Fiera Capital fund launch is an exciting second partnership in our Active Asset Management Initiative and builds on QIA's commitment to support Qatar's financial markets." Executive Director and CEO, Fiera Capital EMEA, Klaus Schuster commented, "To be selected by QIA to manage its capital is a testament to the competitive strength and consistent outperformance of our equity investment capability. It is our responsibility as fiduciaries to now put this capital to work; to create wealth for institutional investors, but also to diversify Qatar's capital markets." The Fiera Qatar Equity Fund marks a significant step forward for QIA's Active Asset Management Initiative which establishes partnerships both with leading global asset managers with GCC expertise and local asset managers that meet the investment considerations for a QIA investment. Fiera is a leading independent asset management firm with $117bn in assets as of 31 March 2025. Ashmore Group has received authorization and is currently in the process of opening an office in Doha. (Qatar Tribune)
- **FALH's net profit declines 49.2% YoY and 82.3% QoQ in 3Q2025 –** Al Faleh Educational Holding Co's (FALH) net profit declined 49.2% YoY (-82.3% QoQ) to QR0.5mn in 3Q2025. The company's revenue came in at QR21.1mn in 3Q2025, which represents a decrease of 15.3% YoY (-8.7% QoQ). EPS amounted to QR0.025 in 9M2025 as compared to QR0.024 in 9M2024. (QSE)
- **Commercial Bank successfully issues QAR 500mn bonds -** The Commercial Bank P.S.Q.C. ("CBQ"), rated A2 by Moody's, A- by S&P and A by Fitch with stable outlook, successfully issued a 3-year tenor, QR500mn Senior-Unsecured Bonds with a coupon of 4.90%. The Bonds were issued under its EMTN programme and are listed on the Euronext Dublin. The successful completion of this transaction underscores the robustness of the Qatari economy and CBQ's strong credit fundamentals. The issuance is the largest local currency bond issuance to date by a Financial Institution in Qatar, reaffirming CBQ's standing as a leading financial institution in the region with strong presence in the domestic and international capital markets. DBS Bank and Standard Chartered Bank acted as the Joint Lead Managers to the issuances. Joseph Abraham, Group Chief Executive Officer of Commercial Bank said: "This initiative reaffirms Commercial Bank's leadership in bringing new instruments to our local and international institutional and retail investor bases. The strong investor response reaffirms the confidence in the Bank and the State of Qatar and credit ratings reflect our proactivity in risk management and robust liquidity; both of which are integral to executing our corporate strategic vision." (QSE)
- **QNB Group to disclose its Semi-Annual financial results on 9/7/2025 –** QNB Group discloses its financial statement for the period ending 30th June 2025 on Wednesday, July 9, 2025, and the board of directors will consider the distribution of interim dividends for the period ended June 30, 2025, based on regulatory approvals. (QSE)
- **Dukhan Bank to disclose its Semi-Annual financial results on 08/07/2025** - Dukhan Bank discloses its financial statement for the period ending 30th June 2025 on 08/07/2025.Click here to download attachment. (QSE)

- **Dukhan Bank will hold its investors relation conference call on 10/07/2025 to discuss the financial results -** Dukhan Bank announces that the conference call with the Investors to discuss the financial results for the Semi-Annual 2025 will be held on 10/07/2025 at 01:30 PM, Doha Time. (QSE)
- **United Development Co. to disclose its Semi-Annual financial results on 23/07/2025 -** United Development Co. discloses its financial statement for the period ending 30th June 2025 on 23/07/2025. (QSE)
- **Qatari Investors Group postponed its EGM to 02/07/2025 due to lack of quorum -** Qatari Investors Group announced that due to non-legal quorum for the EGM on 25/06/2025, therefore, it has been decided to postpone the meeting to 02/07/2025& 04:30 PM& Group's headquarters- QIG Towe - Lusail, first floor. (QSE)
- **Mannai Corporation Board of directors meeting on 06/07/2025 -** The Mannai Corporation has announced that its Board of Directors will be holding a meeting on 06/07/2025 to discuss the resolving the potential sale of one of the company assets. (QSE)
- **QCB records 54.02mn payment system transactions valued at QR15.28bn in May -** Qatar recorded as many as 54.02mn transactions valued at QR15.28bn through the country's payment system in May 2025 with point-of-sales constituting a vast majority, according to Qatar Central Bank (QCB) data. The point-of-sales constituted 56% of the payment system transaction, followed by e-commerce 26%, Fawran or instant payment system 17% and Qatar Mobile Payment at 1% in the review period, the QCB said in its social medial handle X. There were 42.74mn card transactions through point-of-sales, which enables merchants to process payments and log transactions, valued at QR8.55bn in the review period. The 0.45mn e-commerce transaction were valued at QR3.97bn in the review period. The point-of-sales and e-commerce together constituted QR12.52bn in May 2025. Fawran – a real-time payment service in Qatar, allowing users to send and receive money instantly and securely within the country – registered as many as 1.65mn transactions valued at QR2.59bn in the review period. There have been a total of 3.1mn total registered Fawran accounts. Fawran was launched in 2024 and system members are QNB, Commercial Bank, Qatar Islamic Bank, Ahli Bank, Dukhan Bank, Doha Bank, QIIB and AlRayan Bank. Qatar Mobile Payment (QMP) – which allows immediate transfer of funds between registered customers through any registered payment service providers – saw as many as 189,000 transactions valued at QR181.97mn in May 2025. There has been a total of 1.34mn registered wallets. The QMP is a centralized payment system that was launched in 2020, to enable individuals and corporates to perform instant fund transfers between e-wallets within payment service providers in Qatar. The system members are QNB, Commercial Bank, Doha Bank, Qatar Islamic Bank, Ahli Bank, QIIB, Arab Bank, HSBC Qatar, AlRayan Bank, Dukhan Bank, i-pay and Ooredoo Money. Qatar Payment System (QPS) is designed on the concept of real-time gross settlement (RTGS) and electronic straight through processing (e-STP). QPS is based on the SWIFT network and messages standards and utilizes the SWIFT messages to reconcile and settle the local payments and securities ownership transfers. QPS is linked to the QCB clearing system, book-entry government securities system, and currency issuing application. All applications are driven by swift messages such as (MT202, MT203). Qatar's retail payment system comprise electronic cheque clearing system; national network system for ATMS and Points of Sales (NAPS); QMP; direct deposit and debit (QATCH); electronic payment gateway (QPay); wage protection system (WPS); and Fawran. (Gulf Times)
- **Real estate shows steady growth in Q1 -** Qatar's real estate sector remained resilient in the first quarter (Q1) of 2025, according to the latest market review released by ValuStrat. The report highlighted market trends across residential, commercial, hospitality, and industrial, emphasizing sustained investor interest. Anum Hasan, Qatar's Head of Research at ValuStrat, stated that the country's property market showed signs of solid performance, supported by consistent residential values, Increased mortgage activity, and steady leasing across commercial spaces. "Qatar's real estate market remained broadly stable in Q1 2025, supported by steady residential capital values, a rebound in mortgage lending, and continued leasing across commercial segments," Hasan told The Peninsula. Residential activity showed notable gains, with transaction volumes rising 13.2% from the previous quarter and a remarkable 67.1% year-on-year (YOY). While the total value of transactions grew 3.8% quarter-on-quarter (QoQ), it dipped 3.6% annually, with the average sale price sitting at QR2.7m. The Pearl Qatar and Al Qassar led the surge in activity, registering sales value growth of 54.3% and a 39.8% Increase in transaction volume compared to the last quarter. Mortgage transactions for ready properties climbed 37% year-on-year but slipped slightly by 2% on a quarterly basis. Doha remained the core market for lending, accounting for 95 mortgage deals worth a combined QR16.4bn. The ValuStrat Price Index (VPI) for residential capital values held firm at 96.5 points. Median prices stood at QRI0.420 per square meter for apartments and QR5.500 for villas. Gross rental yields averaged 5.9%, with apartments achieving 8.4% and villas 4.6%. Apartment rental rates held steady at QR6,000 monthly, while villa rentals averaged QR11,000. Hasan stressed that "A key development in this quarter's analysis was the introduction of the Office Rental ValuStrat Price Index, which is the country's first dedicated benchmark for office rental performance." The office market also saw a boost in supply, with around 60,000 square meters of gross leasable area (GLA) added through developments such as Marina 31 in Lusail and Corniche Park Towers in West Bay. This pushed total office stock to 7.3mn square meters. On the other hand, retail performance remained steady, with new entrants like Centro Mall and Outlet Village increasing total retail GLA to 2.5mn square meters. The hospitality sector experienced a slight dip in tourist numbers, with 1.5mn arrivals in Q1 2025-a 6.7% decline YoY. GCC nationals made up 36% of total visitors. Qatar's hospitality inventory reached 40,787 keys, with 845 new rooms expected in 2025, primarily in the 4-and 5-star categories. The Industrial sector momentum strengthened with a 32% YoY increase in new business licenses and over QR50m in investment certificate value. "Q1 marked a relatively stable quarter for Qatar's real estate market, underpinned by improving data visibility, firm residential fundamentals, and ongoing occupier interest across commercial sectors," Hasan noted. This stability comes at a time when regional markets are adjusting to post-World Cup economic normalization and shifting global interest rates. Analysts believe that Qatar's infrastructure investments, population growth, and policy support for non-hydrocarbon sectors continue to act as stabilizers. The uptick in mortgage activity and resilient residential yields signal growing confidence among both end-users and institutional investors during the quarter. The market expert further added, "We anticipate further seasonal adjustments in the coming months, particularly during the summer period, as the market continues to demonstrate resilience while adapting to evolving dynamics.". (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Minister: Promising economic opportunity in waste recycling -** The fifth edition of the Recycling Towards Sustainability Conference and Exhibition 2025, organized by the Ministry of Municipality under the theme “From Waste to Wealth,” kicked off on Wednesday. The two-day event is being attended by a number of ministers, with broad participation from government and semi-government institutions, private sector companies, local factories, numerous international entities, and a host of experts. Minister of Municipality HE Abdullah bin Hamad bin Abdullah Al Attiyah stated that the conference offers a leading national and international platform for exchanging experiences and expertise, adding that it embodies the ministry’s commitment to translating Qatar National Vision 2030 into concrete projects that promote the circular economy and enhance the quality of life through an integrated waste management system. In his opening remarks, the minister highlighted the ministry’s key achievements in 2024, including the conversion of more than 835,000 tonnes of waste at transfer stations, generating more than 40,000 megawatt-hours of energy, 27,000 tonnes of organic fertilizer, and 277,000 tonnes of recyclable materials, in addition to the allocation of 51 specific plots of land in the Al Afjah area, the launch of 30 investment opportunities, and the provision of more than 28,000 tonnes of sorted materials to the private sector free of charge in support of the circular economy. He also noted the launch of specific initiatives within the “Zero Waste” program, including the construction of a modern landfill, the rehabilitation of old landfills, and the operation of an advanced sorting station in Al Khor, in addition to digital transformation projects that developed a unified driving system, vehicle tracking, and the immediate

issuance of waste disposal permits electronically. He added that the conference's theme, "From Waste to Wealth," reflects a firm belief that waste represents a promising economic opportunity and an important source of sustainable development, stressing that the visions, experiences, and partnerships presented will contribute to promoting a culture of sustainability and providing practical, applicable solutions. The current edition features 11 panel discussions and 35 international speakers, focusing on the latest innovative solutions in waste treatment, strengthening public-private partnerships, and examining the role of education and content creators in spreading a culture of sustainability. The conference is accompanied by an exhibition in which more than 40 exhibitors are taking part, including the Ministry of Municipality and private sector companies, to showcase the latest technologies and initiatives in the field of recycling. This annual event is part of the Ministry of Municipality's efforts to realize Qatar National Vision 2030 by promoting sustainability practices and expanding the scope of circular economy, contributing to building a prosperous future for generations to come. (Qatar Tribune)

- **Qatar-Linked private bank to expand BlackRock wealth offerings -** One of Europe's largest pure-play banks, which is controlled by members of Qatar's ruling family, is expanding a partnership with BlackRock Inc. to bolster its investing services. Quintet Private Bank's clients can now access investments in private equity and credit as well as real assets through a collaboration with the global funds giant, according to a statement Wednesday from the Luxembourg-based firm. The arrangement, which gives the lender full control of allocation decisions, initially covers its customers in Europe and will be available for those in the UK by year-end, Bryan Crawford, Quintet's group head of investment and client solutions, said in an interview. "It's unlocking opportunities," he said. "We already have clients investing." Precision Capital, a holding company for members of Qatar's Al Thani family, controls Quintet and has injected more than €350mn ($407mn) of capital since acquiring it in 2012 for about €1bn. Quintet first partnered with BlackRock in 2023 to access other investment services as the private bank sought to move beyond a loss-making period under new Chief Executive Officer Chris Allen, an HSBC Holdings Plc veteran who joined in 2022. The private bank's total client assets were €100.6bn ($116.9bn) at year-end, an increase of 16% from the end of 2022. It's now ramping up hiring plans in Europe. BlackRock is also expanding in Europe following regulatory changes last year easing access for individuals to invest in private markets through the New York-based firm's so-called "evergreen" funds. The asset manager is homing in on private markets as part of its latest growth strategy and recently began rolling out model portfolios to retail wealth clients in the US that include private equity and credit funds. Founded in 1949 and formerly known as KBL, the Quintet group includes the UK's Brown Shipley and Germany's Merck Finck along with namesake entities in other European nations as part of its services for rich families, foundations and external asset managers. (Bloomberg)

International

- **Powell says Fed needs to manage against risk that tariff inflation proves persistent -** The Trump administration's tariff plans may well just cause a one-time jump in prices, but the risk it could cause more persistent inflation is large enough for the central bank to be careful in considering further rate cuts, Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell told a U.S. Senate panel on Wednesday. Though economic theory may point to tariffs as a one-off shock to prices, "that is not a law of nature," said Powell, detailing why the central bank wants more information about the ultimate level of tariffs and the way they impact pricing and public expectations about inflation before lowering borrowing costs any further. "If it comes in quickly and it is over and done then yes, very likely it is a one-time thing," that won't lead to more persistent inflation, Powell said. But "it is a risk we feel. As the people who are supposed to keep stable prices, we need to manage that risk. That's all we're doing," through holding rates steady for now. The effects of tariffs "could be large or small. It is just something you want to approach carefully. If we make a mistake people will pay the cost for a long time." Fed officials still expect to cut interest rates this year, but the timing is uncertain as officials wait on coming trade deadlines and hope for more certainty about the scope of the tariffs that will be imposed and the ways that rising import levies influence prices and economic growth. Two days of hearings did little to shift expectations around Fed policy, with investors still anticipating two rate cuts this year. But it did highlight the persistent rift between the Fed chair and President Donald Trump, who wants the Fed to cut rates immediately. Republican lawmakers in the House on Tuesday and in the Senate Banking Committee on Wednesday pressed the Fed chair on why he seems reluctant to do so even though recent inflation data has been more moderate than expected. The tone at times contrasted with Powell's generally congenial relationship with Republican and most Democratic lawmakers during his seven years as chair. Ohio Republican Senator Bernie Moreno, echoing Trump's frequent criticism of Powell, accused him of shaping monetary policy through "a political lens, because you just don't like tariffs." "We got elected by millions of voters. You got elected by one person who doesn't want you to be in that job," Moreno said of Powell, who was promoted to Fed chair during Trump's first term. North Carolina Republican Senator Thom Tillis, however, backed a more cautious approach to the issue, noting that major retailers like Walmart, with sophisticated data tools, were having trouble pinpointing how tariffs will affect prices and demand. "I'm just telling my colleagues we need to be realistic," Tillis said. Companies "have a lot of experts that probably are suggesting there may be some inflationary risk. We haven't realized it yet but I think we all need to keep our eyes open." While Powell was completing what was likely his second-to-last set of semiannual appearances on Capitol Hill, Trump said he had narrowed "to within three or four people" who he intends to nominate as a successor for when Powell's term as chair ends in May. The president's dismay with Powell is rooted in the central bank's refusal to cut interest rates as Trump's tariff plans have, in the view of a broad set of analysts and economists, raised the risk of higher inflation. (Reuters)

- **US Treasury's Bessent extends measures to avoid debt ceiling breach -** U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent on Wednesday extended the department's authority to continue extraordinary cash management measures to keep from breaching the federal debt ceiling by nearly a month, until July 24. Bessent said in a letter to congressional leaders that he had determined that the "debt issuance suspension period" previously scheduled to expire on Friday needed to continue. The declaration allows the Treasury to suspend funding from government pension and retiree healthcare funds that are not needed to pay immediate benefits. Bessent has estimated that the Treasury would no longer be able to pay all of its obligations without an increase or suspension of the debt limit some time during the mid-to-late summer. His letter did not provide any specific updates to this timing, although he told reporters on Tuesday that the so-called debt ceiling "X-date" could change if courts interfered with President Donald Trump's tariffs, which pulled in a record $23bn in customs revenue during May. But his extension to July 24 appeared partly aimed at keeping pressure on Congress to raise the debt ceiling as part of a massive tax-and-spending package before its traditional August recess. "Based on our current estimates, we continue to believe that Congress must act to increase or suspend the debt ceiling as soon as possible before its scheduled August recess to protect the full faith and credit of the United States," Bessent said in the letter. (Reuters)

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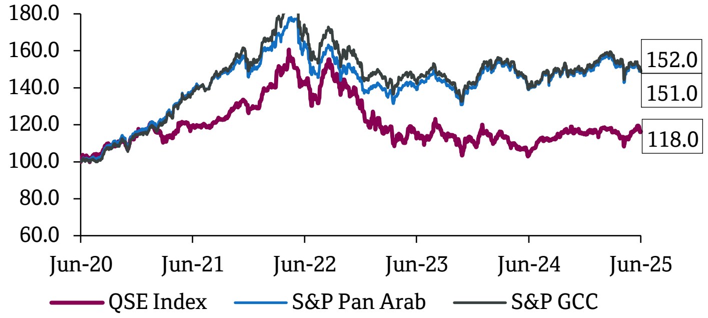
- **Saudi: Non-oil exports surge 24.6% to $7.57bn in April 2025 -** Saudi Arabia's merchandise exports amounted to SR90.3bn in April this year, marking a 10.9% decrease compared to April 2024. Non-oil exports, including re-exports, recorded an increase of 24.6%, reaching SR28.4bn, compared to the same period last year, according to the International Trade Statistics Bulletin for April 2025, released on Wednesday by the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT). There has been an increase of 18.3% in imports, reaching SR76.1bn in April. However, the trade surplus declined sharply by 61.7%, dropping to SR14.2bn compared to April 2024, the GASTAT report pointed out. The bulletin indicated that there was a rise in the ratio of non-oil exports, including re-exports to imports, reaching 37.2% in April 2025, up from 35.4% in April 2024. Meanwhile, the share of oil exports in total exports decreased from 77.5% in April 2024 to 68.6% in April 2025. Chemical industry products were the top non-oil export goods, amounting to SR6bn and accounting for 26.4% of total non-oil exports. The largest category of imported goods was "machinery, electrical equipment, and their parts," which totaled SR21.1bn, representing 26% of total imports. The bulletin also showed that China remained the Kingdom's top trading partner. Exports to China totaled SR11.4bn, accounting for 12.6% of total exports in April 2025, while imports from China reached SR19bn, representing 25% of total imports for the same month. The International Trade Statistics are based on administrative records from the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority for non-oil data and the Ministry of Energy for oil data, where the Kingdom's exports and imports are classified according to the 2022 Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System. (Zawya)

- **Saudi Arabia's trade surplus soars 52% to $16.8bn in 1Q 2025 -** Saudi Arabia's trade balance recorded a surplus exceeding SR63bn during the first quarter of 2025, achieving a growth of 52% compared to the fourth quarter of 2024, when the surplus exceeded SR41bn, according to data from the International Trade Bulletin issued by the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT). The data showed that the total volume of Saudi Arabia's international trade during the same period amounted to more than SR508bn, with the value of commodity exports reaching approximately SR285bn, compared to commodity imports exceeding SR222bn. Non-oil national exports amounted to more than SR54bn, representing 19% of total exports, while oil exports amounted to more than SR205bn, equivalent to 71.8% of total exports, while the value of re-exports amounted to more than SR26bn, representing 9.3% of total exports. At the level of trading partners, the group of Asian countries topped the list of importers of the Kingdom's exports, accounting for 74.6%, with a value exceeding SR213bn. This was followed by the group of European countries, accounting for 12.1%, with a value exceeding SR34bn, and then the group of African countries, accounting for 8.1%, with a value exceeding SR23bn. At the country level, China topped the list of importers of the Kingdom's exports, accounting for 15.7% of total exports, with a value exceeding SR44bn. This was followed by India, accounting for 9.8%, with a value exceeding SR28bn, and then Japan, accounting for 9.3%, with a value exceeding SR26bn. With regard to non-oil exports, including re-exports, they passed through 34 land, sea and air customs ports, and their total value amounted to more than SR80bn. King Fahd Industrial Port in Jubail topped the customs ports with a value exceeding SR9.9bn, representing 12.3% of the total, followed by Jeddah Islamic Port with a value exceeding SR9.7bn, representing 12.1%. (Zawya)
- **Fitch affirms UAE's AA- rating; expects conflict to be short-lived -** Fitch Ratings has affirmed its AA- rating on the UAE, citing the country's robust financial buffers despite high regional political risks and hydrocarbon dependence. The long-term foreign-currency issuer default rating (IDR) with a stable outlook mainly benefits from the UAE capital's substantial sovereign net foreign assets, which were estimated to be 157% of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) last year – one of the highest among Fitch-rated sovereigns. "The AA- rating reflects the UAE's moderate consolidated government debt, strong net external asset position and high GDP per capita," the ratings agency said on Tuesday. Fitch noted that while regional political risks are high, the ongoing conflict involving Israel, the United States and Iran is expected to remain contained and short-lived. If the conflict does become widespread, Abu Dhabi's oil infrastructure and Dubai's role as a trade, tourism and finance hub would be impacted. In the event of lower oil prices, Abu Dhabi is expected to increase borrowing over large drawdowns from Abu Dhabi Investment Authority, Fitch said. It projected a low UAE fiscal breakeven oil price of $45 to $50 per barrel in 2025 and 2026, excluding investment income. The consolidated surplus is projected to stand at 5.3% of GDP in 2025 and 5.9% in 2026. GDP could rise by 5.2% this year, supported by a 9% growth in Abu Dhabi's oil output and robust non-oil expansion exceeding 4%. (Zawya)
- **CBUAE gold reserves rise 19.3% in Q1 2025 -** The Central Bank of the United Arab Emirates (CBUAE) increased its gold reserves by 19.3% during the first quarter of the year, adding AED4.444bn to reach a total of AED27.425bn at the end of March, up from AED22.981bn at the end of 2024. According to the Central Bank's statistical bulletin issued today, demand deposit balances also grew, exceeding AED1.147tn by the end of March, compared to approximately AED1.109tn at the end of December 2024. Of this total, AED856.062bn were in local currency and AED291.116bn in foreign currencies. Savings deposits rose to AED338.788bn at the end of March, up from AED317.48bn in December. This included AED268.97bn in local currency and AED51.817bn in foreign currencies. Time deposits reached AED991.757bn by the end of March, including AED614.854bn in local currency and AED376.9bn in foreign currencies. The Central Bank's banking operations statistics also revealed that total transfers executed within the banking sector through the UAE Funds Transfer System (UAEFTS) reached AED5.449tn during the first quarter. This comprised AED3.331tn in bank-to-bank transfers and AED2.118tn in customer transfers. Regarding cheque transactions, statistics for March showed that cheques cleared using their images totaled AED351.359bn across 5.615mn cheques during the first three months of the year. In March alone, the value of cheques processed amounted to AED116.712bn through approximately 1.83mn cheques. Additionally, cash withdrawals from the Central Bank totaled AED63.887bn in the first quarter, while cash deposits during the same period amounted to AED47.124bn. (Zawya)
- **DIFC announces consultation of new Variable Capital Company regulations -** Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) proposes to enact new Variable Capital Company (VCC) Regulations. The proposed regulations seek to significantly enhance investment structuring and asset management options for proprietary investment in the DIFC. Jacques Visser, Chief Legal Officer at DIFC Authority, said: "DIFC Authority is pleased to announce the public consultation for our new Variable Capital Company Regulations. The proposed regime offers a unique vehicle with flexible share capital structuring for proprietary investment activities." The proposed VCC framework is designed to accommodate proprietary investment activities and will not require DFSA authorization or a requirement for a regulated fund manager, unless the vehicle engages in regulated financial services activities. This positions the VCC as an efficient vehicle for investors seeking the benefits of collective investment activity, or segregated investment strategies, whilst leveraging the flexibility and reduced procedural requirements for managing share capital. Key features of the proposed VCC Regulations include: Structure: A VCC may be established as a standalone company, or an umbrella structure with either incorporated or segregated cells. Flexible Share Capital: Share capital is equal to net asset value, providing flexibility for issuing and redeeming shares and enabling efficient capital inflows and outflows. Distributions: A VCC is not restricted to paying dividends out of its profits but can make distributions from capital based on the VCC's (or relevant Cell's) net asset value. Asset segregation: A VCC enables segregation of assets and investment strategies through incorporated or segregated cells, facilitating different risk profiles and the ringfencing of asset liability, whilst allowing for economies of scale through centralized management and oversight. The proposed VCC model will be of particular interest to family-owned businesses, high-value multi asset holdings and complex proprietary investment portfolios, such as secondaries structures, that wish to benefit from consolidated management and the structuring options and flexibility that a VCC provides. (Zawya)
- **Oman sees surge in US investment -** The United States of America emerged as the leading source of foreign direct investment into Oman in early 2025, with American inflows rising by 57.7% as investor confidence in the Sultanate's economic direction strengthened. According to the latest bulletin released by the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI), the US accounted for more than RO 2.8bn in new investments, overtaking the United Kingdom, which maintained a strong position with a 21% increase in FDI, reaching RO 2.7bn. Switzerland also stood out, recording a 101.9% jump in investments, while regional interest from Qatar rose sharply by 65.3%. The rise in US investments is being interpreted by analysts as a long-term vote of confidence in Oman's energy reforms and industrial policies. The Sultanate's push to enhance economic diversification, coupled with regulatory clarity and enhanced investor protections, has made Oman an increasingly attractive destination for global capital. The total value of FDI inflows reached RO 30.6bn, up from RO 25.4bn in Q1 2024. This significant increase of over RO 5bn highlights growing international investor interest in Oman. By contrast, the same period last year saw more modest growth of around

8%, with capital inflows concentrated largely in traditional energy sectors. The 2025 figures reflect not only larger volumes but also a broader diversification of investor countries and sectors, indicating a structural shift in Oman's FDI landscape. Much of the 2025 growth was driven by heightened activity in strategic sectors including oil and gas exploration, manufacturing, and financial intermediation. The oil and gas sector alone attracted over RO 4.8bn, a 24.2% increase, while manufacturing investments grew by 27.5%. In addition to hydrocarbons, the manufacturing sector saw significant gains, particularly in chemicals, base metals, and plastics. The government's localization strategies and focus on value-added production appear to be drawing sustained interest from foreign investors seeking regional manufacturing hubs. Economic experts attribute the FDI uptick to a combination of favorable reforms, improved investment climate, and Oman's strategic geographic position. Efforts under Oman Vision 2040, aimed at reducing dependency on oil, enhancing the private sector's role, and boosting global trade connectivity, are translating into measurable economic inflows. Further supporting the investment momentum are bilateral partnerships, tax incentives in economic zones, and infrastructure upgrades across ports, logistics corridors and energy systems. The outlook for FDI in Oman remains optimistic. As global investors look to diversify their portfolios in a volatile geopolitical environment, Oman's political stability, economic reforms, and improving credit profile continue to offer a reliable gateway into the wider Middle East and Indian Ocean regions. (Zawya)

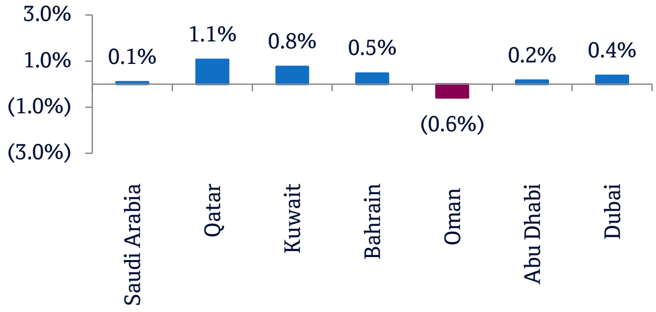
- **Oman: OAB unveils capital boost to power SME growth and digital innovation -** Oman Arab Bank (OAB) plans to increase its authorized capital to RO 500mn, up from RO 200mn presently, and increase its paid-in capital by RO 50mn by way of a shareholder-underwritten rights issue, subject to regulatory approvals. The capital boost is designed to increase the Bank's capital adequacy, enable enhanced lending to priority economic sectors, and spur digital innovation, with enhanced financial strength and long-term growth flexibility. Sulaiman al Harthi, Chief Executive Officer of Oman Arab Bank, stated, "This move is expected to significantly strengthen the bank's capacity to contribute to national economic growth. It will enhance the bank's ability to finance large, medium, and small-scale projects, while also improving its overall financial standing and credit rating. These improvements will better position the bank to attract funding from international lending institutions and potentially support future capital increases," he remarked. This strategic move will assist in strengthening the Bank's level of capital adequacy and set the stage for increased retail and corporate borrowing. It will also allow the Bank to have more room to invest in digital banking technology, further advancing its vision of growth through innovation. The capital boost will be particularly heartening for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), which form the backbone of Oman's private sector. With its enhanced lending capability, Oman Arab Bank will be better placed to provide expert finance solutions, larger credit facilities, and targeted support to SMEs—sectors that traditionally face funding constraints. The Bank's stronger position will also enable the launch of more nimble financing offerings and digital banking services that can streamline operations and improve financial inclusion for growing businesses. With its empowerment of SMEs, the Bank not only speeds up entrepreneurship and job creation but also makes a direct contribution to Oman's broader economic diversification goals under Oman Vision 2040. The growth of paid-in capital will be brought about by way of a rights issue, whereby existing shareholders, being the record date to be determined, have a choice of subscribing on a pro-rata basis. The authorized capital increase is designed to provide longer-term flexibility so that the Bank can seize future equity issuance opportunities in response to evolving market conditions. Such endeavors further enhance Oman Arab Bank's vision-driven approach for supporting Oman's economic aspirations with financial caution and preparedness to expand. Oman Arab Bank's planned capital increase is a bold step based on financial solidity, innovation, and national development. Through consolidation of its capital pillar, the Bank is positioning itself to better contribute to the economic development of Oman, improve lending capacity in core sectors, and propel digital progress. With the endorsement of shareholders and regulatory inputs, this action is a milestone towards achieving long-term solidity and strategic responsiveness within a transforming financial environment. (Zawya)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close ($)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	3,332.33	0.3	(1.1)	27.0
Silver/Ounce	36.26	1.0	0.7	25.5
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	67.68	0.8	(12.1)	(9.3)
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	64.92	0.9	(13.4)	(9.5)
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	3.25	(1.5)	5.2	(4.4)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	75.00	(0.9)	(8.5)	(8.0)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	83.80	(1.4)	(14.0)	(29.8)
Euro	1.17	0.4	1.2	12.6
Yen	145.24	0.2	(0.6)	(7.6)
GBP	1.37	0.4	1.6	9.2
CHF	1.24	0.1	1.6	12.7
AUD	0.65	0.4	0.9	5.3
USD Index	97.68	(0.2)	(1.0)	(10.0)
RUB	110.69	0.0	0.0	58.9
BRL	0.18	(0.1)	0.3	11.4

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	3,950.11	(0.2)	1.8	6.5
DJ Industrial	42,982.43	(0.2)	1.8	1.0
S&P 500	6,092.16	(0.0)	2.1	3.6
NASDAQ 100	19,973.55	0.3	2.7	3.4
STOXX 600	536.98	(0.7)	0.9	18.9
DAX	23,498.33	(0.5)	1.5	32.1
FTSE 100	8,718.75	(0.4)	0.6	16.2
CAC 40	7,558.16	(0.7)	0.4	15.1
Nikkei	38,942.07	(0.1)	1.7	5.5
MSCI EM	1,220.72	0.7	2.6	13.5
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,455.97	1.0	2.9	4.9
HANG SENG	24,474.67	1.2	4.0	20.7
BSE SENSEX	82,755.51	0.7	1.0	5.4
Bovespa	135,767.29	(1.6)	(1.4)	26.0
RTS	1,089.6	(1.7)	(1.7)	(4.7)

Source: Bloomberg ($ adjusted returns if any)*

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