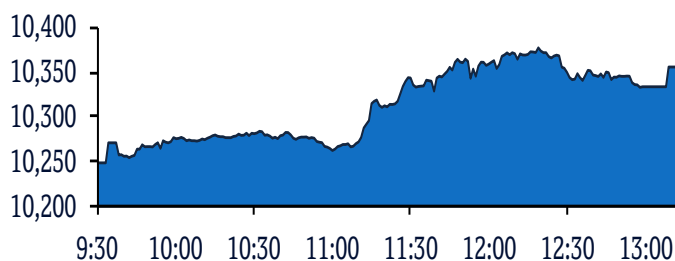


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.8% to close at 10,358.4. Gains were led by the Telecoms and Banks & Financial Services indices, gaining 2.1% and 1.0%, respectively. Top gainers were Qatar Islamic Bank and Ooredoo, rising 3.0% and 2.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company fell 3.3%, while Qatar Navigation was down 1.9%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.4% to close at 7,905.5. Gains were led by the Food & Staples Retailing and Transportation indices, rising 1.9% and 1.4%, respectively. Anaam Int. Holding rose 9.9%, while Yamama Cement was up 4.8%.

Dubai: The DFM Index fell marginally to close at 2,694.7. The Consumer Staples and Discretionary index declined 2.4%, while the Services index fell 1.3%. Ithmaar Holding declined 3.7%, while DXB Entertainments was down 2.9%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell marginally to close at 5,046.6. The Investment & Fin. Services and the Services indices declined 1.7% each. Abu Dhabi Aviation Co. declined 9.1%, while Umm Al Qaiwain General Inv. was down 7.8%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.2% to close at 6,038.4. The Telecom. index rose 0.6%, while the Real Estate index gained 0.4%. KAMCO Investment Company rose 9.4%, while Kuwait Real Estate Holding Co. was up 7.5%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell 0.3% to close at 4,028.9. Losses were led by the Industrial and Financial indices, falling 0.7% and 0.1%, respectively. Oman Flour Mills fell 4.7%, while Renaissance Services was down 2.9%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.2% to close at 1,547.3. The Commercial Banks index rose 0.4%, while the Services index gained marginally. Al Salam Bank-Bahrain rose 1.1%, while Bahrain Cinema Company was up 0.8%.

Market Indicators	05 Dec 19	04 Dec 19	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	237.5	375.2	(36.7)
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	573,350.5	568,601.1	0.8
Volume (mn)	84.3	102.0	(17.4)
Number of Transactions	7,468	8,090	(7.7)
Companies Traded	42	43	(2.3)
Market Breadth	25:11	30:8	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTMP/E
Total Return	19,060.25	0.8	2.1	5.0	15.0
All Share Index	3,060.84	0.8	2.0	(0.6)	15.1
Banks	4,097.15	1.0	2.4	6.9	13.8
Industrials	2,986.86	0.9	2.2	(7.1)	20.5
Transportation	2,608.09	(0.8)	(0.8)	26.6	14.0
Real Estate	1,529.16	0.5	2.2	(30.1)	11.5
Insurance	2,692.43	0.2	(0.7)	(10.5)	15.4
Telecoms	925.58	2.1	4.2	(6.3)	15.8
Consumer	8,648.50	(0.2)	1.6	28.1	19.2
Al Rayan Islamic Index	3,958.07	0.6	1.7	1.9	16.4

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Islamic Bank	Qatar	15.25	3.0	1,004.2	0.3
Ooredoo	Qatar	7.34	2.8	2,745.6	(2.1)
Co. for Cooperative Ins.	Saudi Arabia	70.00	2.2	112.6	16.1
Nat. Commercial Bank	Saudi Arabia	46.15	2.0	939.4	(3.6)
Sahara Int. Petrochemical	Saudi Arabia	15.20	1.7	1,962.9	(23.8)

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Emaar Malls	Dubai	1.89	(2.1)	1,029.3	5.6
Saudi Arabian Mining Co.	Saudi Arabia	41.35	(1.2)	204.2	(16.1)
National Shipping Co.	Saudi Arabia	31.50	(0.9)	1,002.1	(5.7)
Abu Dhabi Comm. Bank	Abu Dhabi	7.48	(0.9)	3,117.3	(8.3)
Saudi Basic Ind. Corp.	Saudi Arabia	90.00	(0.9)	1,387.6	(22.5)

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%
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	2.07	(3.3)	2,363.5	141.0
Qatar Navigation	6.11	(1.9)	423.3	(7.4)
Dlala Brokerage & Inv. Holding	0.62	(1.7)	276.0	(37.8)
Gulf International Services	1.79	(1.6)	480.7	5.3
Qatar Oman Investment Co.	0.59	(1.0)	301.6	10.3

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	19.75	0.9	51,037.1	1.3
Ooredoo	7.34	2.8	20,009.5	(2.1)
Industries Qatar	10.50	1.4	19,651.2	(21.4)
Qatar International Islamic Bank	9.70	0.6	18,059.1	46.7
Qatar Islamic Bank	15.25	3.0	15,196.2	0.3

Source: Bloomberg (* in QR)

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Islamic Bank	15.25	3.0	1,004.2	0.3
Ooredoo	7.34	2.8	2,745.6	(2.1)
Qatari Investors Group	1.73	2.4	387.6	(37.8)
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.74	2.2	6,052.4	(4.6)
Doha Insurance Group	1.08	1.9	131.1	(17.5)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Aamal Company	0.78	(0.6)	15,956.5	(11.8)
Qatar First Bank	0.31	0.6	10,132.1	(23.8)
Ezdan Holding Group	0.63	0.5	6,645.2	(51.3)
Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Dev.	0.74	2.2	6,052.4	(4.6)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.60	0.8	4,493.9	73.0

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,358.35	0.8	2.1	2.1	0.6	64.81	157,499.4	15.0	1.5	4.1
Dubai	2,694.71	(0.0)	0.6	0.6	6.5	36.65	99,612.3	10.7	1.0	4.3
Abu Dhabi	5,046.61	(0.0)	0.3	0.3	2.7	30.81	140,372.8	15.5	1.4	4.9
Saudi Arabia	7,905.51	0.4	0.6	0.6	1.0	548.09	493,141.4	20.4	1.7	3.8
Kuwait	6,038.35	0.2	1.9	1.9	18.9	107.36	113,076.3	14.9	1.4	3.5
Oman	4,028.89	(0.3)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(6.8)	6.28	17,317.0	7.6	0.7	7.4
Bahrain	1,547.31	0.2	1.3	1.3	15.7	13.33	24,162.2	12.5	1.0	5.0

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

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.8% to close at 10,358.4. The Telecoms and Banks & Financial Services indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from non-Qatari shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari and GCC shareholders.
- Qatar Islamic Bank and Ooredoo were the top gainers, rising 3.0% and 2.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Company fell 3.3%, while Qatar Navigation was down 1.9%.
- Volume of shares traded on Thursday fell by 17.4% to 84.3mn from 102.0mn on Wednesday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 70.2mn, volume for the day was 20.1% higher. Aamal Company and Qatar First Bank were the most active stocks, contributing 18.9% and 12.0% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	21.30%	35.67%	(34,124,204.93)
Qatari Institutions	23.70%	18.72%	11,832,250.63
Qatari	45.00%	54.39%	(22,291,954.30)
GCC Individuals	0.56%	1.04%	(1,134,167.00)
GCC Institutions	2.64%	4.74%	(4,989,515.63)
GCC	3.20%	5.78%	(6,123,682.62)
Non-Qatari Individuals	7.58%	10.02%	(5,785,020.05)
Non-Qatari Institutions	44.21%	29.81%	34,200,656.98
Non-Qatari	51.79%	39.83%	28,415,636.93

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

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
12/05	US	Department of Labor	Initial Jobless Claims	30-Nov	203k	215k	213k
12/05	US	Department of Labor	Continuing Claims	23-Nov	1,693k	1,660k	1,642k
12/06	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Unemployment Rate	Nov	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
12/05	EU	Eurostat	GDP SA QoQ	3Q2019	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
12/05	EU	Eurostat	GDP SA YoY	3Q2019	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%
12/05	Germany	Markit	Markit Germany Construction PMI	Nov	52.5	-	51.5
12/06	Germany	Deutsche Bundesbank	Industrial Production SA MoM	Oct	-1.7%	0.1%	-0.6%
12/06	Germany	Bundesministerium fur Wirtscha	Industrial Production WDA YoY	Oct	-5.3%	-3.6%	-4.5%

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

News

Qatar

- **The listing of Baladna on QSE is on December 11, 2019 shareholders data will be available at brokerage firms by December 8, 2019** – Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) announced that it has decided to admit the shares of Baladna to trading in the market as of Wednesday December 11th 2019, after completing all necessary technical and administrative procedures. With the listing of Baladna, the number of listed companies on QE will increase to 47. As usual, price floatation for Baladna will be permitted only for the first day of listing. Price fluctuation on the second day and thereafter will be permitted by 10% up/down as the case for all other listed companies. The source explained that there will be no change in the trading session during the first day of listing, except for the Pre-Open period as brokerage companies will be only permitted to enter buy/sell orders for Baladna shares starting at 8:30am during the first listing day only; while the Pre-Open period for other listed companies will remain as usual, at 9:00am. The data will become available at the brokerage firms effective Sunday, December 8, 2019, so investors will be able to submit their buy/sell orders directly to the brokers as of that date, the source added. Baladna was established on December 2nd 2019 with an authorized capital of QR1.9bn, which is 100% paid in full. The Company's primary objective is to manage, supervise and set the business strategy of BFI. The objects and

activities of the Company under the AoA are to establish, own, hold, buy, sell, subscribe for, transfer and allot or redeem shares, loan notes, bonds and any interests in itself, any affiliate and / or any company or undertaking; in addition to invest any of the Company's assets in funds, shares, bonds and financial instruments; as well as owning patents, commercial businesses, franchises, movable assets, personal and real property necessary or conducive for the furtherance of its objects. (QSE)

- **QNB launches exclusive National Day promotion on personal loans** – QNB Group, the largest financial institution in the Middle East and Africa, recently announced the launch of a new promotion for its customers in celebration of Qatar National Day, offering a special rate to all its customers when applying for a personal loan across its branch network, starting from 11 to 22 December 2019. QNB's customers can enjoy a personal loan with an exclusive and limited time interest rate of 4.25% p.a., with the option of a grace period of up to six months. Furthermore, customers will automatically be granted free international remittances and up to 200,000 welcome Life Rewards points, upon transferring their salaries and availing a personal loan, while customers obtaining a new credit card during the promotion period will benefit from free interest purchases for up to 90 days. As an added reward, eight Qatari nationals and four expatriates who avail a personal loan until the end of March 2020

can each win a cash prize of QR50, 000. Ms. Heba Al-Tamimi, General Manager, QNB Group Retail, said, "I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the proud people of Qatar, inviting them to celebrate Qatar National Day with the best rewarding offer in the country." "We have put together these unique benefits and exclusive offers to express our gratitude during this special occasion and celebrate this special day with our customers." Ms. Al-Tamimi added. QNB continues to provide individuals in Qatar with market-leading products and services, allowing them to fulfil their financial aspirations and enjoy the best lifestyle experiences. (QNB Group Press Release)

- **Qatargas LNG production achieves 'best in class' reliability performance of 98.8% in 2019** – Qatargas' liquefied natural gas (LNG) production is on target achieving the 'best in class' reliability performance of 98.8%, while the Laffan Refinery achieved a strong reliability of 98.6%, well ahead of the current year targets. The world's top LNG company's "achievements in 2019 and its strong performance" in a wide range of areas were highlighted at its Annual Town Hall meetings held in Doha and Al Khor recently. The company also completed 'successful and safe' shutdown of three of its mega LNG trains to ensure their reliability. Qatargas maintained a 'strong environmental and safety performance' as it achieved a flaring rate of 0.38 against a target of 0.44 thanks to a successful flare reduction project whereas the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission rate showed 0.35 against a target of 0.42. In the year under review, Laffan Refinery 1 marked 10 years of operation without any Lost Time Incident (LTI) and the company successfully completed two key environmental projects – the Waste Materials Management facility and the Treated Industrial and Process Water facility. Updates on the North Field Expansion (NFE) and North Field Production Sustainability (NFPS) projects were provided during the event. While the NFPS project will ensure that the current production capacity of the North Field offshore wells is well maintained into future, the NFE project will further enhance Qatar's production capacity from the current 77mn tons per year (Mtpy) to 110mn Mtpy by 2024. Updates on the Barzan Pipeline and Helium 3 projects were also provided during the event. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Moody's assigns 'A1' rating to Kahramaa** – Moody's Investors Service (Moody's) has assigned a first-time 'A1' long-term issuer rating and a 'Baa1' Baseline Credit Assessment to the Qatar General Electricity & Water Corporation (Kahramaa) in recognition to its financial stability. This was announced by Kahramaa through a press statement. This is the first time Moody's has assigned a rating to Kahramaa, the statement stated, adding that the strong financial performance and its transformation into a financially sustainable enterprise resulted in the recognition. Moody's expected that the demand for electricity would increase by about 5% and water by about 4% annually during the next five years, in light of the overall development taking place in the country. Moody's noted Kahramaa's ability to fulfill its obligations towards meeting the growth in the demand for electricity and water, in view of the implemented electricity network expansion projects in Qatar and the major strategic Water Security Mega Reservoirs Project, the statement explained. Kahramaa's President Issa bin Hilal Al-Kuwari said the achievement reflected the success of

Kahramaa's plans based on financial sustainability. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **The Board of Directors at MCCS discuss progress of the business of the Company** – Mannai Corporation (MCCS) announced the results of its Board of Directors' meeting held on 5th December, 2019. The meeting discussed progress of the business of the company. (QSE)
- **WOQOD opens Al Khor Petrol Station** – Qatar Fuel 'WOQOD' opened Al Khor Petrol Station, taking the total count of its total petrol stations to 94. WOQOD's Managing Director & CEO, Saad Rashid Al Muhannadi, said, "We are pleased to open new fixed petrol station in Al Khor. WOQOD aspires to expand its petrol stations network in the country to meet the rising demand for petroleum products and achieve the goal of providing customers with access to best-in-class products and services at their convenience and comfort. WOQOD has recently accelerated the process for the construction of new petrol stations to meet the fuel and energy needs of the country. WOQOD team would like to extend their gratitude to all concerned governmental and private entities that contributed to the completion of this project." (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Vodafone, Al Kass showcase region's first live 5G and 360-broadcast at Arabian Gulf Cup** – Vodafone Qatar, Official Telecommunications Sponsor of the 24th Arabian Gulf Cup, in partnership with Al Kass Sports Channels, has showcased the region's first-ever live 5G and 360-broadcast from Al Janoub Stadium where Qatar faced Saudi Arabia in the semi-final game of the tournament. The 360-degree camera was installed at Al Janoub Stadium and broadcasted the game live to the Al Kass YouTube Channel over Vodafone Qatar's GigaNet 5G network, giving fans a real-time experience of the game as if they were physically present, with no delay or interruptions. The live virtual reality (VR) experience was yet another 5G milestone for Vodafone Qatar, which raised the fan experience at the Arabian Gulf Cup tournament to another level with its state-of-the-art digital connectivity. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **QIIK receives Citibank excellence STP award for foreign payments** – Qatar International Islamic Bank (QIIK) has received Citibank's Straight Through Processing (STP) excellence award 2019, in recognition of its professionalism and exceptional performance in foreign payments, the bank stated in a statement on Saturday. (Qatar Tribune)
- **Doha Metro to open Green Line for public from December 10** – The Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) has announced that the trial operation of the Doha Metro's Green Line will start for the public this Tuesday, December 10. The line extends from Al Mansoura to Al Riffa (Mall of Qatar). This which complete the pilot operation of all Doha Metro lines. The Green Line, which runs across east to west of Doha, includes 11 stations namely: Al Mansoura, Msheireb, Al Bidda, The White Palace, Hamad Hospital, Al Messila, Al Rayyan Al Qadeem, Al Shaqab, Qatar National Library, Education City and Al Riffa (Mall of Qatar). This line will help football fans to travel to Education City stadium, which will host the Club World Cup final on December 21. The stadium will be inaugurated on Qatar National Day, which falls on December 18. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **Nebras Power celebrates 5 years of achievements** – As a part of the celebration of Nebras Power on the occasion of the fifth

anniversary of its incorporation, HE Saad Sherida Al Kaabi, Minister of State for Energy Affairs and the President and CEO of Qatar Petroleum, met with Fahad bin Hamad Al Muhannadi, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Nebras Power, in the presence of Khaled Mohamed Jolo, CEO of Nebras Power, and the Nebras executive team. During the meeting, the Minister praised Nebras Power's five years of successful investing in power generation projects in international markets and reaffirmed his support for Nebras Power, which stems from the importance of supporting Qatari companies in helping them to achieve the highest levels of success and to increase their competitiveness in their industries. The Minister urged the executive management to continue to set benchmarks and to achieve the mission envisioned by its stakeholders and partners. (Peninsula Qatar)

International

- **Strong US job growth showcases economy's resilience** – US job growth increased by the most in 10 months in November as the healthcare industry boosted hiring and production workers at General Motors returned to work after a strike, the strongest sign yet the economy is in no danger of stalling. The unemployment rate ticked back down to its lowest level in nearly half a century and wage gains remained near their strongest in a decade, the Labor Department's closely watched monthly employment report showed on Friday. The numbers suggest consumers will keep the longest economic expansion in history, now in its 11th year, chugging along into next year when Americans will decide whether to re-elect President Donald Trump. (Reuters)
- **UK jobs market wanes in November as demand for staff fades** – British employers' demand for staff rose in November at the slowest rate in more than a decade, adding to signs of a waning jobs market ahead of Brexit and next week's general election, a survey of recruiters showed on Friday. Monitored by the Bank of England (BoE), the index of demand for staff from the Recruitment and Employment Confederation (REC) and accountants KPMG fell to 51.4 in November, its lowest since September 2009, from 51.6 in October. Last month, two out of nine BoE interest-rate setters unexpectedly voted to cut interest rates, citing signs that the labor market - the bright spot of Britain's economy since the Brexit vote - may now be starting to weaken. Friday's REC report showed permanent job placements fell for a ninth month running, chiming with official data which has shown job creation waning. (Reuters)
- **Halifax: UK house price growth hits seven-month high in November** – British house prices rose in November at the fastest annual rate in seven months, mortgage lender Halifax stated on Friday. House prices increased 2.1% YoY after a 0.9% rise in October. In November alone, prices rose by 1.0% after a 0.1% drop in the previous month. "While a degree of uncertainty remains evident, it's also clear that buyers and sellers are responding to factors such as improved mortgage affordability and the limited supply of available properties," Halifax's Managing Director, Russell Galley said. (Reuters)
- **German industry slump sparks renewed economic growth fears** – Germany's industrial output unexpectedly dropped in October, reviving worries about its economic growth outlook as its manufacturing backbone takes a blow from global trade conflicts and disruptions in the auto sector. Industrial output dropped 1.7% on the month against expectations for a 0.1% rise, Statistics Office figures showed on Friday. Production of capital goods slumped by 4.4% on the month, the steepest decline in more than five years. Europe's biggest economy is going through a soft patch as its export-oriented manufacturers struggle against a backdrop of trade friction, an ailing car industry and uncertainties over Britain's planned departure from the European Union. (Reuters)
- **Deutsche Bank staffers cleared but bank fined in money laundering case** – Frankfurt prosecutors have dropped an investigation into two Deutsche Bank employees accused of aiding tax evasion through a former Virgin Islands unit, although they have fined the lender for compliance lapses. In a two-day raid a year ago, 170 police officers searched Deutsche Bank's headquarters in Frankfurt, hitting its share price just as management was battling with losses and a string of other financial and regulatory scandals. Sources close to the investigation said as recently as July that prosecutors were set to escalate the investigation, planning raids on wealthy former clients after searching the homes of eight people in May. Deutsche Bank stated on Friday, however, that the Frankfurt prosecutor's office had now closed the case due to a lack of suspicion. It was hit with 15mn Euros (\$16.5mn) in fines and forfeits to make amends for the shortcomings in its compliance setup. (Reuters)
- **Japan's October real wages up for second straight month** – The nation increased the sales tax to 10% from 8% on October 1, a move seen as critical for fixing Japan's tattered finances but that could dampen consumer spending and hurt the economy. Japan's cabinet approved a \$122bn fiscal package on Thursday to support stalling growth in the world's third-largest economy amid offshore risks and as policymakers look to sustain activity beyond the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Labor ministry data showed real wages, a key gauge of households' purchasing power, edged up 0.1% in the year to October after they were downwardly revised to 0.2% gain in September. Nominal total cash earnings rose 0.5% in the year to October, after their gains in September were revised down to 0.5% rise, data showed. (Reuters)
- **BoJ to consider offering bleaker view on output as trade war bites** – The Bank of Japan (BoJ) will consider offering a bleaker assessment on factory output than in October at its rate review this month, sources said, underscoring its concern over the broadening fallout from the US-China trade war and slowing global demand. A downgrade in the BoJ's view on output - a key driver of growth - will cast doubt on its argument that Japan's economy will sustain a moderate expansion as robust domestic demand make up for weak exports. Factory output contracted in October in the biggest slump in nearly two years and manufacturers expect output to drop again in November, government data showed. While the government blamed the weakness mostly on temporary shutdowns of factories due to the typhoon, analysts warned that weakening demand for cars and other big-ticket items after a sales tax hike in October was taking a toll. In its current assessment made in October, the BoJ says factory output is moving sideways. The nine-member board may offer a slightly bleaker view, such as that output is weakening, when it meets for a rate review on December 18-19, the sources said. Many analysts expect the BoJ to keep monetary

policy steady this month, after Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said he saw no need to ramp up stimulus now with the economy sustaining a recovery. (Reuters)

- **Japan's households tighten purse strings as sales tax, typhoon hit** – Japanese households cut their spending for the first time in almost a year in October as a sales tax hike prompted consumers to rein in expenses and natural disasters disrupted business. Household spending dropped 5.1% in October from a year earlier, government data showed on Friday, down for the first time in 11 months and the biggest fall since March 2016 when spending fell 5.3%. It was also weaker than the median forecast for a 3.0% decline. That marked a sharp reversal from the 9.5% jump in September, the fastest growth on record as consumers rushed to buy goods before the October 1 sales tax hike from 8% to 10%. “Not only is the sales tax hike hurting consumer spending but impacts from the typhoon also accelerated the decline in the spending,” said Taro Saito, executive research fellow at NLI Research Institute. “We expect the economy overall and consumer spending will contract in the current quarter and then moderately pick up January-March but such recovery won’t be strong enough.” Household spending fell 4.6% in April 2014 when Japan last raised the sales tax to 8% from 5%. It took more than a year for the sector to return to growth. Compared with the previous month, household spending fell 11.5% in October, the fastest drop since April 2014, a faster decline than the median 9.8% forecast. (Reuters)
- **China's November forex reserves ease to \$3.096tn, focus stays on trade talks** – China’s foreign exchange reserves fell \$9bn in November to \$3.096tn, central bank data showed on Saturday, as Washington and Beijing remained locked in negotiations over an interim trade agreement. Analysts polled by Reuters had expected China’s reserves, the world’s largest, would fall \$4bn to \$3.101tn in November. Despite the slowing Chinese economy and escalating US-China trade war, its reserves have been gradually rising since late 2018, helped by tight capital controls and rising inflows from foreign investors who are snapping up the country’s stocks and bonds. Modest changes in reserve levels in recent months have been largely ascribed to fluctuations in global exchange rates and the value of assets that China holds such as foreign bonds. (Reuters)
- **China to waive tariffs on some US soybeans, pork in goodwill gesture** – China on Friday confirmed that it will waive import tariffs for some soybeans and pork shipments from the US, as the two sides try to thrash out a broader agreement to defuse their protracted trade war. The tariff waivers were based on applications by individual companies, the finance ministry said in a statement, citing a decision by the country’s Cabinet without specifying the quantities involved. Several industry sources in the US and China interpreted the announcement as official confirmation of duty exemptions on up to 10mn tons of soybeans and an unknown volume of pork sources said were offered to importers earlier this year. (Reuters)

Regional

- **Saudi Arabia’s Energy Minister talks OPEC+ unity, backs Saudi Aramco to soar** – OPEC and its allies would only ease supply curbs and pump more oil once global crude inventories fall and pricing reflects a tighter market, Saudi Arabia’s Energy Minister told Reuters. Saudi Arabia spearheaded a deal with Russia and

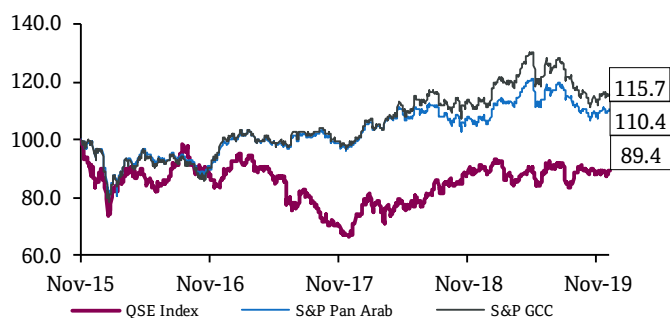
the other so-called OPEC+ oil producers to deepen output cuts through the first quarter of 2020. In his first interview with Reuters since he became energy minister in September, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said he expected OPEC+ producers to continue cooperating beyond March. “The jury is still out where will we be in March,” he said regarding the level of supply the market will need then. OPEC+ producers pump more than 40% of the world’s oil and have constrained output since 2017 in an effort to balance rapidly rising output from the United States. Saudi Arabia with OPEC peers and allies led by Russia backed a plan that could see cuts of as much as 2.1mn bpd, Saudi Arabia’s Energy Minister, Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman said. The figures include an extra 500,000 bpd in cuts to take the OPEC+ target 1.7mn bpd, or 1.7% of global demand, plus Saudi continuing to cut 400,000 bpd more than its quota. (Reuters)

- **Saudi Aramco shares to start trading December 11** – Saudi Aramco shares will start trading on December 11, the Saudi Arabia’s securities exchange Tadawul stated. Saudi Arabia’s state oil giant priced its IPO at SR32 per share on Thursday, raising \$25.6bn and beating Alibaba Group Holding Ltd’s record \$25bn listing in 2014. The Saudi Aramco IPO was launched to raise funds to help diversify the Kingdom away from reliance on oil and create jobs for a growing population. Saudi Aramco shares will trade using the symbol 2222 and will have a daily 10% plus or minus fluctuation limit, Tadawul stated. “On the first day of trading only, the opening auction for the Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco) will be extended for 30 minutes,” it added. (Reuters)
- **Saudi Arabian miner Ma’aden eyes \$5bn Waad Al-Shamal debt refinancing** – Saudi Arabian Mining Co. (Ma’aden) is considering full or partial refinancing of debt it raised for the Waad Al-Shamal phosphate project, which is about \$5bn in total, its Chief Executive said. The Gulf’s largest miner and world’s third-biggest phosphate producer has the necessary cash flow to pay down its existing debt, however, is looking to better manage its obligations at a time of low commodity prices, Ma’aden CEO, Darren Davis told reporters on the sidelines of a conference in Dubai. “We are looking at different options, whether we refinance the whole thing or partially. We are still in the early stages on that one. Our goal is to do it next year,” he said regarding the planned debt refinancing. Majority owned by Saudi Arabia’s PIF sovereign wealth fund, Ma’aden is also looking into several potential acquisitions this year and the next, Davis added. “We are looking all the time, there are a lot of changes around the world, we think it’s a good time to buy,” he said, adding that deals would mainly involve fertilizers, copper and possibly gold assets. (Reuters)
- **S&P Dow Jones may fast-track Saudi Aramco’s index entry** – If Saudi Aramco’s shares begin trading on or before December 12, the company will be included in global benchmark indexes in the December rebalancing, S&P Dow Jones Indices stated. Inclusion will be subject to company meeting required size threshold based on the first day’s closing price, it stated. S&P Dow Jones considers shares sold to individual investors as restricted while calculating investable weight factor, because of incentives to hold shares associated with offering. (Bloomberg)
- **UAE’s November whole economy PMI at 50.3 vs. 51.1 in October** – Growth in non-oil private sector business conditions softened

to the weakest in over ten years in November. UAE firms saw the first monthly decline in new orders on record, despite further cuts to selling prices aimed at improving demand. Output growth slowed to a modest rate, while payroll numbers fell marginally. Nevertheless, business expectations improved to a four-month high. The headline seasonally adjusted IHS Markit UAE Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) – a composite indicator designed to give an accurate overview of operating conditions in the non-oil private sector economy – fell from 51.1 in October to 50.3 in November, indicating a marginal improvement in the health of the sector. The reading was the lowest observed since August 2009 and just above the 50.0 mark that separates growth from contraction. The latest survey data showed the first month-on-month decline in new business at UAE non-oil companies in the series history. Slowing market conditions led customers to limit order volumes, according to surveyed firms. That said the overall reduction was marginal. More positively, panelists saw a renewed increase in new export orders, as international markets reportedly fared better than the domestic one. Nevertheless, the drop in total new orders contributed to a slowdown in activity growth in November. Output rose at the softest rate in over eight years, with firms that signaled uplift in activity relating this to ongoing projects. The weak expansion in output led to a build-up of input stocks for the first time in four months. As such, purchasing activity was reduced further. (Markit)

- **Abu Dhabi Investment Authority discloses Petropavlovsk stake** – Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA) has 4.50% voting rights in Petropavlovsk, according to a filing. (Bloomberg)
- **Boubyan Bank agrees to buy BLME Holdings for \$1.05/share in cash** – Board of Boubyan Bank and BLME Holding's independent directors have reached agreement on terms of a recommended all cash offer by Boubyan Bank for BLME. BLME's shareholders will be entitled to \$1.05/share in cash. The deal values all of BLME at around \$212.1mn. BLME's independent directors unanimously consider terms of deal to be fair and reasonable and have recommended that shareholders accept the offer. Boubyan Bank and unit currently hold around 27.91% beneficial interest in BLME. (Bloomberg)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,460.16	(1.1)	(0.3)	13.9
Silver/Ounce	16.57	(2.3)	(2.7)	7.0
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	64.39	1.6	3.1	19.7
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	59.20	1.3	7.3	30.4
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.30	(3.0)	(6.5)	(27.8)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	51.50	(3.7)	(8.4)	(18.9)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	67.75	(2.0)	(5.2)	(3.2)
Euro	1.11	(0.4)	0.4	(3.5)
Yen	108.58	(0.2)	(0.8)	(1.0)
GBP	1.31	(0.1)	1.7	3.0
CHF	1.01	(0.4)	1.0	(0.9)
AUD	0.68	0.1	1.2	(3.0)
USD Index	97.70	0.3	(0.6)	1.6
RUB	63.74	0.0	(0.9)	(8.6)
BRL	0.24	1.1	2.3	(6.3)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,296.39	0.8	0.2	21.9
DJ Industrial	28,015.06	1.2	(0.1)	20.1
S&P 500	3,145.91	0.9	0.2	25.5
NASDAQ 100	8,656.53	1.0	(0.1)	30.5
STOXX 600	407.35	0.7	0.3	16.5
DAX	13,166.58	0.4	(0.2)	20.5
FTSE 100	7,239.66	1.2	0.1	10.9
CAC 40	5,871.91	0.8	(0.2)	19.8
Nikkei	23,354.40	0.3	1.0	18.6
MSCI EM	1,048.96	0.6	0.9	8.6
SHANGHAI SE Composite	2,912.01	0.6	1.4	14.2
HANG SENG	26,498.37	1.1	0.6	2.6
BSE SENSEX	40,445.15	(0.9)	(0.2)	9.6
Bovespa	111,125.80	1.1	4.5	17.7
RTS	1,448.34	1.3	0.7	35.5

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns)

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