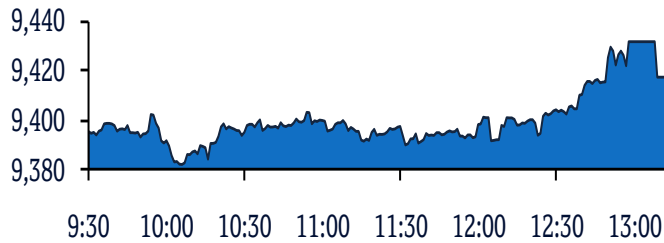


## QSE Intra-Day Movement



## Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.2% to close at 9,417.9. Gains were led by the Industrials and Consumer Goods & Services indices, gaining 1.0% and 0.3%, respectively. Top gainers were Qatari German Company for Medical Devices and Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company, rising 6.3% and 4.5%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatar First Bank fell 2.4%, while Qatar Oman Investment Company was down 2.2%.

## GCC Commentary

**Saudi Arabia:** The TASI Index gained 0.1% to close at 7,536.0. Gains were led by the Food & Staples Ret. and Health Care indices, rising 0.8% and 0.7%, respectively. Saudi Arabia Refineries Co. rose 9.9%, while Methanol Chemicals Co. was up 6.8%.

**Dubai:** The DFM Index gained marginally to close at 2,093.8. The Investment & Financial Services index rose 0.8%, while the Services index gained 0.7%. Ekttitab Holding Company rose 7.4%, while Khaleeji Commercial Bank were up 2.6%.

**Abu Dhabi:** The ADX General Index gained 0.5% to close at 4,353.7. The Investment & Financial Services index rose 3.3%, while the Services index gained 2.3%. Abu Dhabi Nat. Insurance rose 9.0%, while Abu Dhabi National Energy Co. was up 8.4%.

**Kuwait:** The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.5% to close at 5,053.4. The Consumer Goods index rose 3.3%, while the Consumer Services index gained 0.9%. Dar Al Thuraya Real Estate Co. rose 65.1%, while Warba Capital Holding Co was up 14.9%.

**Oman:** The MSM 30 Index fell 0.3% to close at 3,576.8. Losses were led by the Financial and Services indices, falling 0.6% and 0.5%, respectively. Arabia Falcon Insurance Co. declined 9.8%, while Muscat City Desalination Co. was down 8.2%.

**Bahrain:** The BHB Index gained 0.5% to close at 1,299.9. The Commercial Banks index rose 1.0%, while the Services index gained 0.2%. Khaleeji Commercial Bank rose 8.1%, while Ahli United Bank was up 1.7%.

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	2.63	6.3	33,413.7	351.0
Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing	0.92	4.5	38,590.7	17.9
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.47	3.1	24,351.9	(9.7)
Widam Food Company	7.00	2.9	1,309.0	3.5
Al Khaleeji Takaful Insurance Co.	1.93	2.5	4,576.4	(3.5)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing	0.92	4.5	38,590.7	17.9
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	2.63	6.3	33,413.7	351.0
Investment Holding Group	0.52	(1.7)	30,856.5	(8.7)
United Development Company	1.15	(0.4)	24,475.8	(24.2)
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.47	3.1	24,351.9	(9.7)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	9,417.88	0.2	0.1	0.5	(9.7)	117.65	150,507.7	15.4	1.4	4.2
Dubai	2,093.80	0.0	(0.7)	2.1	(24.3)	44.50	80,730.6	7.2	0.7	4.6
Abu Dhabi	4,353.72	0.5	(0.1)	1.1	(14.2)	53.27	177,855.6	15.0	1.3	5.6
Saudi Arabia	7,535.96	0.1	0.5	1.0	(10.2)	1,582.47	2,243,446.3	24.7	1.8	3.4
Kuwait	5,053.36	0.5	0.9	1.7	(19.6)	95.67	94,124.9	16.8	1.2	4.0
Oman	3,576.75	(0.3)	0.2	0.2	(10.2)	3.95	16,156.1	5.2	0.4	13.9
Bahrain	1,299.94	0.5	0.9	0.7	(19.3)	2.97	19,710.5	12.1	0.8	5.5

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

Market Indicators	10 Aug 20	09 Aug 20	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	430.7	336.3	28.1
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	550,705.2	549,962.8	0.1
Volume (mn)	244.5	211.4	15.7
Number of Transactions	10,022	6,422	56.1
Companies Traded	44	46	(4.3)
Market Breadth	22:18	27:16	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	18,105.56	0.2	0.1	(5.6)	15.4
All Share Index	2,942.93	0.1	0.0	(5.0)	16.2
Banks	4,078.38	(0.1)	(0.5)	(3.4)	13.7
Industrials	2,673.80	1.0	1.2	(8.8)	23.7
Transportation	2,865.07	(0.3)	0.5	12.1	13.6
Real Estate	1,585.00	(0.1)	0.2	1.3	13.0
Insurance	2,065.21	0.0	1.3	(24.5)	32.7
Telecoms	891.87	(0.4)	(0.1)	(0.3)	15.0
Consumer	7,523.88	0.3	0.7	(13.0)	21.9
Al Rayan Islamic Index	3,825.04	0.6	1.0	(3.2)	17.9

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Saudi Arabian Fertilizer	Saudi Arabia	83.30	4.3	536.9	7.5
Dar Al Arkan Real Estate	Saudi Arabia	7.70	2.7	73,442.4	(30.0)
Mouwasat Medical Serv.	Saudi Arabia	111.20	2.4	83.6	26.4
Bank Al Bilad	Saudi Arabia	24.16	2.1	2,279.3	(10.2)
Sahara Int. Petrochemical	Saudi Arabia	15.10	1.8	3,133.9	(15.9)

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
HSBC Bank Oman	Oman	0.09	(3.3)	958.3	(27.3)
Sembcorp Salalah Power.	Oman	0.11	(1.8)	12.5	(18.5)
Ominvest	Oman	0.34	(1.7)	58.3	(0.6)
Saudi British Bank	Saudi Arabia	23.74	(1.1)	324.0	(31.6)
Bank Dhofar	Oman	0.10	(1.0)	910.0	(18.7)

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%
Qatar First Bank	1.45	(2.4)	6,469.5	77.3
Qatar Oman Investment Co.	0.89	(2.2)	9,971.5	33.0
Investment Holding Group	0.52	(1.7)	30,856.5	(8.7)
Al Meera Consumer Goods Co.	19.50	(1.3)	239.4	27.5
Vodafone Qatar	1.24	(1.1)	3,635.3	6.9

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Qatari German Co for Med. Dev.	2.63	6.3	87,423.5	351.0
QNB Group	18.03	(0.3)	46,743.4	(12.4)
Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing	0.92	4.5	34,889.7	17.9
United Development Company	1.15	(0.4)	28,162.2	(24.2)
Baladna	1.84	(0.3)	17,567.6	84.0

Source: Bloomberg (\* in QR)

## Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.2% to close at 9,417.9. The Industrials and Consumer Goods & Services indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from Foreigners shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari, GCC and Arab shareholders.
- Qatari German Company for Medical Devices and Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company were the top gainers, rising 6.3% and 4.5%, respectively. Among the top losers, Qatar First Bank fell 2.4%, while Qatar Oman Investment Company was down 2.2%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday rose by 15.7% to 244.5mn from 211.4mn on Sunday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 300.7mn, volume for the day was 18.7% lower. Qatar Aluminium Manufacturing Company and Qatari German Company for Medical Devices were the most active stocks, contributing 15.8% and 13.7% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	48.58%	50.94%	(10,161,278.7)
Qatari Institutions	25.18%	22.82%	10,148,665.4
<b>Qatari</b>	<b>73.76%</b>	<b>73.77%</b>	<b>(12,613.3)</b>
GCC Individuals	0.86%	0.84%	83,355.0
GCC Institutions	0.81%	0.87%	(240,487.2)
<b>GCC</b>	<b>1.68%</b>	<b>1.71%</b>	<b>(157,132.3)</b>
Arab Individuals	12.38%	12.48%	(448,317.8)
<b>Arab</b>	<b>12.38%</b>	<b>12.48%</b>	<b>(448,317.8)</b>
Foreigners Individuals	3.44%	3.26%	780,403.3
Foreigners Institutions	8.75%	8.79%	(162,339.9)
<b>Foreigners</b>	<b>12.19%</b>	<b>12.04%</b>	<b>618,063.4</b>

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

## Earnings Releases, Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

### Earnings Releases

Company	Market	Currency	Revenue (mn) 2Q2020	% Change YoY	Operating Profit (mn) 2Q2020	% Change YoY	Net Profit (mn) 2Q2020	% Change YoY
Saudi Cement Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	297.5	-12.1%	82.9	-16.9%	74.5	-19.3%
Herfy Food Services Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	170.1	-45.0%	(24.1)	N/A	(34.2)	N/A
Qassim Cement Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	167.4	8.4%	82.4	20.3%	85.5	21.3%
Al Moammar Info. Systems Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	319.5	34.2%	26.9	36.1%	24.4	87.6%
Southern Province Cement Co.	Saudi Arabia	SR	339.0	22.8%	137.0	39.8%	135.0	48.4%
International Holdings Co.	Abu Dhabi	AED	1,743.6	976.1%	-	-	670.3	98034.6%
Arkan Building Materials Co	Abu Dhabi	AED	179.3	-19.9%	-	-	(8.4)	N/A
Ras Al Khaimah Ceramics	Abu Dhabi	AED	411.3	-37.3%	(9.2)	N/A	(11.6)	N/A
Trafco Group*	Bahrain	BHD	19.1	-1.0%	0.7	-23.8%	1.1	3.6%
APM Terminals Bahrain*	Bahrain	BHD	21.1	13.6%	6.7	28.1%	6.9	51.3%

Source: Company data, DFM, ADX, MSM, TASI, BHB. (\*Financial for 6M2020)

### Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
08/10	EU	Sentix Behavioral Indices	Sentix Investor Confidence	Aug	-13.4	-16.0	-18.2
08/10	China	National Bureau of Statistics	PPI YoY	Jul	-2.4%	-2.5%	-3.0%
08/10	China	National Bureau of Statistics	CPI YoY	Jul	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%

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

### Earnings Calendar

Tickers	Company Name	Date of reporting 2Q2020 results	No. of days remaining	Status
DBIS	Diala Brokerage & Investment Holding Company	11-Aug-20	0	Due
MCCS	Mannai Corporation	11-Aug-20	0	Due
MRDS	Mazaya Qatar Real Estate Development	12-Aug-20	1	Due
QOIS	Qatar Oman Investment Company	12-Aug-20	1	Due
QCFS	Qatar Cinema & Film Distribution Company	12-Aug-20	1	Due
MERS	Al Meera Consumer Goods Company	12-Aug-20	1	Due
GISS	Gulf International Services	12-Aug-20	1	Due
ERES	Ezdan Holding Group	13-Aug-20	2	Due
MPHC	Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company	13-Aug-20	2	Due

Source: QSE

## News

### Qatar

- **IGRD's net profit declines 52.9% YoY and 40.9% QoQ in 2Q2020, below our estimate** – Investment Holding Group's (IGRD) net profit declined 52.9% YoY (-40.9% QoQ) to QR5.7mn in 2Q2020, below our estimate of QR7.6mn. The company's Revenue came in at QR74.8mn in 2Q2020, which represents a decrease of 35.2% YoY (-1.7% QoQ). In 1H2020, IGRD posted net profit of QR15.4mn compared to net profit amounted to QR27.8mn for the same period of the previous year. EPS amounted to QR0.019 in 1H2020 as compared to QR0.034 in 1H2019. (QSE)
- **SIIS reports net loss of QR48.5mn in 2Q2020** – Salam International Investment Limited (SIIS) reported net loss of QR48.5mn in 2Q2020 as compared to net profit of QR52.6mn in 2Q2019 and net loss of QR37.5mn in 1Q2020. The company's Operating Revenue came in at QR257.4mn in 2Q2020, which represents a decrease of 51.5% YoY (-31.8% QoQ). In 1H2020, SIIS recorded net loss of QR86.0mn as compared to net profit of QR58.2mn attained in the same period in 2019. Loss per share amounted to QR0.075 in 1H2020 as compared to earnings per share of QR0.051 in 1H2019. (QSE)
- **QCB issues treasury bills for three, six and nine months, worth QR600mn** – Qatar Central Bank (QCB) issued on August 10, 2020 treasury bills for three, six and nine months, with a value of QR600mn, distributed as QR300mn for three months at an interest rate of 0.20%, QR200mn for six months at an interest rate of 0.29% and QR100mn for nine months at an interest rate of 0.35%. The issuance is part of a series of issues executed by Qatar Central Bank on behalf of the Government of the State of Qatar and in accordance with the schedule prepared by both Qatar Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance. Treasury bills are issued through auction for banks operating in Qatar. (QCB)
- **Qatar's industrial sector PPI witnesses 7.6% rise MoM in June** – Robust expansion in the earnings of hydrocarbons and certain manufactured products helped Qatar's industrial sector witness a healthy 7.6% MoM increase in producer price index (PPI) this June, according to the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). However PPI saw a stupendous 40.7% YoY plunge. The mining PPI, which carries the maximum weight of 72.7%, reported an 8.8% growth on a monthly basis in June 2020 as price of crude petroleum and natural gas shot up 8.8%; while that of stone, sand and clay was down 1.1%. The PPI for mining registered 47.9% shrinkage on a yearly basis in June this year on the back of a 48% slump in the price of crude petroleum and natural gas and 5.3% in stone, sand and clay. The manufacturing sector, which has a weight of 26.8% in the PPI basket, witnessed a 6.4% increase MoM in June this year. The manufacturing sector PPI had seen a yearly 26.9% contraction in June 2020. The utilities group, which has a mere 0.5% weightage in the PPI basket, saw its index shrink 6% on yearly basis in June this year as electricity prices had fallen 13.3%; even as that of water grew 3%. The index had seen a 1.9% dip MoM this June with electricity index dropping 9.7%; even as that of water expanded 7.8%. (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Total 65 Qatari cargoes delivered 6.7MT of LNG to UK in 2019** – Qatar, which retained its position as the world's top liquefied natural gas (LNG) exporter in 2019, also emerged as the single largest LNG exporter to the UK during the year. UK is the

world's 8th largest importer of liquefied natural gas. A total of 65 Qatari cargoes delivered 6.7mn tons of LNG to the UK in 2019, according to Nakilat's first half 2020 report. In 2019, UK received 14mn tons (31.2bn cbm) of LNG, which is more than double from previous year (6.1mn tons in 2018). There are three LNG terminals in UK, which are South Hook, Dragon and Isle of Grain. A joint-venture between Qatar Petroleum, ExxonMobil and Total, the South Hook LNG terminal celebrated its 10th operating anniversary in 2019. It has been receiving LNG from the Qatargas-2 project since opening in 2009. The Nakilat first half report noted that two of Nakilat Q-FLex LNG carriers have marked their 100th LNG delivery milestone this year. Al Ghashamiya commemorated her 100th LNG delivery at Himeji LNG terminal in Japan on 6th February 2020 while Al Kharaitiyat crossed the milestone recently in June 2020. Both vessels are currently being managed by Nakilat Shipping Qatar Limited (NSQL). Nakilat owned and managed LPG carrier Bu Sidra has recently achieved a milestone with the delivery of its first cargo to the Haldia Port, a major LPG import terminal in India. The latter is one of 14 LPG receiving terminals in India, a country which has 12 percent of the global LPG import market share. Chartered by Oriental Energy, LPG Bu Sidra achieved a LTI-free (lost time injury) record in 2019, and has maintained this track record since coming under NSQL management in 2012. Nakilat's fleet of four very large gas carriers (VLGC) delivers to more than 30 terminals across the world, with 1,164,955 MT of gas shipped in 2019 alone. (Peninsula Qatar)

- **Qatar ranks at top in world Internet readiness index** – Qatar has become one of the most digitally developed countries in the region, and has performed exceptionally well - number one - in terms of Internet readiness, policy support and adaptability of new technology, in a latest study by a globally renowned research and analysis firm. Qatar ranks 2nd in the region and 28th globally in the overall ranking, in the Inclusive Internet Index prepared by The Economist Intelligence Unit (TheEIU), a research division of the London-based Economist Group. Only Kuwait (24th) is above Qatar in the region, while other countries such as the UAE (38th), Bahrain (41st) Saudi Arabia (43rd) trailing far behind Qatar. In terms of Internet 'readiness' Qatar has topped in the world among 100 countries studied for the index. The 'readiness' category examines the capacity to access the Internet, including skills, cultural acceptance, and supporting policy. Qatar has secured 11th position in the Internet 'Availability' category globally, which is essentially a remarkable performance. The 'Availability' category examines the quality and breadth of existing infrastructure required for access and levels of Internet usage. In terms of 'Affordability' or price of the Internet service, Qatar has stood at 42nd position. This relatively low ranking in the world is understandably due to small market size and low competitive environment as there are only two players. Price measures the cost of Internet access relative to income. (Peninsula Qatar)

### International

- **Trump says considering cutting capital gains tax, income taxes for middle-income families** – US President Donald Trump on Monday said he was considering cutting the US capital gains tax and lowering income taxes for middle-income families to

help the US economy recover from the economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic. “We’re ... also considering a capital gains tax cut, which would create a lot more jobs,” Trump told reporters at the White House. “And also at an income tax cut for middle-income families.” (Reuters)

- **Mnuchin: Chinese firms that fail US accounting standards to be delisted as of 2022** – US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin on Monday said companies from China and other countries that do not comply with accounting standards will be delisted from US stock exchanges as of the end of 2021. Mnuchin and other officials recommended the move to the US Securities and Exchange Commission last week to ensure that Chinese firms are held to the same standards as US companies, prompting China to call for frank dialogue. Mnuchin told a White House briefing the SEC was expected to adopt the recommendations. “As of the end of next year ... they all have to comply with the same exact accounting, or they will be delisted on the exchanges,” he said. The recommendation is part of a push by the Trump administration to correct what it calls major imbalances in ties between the world’s two largest economies. Tensions between the two countries have flared in past months over China’s handling of the coronavirus outbreak, Hong Kong and human rights. US President Donald Trump said China was also failing to meet its commitments to buy more US goods under a Phase 1 trade deal signed in January, although he said purchases should increase next year. “We did a Phase 1 deal and it was a wonderful deal, and all of a sudden it means very little in the overall import of things,” Trump told reporters. (Reuters)
- **White House: Trump wants stimulus payments, schools funds in COVID-19 bill** – US President Donald Trump still wants to see coronavirus aid legislation pass that would include stimulus payments to individuals and school funding, the White House said on Monday after talks with congressional Democrats collapsed last week. “The White House is still motivated,” White House spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany told reporters at a briefing. “The president would love to see the direct payments to Americans, the president would love to see the school funding. There are several items we would like to see happen.” (Reuters)
- **US Treasury Chief: TikTok cannot continue in present form** – US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said on Monday that Chinese-owned short video app TikTok cannot continue in its present form collecting data on Americans on a large scale and the Treasury has the tools it needs to remedy the situation. Mnuchin, speaking to CNBC television, said President Donald Trump “has made perfectly clear, it’s not going to continue with this in this form.” Mnuchin declined to comment on Microsoft’s negotiations to purchase TikTok. (Reuters)
- **US job openings rise in June, likely exaggerate labor market health** – US job openings increased in June but the surge in vacancies was accompanied by a rise in workers quitting their positions at hotels, restaurants and bars, likely because of fears of exposure to COVID-19 and problems securing child care. Despite the increase in vacancies reported by the Labor Department on Monday, job openings remained below their pre-pandemic level, supporting the view that it could take the labor market years to recover from the public health crisis. Job

openings, a measure of labor demand, rose 518,000 to 5.9mn on the last day of June, the Labor Department said in its monthly Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey, or JOLTS. Vacancies were below their level of 7mn in February. There were an additional 198,000 job openings in the accommodation and food services industry. Vacancies also increased in the health care and social assistance sector. Overall, the job openings rate rose to 4.1% from 3.9% in May. The number of people voluntarily quitting their jobs increased 531,000 to 2.6mn. Those quitting jobs in the healthcare and social assistance industry rose by 106,000, while the jump in the accommodation and food services sector was 104,000. The retail sector saw an increase of 99,000 quitting. The quits rate, which under normal circumstance is viewed by policymakers and economists as a measure of job market confidence, increased to 1.9% from 1.6% in May. (Reuters)

- **UK consumer spending recovers in July as pubs and restaurants reopen** – British consumers spent the most last month since the country went into a coronavirus lockdown in March, as pubs, restaurants, barbers and beauty salons reopened, according to industry figures published on Tuesday. Data from Barclaycard and the British Retail Consortium showed spending was close to getting back to normal levels though not all sectors were benefiting. Barclaycard said consumer spending was 2.6% lower than in July 2019, the smallest shortfall since the lockdown began. “However, a sense of cautiousness still prevails,” Barclaycard director Esme Harwood said. Official figures due on Wednesday are expected to show Britain suffered the biggest economic hit from COVID-19 of any major economy between April and June with output expected to be down by about 20%. While unemployment has barely risen so far, due largely to a government job protection scheme, the Bank of England expects the jobless rate to almost double to 7.5% by the end of 2020. Reopening businesses, as well as warm weather, boosted consumer spending in July. But sales at pubs and restaurants, which reopened for on-premises consumption on July 4, remained well below year-ago levels. By contrast, sales of takeaways and fast food were 20% higher than last year as people preferred to eat at home - something finance minister Rishi Sunak is trying to change with government subsidies for dining in restaurants in August. Spending on groceries, furniture and electronics was also up strongly, while travel spending remained weak. (Reuters)
- **UK shopper numbers rise after launch of state-funded dining scheme** – Britain’s retail and hospitality sectors, already struggling with high rents and business taxes, were hit particularly hard by the coronavirus lockdown and thousands of job losses have been announced. To get the country spending again the 500mn Pound (\$653mn) “Eat Out to Help Out” scheme offers 50% off the bill for eat-in food and drink - up to 10 Pounds per person, excluding alcohol - on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays in August. The government hopes the unprecedented subsidy, along with cuts to value-added tax for the hospitality sector, will help to reduce job losses at restaurants, cafes, bars and pubs, which employ 1.8 million people. Official data published last month showed that UK retail sales excluding fuel were back to year-ago levels in June, but the recovery was driven by a boom in online shopping and extra spending at supermarkets as people ate out less. Market

researcher Springboard said that footfall rose 4.5% in UK shopping streets in the week to August 8 compared with the previous week. It was up 3.3% in retail parks and up 3% in shopping centers. Between Monday and Wednesday, during the Eat Out to Help Out scheme, footfall rose in retail destinations across the United Kingdom by 18.9% after 6pm, versus a rise of 9.6% at lunchtime (12pm to 2pm). Springboard said that footfall across all UK retail destinations remained more than a third lower than in 2019, with a year-on-year decline of 34%. (Reuters)

- **Sentix: Eurozone investor morale improves in August but recovery sluggish** – Investor morale in the Eurozone rose for a fourth consecutive month in August but the low reading suggests that the coronavirus-hit economy is still in recession in the third quarter, a survey showed on Monday. Sentix's index for the Eurozone improved to -13.4 from -18.2 in July. That was its highest reading since pre-lockdown times in February and compared with the Reuters consensus forecast for a reading of -15.1. The current situation index rose to -41.3 from -49.5 in July, its highest reading since March. "There is still no rejoicing in absolute terms," said Sentix Managing Director Patrick Hussy. "The process of economic recovery is proving sluggish." The expectations index for the bloc was almost unchanged, dipping to 19.3 from 19.5 in the previous month. "It is remarkable in this context that a second wave of corona infections does not leave a new fear reflex in the economic indicators," Hussy said, after Germany has seen a rise in new coronavirus cases in recent weeks. Sentiment in Germany picked up for a fourth straight month, with investors feeling more upbeat about both the current situation and the future. Sentix suggested this may be linked to a surge in industrial orders in June. Sentix surveyed 1,078 investors from August 6 to 8. (Reuters)
- **Japan's current account surplus shrinks to five-year low as exports plunge** – Japan posted its smallest current account surplus in more than five years in June, Ministry of Finance data showed on Tuesday, mainly due to a slump in exports, highlighting the heavy hit to external demand from the coronavirus pandemic. The current account surplus was 167.5bn Yen (\$1.58bn), the smallest monthly surplus since January 2015, a finance ministry official said. That compared with a median forecast for a 110bn Yen surplus and a 1.177tn Yen surplus in May. The current account balance has maintained a run of uninterrupted monthly surpluses for six years. Exports plunged 25.7% in June from a year ago, hit hard by falling shipments of cars and car parts to the US, the data showed. That was slightly smaller than a 28.9% annual decline in May. Imports shed an annual 14.4%, following a 27.7% annual fall in May. As a result, the trade deficit in June widened to 157.7bn Yen. A 99.9% drop in foreign tourists due to immigration restrictions imposed over the health crisis sent the travel account to a 157.7bn Yen deficit in June, the data showed. (Reuters)
- **BOJ: Japan July bank loans rise 6.3% YoY** – Japanese bank lending in July rose 6.3% from a year earlier, the Bank of Japan said on Tuesday. Outstanding loans held by the country's four main categories of banks, including "shinkin" or credit unions, stood at 572.706tn Yen (\$5.40tn). (Reuters)

- **China auto sales surge in July, log fourth straight month of gains** – China's auto sales in July climbed 16.4% from a year earlier, the fourth consecutive month of gains as the world's biggest vehicle market comes off lows hit during the country's coronavirus lockdown. Sales rose to 2.11mn vehicles in July but are still down 12.7% for the year to date at 12.37mn vehicles, according to wholesale sales data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers (CAAM). The association expects auto sales to fall around 10% this year barring a second wave of virus infections which could deepen the slide to around 20%. In a promising sign for many global automakers which have invested heavily in electric vehicles for the China market, sales of new energy vehicles (NEVs) ended 12 straight months of decline with a 19.3% jump to 98,000 units. (Reuters)
- **Emerging market central banks cut interest rates for 18th month** – Emerging market central banks continued to cut interest rates in July as policymakers battling the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic tried to shore up their economies, though the pace of reductions has slowed down considerably. Interest rate moves by central banks across a group of 37 developing economies showed a net eight cuts in July following 16 cuts in June and May each. July marked the 18th straight month of net cuts - the longest easing cycle for emerging market central banks since 2013. (Reuters)
- **India to promote manufacturing of some products to boost market share** – India's government plans to promote the manufacturing of selected products, especially lines in which China enjoys a big share in the global market, as part of efforts to reduce imports and push exports, a cabinet minister said on Monday. The government aims to attract foreign investments in pre-identified areas, promote joint ventures and support local businesses to expand India's share of global markets, Nitin Gadkari, India's minister for MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises), told a virtual conference. "There is an opportunity for India in sectors where China enjoys a big share in the global market," he said. In the last few months, the government has announced production-linked incentives for manufacturing of electronics, medical devices and pharmaceutical products while putting restrictions on imports of Chinese products. (Reuters)
- **Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal says balance of payments to be 'very, very strong' this year** – India expects its balance of payments to be "very, very strong" in the current year, on the back of stronger than expected exports and a fall in imports, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday. "Exports have shown a good turnaround. We are in July at about 91% export level of the previous year, July 2019, figures," Goyal said at an industry event. "So broadly, our balance of payments this year is going to be very, very strong." India posted a trade surplus of \$790mn in June, its first in over 18 years, with imports plunging as the coronavirus pandemic depressed domestic demand for crude oil, gold and other industrial products, reflecting a slowing economy. (Reuters)

#### Regional

- **Saudi Aramco to press ahead with oil output capacity boost, says CEO** – Oil giant Saudi Aramco is moving ahead with plans to boost its oil output capacity by 1mn bpd to 13mn bpd despite spending cuts this year and next year, its Chief Executive, Amin Nasser said on Monday. Aramco's capital spending plan for

2021 will be “significantly lower than previous guidance”, he said on an analyst and investor call after the company’s quarterly results. The previous capital spending guidance was \$40bn to \$45bn. (Reuters)

- **Saudi Arabia's Aramco raises domestic gasoline prices for August** – Saudi Arabia’s oil giant Aramco will raise its domestic gasoline prices for August, state TV reported. Aramco set 91 octane grade at SR1.43 per liter from SR1.29, and 95 octane grade will be at SR1.60 instead of SR1.44 in July. (Reuters)
- **Dubai's DGCX, Nasdaq technology deal set to boost region's capital markets** – Nasdaq and Dubai Gold & Commodities Exchange (DGCX) has signed an agreement enabling the derivatives exchange to avail a full suite of integrated marketplace solutions via Nasdaq Financial Framework (NFF). The marketplace solutions, delivered via the NFF, are expected to provide DGCX members and their clients with ever-increasing levels of service performance, a statement from DGCX said. The solutions include multi-asset trading and real time clearing capabilities, pre-trade risk management, as well as market intelligence, market surveillance and quality assurance applications required to safeguard the integrity of the market. Nasdaq’s real-time clearing solution will provide DGCX with high-velocity multi-asset class clearing, settlement and risk management capabilities. These are designed for secure, efficient and reliable operations and will allow DGCX to offer full clearing capabilities to external marketplaces, both regionally and globally. (Zawya)
- **Union Properties completes debt restructuring with Emirates NBD** – Union Properties announced that it has successfully reached an agreement with Emirates NBD for the full restructuring of its outstanding AED946mn debt with the bank along with payment of the initial amount as per the new terms. This agreement with Emirates NBD, as the main creditor of Union Properties, will substantially improve the debt profile of the Group. As a result, Union Properties will have a significant reduction of its installments as compared to the situation prior to this debt restructuring and better repayment terms which will improve the cash flow position of the company. Commenting on the successful debt restructuring, Khalifa Hasan Al Hammadi, Chairman of Union Properties, said, "Restructuring our outstanding debt with Emirates NBD was our number one priority. This is now done. With better cash flow and the support of our main creditor, we can from this day exclusively focus on the development of our activities and projects. (Zawya)
- **Abu Dhabi's International Holdings to acquire stakes in four companies** – Abu Dhabi’s International Holdings board has approved buying 94% of Falcon CI IV LP, a Cayman Island-based fund which has invested in Elon Musk’s SpaceX through VY Space, according to a statement. It has also approved buying 60% of Apex Alwataniah Catering based in Abu Dhabi, 52% of R Med Medical Supplies, which owns Sterixeco brand, 60% of Afkar group of companies, which has diversified interests in the UAE. It has not provides the value for the transactions. (Bloomberg)
- **Gulf Bank reports first half profit of KD11.8mn, a fall of 51% YoY** – Gulf Bank reported net income for the first half of KD11.8mn, a fall of 51% YoY. The 1Q2020 profit came in at

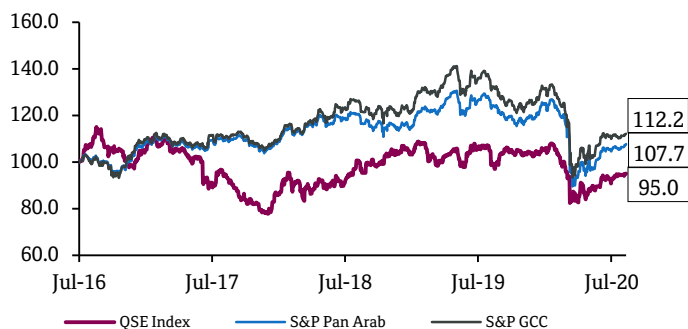
KD8.60mn, a fall of 27% YoY. The 2Q2020 profit came in at KD3.17mn, a fall of 74% YoY. The 1H2020 operating income came in at KD43.7mn, a fall of 21% YoY. The 1H2020 operating revenue came in at KD77.2mn, a fall of 19% YoY. The bank cites lower operating revenue offset by lower operating expenses. (Bloomberg)

- **Commercial Bank of Kuwait reports 1H2020 net income of KD1.20mn, a fall of 88% YoY** – Commercial Bank of Kuwait reported net income for the first half of KD1.20mn, a fall of 88% YoY. The 1H2020 operating revenue came in at KD61.5mn, a fall of 27% YoY. The 1H2020 operating profit came in at KD42.3mn, a fall of 28% YoY. The 1Q2020 profit came in at KD0.85mn, a fall of 10% YoY. The 2Q2020 profit came in at KD0.34mn, a fall of 96% YoY. The bank cites decline in net interest income, fees and commissions, gain from dealing in foreign currencies and other operating income. (Bloomberg)
- **Oman sells OMR59mn 28-day bills at yield of 0.659%** – Oman sold BHD59mn of 28-day bills due on September 9, 2020. The bills were sold at a price of 99.949, have a yield of 0.659% and will settle on August 12, 2020. (Bloomberg)
- **Bahrain's first-half budget deficit almost doubles on oil, virus** – Bahrain’s budget deficit widened by 98% in the first half of the year from the same period in 2019 as lower oil prices and the coronavirus pandemic cut into revenue, according to Bahrain News Agency. The shortfall reached an estimated BHD798mn, the state-run news service reported, without giving a comparative figure for the previous year. Revenue was down 29%, the agency said, citing a cabinet meeting on Monday. Bahrain, the smallest among economies of the six GCC members, is on course to rack up a deficit that the IMF projects will be among the world’s 10 biggest this year at 15.7% of GDP. The Kingdom is under fiscal strain despite a \$10bn bailout package secured from its regional allies in 2018. It sold \$2bn in dollar bonds in May, boosting foreign reserves that dropped to just BHD290mn a month earlier, the lowest in decades. The stockpile recovered to BHD674.9mn in May, according to the latest central bank data. Budget income from oil plunged an annual 35% in the first half, according to Bahrain News Agency. Non-oil revenue fell 13% as a result of lockdown measures taken to contain the spread of the virus, it said. (Bloomberg)
- **KHCB reports net profit of BHD5.709mn attributable to the shareholders of the bank for the first half of fiscal year 2020** – Khaleeji Commercial Bank (KHCB), one of the leading Islamic Banks in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has announced its semi-annual financial results ended 30th June 2020, reporting a net profit of BHD5.709mn attributable to the shareholders of the bank, compared to BHD199 thousand for the same period of the previous year, with an increase of 2769%. This had a positive impact on the earnings per share, which reached 6.521 Fils, compared to 0.211 Fils for the same period of the previous year, an increase of 2991%. The increase in net profit is mainly due to the reduction in cost of funding, total expenses and total provision for the period compared to last year. The financial results also showed an increase in the Total Owners’ Equity by 64.81% reaching BHD141.252mn, compared to BHD85.707mn, as well as an increase in Total Assets by 2.24% reaching BHD960.813mn, compared to BHD939.752mn last year. Total

investments (including sukuk) showed an increase by 38.36% reaching BHD370.2mn, compared to BHD267.6mn last year. Total Financing and asset acquired for leasing decreased by 4% bringing it to BHD451.7mn compared to BHD470.6mn last year. Total customer Deposit decreased by 13.9% reaching BHD615.6mn compared to BHD714.9mn last year. Furthermore, the Bank recorded an increase of 5.98% in Total Income reaching BHD11.369mn during the first six months of 2020, compared to BHD10.727mn for the same period in 2019. Despite the economic challenges created by the COVID-19 Pandemic on the local market, the Bank has maintained a strong Capital Adequacy Ratio of 21.41%. Commenting on the financial results, Chairman of KHCB's Board of Directors, Jassim Alseddiqi said "As a result of an ambitious business strategy that was approved by the Board at the end of last year, the Bank has recorded a remarkable performance. Strong foundations were laid for this strategy by issuing Sukuk worth \$159mn as Additional Tier 1 "AT1" Capital. This has helped the bank develop a business model that keeps pace with current developments and enabled us to take advantage of new opportunities by redirecting the Bank's financial and human resources towards sectors and areas that will increase profitability and generate remunerative returns for Shareholders." (Zawya)

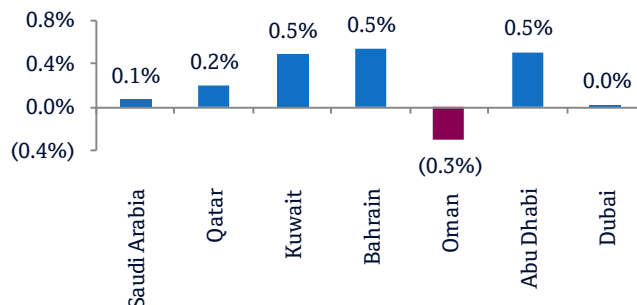
- **Bahrain sells BHD70mn 91-day bills; bid-cover at 1.61x** – Bahrain sold BHD70mn of 91-day bills due on November 11, 2020. Investors offered to buy 1.61 times the amount of securities sold. The bills were sold at a price of 99.435, have a yield of 2.25% and will settle on August 12, 2020. (Bloomberg)

## Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

## Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	2,027.34	(0.4)	(0.4)	33.6
Silver/Ounce	29.13	2.9	2.9	63.2
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	44.99	1.3	1.3	(31.8)
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	41.94	1.7	1.7	(31.3)
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu <sup>#</sup>	2.15	0.0	0.0	2.9
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	50.50	1.5	1.5	22.4
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	49.13	1.6	1.6	(25.0)
Euro	1.17	(0.4)	(0.4)	4.7
Yen	105.96	0.0	0.0	(2.4)
GBP	1.31	0.2	0.2	(1.4)
CHF	1.09	(0.3)	(0.3)	5.7
AUD	0.72	(0.1)	(0.1)	1.8
USD Index	93.58	0.2	0.2	(2.9)
RUB	73.45	(0.4)	(0.4)	18.5
BRL	0.18	(0.8)	(0.8)	(26.6)

Source: Bloomberg (\*Market was closed on August 10, 2020)

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,360.87	0.2	0.2	0.1
DJ Industrial	27,791.44	1.3	1.3	(2.6)
S&P 500	3,360.47	0.3	0.3	4.0
NASDAQ 100	10,968.36	(0.4)	(0.4)	22.2
STOXX 600	364.65	0.2	0.2	(8.2)
DAX	12,687.53	(0.0)	(0.0)	0.4
FTSE 100	6,050.59	0.6	0.6	(20.9)
CAC 40	4,909.51	0.3	0.3	(14.0)
Nikkei <sup>#</sup>	22,329.94	0.0	0.0	(3.1)
MSCI EM	1,086.45	(0.3)	(0.3)	(2.5)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,379.25	0.8	0.8	10.8
HANG SENG	24,377.43	(0.6)	(0.6)	(13.1)
BSE SENSEX	38,182.08	0.5	0.5	(12.0)
Bovespa	103,444.50	0.8	0.8	(33.7)
RTS	1,267.96	(0.3)	(0.3)	(18.1)

Source: Bloomberg (\*\$ adjusted returns, #Market was closed on August 10, 2020)

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