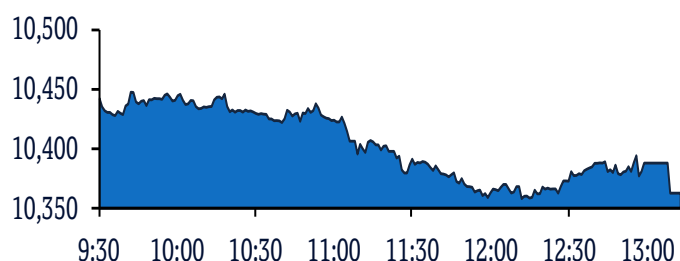


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index declined 0.8% to close at 10,362.9. Losses were led by the Insurance and Industrials indices, falling 3.8% and 1.3%, respectively. Top losers were Qatar Insurance Company and Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company, falling 4.5% and 3.2%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company gained 6.3%, while Qatar Navigation was up 4.3%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: Market was closed on September 23, 2019.

Dubai: The DFM Index gained 0.7% to close at 2,835.3. The Services index rose 3.1%, while the Investment & Financial Services index gained 2.0%. Almadina for Finance and Investment Company rose 4.0%, while Arabtec Holding was up 3.7%.

Abu Dhabi: The ADX General Index fell 0.9% to close at 5,075.3. The Banks index declined 1.2%, while the Telecommunication index fell 1.1%. Sudatel Telecommunications Group Company Limited declined 2.5%, while First Abu Dhabi Bank was down 1.4%.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.9% to close at 5,728.8. The Consumer Goods index rose 1.7%, while the Banks index gained 1.3%. Kuwait Foundry Company rose 8.8%, while Kuwait Finance & Investment Company was up 7.5%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index gained 1.0% to close at 4,006.7. Gains were led by the Financial and Industrial indices, rising 0.6% and 0.3%, respectively. Construction Materials Ind. rose 7.5%, while Oman Telecommunication was up 3.9%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.5% to close at 1,519.4. The Commercial Banks index rose 0.9%, while the Investment index gained marginally. Ahli United Bank rose 1.6%, while Esterad Investment Company was up 1.3%.

Market Indicators	23 Sep 19	22 Sep 19	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	206.7	168.6	22.6
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	573,932.6	577,587.1	(0.6)
Volume (mn)	72.5	69.2	4.7
Number of Transactions	5,775	3,711	55.6
Companies Traded	43	45	(4.4)
Market Breadth	11:25	13:19	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	19,068.52	(0.8)	(1.4)	5.1	15.0
All Share Index	3,045.20	(0.6)	(1.4)	(1.1)	15.1
Banks	4,006.37	(0.3)	(1.5)	4.6	13.8
Industrials	3,139.77	(1.3)	(1.6)	(2.3)	18.0
Transportation	2,521.12	0.2	0.6	22.4	13.9
Real Estate	1,424.90	(0.4)	(1.9)	(34.8)	15.6
Insurance	2,997.72	(3.8)	(4.1)	(0.4)	17.5
Telecoms	917.70	(0.1)	(1.4)	(7.1)	16.7
Consumer	8,585.00	(0.4)	(0.5)	27.1	16.9
Al Rayan Islamic Index	3,974.46	(0.8)	(1.0)	2.3	14.7

GCC Top Gainers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Oman Telecom. Co.	Oman	0.58	3.9	166.3	(26.1)
Boubyan Bank	Kuwait	0.57	3.8	1,829.7	13.5
HSBC Bank Oman	Oman	0.13	3.3	48.0	6.7
Ooredoo Oman	Oman	0.52	1.9	11.7	(7.7)
National Bank of Kuwait	Kuwait	0.96	1.9	7,720.9	21.4

GCC Top Losers**	Exchange	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Insurance Co.	Qatar	3.39	(4.5)	402.4	(5.6)
Mesaieed Petro. Hold.	Qatar	2.98	(3.2)	4,474.3	98.3
Qatar Gas Transport Co.	Qatar	2.34	(1.7)	659.5	30.5
Qatar Electricity & Water	Qatar	15.25	(1.7)	144.2	(17.6)
First Abu Dhabi Bank	Abu Dhabi	15.04	(1.4)	2,549.9	6.7

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 Industrial Manufacturing Co	3.69	6.3	312.2	(13.6)
Qatar Navigation	6.25	4.3	2,913.6	(5.3)
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	0.65	2.0	8,259.4	14.5
Doha Insurance Group	1.09	1.9	49.3	(16.7)
Islamic Holding Group	1.91	1.1	149.2	(12.6)

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Ezdan Holding Group	0.64	(0.6)	22,534.3	(50.7)
Qatari German Co for Med. Devices	0.65	2.0	8,259.4	14.5
Masraf Al Rayan	3.54	(0.3)	5,834.7	(15.1)
Qatar First Bank	0.31	(0.6)	4,626.5	(23.3)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.98	(3.2)	4,474.3	98.3

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Qatar Insurance Company	3.39	(4.5)	402.4	(5.6)
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.98	(3.2)	4,474.3	98.3
Medicare Group	7.31	(1.7)	210.1	15.8
Qatar Gas Transport Company	2.34	(1.7)	659.5	30.5
Qatar Electricity & Water Co.	15.25	(1.7)	144.2	(17.6)

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
QNB Group	19.35	0.0	43,679.7	(0.8)
Masraf Al Rayan	3.54	(0.3)	20,658.5	(15.1)
Qatar Navigation	6.25	4.3	18,126.2	(5.3)
Qatar Islamic Bank	15.82	(1.1)	15,142.6	4.1
Ezdan Holding Group	0.64	(0.6)	14,395.7	(50.7)

Source: Bloomberg (* in QR)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	10,362.85	(0.8)	(1.4)	1.3	0.6	59.24	157,659.3	15.0	1.6	4.2
Dubai	2,835.27	0.7	0.6	2.8	12.1	54.87	101,170.9	11.9	1.0	4.3
Abu Dhabi	5,075.30	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.7)	3.3	35.73	141,503.9	15.2	1.4	4.9
Saudi Arabia*	7,954.14	0.3	0.3	(0.8)	1.6	445.73	501,451.0	19.8	1.8	3.8
Kuwait	5,728.80	0.9	3.2	(3.6)	12.8	207.48	107,168.9	14.2	1.4	3.7
Oman	4,006.70	1.0	0.4	0.0	(7.3)	4.95	17,456.1	8.2	0.8	6.8
Bahrain	1,519.43	0.5	1.9	(0.9)	13.6	4.30	23,741.6	11.4	1.0	5.1

Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (** TTM; * Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any, *Data as of September 22, 2019)

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index declined 0.8% to close at 10,362.9. The Insurance and Industrials indices led the losses. The index fell on the back of selling pressure from non-Qatari shareholders despite buying support from Qatari and GCC shareholders.
- Qatar Insurance Company and Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company were the top losers, falling 4.5% and 3.2%, respectively. Among the top gainers, Qatar Industrial Manufacturing Company gained 6.3%, while Qatar Navigation was up 4.3%.
- Volume of shares traded on Monday rose by 4.7% to 72.5mn from 69.2mn on Sunday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 90.4mn, volume for the day was 19.8% lower. Ezdan Holding Group and Qatari German Company for Medical Devices were the most active stocks, contributing 31.1% and 11.4% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	28.18%	32.64%	(9,215,289.42)
Qatari Institutions	24.00%	10.60%	27,703,072.80
Qatari	52.18%	43.24%	18,487,783.38
GCC Individuals	1.05%	0.32%	1,498,079.23
GCC Institutions	5.03%	0.48%	9,397,121.24
GCC	6.08%	0.80%	10,895,200.46
Non-Qatari Individuals	8.37%	7.93%	916,232.08
Non-Qatari Institutions	33.37%	48.02%	(30,299,215.92)
Non-Qatari	41.74%	55.95%	(29,382,983.84)

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

Ratings, Global Economic Data and Earnings Calendar

Ratings Updates

Company	Agency	Market	Type*	Old Rating	New Rating	Rating Change	Outlook	Outlook Change
Commercial Bank International	Capital Intelligence	Dubai	FLT/FST	A-/A3	BBB+/A2	↓	Stable	-

Source: News reports, Bloomberg (* FLT - Foreign Long Term, FST - Foreign Short Term)

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
09/23	US	Markit	Markit US Manufacturing PMI	September	51.0	50.4	50.3
09/23	US	Markit	Markit US Services PMI	September	50.9	51.4	50.7
09/23	US	Markit	Markit US Composite PMI	September	51.0	-	50.7
09/23	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Manufacturing PMI	September	45.6	47.3	47.0
09/23	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	September	52.0	53.3	53.5
09/23	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	September	50.4	52.0	51.9
09/23	Germany	Markit	Markit/BME Germany Manufacturing PMI	September	41.4	44.0	43.5
09/23	Germany	Markit	Markit Germany Services PMI	September	52.5	54.3	54.8
09/23	Germany	Markit	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	September	49.1	51.5	51.7
09/23	France	Markit	Markit France Manufacturing PMI	September	50.3	51.2	51.1
09/23	France	Markit	Markit France Services PMI	September	51.6	53.2	53.4
09/23	France	Markit	Markit France Composite PMI	September	51.3	52.6	52.9

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 3Q2019 results	No. of days remaining	Status
QNBK	QNB Group	9-Oct-19	15	Due
UDCD	United Development Company	23-Oct-19	29	Due
DHBK	Doha Bank	23-Oct-19	29	Due
QIGD	Qatari Investors Group	27-Oct-19	33	Due

Source: QSE

Qatar

- **QNBK to disclose 3Q2019 financial statements on October 9** – QNB Group (QNBK) announced its intent to disclose 3Q2019 financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2019, on October 09, 2019. (QSE)
- **UDCD to disclose 3Q2019 financial statements on October 23** – United Development Company (UDCD) announced its intent to disclose 3Q2019 financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2019, on October 23, 2019. (QSE)
- **Bloomberg News survey: Qatar’s economy to expand 2.4% in 2019** – Qatar’s economy will expand 2.4% in 2019 versus prior +2.6%, according to the latest results of a Bloomberg News survey of 7 economists conducted from September 13 to September 19. The GDP for 2020 will increase +2.7% YoY (versus prior +3.2%). The increase in 2019 CPI will be +0.7% YoY (versus prior +0.5%) and in 2020 will be +2% YoY (versus prior +2.3%). (Bloomberg)
- **QNB Group joins United Nations Global Compact** – QNB Group has joined the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), the world’s largest corporate sustainability initiative, promoting better business practices in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption, as part of its commitment to sustainable development. This new partnership comes within the increasing focus on sustainability as one of the most pressing topics across all industries, QNB Group has stated in a statement. QNB Group’s Acting Group CEO, Abdulla Mubarak Al-Khalifa said, “We are early on in our sustainability journey and I firmly believe a proactive approach to managing environmental, social and governance factors will strengthen our business resilience in the long-term and support QNB Group’s position as the largest financial institution in the Middle East and Africa. By joining the UNGC, we commit to embed its principles as part of the culture and day-to-day operations of the Group and to engage in projects which advance the broader objectives of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal and Qatar National Vision 2030.” (Gulf-Times.com)
- **Qatar’s mandatory IR regime from October to boost investment appeal** – Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) yesterday held the tenth Annual Investor Relations Conference. The conference was held with the participation of a wide range of representatives from leading listed companies, market participants, regulatory bodies and investors. With its continuous efforts to further promote the adoption of international best practice in the field of Investor Relations (IR) amongst its listed companies, QSE decided to hold this event in an interactive type sitting so that all listed companies and the investment community can gain greater exposure to the latest IR strategies and effective practices utilized worldwide. QSE’s CEO, Rashid bin Ali Al Mansoori said, “Effective from first of October 2019, Qatar will be introducing a mandatory rules-based framework for IR; the Rules reflect best-practice and should in any case be standard for listed companies in today’s regulatory capital markets’ environment. We thank the Qatar Financial Markets Authority for supporting this effort.” He added, “Since transparency and effective IR communications are the hallmark of a successful capital market, the development of IR practices will definitely

enhance the sustainability of listed companies. Thus, we are actively working on promoting sound IR practices among our listed companies in order to maintain investor confidence and enhance their investment attractiveness.” (QSE)

- **PwC: Qatar’s banking sector sees solid performance in 1H2019** – PwC Qatar issued its first Qatar Banking Sector Report, which looks at key trends affecting the sector and the performance of the eight listed Qatari banks. The PwC report, based on figures released by the eight listed banks, found that the sector performed strongly, with healthy aggregated profitability, while asset composition remained mostly unchanged. According to PwC, over the past three years, Qatar’s banking industry has grown at a remarkable pace. The total loans and advances of the eight listed commercial banks, which include financing assets, grew by 19.8% (CAGR of 6.20%) in 1H2019 compared to 1H2016. Customer deposits, which include equity of (unrestricted) investment account holders and customers’ current accounts of the Islamic Shari’ah compliant banks, grew by 22.5% (CAGR of 7.40%) between 1H2016 and 1H2019. The aggregated profits of the listed commercial banks also increased by 17.5% (CAGR of 5.5%) in 1H2019 compared to 1H2016 driven by the increase of the aggregated net income. Burak Zatitürk, PwC Qatar Financial Services Leader, said, “Disruptive technologies are reshaping financial services the world-over. Collaboration between traditional banks and fintechs must be a priority for the industry and will require stakeholders to develop solid infrastructure, regulations, procedures and human capital. The Qatar financial industry is undergoing rapid transformation, with all the stakeholders in the industry working together in synergy to ensure long-term economic prosperity.” (Qatar Tribune)
- **Qatar on the way to smart transport system** – The Ministry of Transport and Communications continues to strive towards establishing a smart transport system, as part of the implementation of Tasmu Smart Qatar Program. The program aims to lower road fatalities to 6 per 100,000 people, in addition to lowering car emissions by 10% among other goals. The ministry stated in a report that Qatar acknowledges the importance of having a modern transportation infrastructure in economic and industrial development, particularly in light of the high population growth and economic expansion. The report pointed out that the ministry’s work is part of the effort to transform the country into a knowledge-based digital economy. The contribution of the transportation sector to GDP in 2017 was around QR17.2bn, up from QR10.6bn in 2013. The state allocated 7.9% of its 2019 budget expenditure to transportation and communication. That is in addition to the QR1bn allocated this year to the expansion of Hamad International Airport, a QR10bn project. Moreover, QR3bn has been allocated to the public transport program until 2021. The state will also increase highways to 8,500km. The ministry is working on five main projects related to public transport; they are electric buses, establishing 17 public transport infrastructure sites, 3,000 smart bus stops, developing the West Bay bus centre, water taxis and improved public transport buses. There are other projects that include using Wi-Fi on street lighting poles. Also, the Ministry of Transport and Communications has implemented in cooperation with Qatar

Rail and Karwa a plan to integrate different public transport means such as Metrolink and Metroexpress. (Gulf-Times.com)

- **Minister Al Kuwari opens 'The Big 5 Construct Qatar'** – The Minister of Commerce and Industry HE Ali bin Ahmed Al Kuwari opened the three-day The Big 5 Construct Qatar at the Doha Exhibition and Convention Center (DECC) yesterday. The high-profile event dedicated to the construction industry features thousands of the latest products and solutions to meet the country's future projects demand. With over 150 exhibitors from 20 countries, the event also serves as a platform where international and regional construction players can meet face-to-face to do business in Doha. To further promote international business at the event, a Hosted Buyers Program will also be held in collaboration with the Qatar National Tourism Council, where buyers from 15 countries will meet with Qatari manufacturers and SMEs during scheduled face-to-face appointments. Over 35 free to attend Continuing Professional Development certified courses are also available for construction professionals. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **QFZA invites construction firms to explore opportunities in Free Zones** – Qatar Free Zones Authority (QFZA) hosted a workshop on opportunities for construction stakeholders in the fast-growing Qatar Free Zones at Ras Bufontas and Umm Alhoul, during the The Big 5 - Construct Qatar event in Doha on Monday. The workshop focused on the various competitive advantages of the zones and investment activity to date, QFZA stated in a statement. In addition to having a booth at the event, QFZA hosted a workshop on opportunities for construction stakeholders in the fast-growing Qatar Free Zones at Ras Bufontas and Umm Alhoul. The workshop focused on the various competitive advantages of the zones and investment activity to date. (Qatar Tribune)

International

- **Fed policymakers say lower rates are helping** – The Federal Reserve has delivered a boost to the economy this year not only with interest-rate cuts but also because it shifted away from its earlier view that it would need to raise rates in 2019, two Fed policymakers said. However despite ongoing headwinds, including weaker global growth, ongoing trade tensions and geopolitical risks like a possibly messy British exit from the European Union, only one policymaker suggested that further policy easing is in the cards. (Reuters)
- **UK households' money worries greatest in nearly six years** – British households are more worried about their financial prospects now than at any time since 2013, partly because of concerns about the economic and political outlook as the country prepares to leave the European Union, a monthly survey showed. The IHS Markit Household Finance Index sank to a four-month low of 43.1 in September from August's 43.6, as households' relatively upbeat assessments of their current situation were undermined by darker future prospects. Willingness to make major purchases such as cars or holiday bookings was the lowest since December 2013, and the assessment of their financial situation in 12 months was the most negative since November 2013. (Reuters)
- **Eurozone's business growth halts as Germany goes into reverse** – Eurozone's business growth stalled this month, a survey showed, dragged down by shrinking activity in powerhouse

Germany, where a manufacturing recession deepened unexpectedly. Monday's downbeat survey results come less than two weeks after the European Central Bank pledged indefinite stimulus to revive the 19-country currency bloc's ailing economy. IHS Markit's Euro Zone Composite Flash Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), seen as a good guide to economic health, suggested support for stuttering activity is needed. It sank to 50.4 in September from 51.9 in August and was below all forecasts in a Reuters poll that had predicted a reading of 51.9. That was just above the 50 mark separating growth from contraction and was its lowest since mid-2013. (Reuters)

- **ECB: Eurozone's industrial pain mostly domestic** – Domestic factors may have caused most of the recent drop in Eurozone's industrial production, the European Central Bank (ECB) stated, confounding some views that the bulk of the bloc's difficulties are imported. With global demand sagging due to a trade war between China and the US, the Eurozone's vast industrial sector has been in recession for most of the past year and a half, forcing the ECB to unleash even more stimulus to prop up the bloc. The ECB stated that in the first half of 2018 global developments were indeed the main cause of industry's troubles but domestic factors, to a great extent in Germany, has been the main culprit since July 2018. "Between July 2018 and June 2019 the global trade factor and all factors associated with developments in China, the UK and US explained 37% of the fall in euro area industrial production growth, while domestic factors contributed 63%," the ECB stated in an Economic Bulletin article. (Reuters)
- **ECB: Eurozone's economic rebound not in sight** – A Eurozone's economic rebound is not in sight and imported weakness risks infecting the domestic Eurozone economy, European Central Bank's (ECB) President, Mario Draghi said, justifying the bank's fresh stimulus scheme unveiled earlier this month. Eurozone's business growth stalled in September, fresh data showed earlier, dragged down by shrinking activity in Germany, the bloc's economic engine, where a manufacturing recession deepened unexpectedly. "Recent data and forward-looking indicators – such as new export orders in manufacturing – do not show convincing signs of a rebound in growth in the near future and the balance of risks to the growth outlook remains tilted to the downside," Draghi told the European Parliament's committee on economic affairs. The ECB cut rates to record lows two weeks ago, unveiled plans to restart debt purchases and kept the door open to more rates cuts in the hope of lowering borrowing costs with the aim of stimulating spending, growth and ultimately inflation. Draghi said that services, the backbone of the domestic economy, appeared to remain resilient for now but would not be indefinitely immune to troubles in export-focused sectors. (Reuters)
- **Japan's September factory activity shrinks most in seven months, new orders contract** – Japanese manufacturing activity shrank at the fastest pace in seven months in September, underscoring the broadening economic impact of the Sino-US trade dispute and keeping policymakers under pressure to step up stimulus. The Jibun Bank Flash Japan Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) slipped to a seasonally adjusted 48.9 from a final 49.3 in the previous month, marking

the quickest pace of deterioration since February. The index stayed below the 50.0 threshold that separates contraction from expansion for the fifth straight month, pressured by a combination of trade frictions, Brexit uncertainty and political upheaval in Hong Kong. The key activity gauges in the PMI survey painted a bleak picture of the manufacturing sector, and no doubt will bolster expectations for the Bank of Japan to add to its massive stimulus. The PMI showed factory output and total new orders both contracted for the ninth straight month, while the backlog of work dropped to a level not seen since late 2012. The Jibun Bank Flash Japan Services PMI fell slightly in September, expanding at a pace of 52.8 on a seasonally adjusted basis, compared to a final 53.3 in the previous month. (Reuters)

- **Chinese US home buying to hit eight-year low** – The US home sales to Chinese buyers are likely to drop to an eight-year low in the year ending next March as a prolonged Sino-US trade war hits demand, according to estimates from Chinese real estate website Juwai.com. Analogous to US portals like Realtor.com and Trulia, Juwai is China's largest international property website, hosting some 2.8mn listings on both sides of China's internet censorship mechanism known as the Great Firewall. Based on its enquiry and buyer data, as well as feedback from industry partners, the site estimated US home sales to Chinese buyers would fall to between \$10bn and \$12bn in the year to March 2020. While that represents just a fraction of 1% of the \$1.6tn worth of US homes sold annually, it is down from the \$13.4bn reported for the year ended in March by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) and from more than \$30bn in both 2017 and 2018. (Reuters)
- **PBOC: China has ample monetary policy tools to support economy** – China has ample monetary policy tools and relatively large policy room to support its economy, the country's central bank stated, adding that the current interest rate levels are appropriate. Dangers from shadow banking and key institutions have been steadily resolved, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) stated in a statement handed out before a press conference, adding that the country's financial risks are generally under control. The banking sector's non-performing loan (NPL) ratio stood at 1.99% currently, the PBOC stated. (Reuters)

Regional

- **Bloomberg News survey: Saudi Arabia's economy to expand 1.6% in 2019; prior +1.7%** – The Saudi Arabian economy will expand 1.6% in 2019, (versus prior +1.7%), according to the latest results of a Bloomberg News survey of 10 economists. The GDP for 2020 will be 1.8% YoY as compared to prior GDP rate of 2.1%. The CPI for 2019 -1% YoY (versus prior CPI rate of +0.6%). The CPI for 2020 of 2% YoY (versus prior CPI rate of +2%). (Bloomberg)
- **Moody's: Saudi Arabia's GDP to grow 0.3% in 2019 due to lower oil output** – Despite Saudi Arabia's assurances that the oil production disrupted by recent drone attacks will be fully restored in weeks, rating agency Moody's has cut its forecast for the Kingdom's economic growth in 2019, not so much due to the disruptions in production than lower oil output stemming from the Kingdom's over compliance with its OPEC quota. Moody's has cut the 2019 growth forecast for world's biggest oil exporter to 0.3% from its previous projection of 1.5%. "We have

revised down our growth forecast for Saudi Arabia," Senior Analyst at the ratings agency, Alexander Perjessy said. "Given the context that OPEC production cut will be extended through the end of the year and Saudi's over compliance with the quota by about 5%, we estimate that crude oil production from Saudi Arabia will average roughly 9.7mn bpd and that will reduce the overall GDP growth to 0.3% from our previous forecast of 1.5%," he said. Saudi Arabia's new Energy Minister, Prince, Abdulaziz bin Salman had assured that production cuts coordinated with OPEC and Russia would remain in place. Moody's does not expect the oil production disrupted due to recent drone attacks to be fully restored before 15 days. (Zawya)

- **Saudi Arabia to restore full oil output by next week** – Saudi Arabia has restored around 75% of crude output lost after attacks on its facilities and return to full volumes by early next week, a source briefed on the latest developments told Reuters. Saudi Arabia's oil production from Khurais is now at more than 1.3mn bpd, while current production from Abqaiq is at about 3mn bpd, the source said. Saudi Arabian officials have said the output will be fully back online by the end of September. (Reuters)
- **Bloomberg News survey: UAE's economy to expand 2.2% in 2019; prior +2.8%** – The economy of the UAE will expand 2.2% in 2019, (versus prior rate of +2.8%), according to the latest results of a Bloomberg News survey of 10 economists. The GDP rate for 2020 of +2.6% YoY (versus prior +3.3%). The CPI rate for 2019 of +0.5% YoY (versus prior +1.6%). The CPI rate for 2020 of +2% YoY (versus prior +2.1%). (Bloomberg)
- **CBUAE: UAE banks still have room for real estate lending** – CBUAE's Governor, Mubarak Al Mansoori said that "Real estate in terms of exposure is not excessive and it's not alarming in terms of the overall picture. Banks have been cautious and have taken the appropriate provisions." UAE's credit growth is on the right path despite global challenges. Global trade, geopolitical issues are the biggest concern, according to him. Non-performing loans in the UAE are within normal levels, he said when asked about the risk of declining home prices hurting underlying loans. The UAE has seen a lot of consolidation among banks, which is improving efficiency in the financial industry. Fed's interest-rate cuts "are now coming at the right time to help the economies of the region," he added. (Bloomberg)
- **UAE's Mubadala will invest \$500mn in Cologix** – Mubadala Investment Co stated it will invest up to \$500mn in Cologix, a US data business company. Abu Dhabi fund Mubadala's investment is in partnership with Stonepeak Infrastructure Partners, the majority shareholder in Cologix, Mubadala stated. (Reuters)
- **Dubai Aerospace Enterprise mandated with \$1.4bn investment** – Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE), one of the largest aircraft leasing firms, has struck a \$1.4bn deal by "one of the world's largest fund managers" to source and manage aircraft. The deal brings DAE's assets under management to more than \$2.7bn, as the company expects its managed portfolio to grow to its \$5bn target, it stated. DAE which has more than 125 airline customers will acquire the assets and DAE's Aircraft Investor Services (AIS) will manage them on behalf of the investor.

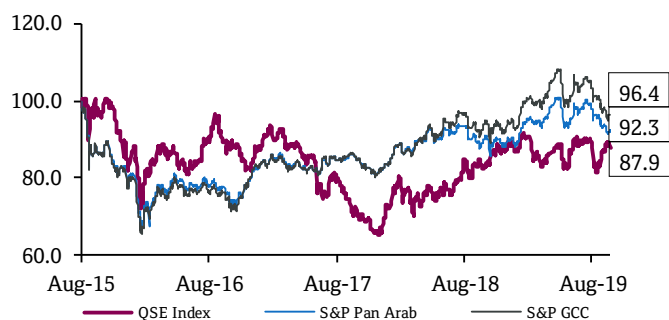
Chief Executive Officer of DAE, Firoz Tarapore said: “DAE is thrilled to have the opportunity to grow its managed aircraft business by sourcing and managing aircraft for a world-class financial institution. We are off to a flying start and have already sourced 25% of the portfolio.” (Zawya)

- **CORE sees Dubai property demand stable ahead of Expo 2020** – CORE sees Dubai property demand remaining stable however, supply continues to exert downward pressure on sales prices, rents and occupancy, it stated in a report. It sees 2020 deliveries of at least 32,000 units. CORE estimates 29,500 residential units to be delivered by the year-end. It also sees 4Q2019 deliveries at 13,000 units as compared to 8,000 a year ago. The slump in real estate rent and sales prices is making Dubai increasingly attractive to live and to work. CORE expects the government reforms to limit supply and drive demand to help absorb existing inventories. (Bloomberg)
- **Abu Dhabi mandates banks for 5, 10, 30-year US Dollar bonds-document** – The government of Abu Dhabi has mandated banks for the sale of benchmark US Dollar fixed-rate bonds covering maturities of five, 10 and 30 years, a document seen by Reuters showed. Abu Dhabi has mandated BNP Paribas, Citigroup, First Abu Dhabi Bank, HSBC, JP Morgan and MUFG to act as joint lead managers and joint bookrunners for 144A Reg S senior unsecured bonds, according to the document. A 144A lets a non-US issuer tap the US market without registering on a US exchange, while a Regulation S offering is a bond issued in the Eurobond market for international investors, Abu Dhabi started marketing the five-year notes at around 80 basis points over US treasuries, the 10-year at around 100 bps over the same benchmark, and the 30-year at around 125 bps over, a separate document showed. (Zawya)
- **ADNOC and Total to start producing unconventional gas in 2023** – Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Total are set to begin production of unconventional natural gas in 2023 and will produce 1b scf/d by 2030, according to Abu Dhabi’s bond prospectus. The project in Ruwais area aims to achieve gas self-sufficiency for the emirate, prospectus stated. (Bloomberg)
- **UAE’s ADCB exempted from mandatory offer to UNB Egypt minority shareholders** – The UAE’s Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB) announced that it has been exempted from making a mandatory tender offer (MTO) to the minority shareholders of Union National Bank (UNB) Egypt. UNB-Egypt, which was established in 2006, is supported by the Abu Dhabi-based UNB Group, according to its website. Egypt’s Financial Regulatory Authority (FRA) approved the MTO exemption application on September 18, according to a statement by ADCB. Abu Dhabi’s second largest bank in terms of market capitalization had applied to the FRA for the MTO exemption following its merger with UNB and the Egyptian Central Bank’s approval of ADCB’s acquisition of shares in UNB-Egypt. (Zawya)
- **Bloomberg News survey: Kuwait’s economy to expand 1.5% in 2019; prior +2.1%** – Kuwait’s economy will expand 1.5% in 2019, (versus prior survey of +2.1%), according to the latest results of a Bloomberg News survey of 7 economists. The GDP rate for 2020 of +2% YoY (versus prior +2.7%). The CPI rate for

2019 of +1.4% YoY (versus prior +1.5%). The CPI rate for 2020 of +2.3% YoY (versus prior +2%). (Bloomberg)

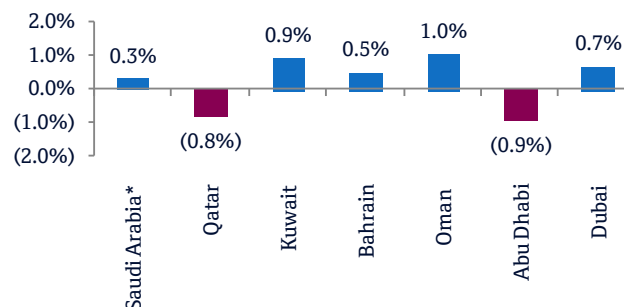
- **KFH CEO hopes to complete AUB merger in first half** – Kuwait Finance House (KFH) hopes to complete its legal merger with Bahrain’s Ahli United Bank in the first half of next year and expects significant synergies from the \$8.8bn deal. The combination will be executed “preferably by the end of the first quarter, beginning of second quarter” depending on regulatory approvals, Chief Executive Officer, Mazin Al-Nahedh said. KFH needs approval from four regulators, while Ahli United Bank needs approval from seven, he said. KFH stated this month that it plans to issue 1 share for every 2.325581 shares of Ahli United bank in the all-share deal that will create the Gulf’s sixth-biggest lender with \$100bn in assets. Lower oil prices over the past five years are forcing Gulf banks to consolidate for scale and to better compete in a crowded market. (Bloomberg)
- **Kuwait International Bank may sell \$2bn in Sukuk** – The Kuwait International Bank is considering the possibility of selling \$2bn in Sukuk in order to improve liquidity, the Al Rai newspaper cited the lender’s Chief Executive Officer, Raed Bukhamseen as saying. (Reuters)
- **Bloomberg News survey: Oman’s economy to expand 1.8% in 2019; prior +2.2%** – Oman’s economy will expand 1.8% in 2019, (versus prior +2.2%), according to the latest results of a Bloomberg News survey of 6 economists. The GDP rate for 2020 of +2.9% YoY (versus prior +3%). The CPI rate for 2019 of +1.5% YoY (versus prior +1.5%). The CPI rate for 2020 of +2% YoY (versus prior +2%). (Bloomberg)
- **Bahrain sells BHD70mn 91-day bills; bid-cover at 1.46x** – Bahrain sold BHD70mn of 91 day bills due on December 25, 2019. Investors offered to buy 1.46 times the amount of securities sold. The bills were sold at a price of 99.293, having a yield of 2.82% and will settle on September 25, 2019. (Bloomberg)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg (*Data as of September 22, 2019)

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,522.24	0.4	0.4	18.7
Silver/Ounce	18.64	3.6	3.6	20.3
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	64.77	0.8	0.8	20.4
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	58.64	0.9	0.9	29.1
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	2.57	(3.4)	(3.4)	(19.4)
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	46.25	2.2	2.2	(27.7)
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	56.00	1.4	1.4	(19.4)
Euro	1.10	(0.2)	(0.2)	(4.1)
Yen	107.55	(0.0)	(0.0)	(2.0)
GBP	1.24	(0.4)	(0.4)	(2.5)
CHF	1.01	0.1	0.1	(0.8)
AUD	0.68	0.1	0.1	(3.9)
USD Index	98.60	0.1	0.1	2.5
RUB	63.84	(0.3)	(0.3)	(8.4)
BRL	0.24	(0.4)	(0.4)	(6.8)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	2,193.74	(0.2)	(0.2)	16.4
DJ Industrial	26,949.99	0.1	0.1	15.5
S&P 500	2,991.78	(0.0)	(0.0)	19.3
NASDAQ 100	8,112.46	(0.1)	(0.1)	22.3
STOXX 600	389.80	(1.0)	(1.0)	10.8
DAX	12,342.33	(1.2)	(1.2)	12.3
FTSE 100	7,326.08	(0.7)	(0.7)	6.2
CAC 40	5,630.76	(1.2)	(1.2)	14.2
Nikkei#	22,079.09	0.0	0.0	12.9
MSCI EM	1,015.23	(0.6)	(0.6)	5.1
SHANGHAI SE Composite	2,977.08	(1.3)	(1.3)	15.3
HANG SENG	26,222.40	(0.8)	(0.8)	1.4
BSE SENSEX	39,090.03	3.2	3.2	6.7
Bovespa	104,637.80	(0.4)	(0.4)	10.3
RTS	1,373.49	(0.3)	(0.3)	28.5

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns, #Market was closed on September 23, 2019)

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