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Market Indices	Current Close	Change	D/D	YTD	Price to Earnings	Price to Book	Div Yield
	Index	Point	%	%	(x)	(x)	%
MSCI GCC Countries Index	632.37	1.57	0.25%	11.00%	25.16	2.00	2.7%
Muscat Stock Exchange	3,696.63	29.68	0.81%	1.03%	11.11	0.68	4.9%
Saudi Stock Exchange	10,116.98	19.33	0.19%	16.43%	35.24	2.26	2.4%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,021.20	43.04	0.72%	8.57%	52.62	1.49	2.2%
Qatar Exchange	10,914.12	-6.57	-0.06%	4.58%	20.44	1.62	2.7%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,481.62	1.95	0.13%	-0.55%	39.27	0.98	2.4%
Dubai Financial Market	2,624.27	-8.31	-0.32%	5.31%	20.21	0.92	3.1%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	6,155.42	53.21	0.87%	22.00%	24.31	1.68	4.2%
Beirut Stock Exchange	893.24	1.55	0.17%	35.77%	32.71	0.70	0.0%
Palestine Stock Exchange	477.37	1.88	0.40%	1.30%	18.01	1.11	3.4%
Tunis Se Index	6,973.89	-27.29	-0.39%	1.29%	19.92	2.14	0.6%
EGX 30 Index	10,620.05	179.05	1.71%	-2.08%	11.61	1.44	2.8%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	Units/1 USD	YTD %
			%	%	Currency		
<b>Europe</b>					Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.296	-0.32%
FTSE 100	UK	6,859.9	-2.00%	6.18%	British Pound (GBP)	0.718	-1.93%
DAX	Germany	15,129.5	-1.55%	10.28%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.260	0.98%
CAC 40	France	6,165.1	-2.09%	11.05%	Chinese Renm. (CNH)	6.497	0.10%
<b>United States</b>					Egyptian Pound (EGP)	15.672	0.35%
DJIA	USA	33,821.3	-0.75%	10.50%	Euro (EUR)	0.831	1.53%
S&P 500	USA	4,134.9	-0.68%	10.09%	Indian Rupee (INR)	74.888	-2.43%
NASDAQ	USA	13,786.3	-0.92%	6.97%	Japanese Yen (JPY)	107.980	-4.38%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>					Swiss Franc (CHF)	0.916	-3.35%
NIKKEI 225	Japan	28,529.2	-1.96%	3.95%	Omani Rial (OMR)	0.385	0.00%
HANG SENG	Hongkong	28,660.5	-1.64%	5.25%	Pakistan Rupee (PKR)	152.940	4.51%
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	45,481.6	0.18%	3.95%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	76.826	-3.14%
NSE Nifty 50	India	14,296.4	-0.44%	2.25%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.329	-0.51%
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,476.7	0.11%	0.10%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	8.124	-8.42%
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	5,100.7	0.34%	-2.12%			

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
	USD	%	%			
<b>Oil</b>						
Brent Crude (per bbl)	66.2	-0.57%	28.13%	UAE	0.39	-23.1%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	62.3	-0.69%	28.30%	Saudi Arabia	0.80	-2.5%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	64.5	-1.23%	26.32%	Kuwait	1.50	4.3%
OPEC (per bbl)	65.1	-0.17%	29.58%	Oman	2.63	-1.9%
<b>Precious Metals</b>						
Gold 100 OZ (per oz)	1,785.0	0.35%	-5.97%	Qatar	1.13	0.4%
Silver (per oz)	26.0	0.67%	-1.46%	Bahrain	1.29	-42.8%
Platinum (per oz)	1,195.1	0.40%	11.47%	<b>GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields</b>		
<b>Other Metals</b>						
Copper, MT	9,322	-0.58%	20.04%		<b>Maturity date</b>	<b>YTM, %</b>
Aluminium, MT	2,310	-0.88%	16.67%	KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.58
Lead, MT	2,030	-1.29%	1.81%	UAE	16/04/2030	2.05
Zinc, MT	2,814	-1.12%	2.29%	QATAR	16/04/2030	2.20
				SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.50
				OMAN	25/01/2031	5.18
				BAHRAIN	30/09/2031	5.43

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	100.18	0.3	1m	0.11	-20.9%
5 year	99.80	0.8	3m	0.19	-22.0%
10 year	96.05	1.6	6m	0.22	-13.9%
30 year	91.69	2.3	1 year	0.29	-16.1%

Source: Bloomberg

## CORPORATE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCLOSURES

### SAUDI ARABIA

#### **Yanbu Cement Company announces the latest update on the shutdown of production Line 4 for the purpose of modernization**

- Yanbu cement company announces the shutdown of production Line 4 for the purpose of modernization.
- Reasons for Exceeding the Announced End Date: Delay in receiving some spare parts that caused a delay in executing the project timeline
- The financial impact will be limited to the increase in production costs only since the start of the shutdown date.
- The company, also, would like to stress that sales will not be affected by this stoppage due to the sufficiency of its clinker strategic stocks.

#### **Yamama Cement Company Announces the Transfer of Production Line No. 7 from the Old Plant to the New Plant's Location**

- Yamama Cement Company has decided at its meeting on April 19, 2021 to transfer and install the seventh line from the old plant in the south of Riyadh to the new plant's location in Northern Halal in Al-Kharj governorate of the Riyadh region, and the production capacity of the line is 10 thousand tons / day clinker. Thus, by the end of 2024, the production capacity at the new site will reach 30,000 tons / clinker per day.
- It is to be noted that the cost of the transfer will be funded from the available company's resources, and the financial impact or any other developments in this regard will be announced later.

#### **Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Company announces that its subsidiary (Tihama Education) has signed a contract with the General Authority of Civil Aviation to lease 2 of the awarded 6 retail units in the King Abdulaziz International Airport, Jeddah**

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- Tihama will operate the awarded units across the airport under the WH Smith Brand Franchise. These units will serve passengers across the terminal including, departures, arrivals as well as domestic and international travelers.
- The opening of the units in Jeddah further develops Tihama's successful partnership with WH Smith extending the portfolio which already includes operations in Riyadh Airport and across the UAE.
- The total contract value over the five years exceeds 10% of the net assets of the company as on December 31, 2020.

#### **Second, fourth flour mills sold to Alajlan, Allana consortiums**

- The National Center for Privatization & PPP (NCP) announced the completion of the second and last phase of the privatization of the remaining two flour milling firms, namely Second Milling Co. (MC2) and Fourth Milling Co. (MC4) to strategic investors in the private sector.
- MC2 was sold to the consortium of Abdulaziz Alajlan & Sons Company for Commercial and Real Estate Investment, Al Rajhi International for Investment, National Agricultural Development Co. (NADEC) and OLAM International Limited for a total value of SAR 2.138 billion – the highest bid made by this company.
- MC4 was sold to the consortium of Abdullah Al Othaim Markets Co.'s (Al Othaim), Allana International Ltd. and United Feed Manufacturing Co. for a total value of SAR 859mn – the highest bid made by this company.
- The sale and ownership transfer completion are subject to some legal requirements that should be fulfilled before the deal closure.

#### **Abdullah Al Othaim Markets Co. Announces Project Award with National Center for Privatization**

- Abdullah Al-Othaim Markets Company to enter into a consortium with Allana International Company and United Feed Manufacturing Company (the "Consortium") for the purpose of jointly bidding to acquire one of the two milling companies offered for privatization by the National Center for Privatization in a public competition which consists of the Second Milling Company and the Fourth Milling Company ("the target asset") according to the Request For Proposals dated 13/9/2020 issued by The National Center for Privatization in collaboration with the Grains Privatization Committee, Abdullah Al-Othaim Markets Company is pleased to announce the award of acquiring the Fourth Milling Company by the National Center for Privatization to the consortium of Abdullah Al-Othaim Markets Company, Allana International Company and United Feed Manufacturing Company.

### Al Akaria gears up for 567-unit Saudi villa project handover

- Saudi Real Estate Company (Al Akaria) has announced that 94 per cent of construction work has been completed on its Al Dahya development, a key residential project featuring 567 villas and other other key amenities including schools complex for girls and boys and mosques within Al Rimal district located in the east of capital Riyadh.
- Announcing steady progress on the project, Al Akaria said with work in full swing on the 430,296-sq-m project, it is due for handover by the end of this month.
- Contracts to sell around 54% of the residential units have already been signed.

### Red Sea Development to finalise SAR 14bn green loan

- Saudi Arabia's Red Sea Development Company is set to conclude a green loan worth SAR 14 billion with local banks, with the proceeds to be used in funding environmentally sustainable investment, Bloomberg reported.
- Saudi National Bank, Banque Saudi Fransi, Riyad Bank, and Saudi British Bank are among the small group of banks participating in the credit facility.
- This loan is part of the financing to Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's programme to diversify the economy of Saudi Arabia.
- The loan will reportedly have a 15-year tenor and an interest rate of nearly 1% above the Saudi interbank offered rate.
- Red Sea Development first started approaching banks for financial assistance in mid-2019.

### Saudi Corporate Results -1Q 2021

SAR MN		1Q21	1Q20	%CHANGE	4Q20	% CHANGE
ALDREES	شركة الدريس للخدمات	39.4	30.3	30%	39.5	-0.25%
PETROLEUM	البتروولية و النقليات					
LEEJAM SPORTS COMPANY	شركة لجام للرياضة	-6.97	6.25	-	-0.51	-
SAUDI PAPER MANF.	الشركة السعودية لصناعة	14.1	1.06	1,226%	6.24	125.3%

### Aldrees Petroleum net income up 30% YoY but flat on QoQ basis

- The reason of increase of net profit for the current quarter compared with the same quarter last year is due to the increase of Petrol Division sales and and the increase in the joint venture profit and the decrease of Marketing and Zakat expenses , although there is decrease in Transport Division sales and a decrease in other income and an increase of General, Administrative and Financial expenses and unrealized losses from revaluation of investment at fair value through profit and loss account.

### Leejam Sports reports loss of SAR 7mn in 1Q21

- Leejam Sports Company recorded a net loss of SR 6.97million for the three-month period ended March 31, 2021 amounts to compared with net profit of SR 6.25 million for the same period last year.
- Net profit has been decreased by 13.22 million compared to similar quarter of the previous year due to 30 days closure in Q1 the decrease in revenues by SR 49.12 million, partly offset by decrease in cost of revenue by SR 24.48 million, and net decrease in all other costs (including finance cost and zakat) by SR 8.30 million and increase in other income by SR 3.12 million.

### Saudi Paper Manufacturing net income up significantly on both YoY and QoQ basis during 1Q21

- The increase in the net profit for the current quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year is due to an increase in sales, and the improvement in production quality, as well as improvement in the efficiency of the operations processes, which results in an enhancement in the gross profit, despite the fact that the increase in the prices of paper pulp in the global market and raw materials.
- In addition to the decrease in finance charge expenses as a result of rescheduling of loans and the company's commitment to pay the due instalments which resulted in improvement in net profit.

## QATAR

### Qatar Electricity & Water Company's Joint venture Nebras Power acquires equity stake in “Unique Meghnaghat Power Limited” in Bangladesh through Nebras Power Investment Management BV

- Nebras Power Investment Management BV (“NPIM”), a wholly owned Netherland affiliate of Nebras Power Q.P.S.C. (“Nebras”) has signed a Sale & Purchase Agreement (SPA) with Unique Hotel and Resorts Limited (UHRL), a sister company of Unique Group, and Strategic Finance Limited (SFL), to acquire a 24% equity stake in Unique Meghnaghat Power Limited (UMPL) in Bangladesh.
- The acquisition is the first transaction that Nebras Power has signed in Bangladesh, and has been deemed to be of substantial value to both sides and to their respective shareholders.
- This acquisition enhances the asset base of Nebras through fully contracted projects. Under this agreement, Nebras will acquire a 24% stake, while UHRL and SFL will jointly control a 56% equity share in Unique Meghnaghat Power Limited.
- Prior to the sale, 65.01% in UMPL was owned by UHRL; 20% by GE Global Energy Investment BV, a Netherlands based wholly owned subsidiary of General Electric (GE); and 14.99% by Strategic Finance Limited (SFL). As the project company, UMPL has a long-term Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with BPDB and abides by a Gas Supply Agreement (GSA) with Titas Gas Transmission and Distribution Company Limited (TGTDC). It is further party to an Implementation Agreement (IA) with Power Grid Company of Bangladesh Limited (PGCB) and the Government of Bangladesh (GOB).

### Qatar Corporate Results -1Q 2021

QAR MN		1Q21	1Q20	%CHANGE
BARWA REAL ESTATE	شركة بروة العقارية	190	177	7.3%

### Barwa Real Estate net income up 7.3% YoY in 1Q21

- Barwa Real Estate Group attained a net profit of QR190mn in the first quarter of 2021, a 7% increase compared to the same period in 2020. The total assets of the group reached QR34bn, and total equity of shareholders reached QR20bn in the same period.
- The company also succeeded in rationalising its various expenses, which led to a decrease in general and administrative expenses by 21% and also a decrease in net financing costs by 9%, which contributed to the increase in the group's net cash income for the period.
- Despite the challenges facing the real estate market as a result of Covid-19, the company is moving towards developing a balanced real estate portfolio that helps face market fluctuations and supports continuous operating revenues.
- The group is also working on the economic feasibility study of many development projects proposed by the Public Works Authority under the PPP system, and the group's participation in any of these tenders will depend on its economic viability and in line with the group's development strategy.

## KUWAIT

### Kuwait Corporate Results -1Q 2021

KWD MN		1Q21	1Q20	%CHANGE
NATIONAL BANK OF KUWAIT	بنك الكويت الوطني	77.6	84.3	8.5%

### National Bank of Kuwait net income up 8.5% YoY in 1Q21

- NBK reported a net profit of KD 84.3 million (USD 278.8 million), compared to KD 77.7 million (USD 256.9 million) for 1Q 2020, up by 8.5% year-on-year.
- Total assets grew by 1.5% year-on-year, to KD 31.0 billion (USD 102.5 billion)
- Total loans and advances grew by 0.8% year-on-year to KD 17.9 billion (USD 59.0 billion)
- Total shareholders' equity reached KD 3.3 billion (USD 10.8 billion), growing at 6.6% year-on-year
- NPL/gross loans ratio at 1.68% and an NPL coverage ratio of 225%
- Robust Capital Adequacy Ratio of 18.4%, comfortably in excess of regulatory requirements.

## UAE

### **ADCB receives preliminary non-binding offers from potential investors to acquire the Bank's stake in Alexandria Medical Services Company (New Medical Center), SAE shares**

- Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank announced that CI Capital, the exclusive financial advisor, has now received amended preliminary non-binding offers from the following potential investors regarding acquisition of Bank's stake of 51.54% in Alexandria Medical Services Company.
  - Cleopatra Hospital Company S.A.E
  - Alexandria Healthcare Investments S.A.E or any of its subsidiaries
  - Consortium of Speed Medical, A LimeVest Partners managed investment vehicle, and Tawasol Holdings for Financial Investments
  - Seha Capital
- The average price offered by these potential investors is EGP 50.77 per share.
- Each of these potential investors shall start a due diligence process on the Company shortly, and it is anticipated that final binding offers shall be submitted to CI Capital in the third week of May 2021

### **Fujairah Cement Industries started new readymix project valued at AED 25mn**

- Fujairah Cement Industries to start a new readymix project at a cost of AED 25mn.
- Project has started in February 2021 and is expected to complete by the end of the year.
- The project will be funded from company's internal resources.
- Financial flows from this project will appear from the year 2023.

## ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

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### OMAN

#### **PDO backs major desert agriculture project**

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) has signed an agreement with the Agriculture Production and Marketing Company (APMC) to plant crops and 500,000 trees in the desert over the next 10 years. The Memorandum of Collaboration (MOC) focuses on a 35km<sup>2</sup> tract of land at Rahab in the south of PDO's concession area. The new scheme contributes to the need for a "green and circular economy that addresses national needs and moves consistently with the global trends" outlined in the Oman Vision 2040 that serves national environmental, food security and In-Country Value (ICV) objectives.

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

#### **Insurance sector Omanization posts 79 per cent in 2020**

The Capital Market Authority (CMA) is pressing ahead with its strategy to train and qualify national cadres for jobs and career advancements in the insurance sector. To this end, it organised a training programme titled, 'Excellence in Customer Service of Insurance Companies', in collaboration with Bahrain Institute of Banking and Financial Studies (BIBF) within the series of the programmes for the year 2021 related to the Tamkeen initiative. The Tamkeen programme aims to empower the national cadres working in the insurance sector through qualitative Omanization policy to enhance the presence of the national cadres in the operational, medium and senior roles. The programme was organised through My Class portal.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

#### **Oman to host world's first solar-powered Direct Air Capture project**

In a major breakthrough for the country's nascent, but promising, decarbonisation efforts, an Omani start-up has announced plans to establish the world's first solar-powered Direct Air Capture (DAC) project here in the Sultanate. The landmark initiative aims to capture carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) — the main greenhouse gas responsible for global warming and climate change — from the atmosphere for eventual utilisation in industrial and commercial applications. 44.01, set up by pioneering Omani innovator and environmentalist Talal Hasan with the support of fellow entrepreneurs, is currently making headway in the construction of a demo-scale DAC plant at Khazaen Economic City near Barka just outside the capital city. Significantly, Khazaen is also the site of Oman's first commercial-scale biofuel plant based on waste cooking oil — an initiative launched by 44.01 last year under the 'Wakud' label.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

#### **CBO issues treasury bills worth OMR35 million**

Oman's central bank raised OMR35 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday. The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 28 days, starting from April 21, Wednesday until May 19, 2021. The average accepted price reached 99.950 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.950 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.65179 per cent and 0.65211 per cent, respectively. Treasury bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds.

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

#### **For the first time in the Sultanate, Alizz Islamic Bank and the Ministry of Social Development unveil a crowdfunding project**

Alizz Islamic Bank and The Ministry of Social Development unveiled a crowdfunding website to raise OMR 2 million to build the Center of Excellence for Children with Disabilities, as well as an additional initiative on the platform to collect OMR 40,000 under the to provide "Eidiya", to distribute to orphans.

Source: [Muscat Daily](#)

### MIDDLE EAST

#### **Saudi Arabia to organize annual summit for Green Middle East initiative: Crown Prince**

Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said today, April 20, 2021, that Saudi Arabia is planning to organize an annual summit for the Green Middle East Initiative. The summit will be held in presence of prominent leaders and officials in the environment field, the Crown Prince added, affirming in a phone call with China's President, Xi Jinping, that China will be a key partner of the initiative. Jinping affirmed that Beijing was willing to push its strategic partnership with Riyadh "to a new level", Reuters reported.

Source: [Argaam](#)

### **Mubadala to shift investments to technology, disruptive industries – CEO**

Mubadala Investment Company will reduce its investments in energy and commodity sectors to focus on technology, healthcare, and disruptive industries, the Managing Director and Group CEO of Mubadala, Khaldoon Khalifa Al Mubarak, told Financial Times. Al Mubarak said that the company's \$232 billion fund's strategy shift in investments will include selling its assets in commodity sectors through market listings or private placements, including an initial public offering (IPO) for Emirates Global Aluminium.

Source: [Mubasher](#)

### **Surge in demand for companies looking to set up in KSA**

Sovereign AEI, a firm which specializes in helping companies set up operations in the Kingdom, has seen a spike in business activity. "The beginning of this year has been very encouraging as we have seen a 40 to 50 percent increase in Saudi Arabia market-entry activity, when compared to pre-pandemic levels," Stuart D'Souza, co-founder and CEO of Arabian Enterprise Incubators (AEI), one of the partner firms that makes up Sovereign AEI, told Arab News.

Source: [Arab News](#)

### **Saudi Arabia Completes Mills Privatisation**

Saudi Grains Organisation (SAGO) said on Tuesday it had sold 100% stakes in the Second Milling Company and the Fourth Milling Company, completing a previously announced privatisation. The Second Milling Company was sold for 2.13 billion riyals (\$568 million) to Abdulaziz Al-Ajlan Sons Company for Commercial and Real Estate Investment, Al-Rajhi International Investment Company, Nadec and Olam International Company, a statement said. The Fourth Milling Company was sold for 859 million riyals Alana International Alliance, Abdullah Al-Othaim Markets Company and United Feed Industry Company.

Source: [Agriculture](#)

### **UAE's Etihad, Emirates now testing IATA's COVID-19 travel passport**

Etihad Airways passengers flying from Abu Dhabi to Chicago, New York, Washington and Toronto, from now until May 31, will be among the first customers of the airline to trial the IATA Travel Pass app. The IATA Travel Pass will enable users to create a 'digital passport' to receive Covid-19 test results and verify if they are eligible to undertake their journey. Importantly, IATA Travel Pass will keep passengers in control of their data and facilitate the sharing of their test with airlines and authorities for travel.

Source: [Gulf Business](#)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Strong Q1 2021 sukuk issuance attracts sovereigns in nascent markets**

Sukuk issuance had a strong start to the year, with a total of \$47.0 billion issued during Q1 2021, compared to \$40.8 billion in Q1 2020, according to global data provider Refinitiv. Issuance activity had slowed during the last quarter of 2020 due to a significant reduction in sukuk borrowing by Saudi Arabia, which has been a heavyweight among sukuk issuers since 2017.

Source: [Zawya](#)

### **Fed Chair Powell says won't allow 'substantial' overshoot of inflation target - April 8 letter to U.S. senator**

The U.S. economy is going to temporarily see "a little higher" inflation this year as the recovery strengthens and supply constraints push up prices in some sectors, but the Federal Reserve is committed to limiting any overshoot, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said in an April 8 letter to Senator Rick Scott. "We do not seek inflation that substantially exceeds 2 percent, nor do we seek inflation above 2 percent for a prolonged period," Powell said in a five-page response to a March 24 letter

Source: [Reuters](#)

### **Netflix subscriber growth slows after pandemic boom, shares fall 11%**

Netflix Inc (NFLX.O) said slower production of TV shows and movies during the pandemic hurt subscriber growth in the first quarter, sending shares of the world's largest streaming service down 11% on Tuesday. Roughly 3.98 million people signed up for Netflix from January through March, below the 6.25 million average projection of analysts surveyed by Refinitiv.

Source: [Reuters](#)



## COMMODITIES

### **Gold gains as softer U.S. dollar, yields lift appeal**

Gold prices rose on Wednesday, hovering near a seven-week high hit earlier this week, as a soggy dollar and a retreat in U.S. Treasury yields lifted demand for the safe-haven metal. Spot gold was up 0.2% at \$1,781.60 per ounce by 0427 GMT, after hitting \$1,789.77 on Monday, its highest since Feb. 25. U.S. gold futures edged 0.2% higher to \$1,782.30 per ounce. "The U.S. dollar had edged lower this morning, supporting prices, with gold's upward momentum from overnight continuing in Asia," OANDA senior market analyst Jeffrey Halley said.

Source: [Yahoo Finance](#)

### **Oil falls for second day as India's COVID-19 surge to dent fuel demand**

Oil prices fell for a second day on Wednesday on concerns that soaring COVID-19 cases in India will drive down fuel demand in the world's third biggest oil importer. Brent crude futures for June fell 52 cents, or 0.8%, to \$66.05 a barrel at 0157 GMT, after dropping 48 cents on Tuesday.

Source: [Zawya](#)

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## FIXED INCOME

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### QATAR

#### Commercial Bank Outlook Revised from Stable to Positive by S&P

- S&P Global Ratings has revised its outlook from stable to positive on Commercial Bank while affirming its 'BBB+/A-2' long and short-term issuer credit ratings.
- According to S&P, "Over the past few years, Commercial Bank has de-risked its balance sheet and strengthened its risk management."
- The ratings agency also highlighted the key role of the Qatari authorities in providing support to the Bank, as stated in the report: "We classify Commercial Bank as having high systemic importance and consider the authorities in Qatar highly supportive of the country's banking sector."

### KUWAIT

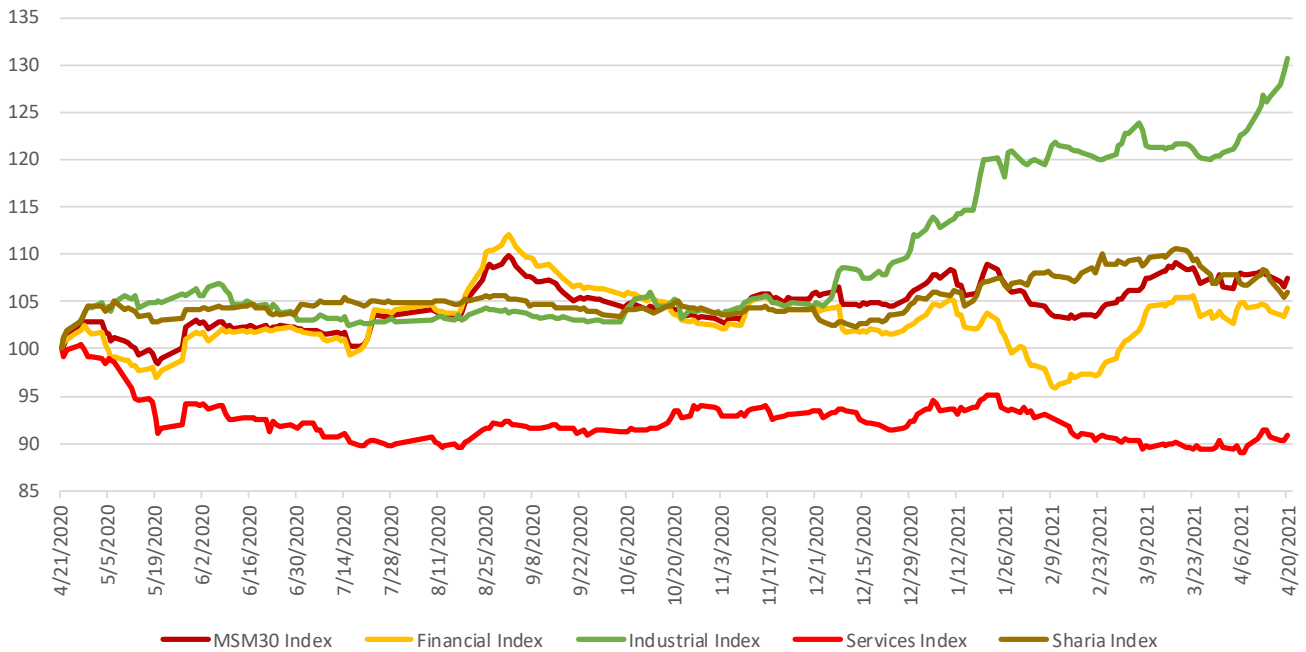
#### Fitch Affirms National Bank of Kuwait at 'AA-'; Outlook Negative

- Fitch Ratings has affirmed National Bank of Kuwait S.A.K.P.'s (NBK), National Bank of Kuwait's (International)'s (NBKI) and National Bank of Kuwait France S.A.'s (NBKF) Long-Term Issuer Default Ratings (IDR) at 'AA-' with Negative Outlooks. Fitch has also affirmed NBK's Viability Rating (VR) at 'a-'. A full list of rating actions is below.
- NBK's IDRs are driven by support from the Kuwaiti state. The Support Rating (SR) of '1' and Support Rating Floor (SRF) of 'AA-' reflect Fitch's view of an extremely high probability of support being provided by the Kuwaiti authorities to all domestic banks if needed. NBK's SRF is one notch above Fitch's Domestic-Systemically Important Bank SRF of 'A+' for Kuwait, given the bank's unique status, systemic importance as the flagship bank in Kuwait and strategic links with the state.
- Fitch's expectation of support from the authorities is underpinned by Kuwait's strong ability to provide support to domestic banks, as reflected by the sovereign rating (AA/Negative) and a strong willingness to do so irrespective of the bank's size, franchise, funding structure and level of government ownership. This view is reinforced by the authorities' record of support for the domestic banking system.

**CHART / TABLE OF THE DAY**

**MSM Industrial Index is up YTD 16.8% supported by the Commodity Prices Upcycle; Best YTD sub-index at MSM**

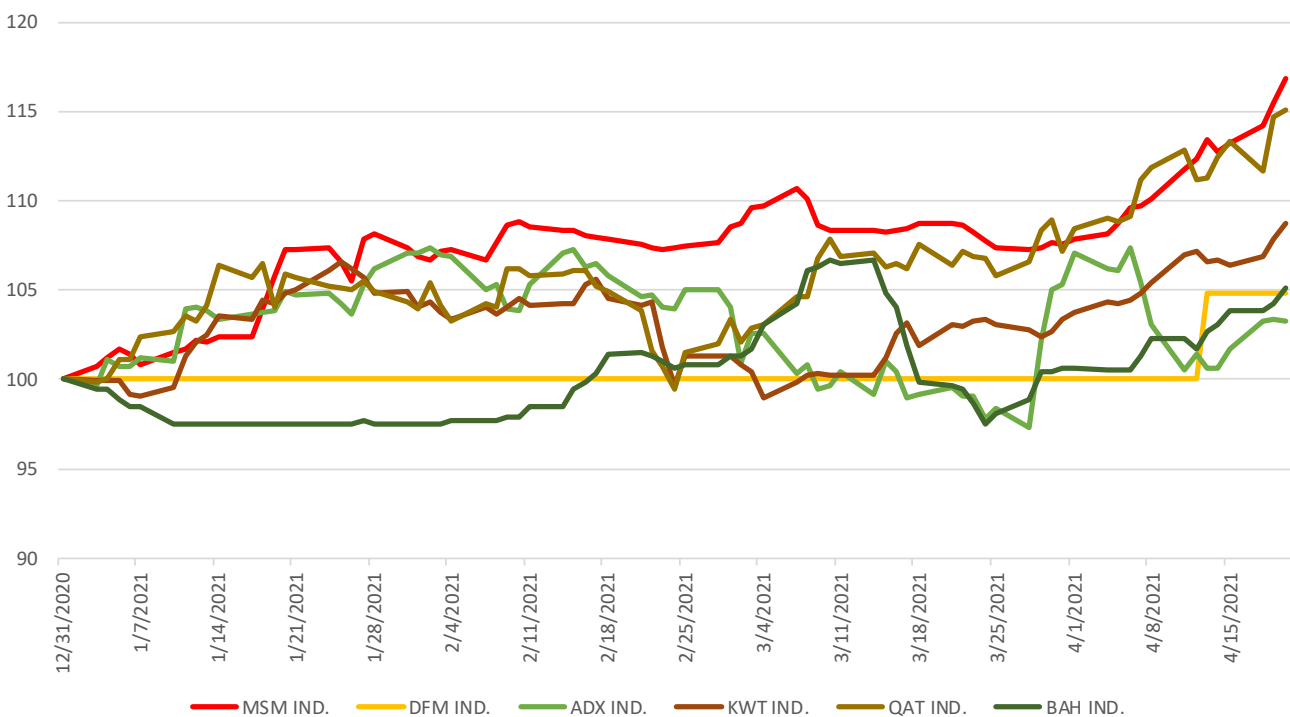
**MSM30 - Incomparision with its Sub-Indices**



Source: Bloomberg

**MSM Industrial Index top Performer Amongst Regional Industrial Subindices**

**MSM Industrial Index - Compared to Regional Industrial Sub-Indices**



Source: Bloomberg

Note: KSA Does not have standalone Industrial Index

## TECHNICALS OF THE DAY

### GCC Technical Analysis

Stock Name	Market Name	Purchase Price	Target 1	Target 2	Return T1	Return T2	Stop Loss	Risk
اسم السهم	السوق	سعر الشراء	الهدف الأول	الهدف الثاني	العائد الأول	العائد الثاني	وقف الخسارة	المخاطرة
BCI	SAUDI	39.35	40.50	41.00	2.92%	4.19%	39.00	-0.9%
MAADEN	SAUDI	57.90	59.50	60.00	2.76%	3.63%	57.70	-0.3%
CERAMIC	SAUDI	42.60	44.00	44.50	3.29%	4.46%	42.30	-0.7%
AMIANITIT	SAUDI	28.30	29.00	29.30	2.47%	3.53%	28.20	-0.4%
ALABDULLATIF	SAUDI	19.00	19.50	19.60	2.63%	3.16%	18.85	-0.8%
ALMARAI	SAUDI	52.40	54.00	54.50	3.05%	4.01%	52.00	-0.8%
RIBL	SAUDI	26.00	26.75	27.00	2.88%	3.85%	25.80	-0.8%
SIBC	SAUDI	17.68	18.20	18.30	2.94%	3.51%	17.60	-0.5%
MALATH INSURANCE	SAUDI	24.50	25.20	25.40	2.86%	3.67%	24.40	-0.4%
RED SEA	SAUDI	28.20	29.00	29.30	2.84%	3.90%	28.10	-0.4%
AMLAK FINANCE	UAE	0.225	0.230	0.235	2.22%	4.44%	0.222	-1.3%
ITHMAAR	UAE	0.213	0.220	0.222	3.29%	4.23%	0.212	-0.5%
RAK PROPERTIES	UAE	0.538	0.555	0.560	3.16%	4.09%	0.535	-0.6%
WAHA CAPITAL	UAE	1.18	1.21	1.22	2.54%	3.39%	1.17	-0.8%
AAMAL HOLDING CO	QATAR	0.985	1.02	1.03	3.55%	4.57%	0.980	-0.5%
GULF WAREHOUSING .	QATAR	5.11	5.30	5.32	3.72%	4.11%	5.10	-0.2%
QATARI GERMAN CO	QATAR	2.94	3.03	3.06	3.06%	4.08%	2.92	-0.7%
ZAD HOLDING	QATAR	15.17	15.70	15.80	3.49%	4.15%	15.10	-0.5%

#### Note:

Support & Resistance for the expectations

Stop Loss: the clients should close / decrease his positions if it exceed this level

Risk: difference between price and support 1

Return T1: difference between Purchasing price and Target 1

Return T2: difference between Purchasing price and Target 2

Purchase Price is the last closing prices

Prices are in Countries respective currency

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