

PRE-MARKET REPORT

24 August 2021

Market Indices	Current Close	Change	D/D	YTD	Price to Earnings	Price to Book	Div Yield
	Index	Point	%	%	(x)	(x)	%
MSCI GCC Index	697.23	0.43	0.06%	22.39%	20.28	2.13	2.6%
S&P GCC Comp PR USD	143.72	-0.82	-0.57%	26.00%	22.31	2.05	2.5%
Muscat Stock Exchange	3,960.21	-11.32	-0.28%	8.24%	12.63	0.79	3.9%
Saudi Stock Exchange	11,062.99	-13.56	-0.12%	27.31%	26.76	2.37	2.3%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,669.82	12.06	0.18%	20.26%	31.42	1.67	1.8%
Qatar Exchange	11,133.51	55.04	0.50%	6.68%	16.93	1.63	2.6%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,641.70	-6.42	-0.39%	10.20%	11.58	0.82	3.4%
Dubai Financial Market	2,887.53	20.56	0.72%	15.87%	21.32	0.99	2.7%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	7,683.98	4.73	0.06%	52.30%	23.64	2.20	3.0%
Palestine Stock Exchange	569.95	-0.15	-0.03%	20.94%	18.62	1.34	2.3%
Tunis Se Index	7,301.34	-21.58	-0.29%	6.05%	24.70	2.40	2.2%
EGX 30 Index	10,884.29	193.50	1.81%	0.36%	9.89	1.53	1.5%
Amman General Index	2,011.58	-4.26	-0.21%	21.38%	23.33	0.85	3.5%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD
Europe				
FTSE 100	UK	7,109.0	0.30%	10.04%
DAX	Germany	15,852.8	0.28%	15.56%
CAC 40	France	6,683.1	0.86%	20.39%
United States				
DJIA	USA	35,335.7	0.61%	15.45%
S&P 500	USA	4,479.5	0.85%	19.26%
NASDAQ	USA	14,942.7	1.55%	15.94%
Asia Pacific				
NIKKEI 225	Japan	27,778.0	1.03%	1.22%
HANG SENG	Hongkong	25,556.3	1.77%	-6.15%
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	48,031.0	-0.17%	9.77%
NSE Nifty 50	India	16,532.9	0.22%	18.25%
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,515.3	1.10%	1.22%
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	4,892.9	1.18%	-6.11%

Currency Cross Rates	Units/1 USD	YTD %
Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.383	6.41%
British Pound (GBP)	0.728	-0.55%
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.264	0.66%
Chinese Renm. (CNH)	6.480	0.35%
Egyptian Pound (EGP)	15.691	0.23%
Euro (EUR)	0.851	4.01%
Indian Rupee (INR)	74.116	-1.42%
Japanese Yen (JPY)	109.810	-5.97%
Swiss Franc (CHF)	0.913	-3.01%
Omani Rial (OMR)	0.385	0.00%
Pakistan Rupee (PKR)	164.116	-2.61%
Russian Ruble (RUB)	74.149	0.36%
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.356	-2.51%
Turkish Lira (TRY)	8.433	-11.77%

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD
Oil			
Brent Crude (per bbl)	69.1	0.44%	35.28%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	65.9	0.35%	35.76%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	67.9	5.48%	33.04%
OPEC (per bbl)	66.1	0.08%	31.63%
Precious Metals			
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,802.8	-0.14%	-5.03%
Silver (per oz)	23.6	-0.05%	-10.55%
Platinum (per oz)	1,017.8	-0.02%	-5.06%
Other Metals			
Copper, MT	9,274	2.62%	19.41%
Aluminium, MT	2,602	2.18%	31.45%
Lead, MT	2,285	1.51%	14.59%
Zinc, MT	2,929	0.02%	6.47%

GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
UAE	0.33	-34.8%
Saudi Arabia	0.80	-2.7%
Kuwait	1.50	4.3%
Oman	2.15	-19.7%
Qatar	1.11	-0.9%
Bahrain	1.59	-29.3%

GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields	Maturity date	YTM, %
KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.26
UAE	16/04/2030	1.83
QATAR	16/04/2030	1.95
SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.16
OMAN	25/01/2031	5.15
BAHRAIN	30/09/2031	5.76

Midswaps	Price	YTM %
3 year	99.80	0.4
5 year	99.23	0.8
10 year	99.81	1.3
30 year	102.52	1.9

USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
1m	0.09	-40.3%
3m	0.13	-46.1%
6m	0.15	-40.8%
1 year	0.24	-30.8%

Source: Bloomberg

GCC CORPORATE NEWS & DISCLOSURES

Oman

Al Hassan Engineering announced an award of new project for Project "the UNIT-160 in Duqm EPC-1., the Sultanate of Oman".

- The company has received a contract from Towel Engineering Services Company LLC, for services of UNIT-160 in Duqm EPC-1, for approximately OMR 528K.
- The execution period will be 8 months starting from September 2021.
- The company expects reasonable profit from this project.

Comment: *The company currently is under pressure due to the pandemic situation. However, this new project will have good return to the company and will open more opportunities to get other new projects soon.*

SAUDI ARABIA

Riyad Capital announces the completion of a property acquisition in Riyadh by RIYAD REIT

- The property was acquired at SAR 184.438mn, reflecting an initial acquisition yield of 8%.
- The property was financed through Shariah-complaint bank debt.
- The property is newly developed and is fully leased as a NNN lease for 3 years to a government related entity, which is an extendable lease.
- The Property was purchased without related parties, and without any conditions.
- This acquisition is a continuation of the Fund Manager's strategy to continue expanding and diversifying the REIT's real estate portfolio – both locally and internationally – through the acquisition of high-quality properties located in strategic locations and leased to credit-worthy tenants.

Comment: *The financial impact of this transaction is expected to be generally positive on the fund's results, by the end of the second half of this year.*

Saudi Cable submits capital cut, rights issue requests to CMA

- Saudi Cable Co. submitted, on Aug. 23, a request for capital reduction followed by an increase via rights issue to the Capital Market Authority (CMA), according to a bourse statement.
- The approval of the extraordinary general assembly (EGM) on the process of increasing the company's capital by issuing rights issue is conditional on the EGM's approval of the proposed reduction of the capital.
- The company will announce any future developments in this regard in due course.

Comment: *In July, the company's board of directors recommended to cut capital by 27.26% from SAR 360.61 million to SAR 262.31 million to restructure capital and offset the accumulated losses. On the other hand, the board also proposed to increase capital via a SAR 500 million rights issue. The company will offer 50 million shares at SAR 500 million to increase capital by 190.61% to SAR 762.31 million.*

Saudi Exchange Announces the Joining of Morgan Stanley Saudi Arabia as a Derivatives Exchange Member

- Saudi Exchange announces that Morgan Stanley Saudi Arabia has completed all regulatory and technical requirements to become a member of the Derivatives Market.
- The right to conduct brokerage services for Derivatives trading and deal as a principal and as an agent in Saudi Exchange.

Comment: *Saudi Exchange has been making rapid progress towards achieving its goal to be a world leading capital markets group and the gateway to the MENA region, fostering the development of a diverse Saudi capital market. As part of its 2030 Vision, Tadawul is helping the Kingdom build a thriving economy with a technologically advanced and integrated capital market at its centre.*

Al Naqool reports SAR 4 mln net profit in H1 2021

- Mohammed Hasan AlNaqool Sons Co. reported net profit after Zakat and tax of SAR 4 million for the first six months of 2021, an increase of more than two-fold, compared to SAR 1.5 million in year-earlier period.
- The profit increase was driven by higher revenue from increased sales, in addition to easing the precautionary measures related to the COVID-19 lockdown in the Kingdom.
- Shareholders' equity, excluding minority rights, stood at SAR 45.1 million in H1 2021, compared to SAR 41 million in the same period a year ago.

UAE

ENBD REIT announces Q1 NAV of USD 174 million (USD 0.70 per share)

- The Shari'a compliant real estate investment trust managed by Emirates NBD Asset Management Limited, has announced its Net Asset Value ("NAV") for the first quarter ended 30th June 2021.
- ENBD REIT's NAV stood at USD 174 million, as compared to USD 180 million for the previous quarter. The decline in NAV, decreasing by 1%, is predominantly due to sustained valuation pressures and softening real estate market conditions as the regional macroeconomic conditions remain in the early stages of post-pandemic recovery.
- The management team reduced expenses by 16.9%, following a year of actively managing down operating costs in the portfolio.
- Occupancy in the portfolio remains stable at 75% for the period ending 30th June 2021 compared to 76% as at 31st March 2021, and 75% for the same period in the previous year.
- The active leasing strategy catering to tenants' needs continues to play a significant role in protecting occupancy rates, but challenging real estate market conditions subdued further recovery.
- The Weighted Average Unexpired Least Term ("WAULT") has increased from 3.2 years to 3.97 years as 30th June 2021 compared to the previous year.

Abu Dhabi's bank launches world's first Islamic digital bank targeting GenZ

- Abu Dhabi Islamic Bank (ADIB) on Monday launched "Amwali" — the world's first Islamic digital proposition targeting youth between the age of 8 to 18.
- "Amwali is a ground-breaking proposition that brings together an entire suite of banking products and innovative technology to enable young customers to enjoy a whole new way of banking that is paperless, signatureless, and branchless," the bank said in a statement.
- The bank has over 100,000 customers under the age of 24 banking with us and our goal is to expand youth access to personalized and safe financial products and services as well as to empower them to establish a disciplined culture with regards to managing their finances

QATAR

Masraf Al Rayan announces the purchase of additional 5% stake in Al Rayan (UK) Ltd from Qatar Holding LLC.

- Masraf Al Rayan announced the purchase of additional 5% stake in Al Rayan (UK) Ltd from Qatar Holding LLC.
- This represents a purchase of 5,000,000 ordinary shares of GBP1 par value.
- As a result of the purchase, Masraf Al Rayan shareholding in Al Rayan (UK) Ltd has increased from 70% to 75%. Al Rayan (UK) Ltd holds 98.34% of Al Rayan Bank PLC.

Qatar Short End Cheaper

- Shorter-term Qatar USD Sovereign securities declined in Monday afternoon trading.
- The 3-year yield rose 3.3bps to 0.642%
- The 30-year yield was little changed at 3.119%
- The 3-year-30-year yield spread was 247.7bps, vs previous close 251.3bps
- The Qatar Exchange Index rose 0.5%
- Qatar 5-Year CDS widened 1.4bps to 43.6bps
- Bloomberg Qatar Index of government bonds fell 1.3% in the past year. The Qatar Exchange Index rose 13.5% in the same period. The following table shows current bid yields and changes for the main tenors in the Qatar USD Sovereign Market:

Tenor	Current Yield (%)	1 Day Change (bps)	1 Month Change (bps)
1YR	1.463	+74.7	+130.3
2YR	0.513	+17.4	+14.9
3YR	0.642	+3.3	+2.9
4YR	0.991	-4.6	+6.7
5YR	1.320	-0.8	+8.4
7YR	1.624	-1.3	+5.2
8YR	1.821	-3.1	+4.1
9YR	2.259	+0.6	+2.4
20YR	3.005	-0.8	-5.5
30YR	3.119	-0.3	-0.3

ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

OMAN

Key pact signed for green hydrogen, ammonia project in Duqm

The Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones (OPAZ) signed a land reservation agreement as Acme Group will set up Green Hydrogen and Ammonia project in the Special Economic Zone at Duqm (Sezad). The agreement was signed by Dr Ali bin Masoud Al Sunaidi, Chairman of the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones and Manoj Upadhyay, Chairperson of ACME and Gursharan Jassal, General Manager, Business Developer of ACME.

[Source](#)

Agreement signed to build power plant in Oman

A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) was signed by the Central Utilities Company (Marafiq), a member of OQ Group, and the Rural Areas Electricity Company "Tanweer" a member of Nama Group. The agreement was signed by Hamad Ali Al-Wahibi, General Manager of Business Development at Marafiq, and Ahmed Said al-Harthy, Acting CEO of Tanweer.

[Source](#)

Oman Oil Price Rises 40 Cents

Oman oil price (October Delivery 2021) today reached 66.10 US Dollars, comprising a rise by 40 cents compared to the price of last (Friday) which stood at 65.70 US Dollars. The average price of Oman oil (August Delivery 2021) has stabilized at 71.66 US Dollars, thus 5.26 US Dollars per barrel higher than

[Source](#)

MIDDLE EAST

Dubai house prices to rise modestly, stay affordable in coming years

Dubai's residential property market is on a steady course, with prices expected to rise modestly over the next couple of years, according to a Reuters poll of housing analysts who say property prices there will remain affordable during that time.

[Source](#)

Saudi Arabia will see more fintech unicorns 'soon,' head of Kingdom's top fintech body says

Fintech Saudi was launched in 2018 by the Saudi Central Bank and the Capital Market Authority, to turn the Kingdom into an innovative fintech hub.

[Source](#)

Abu Dhabi conglomerate IHC eyes deals worth 'a few billion dollars', CEO says

Abu Dhabi conglomerate International Holding Co is considering acquisitions worth a few billion dollars in total across several sectors, including a real estate developer in Abu Dhabi, its chief executive Syed Basar Shueb told Reuters.

[Source](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Branson's Virgin Orbit to go public through \$3.2 bln SPAC merger

Billionaire Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit, a small satellite launch service provider, is going public through a merger with a blank-check vehicle that values it at about \$3.2 billion.

[Source](#)

Santander Consumer agrees to go private in \$12.7 bln deal

Santander Consumer USA Holdings Inc said on Tuesday it had agreed to be taken private by its majority shareholder Santander Holdings USA, Inc.

[Source](#)

Stocks making the biggest moves midday: Pfizer, Moderna, Boeing and more

Boeing — Shares of Boeing jumped 3.2% after Virgin Orbit, a satellite-launching spinoff of Sir Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic, announced it will go public at a \$3.7 billion valuation. Boeing is set to invest in the deal's private investment in public equity round. Virgin Orbit is combining with special purpose acquisition company NextGen Acquisition Corp. II, which saw its shares gain 1.9% after the news.

[Source](#)

COMMODITIES

Oil rises as full U.S. clearance for COVID-19 vaccine stokes fuel demand hopes

Oil prices rose on Tuesday after the U.S. drug regulator granted full approval to the Pfizer Inc/BioNTech SE COVID-19 vaccine, stoking investor hopes that higher fuel demand would follow a potential step up in U.S. coronavirus vaccination rates.

[Source](#)

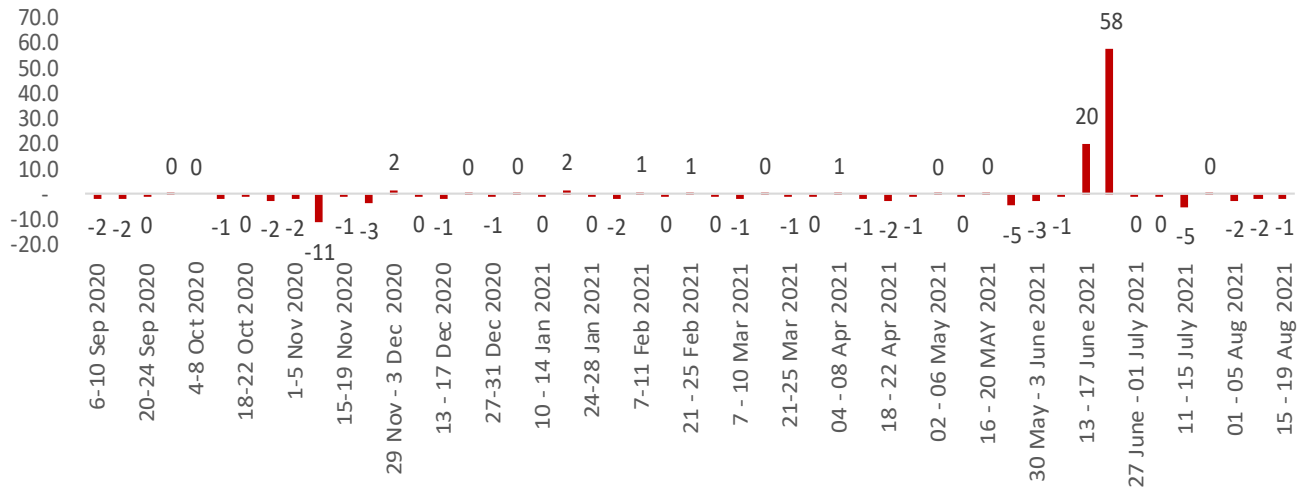
Gold rises above \$1,800 as dollar dips on doubts Fed will taper soon

Gold vaulted over the key \$1,800 psychological level on Monday as a retreat in the dollar pushed investors to bullion, with rising coronavirus cases driving expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve might delay tapering of economic support.

[Source](#)

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Oman Net Foreign Flows (USD mn)



Source: MSM