

PRE-MARKET REPORT

29 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	700.25	0.00	0.00%	22.92%	20.37	2.14	2.6%
S&P GCC Comp PR USD	144.38	0.00	0.00%	26.57%	22.43	2.06	2.5%
Muscat Stock Exchange	3,962.51	3.59	0.09%	8.30%	12.64	0.79	3.9%
Saudi Stock Exchange	11,128.59	-28.04	-0.25%	28.07%	26.97	2.38	2.3%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,791.35	23.00	0.34%	22.45%	32.01	1.70	1.8%
Qatar Exchange	11,102.66	-32.49	-0.29%	6.39%	16.88	1.62	2.6%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,666.54	4.55	0.27%	11.86%	11.75	0.83	3.3%
Dubai Financial Market	2,900.02	-2.63	-0.09%	16.37%	21.41	0.99	2.7%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	7,625.01	-40.14	-0.52%	51.13%	23.51	2.18	3.0%
Palestine Stock Exchange	570.88	0.83	0.15%	21.14%	18.65	1.34	2.3%
Tunis Se Index	7,348.42	31.40	0.43%	6.73%	24.83	2.41	2.1%
EGX 30 Index	11,125.55	61.12	0.55%	2.58%	9.99	1.56	1.5%
Amman General Index	2,027.23	24.22	1.21%	22.33%	23.51	0.86	3.5%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD
Europe				
FTSE 100	UK	7,148.0	0.32%	10.64%
DAX	Germany	15,851.8	0.37%	15.55%
CAC 40	France	6,681.9	0.24%	20.36%
United States				
DJIA	USA	35,455.8	0.69%	15.84%
S&P 500	USA	4,509.4	0.88%	20.06%
NASDAQ	USA	15,129.5	1.23%	17.39%
Asia Pacific				
NIKKEI 225	Japan	27,641.1	-0.36%	0.72%
HANG SENG	Hongkong	25,407.9	-0.03%	-6.70%
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	47,136.5	-0.48%	7.73%
NSE Nifty 50	India	16,705.2	0.41%	19.48%
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,522.2	0.59%	1.41%
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	4,827.0	0.53%	-7.37%

Currency Cross Rates	Units/1 USD	YTD %
Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.368	5.20%
British Pound (GBP)	0.727	-0.70%
Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.262	0.83%
Chinese Renm. (CNH)	6.462	0.63%
Egyptian Pound (EGP)	15.691	0.23%
Euro (EUR)	0.848	3.55%
Indian Rupee (INR)	73.688	-0.84%
Japanese Yen (JPY)	109.840	-6.00%
Swiss Franc (CHF)	0.911	-2.86%
Omani Rial (OMR)	0.385	0.00%
Pakistan Rupee (PKR)	165.000	-3.13%
Russian Ruble (RUB)	73.543	1.18%
Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.346	-1.78%
Turkish Lira (TRY)	8.351	-10.91%

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD
	USD	%	%
Oil			
Brent Crude (per bbl)	72.7	2.29%	42.41%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	68.7	1.96%	41.67%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	70.7	1.70%	38.44%
OPEC (per bbl)	70.8	0.23%	40.82%
Precious Metals			
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,817.6	1.40%	-4.26%
Silver (per oz)	24.0	1.96%	-9.00%
Platinum (per oz)	1,012.5	3.16%	-5.56%
Other Metals			
Copper, MT	9,410	1.19%	21.17%
Aluminium, MT	2,650	1.15%	33.85%
Lead, MT	2,296	0.13%	15.12%
Zinc, MT	3,002	0.00%	9.12%

GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
UAE	0.39	-23.1%
Saudi Arabia	0.80	-2.7%
Kuwait	1.50	4.3%
Oman	2.12	-20.8%
Qatar	1.15	2.6%
Bahrain	1.55	-31.1%

GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields		
	Maturity date	YTM, %
KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.27
UAE	16/04/2030	1.88
QATAR	16/04/2030	2.04
SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.18
OMAN	25/01/2031	5.05
BAHRAIN	30/09/2031	5.69

Midswaps	Price	YTM %
3 year	99.87	0.4
5 year	99.76	0.8
10 year	99.47	1.3
30 year	101.89	1.9

USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
1m	0.09	-40.2%
3m	0.12	-49.7%
6m	0.15	-39.9%
1 year	0.24	-31.2%

Source: Bloomberg

GCC CORPORATE NEWS & DISCLOSURES

Oman

Al Kamil Power company announces Gas Turbine outage

- The company Gas Turbine GT1 B faced high vibration on bearing 4 (generator bearing drive end) when it was on load. The machine was inspected and generator bearing (drive end) was found damaged. Further checks revealed that the damage extended also to the rotor
- The repair work will involve machining the rotor as well as re-sizing the bearing since the rotor size will be lower than standard. Two specialized companies have been engaged to carry out the repairs. In parallel, the inspection of other parts of the Gas Turbine are still in progress to check if there are other damages.
- The repair work is estimated to take around 53 days. The present estimated financial impact is about OMR 300,000.
- The company is taking all possible measures to optimize the repair schedule and return the unit to service.

MSX announced increase in daily share price limit of DIDIC (Dhofar International Development and Investment Co.)

- The limit has been increased to 20%.

SAUDI ARABIA

Batic acquires affiliate stake in Smart Cities Solutions

- Batic Investments and Logistics Co. announced capital restructuring in the form of transferring its indirect stake in Smart Cities Solutions for Communications and Information Technology, which is owned by its subsidiary Arabian Company for Security and Safety Solutions (AMNCO), for the benefit of the parent company.
- The company said in a bourse filing that it will acquire 35% of Smart Cities Solutions at a nominal value of SAR 35,000.
- Under the transaction, AMNCO will settle the book value of shares sold (losses) to Batic. Meanwhile, Batic will replace AMNCO in all commitments related to this deal, including the financing agreements with the banks that finance Smart Cities Solutions. The obligations registered on Smart City Solutions in favor of AMNCO will be transferred and settled to Batic.

Comment: There is no financial impact of the acquisition, as the shares are indirectly owned by Batic through its subsidiary AMNCO.

NCLE shareholders approve SAR 7.95 mln annual lease contract for educational complex in Riyadh

- National Company for Learning & Education's (NCLE) shareholders approved the business contract concluded with Yamami Co., during the ordinary general meeting (OGM) held on Aug. 25, according to a bourse filing.
- NCLE Chairman Khaled bin Mohammad Al-Khudhair has an indirect interest in the contract.
- The deal relates to a 10-year lease for an educational complex in Riyadh, which is binding on both parties, starting Sept. 1.
- The contract value is SAR 7.95 million per year, with an increase of SAR 1 million on the annual rent every five years.
- The contract includes a clause that it can be renewed for another 10 years, under the same terms of lease amount as mentioned above.
- However, the option to not extend the contract rests only with NCLE, the statement noted.

Al-Jouf Agricultural announces laying of foundation stone for French fries factory

- Al-Jouf Agricultural Development Co. said that the Minister of Environment, Water and Agriculture, Abdul Rahman Al-Fadhli, laid the foundation stone for the French fries factory.
- The company said in a bourse statement that this came during the minister's inspection tour of the Al-Jouf area, during which he visited olive farms, automated harvesting of potatoes and industrial complex, and learned about some of the company's products and achievements in the field of agriculture and food manufacturing.
- According to data compiled by Argam, Al-Jouf recently said that it expects the project to be complete in the third quarter of 2023.
- Moreover, the project cost was changed from previous SAR 70 million to SAR 192 million, in light of the market needs.

UAE

Dubai and Abu Dhabi bourses to extend trading hours from October

- The Dubai Financial Market (DFM) and the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) will both extend its trading hours by one hour starting 3 October 2021.
- ADX announced that commissions will be reduced to 0.025% from 0.05%, the bourse's second cut in 2021 and the third in three years, ADX said in a statement.
- The timing extension aims to bring ADX and DFM into line with the operating hours of many markets globally, it said.
- **Comment:** *The trading hours' extension will provide investors with more flexibility and larger time span to accomplish their investment activities on the market. It will also give international investors in different time zones to trade at a better timing. In addition, the move aims to boost market activity and deepen liquidity.*

Orascom Construction 2Q Net Income \$23.8M Vs. \$9.8M Y/y

- Orascom Construction reported net income for the second quarter of \$23.8 million vs. \$9.8 million y/y.
- Net income \$23.8 million vs. \$9.8 million y/y
- Revenue \$868.3 million, +9.7% y/y
- Ebitda \$49.4 million, +40% y/y
- Ebit margin 5.7% vs. 4.40% y/y
- Reports Backlog of \$5.9 Bln in 1H
- New awards increased 56.8% y/y to \$1.1 billion in 2Q
- New projects were led mainly by pick-up in the U.S., especially in the data center sector, and included work across the water and industrial sectors in Egypt

QATAR

Mekdam Holding Group announced it has received a letter of award

- Mekdam Holding received award from Qatar Petroleum for Replacement Of 33 KV Power Cables & Protection Relays at NGL-3, Mesaieed,
- The contract value is QAR 34,999,999
- The duration of the award is 24 Months and completes on 5 September 2023
- The Scope of Work will be Design & Detailed Engineering, Procurement, Installation, Construction, Pre-commissioning, Commissioning, and Testing of the Facility in relation to Replacement of 33KV Electrical Power Cables including circuit breakers and Protection Relays.

ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

OMAN

Sultanate wins membership of UPU board of directors

Represented by the Ministry of Transport, Communications and Information Technology, the Sultanate won membership to the board of directors of Universal Postal Union (UPU) for the period 2021-2024.

[Source](#)

OCCI Organizes Seminar on Oman Vision 2040 Investment

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in cooperation with the Public Authority for Special Economic Zones and Free Zones, organized a visit for several ambassadors of the brotherly and friendly countries to the Special Economic Zone at Duqm. The visit included 7 participants from various embassies of the Sultanate abroad.

[Source](#)

Saudi Arabia to explore investment opportunities in Oman

A trade delegation from Saudi Arabia will arrive in Oman on Sunday to look at available economic and investment opportunities. The visit, which will last for several days, is headed by Eng. Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al Falih, the Minister of Investment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

[Source](#)

MIDDLE EAST

Saudi Arabia to pick global firm to advise on N-project: Report

The King Abdullah City for Atomic and Renewable Energy (KACARE) plans to hire the services of a global company to advise on Saudi Arabia's first nuclear project in the next two months, Argaam said citing a CNBC Arabia TV channel report.

[Source](#)

Careem enhances offers for corporate employees in Saudi Arabia

With the expansion of its operations in Saudi Arabia, Careem is introducing reliable and safe transportation services that cater for all categories and sectors, including the business sector, to enhance work efficiency and reduce any burdens on employees who need to commute to work, as well as provide reliable solutions for those who oversee transportation for employees, and more

[Source](#)

DEWA installs 15 EV Green Charger stations at Expo 2020 Dubai

Dubai Electricity and Water Authority (DEWA) has installed 15 electric vehicle (EV) Green Charger stations at Expo 2020 Dubai's pavilions: Opportunity; Sustainability and Mobility.

[Source](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Barclays buys \$3.8 billion Gap credit card portfolio in the U.S.

Barclays ([BARC.L](#)) said on Friday its United States arm will buy a \$3.8 billion credit card portfolio co-branded with clothing retailer The Gap Inc ([GPS.N](#)), as the British bank continues a strategy of partnering with big brands to grow in the U.S

[Source](#)

Wall St Week Ahead A blazing U.S. stock rally faces market's toughest month

A rally in which U.S. stocks have doubled from post-pandemic lows is about to enter the year's worst month for equities, as investors focus on a nationwide COVID-19 resurgence and how quickly the Federal Reserve plans to pull back on its easy money policies.

[Source](#)

Google Play app store revenue hit \$11.2 bln in 2019, lawsuit says

alphabet Inc's ([GOOGL.O](#)) Google generated \$11.2 billion in revenue from its mobile app store in 2019, according to a court filing unsealed on Saturday, offering a clear view into the service's financial results for the first time.

[Source](#)

COMMODITIES

Oil firms slash U.S. Gulf of Mexico output by 91% ahead of powerful Hurricane Ida

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[Source](#)

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'Extremely dangerous' Hurricane Ida knocks out more US oil output than Katrina; Brent crude price touches USD 72.7/barrel

- Oil firms on Saturday cut nearly 91% of U.S. Gulf of Mexico crude oil production, roughly 1.65 million barrels, as Hurricane Ida makes its way toward major U.S. offshore oilfields.
- Roughly 84.87% of natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico has also been shut in, according to the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.
- Ida is forecast to reach a Category 4 hurricane before making landfall west of New Orleans. (Source: CNBC)

Brent Crude Price, USD/barrel

