

PRE-MARKET REPORT

30 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	702.24	1.99	0.28%	23.26%	20.43	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	3,965.94	3.44	0.09%	8.40%	12.65	0.79	3.9%
Saudi Stock Exchange	11,180.19	51.60	0.46%	28.66%	27.09	2.39	2.3%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,812.71	21.36	0.31%	22.84%	32.18	1.70	1.8%
Qatar Exchange	11,081.98	-20.68	-0.19%	6.19%	16.85	1.62	2.6%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,665.91	-0.63	-0.04%	11.82%	11.75	0.83	3.3%
Dubai Financial Market	2,901.21	1.19	0.04%	16.42%	21.42	0.99	2.7%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	7,652.15	27.13	0.36%	51.67%	23.50	2.18	3.0%
Palestine Stock Exchange	569.71	-1.17	-0.20%	20.89%	18.61	1.33	2.3%
Tunis Se Index	7,348.42	31.40	0.43%	6.73%	24.83	2.41	2.1%
EGX 30 Index	11,113.74	-11.81	-0.11%	2.48%	9.98	1.56	1.5%
Amman General Index	2,049.33	22.10	1.09%	23.66%	23.77	0.87	3.5%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	Units/1 USD	YTD %
Europe					Currency		
FTSE 100	UK	7,148.0	%	%	Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.369	5.32%
DAX	Germany	15,851.8	0.32%	10.64%	British Pound (GBP)	0.726	-0.77%
CAC 40	France	6,681.9	0.37%	15.55%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.263	0.78%
United States					Chinese Renm. (CNH)	6.465	0.58%
DJIA	USA	35,455.8	0.69%	15.84%	Egyptian Pound (EGP)	15.691	0.23%
S&P 500	USA	4,509.4	0.88%	20.06%	Euro (EUR)	0.847	3.49%
NASDAQ	USA	15,129.5	1.23%	17.39%	Indian Rupee (INR)	73.518	-0.62%
Asia Pacific					Japanese Yen (JPY)	109.750	-5.92%
NIKKEI 225	Japan	27,754.8	0.41%	1.13%	Swiss Franc (CHF)	0.911	-2.83%
HANG SENG	Hongkong	25,495.9	0.35%	-6.37%	Omani Rial (OMR)	0.385	0.00%
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	47,222.9	0.19%	7.92%	Pakistan Rupee (PKR)	165.000	-3.13%
NSE Nifty 50	India	16,853.0	0.88%	20.54%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	73.543	1.18%
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,534.2	0.34%	1.76%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.347	-1.83%
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	4,817.3	-0.20%	-7.56%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	8.352	-10.92%

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
	USD	%	%	UAE	0.36	-29.0%
Oil						
Brent Crude (per bbl)	72.8	0.19%	42.68%	Saudi Arabia	0.80	-2.7%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	68.6	-0.26%	41.30%	Kuwait	1.50	4.3%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	70.7	1.70%	38.44%	Oman	2.14	-20.2%
OPEC (per bbl)	70.8	0.23%	40.82%	Qatar	1.15	2.6%
Precious Metals						
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,816.2	-0.07%	-4.33%	Bahrain	1.55	-31.1%
Silver (per oz)	24.1	0.22%	-8.80%	GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields		
Platinum (per oz)	1,014.0	0.14%	-5.42%		Maturity date	YTM, %

Other Metals	Price	D/D	YTD	KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.27
Copper, MT	9,410	1.19%	21.17%	UAE	16/04/2030	1.88
Aluminium, MT	2,650	1.15%	33.85%	QATAR	16/04/2030	2.04
Lead, MT	2,296	0.13%	15.12%	SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.18
Zinc, MT	3,002	0.00%	9.12%	OMAN	25/01/2031	5.05
				BAHRAIN	30/09/2031	5.69

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	99.88	0.4	1m	0.09	-40.2%
5 year	99.77	0.8	3m	0.12	-49.7%
10 year	99.48	1.3	6m	0.15	-39.9%
30 year	102.00	1.9	1 year	0.24	-31.2%

Source: Bloomberg

GCC CORPORATE NEWS & DISCLOSURES

SAUDI ARABIA

Al-Khaleej Training and Education Company announced that it has signed a sale and purchase agreement to acquire 60% of the ownership stakes of Al-Roqi National Schools Company

- The total value of this deal is an amount of (12,817,128) only twelve million eight hundred and seventeen thousand one hundred and twenty-eight Saudi riyals, which represents only (60%) of the total value of the deal.
- It was agreed between the two parties to amend the payment of the first installment to become (9,234,217) Saudi riyals instead of (7,049,420) Saudi riyals.
- The remaining amount will be paid in installments linked to specific performance standards that the company must achieve.
- The two parties agreed to expand the construction of the Girls and Boys complexes with an expected amount of (36,500,000,) SAR provided that the financing of the expansion project will be as follows: (60% for the buyer and 40% for the seller).

Zamil Industrial Investment Company Announces That Its Subsidiary (Zamil Air Conditioners & Home Appliances Co.) Has Signed a Contract With Tatweer Buildings Company

- Zamil Air Conditioners & Home Appliances Co. will manufacture and supply more than 13,570 air conditioning systems of diverse sizes and refrigerating capacities.
- The contract value is SAR 44.01mn and will be for three months.
- These systems will be used in many schools affiliated with the Ministry of Education in various regions across Saudi Arabia.
- This contract comes in line with the framework agreement signed with the other party, where this contract's terms and conditions were set on a purely commercial basis and within the normal business context, and did not include any preferential terms.

Comment: *The contract is expected to have a positive impact on the company's financial results for the FY 2021.*

Al Moammar Information Systems (MIS) announces the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding with Al Rajhi Capital

- Al Moammar Information Systems Company announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding with Al Rajhi Capital, aiming to launch a special investment fund (compliant with the provisions of Islamic Sharia) in the amount of SAR 1 billion as a first phase, in accordance with the Investment Funds Regulations ("IFR") of the Capital Markets Authority in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Saudi Arabia ("CMA").
- Where the fund aims to achieve regular income for investors through financing and operational leasing of Technology and Digital infrastructure and medical equipment, primarily in financing Technology and Digital infrastructure projects and medical equipment in the governmental, semi-governmental, and private sectors in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- Noting that Al-Moammar Information Systems (MIS) will be the marketer, supplier, implementer, and exclusive operator of the fund's projects.
- The fund provides various financing methods that suit customer requirements such as long-term leasing, construction, operation, transfer, payment for use and partnership programs between the public and private sectors, and other financing structures.
- This memorandum of understanding shall take effect from the date of its signature by both parties and for a period of (120) days

Solutions by STC issues prospectus for planned IPO

- Arabian Internet and Communications Services Co. (solutions by stc) announced on Aug. 29, issuing the prospectus for its planned initial public offering (IPO) on the Saudi Exchange (Tadawul).
- solutions by stc plans to float 20% of its share capital (or 24 million ordinary shares) in an IPO on the Saudi market.
- The Capital Market Authority (CMA) approved, on June 28, the company's request to float a 20% stake.

Saudi Arabia to launch real estate exchange by Q4 2021: Official

- The Saudi real estate exchange will be launched by Q4 2021, CNBC Arabia reported, citing Ahmad Al-Salman, Supervisor General of Real Estate Digitization Initiative, the Ministry of Justice.

- “The exchange will be expanded in the coming year,” he noted.
- In March 2021, Minister of Justice, Walid Al-Samaani, announced that the real estate exchange will be ready in 2021 and will be similar to other stock markets

Comment: *This move will give investors more flexibility to invest in portfolios and will larger exposure in the real estate market. It will also give an opportunity for investors to invest in high-value properties.*

Herfy extends MoU with EatRite Food Services to open 50 branches in Nigeria

- Herfy Food Services Co. extended its non-binding memorandum of understanding (MoU) with EatRite Food Services, granting it franchise rights to open 50 Herfy restaurant branches in Nigeria.
- The company said in a bourse statement on, Aug. 29, that the decision to extend the agreement for an additional two months will allow both parties to further study the deal to reach a final agreement.
- The financial impact of the MoU cannot be determined currently, the statement added.
- On Feb. 28, Herfy signed a MoU with Eat Rite Food Services, granting it franchise rights to open 50 Herfy restaurant branches in Nigeria, Argam earlier reported.
- In May, the company decided to extend the MoU for an additional three months for further study and reaching the final agreement.

UAE

Dubai developer Limitless set to agree third debt restructuring deal

- Dubai state-owned property developer Limitless is set to reach an agreement with creditors over some \$760 million of troubled debt, documents seen by Reuters showed - its third restructuring in a decade.
- It plans to enter into a lock-up agreement - a precursor to a long form term sheet and definitive documentation - with an ad-hoc group of creditors by the end of this month and with remaining creditors by the end of September to restructure the debt, an overview of the plan seen by Reuters showed.
- The ad-hoc group includes First Abu Dhabi Bank, Dubai Islamic Bank, Emirates NBD, Arab National Bank, and Mashreqbank.
- A Limitless spokesperson declined to comment. First Abu Dhabi Bank declined to comment and the other lenders did not immediately respond to comment requests.
- Creditors will have the option to settle their debts at a 50% discount or to extend their current positions through a seven-year loan.

Bahrain

Arab Banking Corporation - Ratings Affirmed

- Capital Intelligence Ratings (CI Ratings or CI) announced that it has affirmed Arab Banking Corporation's (ABC) Long-Term Foreign Currency Rating (LT FCR) and Short-Term Foreign Currency (ST FCR) at 'BBB+' and 'A2', respectively.
- At the same time, CI Ratings has affirmed ABC's Bank Standalone Rating (BSR) of 'bbb', Core Financial Strength (CFS) rating of 'bbb' and Extraordinary Support Level (ESL) of Moderate. The Outlook on the LT FCR and BSR remains Stable.

Kuwait

National Bank of Kuwait — Bahrain Profits

- National bank of Kuwait that NBK- Bahrain (Branch of NBK Group) reported net profits of BHD 60.24 million (Equivalent to KWD 48.18 million) until the end of first half of the year 2021.

Comment: *The effect on the financial statement will be positive and will enhance the profitability of NBK group, which will support diversification of its income sources.*

ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

OMAN

Omani investors hopeful of greater cooperation with KSA

Omani investors foresee greater cooperation between the Sultanate and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, following the launch of the Omani-Saudi Investment Forum. Accompanied by a delegation, His Excellency Engineer Khalid bin Abdulaziz Al-Falih, Minister of Investment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, has arrived in Oman for the launch.

[Source](#)

Oman producing brake components for top cars

Some of the world's biggest automotive companies, like BMW, Toyota, Hyundai, Ford, Chrysler and others, are using brake components made in Oman. Dunes Oman, a part of Brakes India Private Limited, at Salalah Free Zone with a capacity of 36,000 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA) is an export oriented unit producing safety critical parts for the automotive industry for the European and American markets. Said bin Mohammed al Shehri, deputy director general, Dunes Oman, said in a st...

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Oman Bolsters Sohar Ship-Fuel Services in Bid to Rival UAE Port

business delegation from Oman Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OCCI) led by Eng. Rida Juma Al Saleh, OCCI Chairman is currently taking part in the 15th Arab-Turkish Economic Cooperation Forum held in Istanbul, Turkey. The forum gathers business owners and representatives of private sector companies and institutions in the Arab world and Turkey

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ODB lending activity numbers signal economic recovery in Oman

The Board of Directors of Oman Development Bank (ODB) confirmed to continue supporting and financing small, medium and micro enterprises and corporate projects, especially during COVID-19 pandemic. The period of the pandemic saw announcing many financing packages and incentives to these enterprises.

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MIDDLE EAST

Mubadala joins UAE InsurTech start-up Hala's \$5mln funding round

Dubai's Emirates is revamping its leadership roles across major markets in West Asia, Africa, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and Central Asia, as it looks to strengthen its business post-COVID-19

[Source](#)

Emirates reshuffles leadership positions across key markets

Several projects, with a combined value of nearly \$1 trillion, have been unveiled across Saudi Arabia since 2016, thanks to the government's Vision 2030 strategy, according to analysis by property consultant Knight Frank.

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Leading Saudi companies keen on investing in Oman, says Al-Falih

Saudi Investment Minister Khalid Al-Falih on Sunday said a number of leading Saudi companies are interested in making investments in vital sectors in Oman, such as petrochemicals, healthcare and renewable energy, etc.

[Source](#)

Car marketplace Syarah secures \$20m to expand beyond KSA

Saudi Arabia-based online car marketplace Syarah has raised \$20 million in its latest funding round, as the startup aims to expand its local and regional operations.

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INTERNATIONAL

Asian shares rise on dovish Fed chair, oil up as hurricane batters Louisiana

South Korea's central bank raised interest rates on Thursday in a decision that was expected as financial risks heat up despite the virus threat. The Bank of Korea raised its policy rate by 25 basis points to 0.75% for the first time in nearly three years, becoming the first developed economy to raise interest rates during the pandemic era.

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European shares end higher on dovish Fed, Entra leads gains

European stocks rose on Friday after Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell showed no signs the U.S. central bank will reduce a massive stimulus program, while real estate stocks were led higher by Norway's Entra after a major peer took a stake in the firm.

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COMMODITIES

Oil mixed as Hurricane Ida slams U.S. crude hub, Louisiana

Oil prices pared early gains on Monday, off more than three-week highs reached earlier in the session as a powerful hurricane ploughing through the Gulf of Mexico forced shutdowns and evacuations of hundreds of offshore oil platforms.

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OPEC+ could reconsider output increase, says Kuwaiti oil minister

- The increase in oil output agreed last month by OPEC+ nations could be reconsidered at its next meeting on Sept. 1, Kuwait's oil minister said on Sunday.
- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and allies including Russia, collectively known as OPEC+, will meet on Wednesday to discuss the previously agreed increase of 400,000 barrels per day (bpd) for the next several months.
- "The markets are slowing. Since COVID-19 has begun its fourth wave in some areas, we must be careful and reconsider this increase. There may be a halt to the 400,000 (bpd) increase," Mohammad Abdulatif al-Fares told Reuters on the sidelines of a government-sponsored event in Kuwait City.
- Economies of East Asian countries and China remain affected by COVID-19 and caution must be exercised, Fares added.

Brent Crude Price, USD/barrel

