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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 Index	675.1	-2.02	-0.30%	18.51%	23.71	2.15	2.3%
Muscat Stock Exchange	4,102.8	4.37	0.11%	12.14%	14.41	0.83	3.8%
Saudi Stock Exchange	11,001.0	-30.70	-0.28%	26.60%	36.08	2.43	1.9%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,377.8	-24.72	-0.39%	15.00%	40.87	1.63	2.0%
Qatar Exchange	10,799.9	-28.23	-0.26%	3.49%	18.26	1.62	2.7%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,579.1	0.04	0.00%	5.99%	21.58	1.10	2.1%
Dubai Financial Market	2,803.2	-0.94	-0.03%	12.49%	21.29	0.98	2.9%
Palestine Stock Exchange	553.2	7.79	1.43%	17.39%	18.05	1.31	2.3%
Tunis Se Index	7,235.1	0.34	0.00%	5.09%	23.76	2.39	2.1%
EGX 30 Index	10,348.3	2.63	0.03%	-4.58%	10.32	1.46	1.7%
Amman General Index	2,101.1	1.38	0.07%	26.78%	24.93	0.89	3.6%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	Units/1 USD	YTD %
			%	%	Currency		
<b>Europe</b>					<b>Currency</b>		
FTSE 100	UK	7,164.9	0.58%	10.90%	Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.323	1.81%
DAX	Germany	15,662.0	0.08%	14.16%	British Pound (GBP)	0.721	-1.54%
CAC 40	France	6,567.5	0.22%	18.30%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.233	3.23%
<b>United States</b>					Chinese Renm. (CNH)	6.464	0.60%
DJIA	USA	34,786.4	0.44%	13.66%	Egyptian Pound (EGP)	15.643	0.53%
S&P 500	USA	4,352.3	0.75%	15.87%	Euro (EUR)	0.842	2.88%
NASDAQ	USA	14,639.3	0.81%	13.59%	Indian Rupee (INR)	74.270	-1.62%
<b>Asia Pacific</b>					Japanese Yen (JPY)	110.830	-6.84%
NIKKEI 225	Japan	28,698.5	0.35%	4.57%	Swiss Franc (CHF)	0.921	-3.90%
HANG SENG	Hongkong	27,980.2	-0.58%	2.75%	Omani Rial (OMR)	0.385	0.00%
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	47,548.0	0.25%	8.67%	Pakistan Rupee (PKR)	158.113	1.09%
NSE Nifty 50	India	15,869.5	0.22%	13.50%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	73.473	1.28%
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,515.6	-0.53%	1.23%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.344	-1.64%
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	5,055.7	-0.59%	-2.99%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	8.665	-14.13%

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
	USD	%	%			
<b>Oil</b>						
Brent Crude (per bbl)	77.5	0.38%	51.27%	UAE	0.34	-33.8%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	76.7	2.00%	58.00%	Saudi Arabia	0.79	-3.0%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	74.8	0.01%	46.55%	Kuwait	1.50	4.3%
OPEC (per bbl)	75.2	0.45%	49.64%	Oman	2.12	-20.6%
<b>Precious Metals</b>						
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,800.1	0.46%	-5.18%	Qatar	1.00	-11.0%
Silver (per oz)	26.6	0.34%	0.63%	Bahrain	1.64	-27.0%
Platinum (per oz)	1,110.0	0.84%	3.53%	<b>GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields</b>		
<b>Other Metals</b>						
Copper, MT	9,511	1.43%	22.47%		<b>Maturity date</b>	<b>YTM, %</b>
Aluminium, MT	2,556	-0.23%	29.12%	KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.38
Lead, MT	2,287	-0.59%	14.67%	UAE	16/04/2030	2.04
Zinc, MT	2,946	0.36%	7.07%	QATAR	16/04/2030	2.11
				SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.34
				OMAN	25/01/2031	5.33
				BAHRAIN	30/09/2031	5.46

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	99.45	0.4	1m	0.10	-28.5%
5 year	100.05	0.9	3m	0.14	-42.2%
10 year	101.66	1.4	6m	0.16	-36.7%
30 year	106.91	2.1	1 year	0.24	-28.5%

Source: Bloomberg

## GCC CORPORATE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCLOSURES

### OMAN

#### Omani transport group Asyad said to weigh strategic stake sale in shipping unit

- Oman's state-owned transport group Asyad is weighing the sale of a strategic stake in its subsidiary Oman Shipping Company (OSC).
- Asyad has asked banks to pitch for a mandate to help it review a potential deal in which Asyad could divest up to 40 percent of its ownership, said two sources, who declined to be named as the matter was not public.
- Asyad, owned by the Oman Investment Authority, the country's sovereign fund, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Monday.
- OSC focuses on transportation of liquefied natural gas (LNG) cargoes to the international market, according to information on its website, with a fleet that includes very large crude carriers, product and chemical tankers, and bulk carriers.
- The company lists Global energy trader Vitol, Brazilian miner Vale, and Global commodities trader Trafigura, and energy firms BP and Royal Dutch Shell among its customers and partners.
- Asyad said in June it plans to restructure its operations in order to focus on logistics, port services, free zones, shipping, drydocks and e-commerce, the state-run Oman News Agency reported, citing a management decision.

#### Oman state energy firm OQ said to mull sale of drilling business

- Oman state energy company OQ is considering selling its drilling unit Abraj Energy Services, sources said, as the Gulf nation seeks to shore up its finances that have been hit by the coronavirus pandemic and last year's oil price plunge.
- The potential sale of the midstream firm is part of a broader divestment plan by OQ, three sources familiar with the matter said, declining to be named as the matter is not public.
- Deliberations were at an early stage and OQ could decide to make only a partial exit by floating the company on the Omani stock exchange, one of the sources said.
- OQ did not immediately respond to a request for comment.
- Abraj, which was originally slated in 2015 for a partial divestment via an initial public offering (IPO), also did not respond to a request for comment.

#### Oman Arab Bank announced updates on criminal complaint

- With reference to OAB disclosure on the MSX on 22 December 2020, on the criminal complaint related to the existence of a suspicion of forgery and embezzlement of approximately OMR 6mn.
- OAB disclosed that it has received the communication from the loss adjuster that the reinsurers have confirmed that the policy liability in principle for the amount claimed as mentioned above.
- OAB would also informed that it is continuing to follow up the case with the public prosecutor, in order to preserve the rights of the Bank and its shareholders, legally and financially.

### SAUDI ARABIA

#### MIS joins communication ministry's initiative to establish strong digital infrastructure

- Al Moammar Information Systems Co. (MIS) joined the initiative of the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) in the development of large data centers and to lead the growth in digital transformation.
- The ministry developed a plan to create a strong and advanced digital infrastructure, in line with the acceleration of digital transformation and the adoption of new technologies in the Kingdom, including the development of huge data centers to keep pace with the increasing demand for cloud services.
- The Kingdom will become a leading digital hub for cloud computing in the region, MIS said in a bourse statement.
- The ministry expects to accelerate the development of data centers in the Kingdom to exceed the 1,300-megawatt barrier before 2030, with expected investments exceeding \$18 billion in data.

Name	Px Chg 3D	Px Chg 3m	Px Chg YTD	P/E (x)	P/B (x)	RoE
<b>AL MOAMMAR INFORMATION</b>	6.82%	12.1%	71.00%	36.7	10.67	32.1%

### **Theeb Rent a Car inks SAR 48.7mn long-term rental contract with Jahez**

- Theeb Rent a Car Co. signed a long-term rental contract with Jahez International Company for Information Systems Technology (Jahez), valued at SAR 48.72 million, according to a bourse filing.
- The company signed on July 4, the four-year contract, which exceeds 5% of its total revenues in 2020.
- The vehicles will be implemented and supplied in phases within six months from the contract signing date, Theeb stated, noting there are no related parties.
- The Saudi-listed firm said that this contract will have a positive impact on the company's financial results starting from Q3 2021.

### **Al Naqool buys land plot in Riyadh for SAR 15.9mn**

- Mohammed Hasan Al Naqool Sons Co. purchased a land plot, located in Riyadh, for SAR 15.9 million.
- The land plot, which spans 3,990 square meters (sqm), will be used in a residential real estate project and will be developed by Al Naqool's 100%-owned subsidiary, Deer Real Estate Co.
- The deal will be financed through the company's own resources and will likely have a positive impact on the revenue.
- The relevant updates will be duly revealed, the statement said, adding that there are no related parties.

### **CMA nods to public offering of AlAhli - KSU Waqf Fund**

- Saudi Arabia's Capital Market Authority (CMA) has approved the public offering of King Saud University (KSU) Waqf Fund by SNB Capital, according to a disclosure by the Saudi Exchange (Tadawul).
- KSU has endowments that aim to strengthen the university's financial ability and its support to programs and activities.
- The university also aims to finance research and technology programs through its endowments to serve humanity and supports economies of knowledge-based society.
- Tadawul did not disclose further details about the public offering of the endowment fund.

### **Saudi Prince Alwaleed will continue as chairman of Kingdom Holding**

- Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal will continue to serve as chairman of the board of directors of his investment firm Kingdom Holding for a new three-year term.
- According to a bourse filing on Monday, the board of directors has also elected Lama Abdulaziz AlSulaiman as vice chairman and approved the formation of an investment committee, headed by Alwaleed.
- The new term started on June 5, 2021 and will end on June 4, 2024.
- Founded in 1980, Kingdom Holding's portfolio includes CitiGroup, Banque Saudi Fransi, Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts and Savoy, among many others. The company posted a net profit of 91 million riyals (\$24.2 million) for the three months ending March 31, 2021, against a net loss of 50 million riyals a year earlier.

### **Arabian Centres Company announces the launch of a number of Alshaya Group brands**

- Arabian Centers Company is pleased to announce the launch of a number of brands managed by Alshaya International Group at ACC's shopping centres in Saudi Arabia in three phases as follows:
- First phase: Will witness the launch of "Starbucks" cafes chain at several ACC's shopping centres, where the first branch opening shall be on Thursday 15 July 2021 at Al Nakheel Mall in Riyadh. This phase will also see ACC's centres welcoming brands such as "Jo Malone", a global leader in perfumes, candles, bath products, and room scents, and "M.A.C." Cosmetics, a leader in cosmetic products. It is planned to conclude the first phase openings during September of this year.
- Second phase: It is scheduled to be implemented during the next 12 months, and will witness the opening of the second patch of the above mentioned brands in the first phase, in addition to launching "Bath & Body Works" brand, a leader in home fragrance products, candles, gifts, bath and skin care products.
- Third phase: It is scheduled to be implemented during the next 24 months, and will witness the launch of several big-box labels such as "H&M", "American Eagle", "West Elm", "Victoria's Secret" and others.

## **UAE**

### **International Holding Company – Multiply Group to acquire 100% shares of Spranza Commercial Investment**

- Multiply Group of International Holding Co. (IHC UH) Buys 100% of Spranza Commercial Investment.
- No amount and terms were disclosed.

### **RAKBANK inks MoU with Ajman free zone**

- The National Bank of Ras Al Khaimah (RAKBANK) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Ajman Free Zone to form a strategic alliance to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and help to develop a sustainable economy.
- RAKBANK will offer Ajman Free Zone-based SMEs and larger businesses easy and direct access to account opening services, loans, credit facilities, and other banking solutions.
- Director General of Ajman Free Zone, Ali Al Suwaidi, said: “Through this MoU, we hope to bring key incentives and affordable financing solutions to the Ajman Free Zone business community, which reflects our shared commitment to advance SMEs’ aspirations to grow their business.”

### **SPAC Trickle in Mideast May Turn to Flood With 3 Shuaa Deals**

- Dubai financial services firm Shuaa Capital PSC is considering setting up three blank-check companies of around \$200 million each, according to people familiar with the matter, rapidly opening up the booming market for special purpose acquisition vehicles to Gulf investors.
- Shuaa, which manages close to \$14 billion in assets, approached investment banks to explore setting up the SPACs to pursue deals in the energy, finance and technology sectors, the people said, declining to be named because the information isn’t public.
- The SPACs are expected to list in the U.S. this year and will target companies in the Middle East and North Africa, the people said.

## **BAHRAIN**

### **Seef Properties signs agreement with Diyar Al Muharraq to manage 'Souq Al Baraha'**

- Seef Properties, one of the leading integrated real estate development companies in the Kingdom of Bahrain, has recently signed an agreement with Diyar Al Muharraq, allowing Seef Properties to provide comprehensive management services of "Souq Al Baraha" project; an integrated ‘market’ located in the heart of Diyar Al Muharraq near prominent residential, commercial and entertainment projects in the city.
- The agreement was signed by Seef Properties CEO Mr. Ahmed Yusuf, and Chairman of Executive Committee and Board member of Diyar Al Muharraq Dr. Maher Al Shaer, in the presence of CEO of Diyar Al Muharraq Eng. Ahmed Al Ammadi and representatives of both companies.

### **Ithmaar says planned sale of Bahrain banking ops to BBK has been abandoned**

- Plans by Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait (BBK), one of the largest commercial banks in the kingdom, to acquire the Bahrain operations of Ithmaar Bank, have been abandoned.
- The two entities signed a memorandum of understanding in September last year to press ahead with the acquisition, which at the time was said to have been in the “preliminary discussions phase”. It also included specific assets of IB Capital, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ithmaar Holding.
- However, in a posting to Dubai Financial Market (DFM), Ithmaar revealed that the potential deal had been ditched.

## ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

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### OMAN

#### Initiatives to help SMEs confront pandemic

The Authority for Small and Medium Enterprises Development (riyada) said that the pandemic has changed the map of sales and shopping for companies. It has accelerated the transformation processes towards online sales, and has highlighted virtual shopping tours, and provides wider options in electronic payment operations. "The pandemic also highlighted pre-scheduling of customer appointments in the application of physical distancing and reducing waiting time in queues, as well as it has enhanced communication with customers via e-mail during closed hours to show support and sympathy during the pandemic," it said.

[Source](#)

#### Khazaen Signs Agreement with Omani Logistics SME

Khazaen Economic City has recently announced the signing of a new investment agreement with Al Safwa SPC, a 100 per cent Omani-owned SME company. Under the agreement, Al Safwa will lease an area of 10,000 sqm aim to move its logistics and facility management services operations to Oman's most integrated economic city. Eng Salim Sulaiman al Thuhli, CEO, Khazaen said, "It's a great move by an SME company and an inspiration for others as well. It reflects the trust that Khazaen is gaining from various business communities.

[Source](#)

#### Real Estate Deals Rise 32.2pc by May 2021 in Oman

The total value of property transactions in the Sultanate till the end of May 2021 increased by 32.2% to reach RO 1,161.6 million compared to the same period of 2020 as indicated by the preliminary statistics issued by the National Centre for Statistics and information (NCSI). The collected real estate transaction fees stood at RO 33.7 million, comprising a rise by 49.4%. The traded value of sale contracts went up by 73.4% to reach RO 491.9 million. The number of executed sales contracts saw a rise by 129.8% to reach 36,649 as at the end of May 2021 compared to 15,949 contracts in May 2020. The traded value of mortgage contracts rose 12.8% to reach RO 660.8 million as at the end of May 2021 compared to RO 586 million in the same period of 2020. The number of mortgage contracts reached 7,679 comprising, an increase by 85.2% compared to 4,146 contracts in May 2020.

[Source](#)

#### Asyad Express, Vodafone Sign Agreement to Provide Innovative Logistic Services

Asyad Express, an arm of Asyad Group, today signed an agreement with Vodafone Oman to provide Asyad with integrated logistics services through Vodafone's implementation and accomplishment center. This cooperation is considered the latest in the list of Asyad partnerships aimed to bolster its status as a regional end-to-end centre in the electronic business sector. Nassir Ahmed al-Sharji, Acting CEO of Asyad Express, said, "Our integrated logistics services saw rapid development recently at local and regional fronts.

[Source](#)

### MIDDLE EAST

#### Mideast Stocks: Abu Dhabi stocks near record high

Abu Dhabi stocks held near record highs on Monday, extending gains for a sixth consecutive session supported by gains in International Holding (IHC), which continued its rally following the listing of a subsidiary. In Abu Dhabi, the index gained 0.7%. Last week, Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange said there was no maximum ownership limit for non-UAE nationals in the pharmaceutical firm. Saudi Arabia's benchmark index lost 0.3%. The main index in Qatar fell 0.3% as most of its stocks were in negative territory. Dubai's main share index, however, reversed its earlier losses to close flat.

[Source](#)

#### Saudi Arabia's PIF eyes \$1 trillion assets by end of 2025, says deputy governor

Saudi Arabia's Public Investment Fund (PIF) assets have grown to about SR1.6 trillion (\$426.6 billion) and it aims to expand this to SR4 trillion (\$1 trillion) by the end of 2025, said Deputy Governor Yazeed Al-Hamid. The sovereign wealth fund aims to boost its local investments to account for 75-80 percent of its total investments, Al-Hamid told Al Riyadh paper. The PIF contributed about SR311 billion in the Saudi economy, and contributed to generating 331,000 direct and indirect jobs in the local market between 2016 and 2020.

[Source](#)



### **‘\$150bn boost’ from new Saudi transport strategy**

Saudi Arabia expects its new transport and logistics strategy to generate 550 billion riyals (\$150 billion) in investments by 2030 in areas such as public transport, railways, and airports expansion and development, the Kingdom’s transport and logistical services minister said on Monday. Saleh Aljasser said the government would provide 35 percent of the needed investments, and the rest would come from private investors. The strategy would have multiple benefits on economic activities because it would connect many sectors, such as Hajj and tourism, as well as industries, he said. Abdulaziz Alduailej, president of the General Authority of Civil Aviation, said Saudi airlines would aim under the new strategy to reach 250 destinations worldwide, up from 90 destinations currently. The country aims to increase airport capacity to 330 million passengers a year, up from 103 million.

[Source](#)

### **Saudi issues new customs rules to boost local, GCC production**

Saudi Arabia has approved the national rules of origin which aim to promote local content, Finance Minister Mohamed Al-Jadaan said on Twitter. It means that products which are not made in a GCC country will be considered foreign goods by customs. The decision was approved after coordination with the Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources, the Ministry of Trade, and the General Authority for Foreign Trade, according to the Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority. This decision is valid from the date of its issuance until the unified Gulf rules of origin are issued and entered into force.

[Source](#)

### **Travel curbs, raw material shortages impact UAE's non-oil growth in June**

The UAE non-oil private sector showed weaker improvement in business conditions in June as pandemic-related measures and flight cancellations impacted sales from abroad, while output growth was stymied by raw material shortages, a business survey showed. The seasonally adjusted IHS Markit UAE Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), which covers manufacturing and services, edged down to 52.2 in June from 52.3 in April, hitting a four-month low. Raw material shortages pushed up input prices at the quickest rate in three months, leading firms to raise output charges for only the second time in nearly three years, IHS Markit said in its report based on the survey

[Source](#)

### **Saudi Arabia’s business growth hits five-month high in June – PMI**

The headline seasonally adjusted Purchasing Managers’ Index (PMI) of Saudi Arabia signaled 56.4 in June, unchanged from its reading in May, and indicating expansion in the non-oil private sector economy. Business activity in the Kingdom was the fastest seen since January, endorsed by a sharp upturn in new orders, according to the IHS Markit survey. Saudi business conditions have improved in each of the last 10 months as the sector recovers from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. "The rollout of COVID-19 vaccines and easing of restrictions also helped to lift confidence for future activity to a five-month high, as firms hope that the economic recovery will accelerate over the second half of the year," Economist at IHS Markit, David Owen, commented.

[Source](#)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **With an eye on elections, Japan's ruling party considers cash payouts in stimulus plan**

Japan will consider a one-off cash payout of 100,000 yen (\$901.55) to its low-income citizens to ease growing social disparity caused by the coronavirus pandemic, public broadcaster NHK quoted the country’s ruling party policy chief as saying. Hakubun Shimomura, the Liberal Democratic Party’s policy research council chief, said he would propose the government include the cash payout in a fresh economic package and make it part of the party’s pledge for general elections. The general election is due later this year.

[Source](#)

### **Australia's c.bank to taper bond buying, leaves rate at record lows**

Australia's central bank left its cash rate at a record low of 0.1% on Tuesday and said it was likely to remain there until 2024, though it did pare its bond buying campaign. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) retained the April-2024 bond for its three-year yield target of 0.1%, as widely expected, and announced a third round of its quantitative easing program albeit a size smaller than the previous two rounds. The RBA would continue purchasing government bonds past the present September deadline at a weekly pace of A\$4 billion, rather than the current A\$5 billion.

[Source](#)

### **Japan's May household spending growth slows from previous month**

Japan's household spending rose at a double-digit rate in May as consumers bought cars and mobile phones, though the pace of growth slowed from the prior month as a new wave of COVID-19 infections weighed on consumer confidence. Japan's economy is struggling to shake off the drag from the coronavirus pandemic after the government put in place "quasi-emergency" measures in Tokyo and other major areas to curb a resurgence of infections.

[Source](#)

### **Asia opens higher, but China tech worries weigh on Hong Kong**

Most Asian share markets opened a fraction higher on Tuesday, ahead of a key decision by Australia's central bank on its quantitative easing program and despite ongoing concerns over the future regulation of China's powerful technology sector. U.S. markets were closed on Monday to mark the Independence Day holiday, leaving the Asian region without a strong lead to start trading on Tuesday. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was up 0.05%. In Hong Kong, the Hang Seng Index was down 0.7% while China's CSI300 was off by nearly 0.3%.

[Source](#)

### **Covid resurgence in parts of Asia drags down consumer spending**

As consumer spending in China continues to lag in its economic recovery from the pandemic, a similar weakness in retail sales is being witnessed elsewhere in Asia. "For most parts of Asia, we're still seeing private consumption recovering but it is slow and it remains below the pre-pandemic levels," said Lloyd Chan, senior economist at Oxford Economics. Chan said the "bumpy and rather uneven" recovery in consumer spending in the region can be largely attributed to the ongoing pandemic, as sporadic outbreaks continue in multiple Asian countries.

[Source](#)

### **Stock futures are flat after S&P 500 and Nasdaq notch another round of records**

Stock futures were flat in early morning trading on Tuesday as Wall Street gets set to kick off the holiday-shortened week with the S&P 500 at a record high. Futures on the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose just 50 points. S&P 500 futures were flat and Nasdaq 100 futures were a tad lower. U.S. markets were closed for the July 4 Independence Day holiday on Monday.

[Source](#)

## **COMMODITIES**

### **Oil extend gains on prospects of tighter supply as OPEC+ talks called off**

Oil prices extended gains on Tuesday, with Brent and WTI hitting their highest since 2018 on expectations that supplies will tighten further after OPEC+ talks were called off just as global fuel demand recovers. Brent crude climbed 32 cents, or 0.4%, to \$77.48 a barrel by 0408 GMT, after gaining 1.3% on Monday. It reached the highest since October 29, 2018 at \$77.61 earlier in the session.

[Source](#)

### **Gold hovers near two-week high on softer dollar, Fed minutes awaited**

Gold prices were hovering close to a two-week high on Tuesday, helped by a subdued dollar, while investors awaited minutes from the U.S. Federal Reserve's June policy meeting for more clarity on monetary policy going forward. Spot gold was steady at \$1,792.34 per ounce by 0055 GMT, after hitting its highest since June 18 at \$1,794.86 on Friday. Most U.S. markets were closed on Monday for the Independence Day holiday. U.S. gold futures rose 0.5% to \$1,792.

[Source](#)



## FIXED INCOME / RATING ACTION / RATING AGENCY OUTLOOK

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### MENA

#### Green finance in MENA region hits \$6.4bln in H1 2021

- Green and sustainability-linked debt issuance in the MENA region reached \$6.4 billion in the first half of 2021, already exceeding the total for the whole of last year, according to Bloomberg's H1 2021 Capital Markets League Tables.
- The bulk of this increase can be attributed to the Red Sea Development green loan which stood at around \$3.8 billion, the tables showed.
- The proceeds from such debt have been used in real estate, project finance, refinance and general corporate purposes.
- Banks in the MENA region are increasing their capabilities and infrastructure to provide green financing. The MENA region saw its first sustainability-linked loan to refinance existing debt, issued by Emirates NBD for \$1.75 billion in March 2021, its first Swiss-franc denominated green bond, issued by FAB for CHF 260 million (\$282 million) in January 2021, and first Chinese Yuan-denominated green bond, issued by FAB for CNY 150 million (\$23 million) in June 2021. With regards to local currency issuances, Red Sea Development secured the 14.1 billion riyal green loan in March 2021, the report said.

### OMAN

#### Oman's state energy company seeks \$1.5bln in financing

- Energy Development Oman (EDO), a relatively new state company, is in talks with banks to raise \$1.5 billion in debt financing, two sources said.
- EDO was established late last year to take ownership of Oman's largest oil block called Block 6 and to help raise debt.
- "EDO is looking to raise around \$1.5 billion," one of the sources close to the matter told Reuters. The source said the financing could be in the form of a loan.
- The financing is to help fund capital expenditure, a second source familiar with the plan said.
- Block 6 is Oman's largest oil and gas operation, according to energy consulting firm Wood Mackenzie.

### SAUDI ARABIA

#### Moody's downgrades Banque Saudi Fransi and Saudi British Bank

- Moody's Investors Service has downgraded two Saudi Arabian banks, Banque Saudi Fransi (BSF) and Saudi British Bank (SABB).
- On BSF, the agency downgraded its local and foreign currency long-term bank deposit ratings to A2 from A1. The bank's Baseline Credit Assessment (BCA) and Adjusted BCA were downgraded to baa1 from a3.
- "The outlook on the bank's long-term deposit ratings remains negative, reflecting the negative outlook on the A1 issuer rating of the Saudi government."
- Moody's said while BSF continues to have strong asset quality, this has deteriorated in recent years. It expects asset-quality risks to persist at a higher level as some borrowers, particularly in the construction and commerce sectors, remain impacted by the coronavirus-induced disruption and the government's spending remains disciplined due to moderate oil prices.
- Moody's expects BSF's profitability to rebound going forward but remain below pre-COVID levels.

## CHART / TABLE OF THE DAY

### MSX 30 Foreign Ownership Change Statistics – Company Wise

%	Foreign Ownership						Absolute Change (Jun 21 - Dec 20)
	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	May-21	Jun-21	
<b>FINANCIAL SECTOR</b>							
AL ANWAR HOLDING	1.90%	1.83%	1.83%	1.86%	2.04%	1.84%	-0.06%
AHLI BANK	0.10%	0.11%	0.11%	0.09%	0.09%	0.07%	-0.03%
AL MADINA TAKAFUL	1.76%	1.83%	1.80%	1.89%	2.68%	2.42%	0.66%
BANK DHOFAR	0.20%	0.21%	0.21%	0.22%	0.21%	0.20%	0.00%
BANK MUSCAT	2.59%	2.58%	2.60%	2.56%	2.48%	2.49%	-0.10%
BANK NIZWA	0.97%	0.98%	0.99%	0.98%	0.95%	0.86%	-0.11%
SOHAR INTERNATIONAL BANK	0.51%	0.51%	0.52%	0.51%	0.48%	0.44%	-0.07%
HSBC BANK OMAN	51.36%	51.35%	51.23%	51.23%	51.24%	51.23%	-0.13%
OMAN ARAB BANK	1.07%	1.07%	1.07%	1.07%	1.07%	1.07%	0.00%
NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN	0.50%	0.55%	0.45%	0.42%	0.43%	0.40%	-0.10%
OMINVEST	0.35%	0.35%	0.34%	0.35%	0.35%	0.36%	0.01%
AL SHARQIA INVESTMENT	0.50%	0.63%	0.58%	0.58%	0.42%	0.42%	-0.08%
OMAN UNITED INSURANCE	0.49%	0.40%	0.55%	0.61%	0.51%	0.49%	0.00%
AI OMANIYA FINANCIAL SERVICES	2.15%	2.13%	2.07%	2.09%	1.92%	1.93%	-0.22%
<b>INDUSTRIAL SECTOR</b>							
AL MAHA CERAMICS	0.88%	1.02%	1.02%	1.01%	1.19%	1.43%	0.55%
AL ANWAR CERAMIC TILES	2.43%	2.38%	2.76%	2.76%	1.97%	1.65%	-0.78%
OMAN CEMENT	0.61%	0.62%	0.60%	0.62%	0.51%	0.49%	-0.12%
OMAN FLOUR MILLS	0.94%	0.94%	0.94%	0.94%	0.88%	0.85%	-0.09%
GALFAR ENGINEERING	22.89%	23.23%	22.80%	22.81%	22.77%	22.77%	-0.12%
<b>SERVICES SECTOR</b>							
AL BATINAH POWER	14.88%	14.86%	14.86%	14.86%	14.85%	14.84%	-0.04%
OMAN INVESTMENT & FINANCE	1.06%	1.06%	0.98%	0.78%	0.60%	0.66%	-0.40%
AL JAZEERA SERVICES	1.06%	0.98%	1.02%	1.08%	1.01%	1.24%	0.18%
JAZEERA STEEL	1.87%	1.89%	1.71%	1.65%	1.56%	1.27%	-0.60%
RENAISSANCE SERVICES	5.41%	4.86%	4.64%	4.42%	4.15%	4.17%	-1.24%
OOREDOO	1.83%	2.11%	2.13%	2.13%	2.11%	2.05%	0.22%
OMAN TELECOMMUNICATION	1.15%	1.17%	1.17%	1.15%	1.15%	0.99%	-0.16%
PHOENIX POWER	52.51%	52.48%	52.49%	52.53%	52.48%	52.50%	-0.01%
NATIONAL ALUMINUM	2.36%	2.36%	2.18%	2.38%	2.58%	3.00%	0.64%
SEMBCORP SALALAH	40.54%	40.56%	40.54%	40.50%	40.51%	40.48%	-0.06%
AL SUWADI POWER	14.94%	14.87%	14.86%	14.86%	14.85%	14.85%	-0.09%

Source: Muscat Clearing & Depository Co. (SAOC) & MSX

## TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

### 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
MAADEN	SAUDI	64.30	66.00	66.25	2.64%	3.03%	64.00	-0.5%
ALUJAIN	SAUDI	57.70	59.50	59.70	3.12%	3.47%	57.50	-0.3%
SAUDI CERAMICS	SAUDI	60.20	62.00	62.50	2.99%	3.82%	60.00	-0.3%
SRMG	SAUDI	170.00	175.00	177.00	2.94%	4.12%	169.00	-0.6%
AL HOKAIR	SAUDI	23.70	24.30	24.50	2.53%	3.38%	23.50	-0.8%
H B	SAUDI	106.00	109.00	110.00	2.83%	3.77%	105.50	-0.5%
SAUDI ELECTRIC	SAUDI	24.70	25.30	25.50	2.43%	3.24%	24.60	-0.4%
EMAAR MALLS	UAE	2.01	2.06	2.07	2.49%	2.99%	2.00	-0.5%
ADCB	UAE	6.90	7.10	7.12	2.90%	3.19%	6.85	-0.7%
AGTHIA GROUP	UAE	6.07	6.25	6.30	2.97%	3.79%	6.04	-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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