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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	595.41	-1.14	-0.19%	4.51%	24.18	1.94	2.7%
Muscat Securities Market	3,733.77	-19.69	-0.52%	2.05%	12.07	0.68	7.3%
Saudi Stock Exchange	9,498.85	12.89	0.14%	9.31%	37.26	2.24	2.2%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	5,805.32	2.50	0.04%	4.68%	55.15	1.42	3.3%
Qatar Exchange	10,217.53	-87.42	-0.85%	-2.09%	19.02	1.46	2.9%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,465.98	5.46	0.37%	-1.60%	35.99	0.95	4.6%
Dubai Financial Market	2,583.73	-20.18	-0.77%	3.68%	21.19	0.90	3.8%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	5,723.10	-12.60	-0.22%	13.43%	22.70	1.56	4.3%
Beirut Stock Exchange	814.74	-20.76	-2.49%	23.84%	29.75	0.61	0.0%
Palestine Stock Exchange	488.02	-0.47	-0.10%	3.56%	18.87	1.15	4.1%
Tunis Se Index	6,806.65	-14.89	-0.22%	-1.14%	18.74	2.17	0.6%
EGX 30 Index	10,802.29	-116.11	-1.06%	-0.40%	12.83	1.48	2.7%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	USD/1 Unit	Units/1 USD
<b>Europe</b>					<b>Currency</b>		
FTSE 100	UK	6,708.7	-1.05%	3.84%	Australian Dollar (AUD)	0.773	1.294
DAX	Germany	14,621.0	-1.05%	6.58%	British Pound (GBP)	1.384	0.722
CAC 40	France	5,998.0	-1.07%	8.04%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	0.800	1.251
<b>United States</b>					Chinese Renminbi (CNH)	0.154	6.510
DJIA	USA	32,628.0	-0.71%	6.60%	Egyptian Pound (EGP)	0.064	15.696
S&P 500	USA	3,913.1	-0.06%	4.18%	Euro (EUR)	1.189	0.841
NASDAQ	USA	13,215.2	0.76%	2.54%	Indian Rupee (INR)	0.014	72.519
<b>Asia Pacific</b>					Japanese Yen (JPY)	0.009	108.770
NIKKEI 225	Japan	29,202.5	-1.98%	6.41%	New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	0.715	1.398
HANG SENG	Hongkong	28,933.8	-0.20%	6.25%	Omani Rial (OMR)	2.597	0.385
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	44,901.3	0.00%	2.62%	Pakistani Rupee (PKR)	0.642	155.986
NSE Nifty 50	India	14,677.4	-0.45%	4.98%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	0.013	74.098
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,435.4	0.90%	-1.08%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	0.745	1.343
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	5,042.8	0.71%	-3.23%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	0.124	8.050

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
			USD	%	%	
<b>Oil</b>						
Brent Crude (per bbl)	64.2	-0.54%	23.97%	UAE	0.36	-29.3%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	61.2	-0.34%	26.15%	Saudi Arabia	0.80	-2.6%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	63.8	3.36%	24.85%	Kuwait	1.50	4.3%
OPEC (per bbl)	66.8	-0.19%	32.88%	Oman	2.66	-0.6%
<b>Precious Metals</b>						
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,740.1	-0.27%	-8.34%	Qatar	1.09	-3.2%
Silver (per oz)	25.7	-1.90%	-2.51%	Bahrain	1.66	-26.3%
Platinum (per oz)	1,187.1	-0.86%	10.73%	<b>GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields</b>		
<b>Other Metals</b>						
Copper, MT	9,057	0.02%	16.62%		Maturity date	YTM, %
Aluminium, MT	2,266	2.23%	14.45%	KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.63
Lead, MT	1,959	1.85%	-1.78%	UAE	16/04/2030	2.22
Zinc, MT	2,837	1.61%	3.13%	QATAR	16/04/2030	2.27
<b>Midswaps</b>						
	Price		YTM %	SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.58
3 year	99.81		0.3	OMAN	01/08/2029	5.17
5 year	98.32		0.8	BAHRAIN	14/05/2030	5.78
10 year	94.98		1.7	<b>USD Libor</b>		
30 year	89.25		2.4		Rate (%)	YTD

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	99.81	0.3	1m	0.11	-24.7%
5 year	98.32	0.8	3m	0.20	-17.4%
10 year	94.98	1.7	6m	0.20	-21.4%
30 year	89.25	2.4	1 year	0.28	-19.2%

Source: Bloomberg

Note: All values are updated at 9:00 AM Muscat Time. Markets are closed on Saturday and Sunday

## CORPORATE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCLOSURES

### SAUDI ARABIA

#### Saudi Aramco to prioritise energy supply to China for 50yrs

- Saudi Aramco will ensure China's energy security remains its highest priority for the next 50 years and beyond as new and existing energy sources run in parallel for some time, CEO Amin Nasser told the China Development Forum..
- Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, beat Russia to keep its ranking as China's top crude supplier in 2020 despite production cuts among the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and its allies.
- The kingdom has retained its position as China's top supplier in the first two months this year.
- The state oil giant also expects opportunities for further investment in projects to help to meet China's needs for heavy transport and chemicals, as well as lubricants and non-metallic materials, he said.
- Nasser said that Aramco is working with Chinese universities and companies in cleaner engine fuel systems and technologies to help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from existing energy sources.
- "In fact, we have even bolder ambitions to expand and intensify our research collaboration with China," Nasser said, adding that additional collaboration is likely on so-called blue hydrogen and carbon-capture technologies, among others.

#### Saudi Real Estate Co. announces the project developments of Al-Widyan land

- Saudi Real Estate company would like to clarify to its shareholders that the area in which Al-Widyan project is located (located in the northwest of Riyadh city and owned by the Real Estate company) is under study for redeveloping the area completely, and that was according to what we received from the relevant official authorities.
- Until this date, the company does not have any details in order to determine the expected impact of this decision on the project's business plan, and you will be informed of any developments regarding that.

#### Maharah says average labour force declines by 10% in 2020, mulls employment platform

- Maharah Human Resource Co.'s average labour force fell by 10% in 2020 compared to 2019.
- Although some sectors were significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, the company managed to effectively rotate workers internally and adopt several initiatives in the corporate and individual divisions to mitigate the financial impact on results.
- Maharah's market share of labour force in the corporate and individual sectors remained strong despite the impact of COVID-19; however, it developed initiatives and strategies to alleviate the epidemic effects. In addition, the company raised the rates of renewing labour contracts to 65% in 2020.
- Commenting on the initiative of contractual relation improvement, Maharah said it benefited from the decision to open up internal recruitment, especially amid the current challenges of attracting the necessary labour force. The move is important to boost laws needed by the labour market, it further noted.

#### ARDCO announces deal signing for project scheme sale worth SAR 576mn

- Arriyadh Development Co. (ARDCO) received a letter, dated March 18, from Adeer Real Estate Co., the exclusive marketing agent of Tenal for Investment and Real Estate Development – an associate firm, it said in a bourse statement.
- The letter stated that Adeer signed contracts to sell parts of the Tenal scheme, representing 357,533 square meters (sqm) with a total value of SAR 576.01 million, in addition to the buyer's bearing of the real estate disposal tax.
- Adeer will start the evacuation procedures as of next week. Share of ARDCO from the sales amounted to 69.38%.

#### Saudi Arabia Corporate Results

(SAR mn)	2019	2020	Change %
Al Hassan Ghazi شركة الحسن غازي إبراهيم شاكير	-50.8	10.2	-
Ibrahim Shaker			
SABB Takaful Co. شركة ساب للتكافل	-19.0	-26.5	38.9%
CHUBB Arabia شركة تشب العربية للتأمين التعاوني	35.3	40.8	15.2%
Cooperative			
National Medical Care Co الشركة الوطنية للرعاية الطبية	80.1	97.2	21.5%
Saudi Re for Cooperative Reins. الشركة السعودية لإعادة التأمين التعاوني	59.3	60.7	2.3%

#### **Al Hassan Ghazi Ibrahim Shaker reported profit in 2020 compared to loss in 2019**

- The Company achieved profitable financial results in 2020, for the first time since 2016. Net profit for the year, compared to a net loss for the previous year, was achieved for the following reasons:
  - 12-month revenue of SAR 933 million improved by 5.6% or by a value of SAR 50 million compared to previous year revenue of SAR 883 million.
  - Operating and other expenses decreased by 10% partly due to reduction in employee related expenses as well as successful cost optimization measure across the business.
  - Share of profit of equity accounted investees for the current year of SAR 26 million improved by SAR 9 million compared to previous year of SAR 17mn.

#### **SABB Takaful net loss before tax higher by 38.9% YoY in 2020**

- The reason for the increase in losses before Zakat and tax for the current year 2020 compared to the previous year 2019 is the following:
  - A decrease by 3.2 Million Saudi Riyals in the investments income in the year 2020 compared to 2019. The investment income is 8.5 million Saudi Riyals in 2020 compared to 11.7 million Saudi Riyals in 2019.
  - An increase in the Policy acquisition costs by 9.2 Million Saudi Riyals in 2020 compared to 2019. The policy acquisition cost is 14.8 million Saudi Riyals in 2020 compared to 5.6 million Saudi Riyals in 2019.
  - An increase in the change of the reserve for takaful activities by 21 Million Saudi Riyals in the year 2020 compared to 2019. The change of takaful activities in 2020 is 16.4 million Saudi riyals compared to 4.6 (Reversal) million Saudi Riyals in 2019. Sidra will deliver string returns.

#### **Chubb Arabia net income higher by 15.2% YoY in 2020**

- The reasons for the increase in the net profit before Zakat and Income Tax are due to a decrease in Net claim Incurred, and Reversal of allowance for doubtful debts and increase in Reinsurance commission income, an increase in Other income.

#### **National Medical Care Co net income up 21.5% YoY in 2020**

- Net profit for the current year improved by 21.5% compared to last year due to the following.
  - Net revenue increased by 14.2% during 2020 compared to the previous year due to higher volume of business with Ministry of Health, Cash, and Insurance segments.
  - Lower cost of sale expenses relative to revenue due to cost control, government support during COVID19 pandemic and better absorption of costs on higher margin MoH and Cash segments.
  - The gross profit margin improved from 23.4% in previous year to 27.7% for the year.
  - Reduced general and administrative expenses due to various cost control measures implemented by management including government support during the height of COVID19 pandemic.

#### **Saudi Re for Cooperative Reinsurance net profit before tax up 2.3% YoY in 2020**

- The reason for the increase in net income for the current year versus last year, was mainly due to an decrease in the Net claims incurred by 6% which had a positive impact on the underwriting results.

## **UAE**

#### **Arabtec Holding submits bankruptcy petition to Dubai Court**

- Arabtec Holding has submitted a bankruptcy petition to the Dubai Court, alongside its subsidiaries comprising Arabtec Construction, Austrian Arabian Readymix Concrete Co, Arabtec Precast, and Emirates Falcon Electromechanical Co.
- This announcement was made in a bourse filing on Sunday to provide an update about the recent procedures taken in relation to the bankruptcy and liquidation application for Arabtec and certain subsidiaries.
- On 18 February 2021, the bankruptcy judge decided to appoint seven experts to look into the bankruptcy application and prepare separate reports for each of the subsidiaries and a consolidated report on the holding company.
- The experts will also evaluate the company's financial position, whether it is in considered indebted, and the possibility of restructuring.
- Meanwhile, another application was submitted on 1 March 2021 to the Dubai Court to join additional two entities working under the umbrella of the holding company: GSI Steel Construction Contracting and Gulf Steel Industries.

## UAE Corporate Results

(AED mn)		2019	2020	Change %
<b>United Arab Bank</b>	<b>البنك العربي المتحد</b>	-470	-667	<b>42%</b>
<b>Amlak Finance</b>	<b>شركة أملاك للتمويل</b>	-321	-438	<b>36%</b>

### United Arab Bank net losses increase in 2020 by 42%

- UAB reported a net loss of AED667 million for the year ending 31 December 2020. The results of FY 2020 were predominantly driven by higher impairment charges due to the Bank's exposure to NMC and associated accounts, challenging operating environment driven by COVID-19, low interest rate environment and legacy issues. Despite these macroeconomic headwinds, the Bank was able to maintain adequate levels of capital, with a Capital Adequacy ratio of 13.7% and CET 1 ratio of 12.5% that remains well above the regulatory requirements currently applicable.
- The Bank maintained adequate liquidity and a resilient funding profile with loans to deposits ratio of 80.1%, ASR of 80.5% and ELAR of 16.4%.
- In addition the Bank maintained comfortable Coverage Ratio of 99% which provides adequate risk buffers.

### Amlak Finance net loss increases 36% YoY in 2020

- Amlak reported a net loss of AED 438 million for the year ending 31 December 2020, compared to AED 320 million net loss in 2019.
- Amlak's financial results for the year are reflective of pressure on real estate prices due to COVID 19 impact. Accordingly, the Group recorded an impairment charge of AED 204 million on financing assets and fair value loss of AED 463 million on investment properties.
- Repayment of AED 157 million to financiers (Tranche B) in 2020 and full settlement of liquidity support providers (Tranche A) in 2020. Debt restructuring completed in 2020. Debt settlement of AED 257 million and full settlement with three financiers.

### Etisalat approves 49% ownership of non-UAE nationals; Total dividend of AED 1.2 per share

- Etisalat's Annual General Meeting (AGM) has approved a record total dividend per share for the year 2020 of AED 1.20 and approved 49% ownership of non-UAE nationals of the company.
- At the AGM, shareholders backed the board's recommendation to pay full-year 2020 dividends of 80 fils per share.
- Approved the cancellation of the share buyback program and instead agreed to a one-time special dividend of 40 fils per share, bringing the total dividend per share for 2020 to AED1.20, said a statement from the telecom major.

### United Foods' shareholders nod to 65% dividends for 2020

- The ordinary general meeting (OGM) of United Foods Company has approved to pay out cash dividends, equivalent to 65% of the company's share capital, for fiscal year 2020.
- The cash dividend distribution stands at 65 fils per share, aggregating at a total amount of AED 19.662 million, according to a bourse filing on Sunday.
- It is noteworthy to mention that in 2020, the company's net profits increased to AED 38.765 million from AED 28.71 million in the earlier year.

## KUWAIT

### Kuwait Corporate Results

(KWD mn)		2019	2020	Change %
<b>Mezzan Holding</b>	<b>ميزان</b>	5.6	10.9	<b>94%</b>

### Mezzan Holding net income up 94% YoY in 2020

- Revenue: KD 246.4 million, up 10.8%
- Operating Profit: KD 17.1 million, up 35.3%
- EBITDA: KD25.4 million, up 36.9%
- Net Profit to Parent Company Shareholders: KD10.9 million, up 94%
- The Board of Directors recommended a cash dividend of 18 fils per share and the distribution of treasury shares at a rate of 2% shares (2 shares for every 100 shares held by investors).

### **STC Kuwait and Virgin Mobile Middle East & Africa led consortium receive MVNO license from CITRA**

- Kuwait Telecommunications Company – stc, and Virgin Mobile Middle East and Africa (VMMEA) received the Communication and Information Technology Regulatory Authority’s (CITRA) approval for the first-of-its-kind mobile virtual network operator (MVNO) license to launch Virgin Mobile Kuwait (Connect Arabia WLL).
- Virgin Mobile Kuwait will operate using stc’s network, with stc acting as a Host Facilities Based Provider “FBP” with Virgin Mobile Kuwait, offering prepaid plans to users, making it the first virtual telecom service provider in Kuwait.

## **QATAR**

### **Woqod eyes 90% market share by 2021 end**

- Qatar Fuel Company (Woqod), the leading fuel distribution and marketing services company in Qatar, is aiming to increase its market share in the country to 90 percent by increasing the number of petrol stations. The share of the company in the petroleum retail market reached 85 percent at the end of last year.
- “Due to the expansion of petrol stations, the share of Woqod in the retail market of petroleum products has increased to about 85 percent by the end of 2020, and we are currently working to raise this percentage to 90 percent by the end of this year,” said Saad Rashid Al Muhannadi, CEO and Managing Director, Woqod, in the latest Annual Report of the company. “As for the technical inspection centers, we have opened and operated one more center, and therefore the number of active centers has reached 12 centers. Also, we have opened 20 new Sidra Shops for consumer products, including three shops designated in metro stations,” he said.
- Woqod’s share in the petroleum retail market was 82 percent in 2019 as it had total 96 petrol stations at the end of the year.



## SECTOR REVIEW

**GCC Cement Sector profitability down 3.1% YoY in 2020; Excluding loss making companies of 2020, the profitability was higher 18%**

- GCC Cement Sector reported profitability of USD 761mn in 2020 compared to USD 785.7mn in 2019, of all the cement companies in GCC excluding Kuwait as none of the companies have announced results.
- Profitability was higher by 18% if we exclude the loss making companies of UAE and Oman.
- Saudi Cement companies recorded growth in net income of 25% to USD 861mn in 2020 compared to USD 690mn in 2019.
- UAE cement companies were under heavy losses owing to high competition and also because of impairments at various companies related to investment and real estate.
- In Oman, Oman Cement reported decent growth in income while Raysut Cement reported heavy losses due to increase in cost of imported cement, increase in utility cost and also impairment of OMR 2.5mn related to their shipping vessel.

GCC Cement Sector Profitability (USD mn)

Name	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	2019	2020	YoY
SAUDI CEMENT	35.3	24.6	22.1	38.3	39.6	20.1	28.7	33.1	120.3	121.5	1.0%
SOUTHERN PROVINCE CEMENT CO	32.0	24.2	24.1	43.1	48.9	35.9	39.9	37.7	123.4	162.4	31.6%
YANBU CEMENT CO	19.3	10.8	16.5	22.1	24.5	9.8	21.7	18.9	68.7	74.9	9.0%
YAMAMA CEMENT CO	18.8	14.2	14.6	20.7	33.0	12.7	20.7	30.3	68.3	96.8	41.7%
QATAR NATIONAL CEMENT CO	18.2	9.2	8.0	11.7	14.8	3.8	3.4	18.3	47.1	40.4	-14.2%
QASSIM CEMENT	14.9	18.8	24.0	38.4	29.6	22.8	29.4	30.1	96.2	111.9	16.3%
KUWAIT PORTLAND CEMENT CO	13.3	5.0	2.0	4.7	9.2	4.4	4.4	-	-	-	-
EASTERN PROVINCE CEMENT CO	12.3	8.5	9.7	17.7	22.7	8.1	11.4	15.7	48.2	57.9	20.2%
CITY CEMENT CO	11.0	8.6	13.5	17.6	18.8	9.6	13.6	16.7	50.7	58.8	15.9%
NATIONAL CEMENT CO	10.4	-	0.1	3.7	6.1	-	16.2	9.4	-	1.9	1.2
ARABIAN CEMENT	9.9	10.0	16.2	19.6	12.0	2.0	21.0	14.2	55.6	49.3	-11.4%
HAIL CEMENT	6.0	-	0.5	2.0	8.2	10.7	5.8	6.1	6.0	15.7	28.6
UMM AL-QURA CEMENT CO	5.7	3.3	5.0	7.2	10.3	5.6	8.5	7.0	21.3	31.4	47.3%
KUWAIT CEMENT CO KSC	4.7	10.1	0.2	-	1.9	-	1.4	-	43.1	-	7.7
NORTHERN REGION CEMENT CO	4.1	3.7	7.0	9.8	7.3	3.7	5.7	12.0	24.6	28.7	16.6%
OMAN CEMENT CO	3.8	2.1	0.9	3.5	2.9	2.5	1.8	7.1	10.4	14.4	37.9%
ARKAN BUILDING MATERIALS CO	3.3	5.9	0.6	2.7	2.9	-	2.3	-	1.6	-	-
RAS AL KHAIMAH WHITE CEMENT	2.6	0.8	1.4	0.4	-	1.6	1.4	1.3	2.4	5.3	3.5
NAJRAN CEMENT CO	1.6	-	0.7	3.8	9.6	10.7	8.8	12.6	22.3	14.3	54.4
TABUK CEMENT CO	1.0	2.4	1.3	1.7	7.7	0.1	2.5	3.4	6.4	13.7	113.1%
RAYSUT CEMENT CO	0.6	0.7	1.3	3.2	-	10.4	-	17.8	1.3	-	9.5
RAS AL KHAIMAH CEMENT CO PSC	0.6	-	0.2	-	2.1	-	13.4	-	2.2	-	0.3
AL JOUF CEMENT	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.7	4.1	1.9	2.2	-	15.2	-	14.0
GULF CEMENT CO	0.4	-	0.2	-	1.3	-	6.2	-	7.9	-	5.3
FUJAIRAH CEMENT INDUSTRIES	0.3	1.8	0.2	0.0	-	4.4	-	3.2	-	9.7	-
SHARJAH CEMENT & INDUS DEVEL	0.2	0.5	0.1	2.5	-	2.5	-	4.2	-	6.2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>230.9</b>	<b>163.5</b>	<b>175.1</b>	<b>268.2</b>	<b>244.5</b>	<b>92.3</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>233.5</b>	<b>837.8</b>	<b>715.8</b>	<b>-14.6%</b>
<b>Total - Adjusted for Missing 4Q20</b>	<b>209.2</b>	<b>142.5</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>262.1</b>	<b>248.2</b>	<b>131.3</b>	<b>148.1</b>	<b>233.5</b>	<b>785.7</b>	<b>761.2</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>
<b>Total - Adjusted for Missing 4Q20 &amp; Loss Making Co's</b>	<b>207.0</b>	<b>139.9</b>	<b>173.8</b>	<b>275.9</b>	<b>275.7</b>	<b>162.2</b>	<b>226.5</b>	<b>276.5</b>	<b>796.6</b>	<b>940.8</b>	<b>18.1%</b>

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## ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

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### OMAN

#### **Oman Labour ministry signs cooperation agreement with PDO**

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) and the Ministry of Labour 21 March signed an agreement to launch Rakhaa, (meaning 'prosperity' in Arabic), an initiative that aims to build the capabilities of young Omanis and provide opportunities in the field of content creation. The project, which covers numerous aspects, will include a digital platform that connects freelancers and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) within the content creation space, specifically within photography, design, media, entertainment, technology and education, with local customers including government and private institutions and individuals who will be able to request for relevant services through the same platform.

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

#### **Oman key to PTTEP's regional growth strategy**

PTTEP, the state-owned international energy conglomerate of Thailand, says it sees Oman playing an increasingly important role in its long-term growth and sustainability strategy within the Middle East — as attested by its rapidly expanding investment footprint in the Sultanate. The Bangkok-headquartered upstream energy giant noted in its newly published 2020 Annual Report that the Middle East, besides Southeast Asia, has been the focus of its expansion over the past year.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

#### **Energy firms join hands to drive jobs for Omani experts**

Demonstrating robust efforts and drive towards enhancing in-country value (ICV), four major oil and gas companies in Oman have joined hands to boost the level of Omanisation in key turnaround and maintenance work on their facilities. PDO, Oman LNG, OQ and OPAL have signed a remote agreement on 'turnaround and maintenance activities' to build on an earlier signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the same parties to explore the local market needs of skilled workforce and the feasibility of this project.

Source: [Muscat Daily](#)

#### **National programme for attracting private Investments launched in Oman**

Directed by His Majesty the Sultan, the National Program for Attracting Private Investments to the Sultanate and Supporting Omani Exports in Foreign Markets was launched on Sunday. Included in the first stage of the executive plan for Oman Vision 2040, the programme is aimed at intensifying the government efforts towards attracting private investments, to be one of the catalysts, as part of supporting the national economy. The implementation timeline is three years between 2021 and 2023.

Source: [Zawya](#)

### MIDDLE EAST

#### **Mideast banks must minimise NPL consequences**

The ongoing pandemic has resulted in Middle Eastern economies confronting severe repercussions, with banking institutions widely expected to experience companies defaulting on loans and cashflow problems. In times of economic crisis, commercial banks with issues surrounding Non-Performing Loans (NPLs) must, however difficult, minimise such impacts and secure NPL portfolio value, according to a new report by Arthur D Little (ADL). The report, titled 'Non-Performing Loan Management: The case of setting up a Workout Unit,' provides insights into how banks can mitigate NPL issues and offers a detailed overview of how to establish a dedicated Workout Unit.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

#### **CBUAE launches large-value, retail payment regulations**

The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) has issued two new payment regulations, comprising the Large-Value Payment Systems (LVPS) and the Retail Payment Systems (RPS). The new payment regulations aim to strengthen financial infrastructure and facilitate the UAE's international competitiveness, according to a press release on Thursday. The two regulations will be applied to payment systems operating in the UAE and to any clearing or settlement in dirham outside the country.

Source: [Decypha](#)



### **UAE retail sales forecast to hit \$58 billion in 2021**

Retail sales in the UAE are expected to rebound and grow by 13 percent to reach \$58 billion by the end of 2021, supported by pent up consumer demand in the second half of the year, COVID-19 vaccination efforts and Expo 2020 Dubai, new analysis from Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry has projected.

Source: [WAM](#)

### **Etihad eyes efficient travel app, expects full recovery by 2024**

Ironing out technical flaws and looking for a uniform solution, Etihad Airways is trying out different travel pass apps as the UAE's national carrier expects a stronger demand in the second half of the year and full recovery by 2024, top officials said on Sunday. Chris Youlten, executive director, Operations Strategy, Etihad Airways, noted the much-anticipated Iata 'Travel Pass' is a "difficult" application.

Source: [KT](#)

### **Dubai's secondary property sales hit 3-year high in February**

Dubai's ready property sales transactions surged to a three-year high in February, as more buyers snapped up ready units, the latest official data showed. Deals in the secondary market made up the biggest chunk (67 percent) of the total 3,787 transactions recorded for the month, valued at approximately 7.43 billion (\$2 billion), according to Mo'asher, Dubai's official sales price index released on Sunday.

Source: [Zawya](#)

### **Fixed broadband prices drop 47% in Bahrain**

Prices of fixed broadband in Bahrain decreased significantly by up to 47% between 2019 and 2020, according to the 2020 Arab Telecommunications Retail Price Benchmarking Report published by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of Bahrain. This decrease is attributable to the TRA's role in enhancing competition by working on a number of strategic projects, among most significant is the Batelco separation, contributing to the creation of the National Broadband Network (BNET).

Source: [Trade Arabia](#)

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Asia stocks mixed as bonds benefit from Turkish tumult**

Asian markets turned mixed and bonds bounced on Monday as a plunge in the Turkish lira sparked talk that capital controls might be needed to stem the rout, though the wider fallout was relatively restrained for the moment. The dollar was trading 12% higher versus the lira at 8.0500, but that was off an early peak of 8.4850 amid speculation Turkish authorities would have to intervene.

Source: [Reuters](#)

### **Biden aides had ties to large tech companies, disclosures show**

Top Biden administration officials had previously undisclosed ties to large corporations including tech giants Microsoft Corp, Alphabet's Google and Facebook Inc, financial disclosures by the White House show. According to the filings with the Office of Government Ethics, National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan served on an advisory council for Microsoft from 2017 through May of last year. He was paid \$45,000 last year, according to his disclosure, a copy of which was seen by Reuters.

Source: [Reuters](#)

### **The Fed can fight inflation, but it may come at the cost of future growth**

Federal Reserve officials say they have tools to fight inflation should it become a problem. Those tools, primarily rate hikes, have come with a cost in the past, plunging the U.S. into recession in the early 1980s. The Fed thinks "the strongest economic growth in nearly 40 years will generate almost no lasting inflationary pressure, which we suspect is a view that will eventually be proven wrong," said Andrew Hunter, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

Source: [CNBC](#)

## **COMMODITIES**

### **Oil falls as European lockdowns douse recovery hopes**

Oil prices resumed their decline on Monday, falling around 1% as worries about a drop in demand for fuel products in the wake of yet more European lockdowns dominated trading. Brent crude was down 60 cents, or 0.9%, at \$63.93 a barrel by 0136 GMT. U.S. oil was off by 68 cents, or 1.1%, at \$60.74 a barrel. Both contracts fell by more than 6% last week.

Source: [Reuters](#)

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## **FIXED INCOME / RATING ACTION**

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### **Doha Bank authorizing several banks to work jointly on group investor meetings**

- Doha Bank has mandated ING as sole Global Coordinator and Joint Lead Manager and Barclays, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan, Mizuho Securities, MUFG, and QNB Capital as Joint Lead Managers to organize a series of investor calls.
- A benchmark five-year fixed rate US Dollar-denominated senior unsecured Regulation bond (in registered form) transaction under Doha Bank's USD 2bn euro medium term note programme will follow, subject to market conditions.

## CHART OF THE DAY

### MSM - List of Shariah Compliant Companies According to the Financial Statements of Fourth Quarter,2020

#### MSM Shariah Companies

Company Name	M.Cap (OMR mn)	Price (OMR)	YTD (%)	Beta (x)	6m Avg. Val (OMR 000)	6m Avg. Vol (000)	P/E (x) (x)	P/Bv (x) (x)	ROE (%)	ROA (%)	Div Yld (%)
AL JAZEERA SERVICES	47.2	0.318	35.9%	1.21	43.37	189	11.87	1.10	9.3%	8.1%	7.9%
AL KAMIL POWER CO	24.0	0.249	-23.1%	0.34	1.47	6	nm	0.81	-16.9%	-14.8%	-
AL MADINA TAKAFUL CO SAOC	17.9	0.102	30.8%	1.07	46.61	596	24.96	0.76	3.1%	2.9%	9.8%
AL MAHA CERAMICS CO SAOC	15.3	0.278	26.4%	0.45	20.20	86	10.02	1.59	15.9%	11.9%	8.3%
AMAN REAL ESTATE INV, FUND	19.0	0.095	-4.0%	-	0.32	3	-	-	-	-	3.7%
A'SAFFA FOODS SAOG	66.0	0.550	0.0%	0.35	0.05	0	47.93	1.60	3.3%	1.6%	3.6%
BANK NIZWA	141.0	0.094	-2.1%	0.75	28.55	536	12.74	0.88	6.9%	0.9%	1.3%
COMPUTER STATIONARY IND.	2.6	0.260	0.0%	0.33	-	-	nm	1.15	-8.0%	-6.6%	-
CONSTRUCTION MATERLIAS IND.	2.6	0.030	0.0%	0.59	0.00	0	17.59	0.43	2.5%	1.9%	-
DHOFAR BEVERAGES FOOD STUFF	5.2	0.260	0.0%	0.33	-	-	nm	1.41	-6.2%	-4.1%	-
DHOFAR TOURISIM	13.7	0.490	0.0%	0.33	-	-	10.90	0.27	2.5%	2.2%	-
GULF MUSHROOM COMPANY	10.4	0.251	-9.8%	0.31	0.09	0	38.41	1.47	3.8%	1.7%	1.8%
MAJAN COLLEGE	14.3	0.159	-0.6%	0.38	1.16	7	8.84	1.18	13.3%	10.8%	9.3%
NATIONAL BISCUIT INDUSTRIES	4.0	3.960	1.0%	0.33	0.24	0	4.52	0.58	12.8%	7.2%	3.8%
OMAN CABLES INDUSTRY	45.7	0.510	20.9%	0.46	8.82	20	19.94	0.44	2.2%	1.7%	2.5%
OMAN CEMENT	79.1	0.239	-2.4%	1.06	15.71	62	14.29	0.53	3.7%	3.2%	4.2%
OMAN EDUCATION & TRAINING IN	16.8	0.240	-4.0%	0.52	0.05	0	14.84	0.99	6.7%	2.7%	5.0%
OMAN FLOUR MILLS	112.1	0.712	-3.8%	0.19	13.76	19	11.68	1.47	12.6%	8.5%	7.0%
OMAN PACKAGING	10.2	0.314	0.0%	0.27	0.15	0	8.53	1.38	16.2%	11.7%	8.0%
OOREDOO	259.1	0.398	1.5%	1.08	106.81	273	12.16	0.99	8.1%	4.8%	6.3%
SAHARA HOSPITALITY	21.0	2.780	0.0%	0.38	0.00	0	8.23	0.91	11.0%	9.1%	3.9%
SALALAH MILLS	27.5	0.550	0.0%	0.38	4.39	8	17.87	0.86	4.8%	2.5%	3.6%
SALALAH PORT SERVICES	107.9	0.600	0.0%	0.33	8.12	14	7.38	1.75	23.7%	13.0%	4.2%
SHELL OMAN MARKETING	83.2	0.820	-18.0%	0.40	1.38	2	30.95	1.45	4.7%	1.6%	-
TAKAFUL OMAN	12.1	0.121	0.0%	0.28	0.32	3	0.63	0.57	91.3%	90.6%	-

Source: MSM, Bloomberg

## TECHNICALS OF THE DAY

Stock Name	Market Name	Purchase Price	Target 1	Status	Target 2	Status	Return T1	Return T2	Turnover Ratio	Stop Loss	Risk	Recommendation Date
BCI	KSA	39.60	40.50		40.80		2.27%	3.03%	0.05	39.40	-0.5%	22-Mar-21
MAADEN	KSA	52.60	54.30		54.70		3.23%	3.99%	0.04	52.50	-0.2%	22-Mar-21
ARAB CEMENT	KSA	42.25	43.50		44.00		2.96%	4.14%	0.03	42.15	-0.2%	22-Mar-21
YANBU CEMENT	KSA	42.65	44.00		44.20		3.17%	3.63%	0.04	42.55	-0.2%	22-Mar-21
LAZURDE	KSA	23.30	24.00		24.20		3.00%	3.86%	0.03	23.20	-0.4%	22-Mar-21
SAVOLA	KSA	39.25	40.50		41.00		3.18%	4.46%	0.04	39.00	-0.6%	22-Mar-21
BANK OF SHARJAH	UAE	0.612	0.630		0.635		2.94%	3.76%	0.05	0.61	-0.3%	22-Mar-21
RAK PROPERTIES	UAE	0.536	0.550		0.560		2.61%	4.48%	0.04	0.534	-0.4%	22-Mar-21
METHAQ TAKAFUL	UAE	0.855	0.875		0.880		2.34%	2.92%	0.03	0.85	-0.6%	22-Mar-21
ADNOC	UAE	4.35	4.45		4.50		2.30%	3.45%	0.04	4.30	-1.1%	22-Mar-21
QATAR FIRST BANK	QATAR	1.84	1.88		1.89		2.17%	2.72%	0.05	1.83	-0.5%	22-Mar-21
MANNAI CORPORATION	QATAR	3.66	3.77		3.80		3.01%	3.83%	0.04	3.65	-0.3%	22-Mar-21

### Last week actual performance for 12 companies

Stock Name	Market Name	Closing Price	Purchase Price	Target 1	Status	Target 2	Status	Return T1	Return T2	Turnover Ratio	Stop Loss	Risk	Recommendation Date
ASLAK	KSA	35.20	35.20	36.00		36.50		2.27%	3.69%	0.04	35.00	-0.6%	15-Mar-21
GLASS	KSA	37.00	37.50	38.50		39.00		2.67%	4.00%	0.05	37.00	-1.3%	15-Mar-21
ALKATHIRI	KSA	97.50	96.50	99.50		100.00		3.11%	3.63%	0.07	96.00	-0.5%	15-Mar-21
SVCP	KSA	101.80	105.40	108.00		109.00		2.47%	3.42%	0.05	105.00	-0.4%	15-Mar-21
MAHARA	KSA	73.90	72.30	74.50		75.00		3.04%	3.73%	0.04	72.00	-0.4%	15-Mar-21
SEERA	KSA	19.22	19.00	19.50		19.70		2.63%	3.68%	0.05	18.80	-1.1%	15-Mar-21
DUBAI ISLAMIC BANK	UAE	4.79	4.82	4.97		5.00		3.11%	3.73%	0.06	4.80	-0.4%	15-Mar-21
ITHMAAR	UAE	0.247	0.245	0.252		0.255		2.86%	4.08%	0.05	0.244	-0.4%	15-Mar-21
ADCB	UAE	6.13	6.30	6.50		6.60		3.17%	4.76%	0.06	6.25	-0.8%	15-Mar-21
RAK PROPERTIES	UAE	0.536	0.539	0.555		0.560		2.97%	3.90%	0.04	0.535	-0.7%	15-Mar-21
QATAR INSURANCE	QATAR	2.52	2.44	2.50		2.55		2.46%	4.51%	0.05	2.42	-0.8%	15-Mar-21
THE INVESTORS	QATAR	1.82	1.82	1.88		1.89		3.18%	3.73%	0.03	1.81	-0.7%	15-Mar-21

(Week 12 - 2021) ----- % Gain/Loss\* = +0.86%

Achieved Near To Losses

### Weekly performance for the past weeks

No. of the Week	Report No.	% Gain/Loss for GTP *	U Capital GCC 50 Index	MSCI GCC Index	S & P GCC Index
Week 11 - 2021	184	0.86%	2.64%	4.30%	1.81%
Week 11 - 2021	183	1.52%	0.02%	-3.70%	0.63%
Week 10 - 2021	182	2.76%	-0.09%	0.20%	-0.16%
Week 09 - 2021	181	1.16%	0.74%	-1.20%	1.58%

### Historical performance - Monthly

No. of the Month	Report No.	% Gain/Loss for GTP *	U Capital GCC 50 Index	Bloomberg GCC 200	S & P GCC Index
Month 01 - 2021	173-177	4.69%	4.57%	-0.13%	1.84%
Month 02 - 2021	178-181	5.93%	2.95%	-2.80%	2.86%
Month 03 - 2021	182-185				
Month 04 - 2021					
Month 05 - 2021					
Month 06 - 2021					
Month 07 - 2021					
Month 08 - 2021					
Month 09 - 2021					
Month 10 - 2021					
Month 11 - 2021					
Month 12 - 2021					
<b>YTD</b>		<b>10.62%</b>	<b>7.52%</b>	<b>-2.93%</b>	<b>4.70%</b>

### Historical performance - Yearly

Year	Report No.	% Gain/Loss for GTP *	U Capital GCC 50 Index	Bloomberg GCC 200	S & P GCC Index
2015 - 2016 - 2017 - 2018		(90%) - (85%) - (78%) - (83%)	(1.5%) - (14%) - (7%) - (19%)	(1.39%) - (1%) - (3%) - (-13%)	(-5.63%) - (3%) - (7%) - (7%)
2019		67%	10%	2%	14%
2020		90%	-3%	1%	12%
2021		11%	8%	-3%	5%

#### Note:

Support & Resistance for the week 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, if the stock didn't reach our targets we close the position depending on the closing price/stop loss whichever is higher

\* Gross returns, excluding transaction cost & Prices are in Countries respective currency

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