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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	651.0	2.48	0.38%	14.27%	22.83	2.05	2.3%
Muscat Stock Exchange	3,847.3	7.15	0.19%	5.15%	11.54	0.72	4.7%
Saudi Stock Exchange	10,423.5	27.07	0.26%	19.95%	31.21	2.30	2.0%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,309.0	-4.23	-0.07%	13.76%	39.21	1.60	2.2%
Qatar Exchange	10,809.1	15.65	0.14%	3.58%	18.31	1.62	2.7%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,536.1	7.31	0.48%	3.11%	26.95	1.02	2.2%
Dubai Financial Market	2,704.8	31.77	1.19%	8.54%	20.30	0.94	3.0%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	6,528.4	50.82	0.78%	29.40%	22.18	1.85	4.0%
Beirut Stock Exchange	921.2	18.61	2.06%	40.03%	35.33	0.72	0.0%
Palestine Stock Exchange	490.7	-0.08	-0.02%	4.12%	18.67	1.14	2.7%
Tunis Se Index	7,380.7	-11.04	-0.15%	7.20%	25.44	2.46	1.8%
EGX 30 Index	10,780.9	106.23	1.00%	-0.59%	12.10	1.51	2.9%
Amman General Index	1,852.5	0.22	0.01%	11.78%	32.78	0.79	4.2%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	Units/1 USD	YTD %
Europe					Currency		
FTSE 100	UK	7,034.2	0.02%	8.88%	Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.284	-1.22%
DAX	Germany	15,386.6	-0.07%	12.16%	British Pound (GBP)	0.705	-3.69%
CAC 40	France	6,353.7	-0.21%	14.45%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.207	5.42%
United States					Chinese Renm. (CNH)	6.427	1.19%
DJIA	USA	34,060.7	-0.78%	11.29%	Egyptian Pound (EGP)	15.659	0.43%
S&P 500	USA	4,127.8	-0.85%	9.90%	Euro (EUR)	0.817	-0.15%
NASDAQ	USA	13,303.6	-0.56%	3.22%	Indian Rupee (INR)	73.001	0.09%
Asia Pacific					Japanese Yen (JPY)	108.930	-5.21%
NIKKEI 225	Japan	27,977.5	-1.53%	1.94%	Swiss Franc (CHF)	0.897	-1.34%
HANG SENG	Hongkong	28,593.8	1.42%	5.00%	Omani Rial (OMR)	0.385	0.00%
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	45,981.8	0.00%	5.09%	Pakistan Rupee (PKR)	152.900	4.54%
NSE Nifty 50	India	15,121.9	0.09%	8.15%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	73.710	0.95%
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,514.4	-0.41%	1.19%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.329	-0.55%
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	5,181.9	-0.11%	-0.56%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	8.367	-11.08%

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
	USD	%	%	UAE	0.35	-31.7%
Oil						
Brent Crude (per bbl)	68.0	-1.02%	32.10%	Saudi Arabia	0.79	-3.2%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	64.8	-1.08%	33.51%	Kuwait	1.50	4.3%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	67.2	-0.80%	31.53%	Oman	2.63	-1.8%
OPEC (per bbl)	67.5	2.06%	34.39%	Qatar	1.18	4.9%
Precious Metals						
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,868.6	-0.05%	-1.57%	Bahrain	1.45	-35.6%
Silver (per oz)	28.0	-0.53%	6.20%	GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields		
Platinum (per oz)	1,220.1	-0.23%	13.80%		Maturity date	YTM, %
Other Metals						
Copper, MT	10,405	0.31%	33.98%	KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.54
Aluminium, MT	2,478	-0.84%	25.18%	UAE	16/04/2030	2.03
Lead, MT	2,229	0.95%	11.76%	QATAR	16/04/2030	2.14
Zinc, MT	3,057	1.43%	11.12%	SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.49
				OMAN	25/01/2031	5.22
				BAHRAIN	30/09/2031	5.55

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	99.77	0.3	1m	0.10	-32.2%
5 year	99.66	0.8	3m	0.15	-37.2%
10 year	99.84	1.6	6m	0.19	-27.6%
30 year	100.27	2.4	1 year	0.26	-22.6%

Source: Bloomberg

CORPORATE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCLOSURES

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Omantel -1Q21 Conference Call Takeaways

- Group Performance continue to have its impact of Covid' 19 due to business disruptions along with FX rate impact due to currency devaluation Revenues and Customer base, both declined by 7.4% and 2.9% respectively.
- Omantel local revenue compared to last year was lower by 14.3% mainly due to decline in revenues Mobile Prepaid Hubbing Despite decline in revenues, net Profit recorded an increase of 11.5% mainly due to closing off high margin capacity sales.
- Operating admin costs were reduced by 6% YoY mainly due to cost optimization measures OPEX to Revenue ratio was lower than last year due to decrease in revenue related costs.
- Capex to revenue ratio was at 7.4%.
- Omantel mobile market share was at 52% while Omantel Fixed market share was at 70% as of 1Q21.
- Omantel tower sales deal is expected to complete by year end. The transaction value is USD 575mn. Company will utilize this cash towards reduction of debt which will result in interest cost savings and depreciation related savings. Company will acquire the towers on finance lease cost around USD 49mn per annum. From the profit and loss perspective, the towers transaction is expected to have a neutral to positive impact on Net profit. The transaction is expected to be "Credit Positive" as it will result in reduction in leverage net debt to EBITDA expected to fall from 3.2x to below 3x.
- Omantel is working on REIT as well, the deal is expected to conclude by the end of the year.
- Synergied related to Zain have delayed because of Covid-19 related challenges, Company is hopeful of such synergies materializing in the coming period as it is working on multiple projects with Zain.

Income Statement					
(OMR mn)	1Q20	1Q21	YoY	2020	2021e
Revenue	651.0	602.7	-7.4%	2,513.4	2,410.0
EBITDA	244.6	244.1	-0.2%	1,028.6	970.0
Net Profit	62.5	56.0	-10.4%	229.0	220.0
Profit Attributable to Shareholders (PAS)	16.0	16.9	5.6%	66.9	64.5

Key Ratios				
	1Q20	1Q21	2020	2021e
EBITDA Margins	37.6%	40.5%	40.9%	40.2%
PAS % Net Profit	25.6%	30.2%	29.2%	29.3%
Net Margins	2.5%	2.8%	2.7%	2.7%

Source: Company Reports, MSX, U Capital Research

SAUDI ARABIA

Saudi Paper Manufacturing Co. Announces Purchase Machine for production paper tissue rolls in the value of SAR 58mn

- Manufacturing and supply the tissue paper rolls production line with a design production capacity of 30,000 tons per year.
- Increasing the company's production capacity of tissue paper rolls from 100,000 tons to 130,000 tons per year.
- The financial impact of this Transaction will be reflected on the plant and equipment as well as the obligations in the value of contract payments and in conjunction with their payment, and the financial impact of that transaction will start on the financial statements from the second quarter of 2021.

Red Sea second phase financing method 'not determined yet', may consider IPO: CEO

- Funding for the second phase of the Red Sea project is not determined yet but the developer, The Red Sea Development Co. (TRSDC), could consider an initial public offering (IPO), asset sales, or tap debt markets, Bloomberg reported, citing CEO of Amaala and TRSDC John Pagano.
- Proceeds of SAR 14.1 billion from the green credit facility obtained by the project will be used to fund the first phase, scheduled for completion by the end of 2023.

- According to data compiled by Argaam, TRSDC recently raised SAR 14.12 billion in term loan facility and revolving credit facility from four Saudi banks.
- Banque Saudi Fransi, Riyad Bank, Saudi British Bank and Saudi National Bank acted as mandated lead arrangers, while HSBC served as green loan coordinator on the transaction.
- With regards to the Amaala project, Pagano said that the tourism project might raise up to SAR 10 billion next year.

L'azurde Company for Jewellery announces updates on increase of the Company's Capital by offering Right Issues and availability of related Right Issues prospectus

- On 7 April 2021G, the Capital Market Authority issued its approval of the company's request to increase the Company's capital by offering Rights Issue of 14,500,000 new ordinary shares, subject to the approval of the Extraordinary General Assembly. Today 18/05/2021G, the CMA uploaded the Rights Issue prospectus on the Capital Market Authority's website.
- To increase the share capital from SAR 430 million to SAR 575 million.
- The reason for a capital increase is to support future expansion activities and provide working capital to increase operational capacity and to reduce debt to equity ratio.

Saudi Corporate Results -1Q 2021

SAR MN		1Q21	1Q20	%CHANGE	4Q20	% CHANGE
Al Abdullatif Industrial Inv.	شركة العبد اللطيف للإستثمار	-4.38	-7.73	-43.337	8.05	-
National Metal Manufacturing	الشركة الوطنية لتصنيع وسبك المعادن	-7.08	-7.46	-5.093	-19.78	-64.206
Taiba Investments	شركة طيبة للإستثمار	-1.91	50.57	-	-8.14	-76.535
Aljazira Takaful Taawuni	شركة الجزيرة تكافل تعاوني	13.9	13.4	4.3	4.54	207.7

Al Abdullatif Industrial reports loss of SAR 4.4mn in 1Q21

- The reasons for the increase of gross profit during the current quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year, as well as the achievement of operating profits, the decrease in the net loss for the period and the loss in other comprehensive income, are due to the increase in sales and the decrease in industrial expenses attributable to sales and in general the decrease in the cost of sales attributed to sales as well as the slight decrease in the general and administrative expenses, increase in other revenues and decrease in financing expenses, as well as achieving profits of investments valued at fair value through profits and losses account, despite the increase in the provision for Zakat.

National Metal Manufacturing reports loss of SAR 7.1mn in 1Q21

- Reasons for the decrease in losses during current quarter compare to the same quarter last year are decrease in selling and distributing expenses, decrease in general and administrative expenses and decrease in financial charges.
- Reasons for the decrease in net losses for current quarter compare to the previous quarter are improvement in sales, decrease in general and administrative expenses and decrease in other expenses, in addition to decrease in financial charges.

Taiba Investment reports lower loss in 1Q21 compared with comparable quarters

- The net income decrease in Q1 2021 in comparison to Q1 2020 is due to the decrease in revenues caused by the combined effects of the CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (Covid 19) in addition to the fact that Q1 2020 included gains recognized from discontinued operations as a result of selling the full share in one of its subsidiaries as well as gains resulting from the compensation received for the land expropriated as part of the expansion project of the Prophet's Holy Mosque.

Al Jazira Takaful Taawuni reports growth of 4.3% YoY and 208% QoQ in 1Q21

- Net profit before zakat and income tax for the current quarter is SR 13,987 thousand versus SR 13,410 thousand for the same quarter of the previous year, an increase of 4.30%.
- Which is mainly attributable to the increase net underwriting income by SR 5,132 thousand i.e. 27.84%, due to the completion of the acquisition of Solidarity Saudi Takaful Company (SSTC).
- The net earned premiums for the current quarter amounted to 33,343 thousand Saudi riyals, compared to 12,797 thousand Saudi riyals for the same quarter of the previous year, with an increase of 160.55%, due to an increase in the GWP by 13.36% and due to the completion of the acquisition of SSTC.

QATAR

QIA Is Said to Mull Injecting HSBC Headquarters Into REIT

- Qatar Investment Authority is in talks to inject HSBC Holdings Plc's London headquarters building into a planned property trust being listed by City Developments Ltd., people with knowledge of the matter said.
- The potential deal would boost the value of the real estate investment trust portfolio to 1.8 billion pounds (\$2.6 billion) from 600 million pounds, said the people, who asked not to be identified as the information is private.
- The Gulf sovereign wealth fund and the Singaporean homebuilder aim to raise 500 million pounds from an initial public offering of the sterling-denominated REIT, the people said. The IPO could take place in the city-state as soon as the third quarter, they said.

SIIS, DBIS, QGRI: Qatar Foreign Limits

- These are the Qatari stocks that had the biggest changes in foreign ownership during the previous session and the ones closest to foreign investor limits, according to Qatar Stock Exchange data.
- Biggest Changes
 - Salam International Investment to 13.04% from 12.54%; amount available to foreign investors 86.96%
 - Dlala Brokerage & Investments Holding to 7.99% from 7.56%; amount available to foreign investors 41.01%
- Nearest to Limits
 - Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Co. Saq 31.82%; amount available to foreign investors 17.18%
 - Gulf Warehousing to 30.14% from 30.17%; amount available to foreign investors 18.86%

UAE

Ajman Bank lowers stake in Gulf Navigation to 9.16% compared to 13.09% earlier

- Ajman Bank yesterday sold stake in Gulf Navigation amounting to 40mn shares equivalent to AED 10mn, share price of AED 0.25/share.
- Post the sale, Ajman Bank now holds 9.16% shareholding in the company compared to 13.09% earlier.

Central Bank of UAE revokes licence of Dubai-based brokerage firm

- The Central Bank of the UAE revoked the licence of a Dubai-based brokerage firm for failing to carry one or more of its licensed activities for more than a year.
- S&S Brokerage House offered a range of brokerage services such as money market and currency trading, as well as derivatives trading across a range of assets such as interest rate swaps, equity futures and commodities futures.
- "S&S Brokerage House has ceased to carry on one or more of its licensed financial activities for a period exceeding one year. Accordingly, the CBUAE has decided to revoke their licence and strike their name off the register," the central bank said in a statement.

ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

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Oman unveils mammoth green fuels project

An international consortium comprised of OQ, which is the Sultanate of Oman's global integrated energy company, InterContinental Energy, the leading dedicated green fuels developer, and EnerTech, a Kuwait government-backed clean energy investor and developer, is today announcing it is developing an integrated green fuels mega project in Oman. The consortium has been collaborating on the project for more than three years, which will consist of 25 gigawatts (GW) of renewable solar and wind energy at full capacity to produce millions of tons of zero-carbon green hydrogen per annum.

[Source](#)

CBO issues treasury bills worth OMR 50mn

Oman's central bank raised OMR50 million by way of allotting treasury bills on Tuesday. The treasury bills are for a maturity period of 28 days, from May 19, 2021, until June 16, 2021. The average accepted price reached 99.950 for every OMR100, and the minimum accepted price arrived at 99.950 per OMR100. The average discount rate and the average yield reached 0.65179 per cent and 0.65211 per cent, respectively. Treasury Bills are short-term highly secured financial instruments issued by the Ministry of Finance, and they provide licensed commercial banks the opportunity to invest their surplus funds. The Central Bank of Oman (CBO) acts as the Issue Manager and provides the added advantage of ready liquidity through discounting and repurchase facilities (Repo).

[Source](#)

PDO launches services subsidiary

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) on Tuesday announced the official launch of its new subsidiary company PDO Services LLC (PDO-S) to enable the commercialization of the company's expertise. The new business will leverage the talent, knowledge and skills of PDO staff to offer niche technical and non-technical services to clients in a wide variety of areas. The announcement, which follows the registration of the subsidiary by the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion as a legal Limited Liability Company (LLC), marks a significant stride in PDO's efforts to pursue opportunities outside its concession area.

[Source](#)

3-5 Star Hotels in Oman Receive Over 298K Guests till March

The total number of guests in the (3-5) star category in the Sultanate till the end of March 2021 stood at 298,885 guests compared to 390,642 guests for the same period of 2020, comprising a decline by 23.5%. The total revenues of these hotels also fell to RO 21.274 million in March 2021, compared to RO 53.747 million during the same period of the previous year, marking a drop by 60.4%. Among the nationalities, the Omani guests constituted the highest number of visitors with 85.1% to stand at 208,404 guests compared to 112,609 guests in the same period in 2020.

[Source](#)

MIDDLE EAST

Mideast Stocks: Dubai leads major Gulf markets higher

Major stock markets in the Middle East rose on Tuesday, with the Dubai index outperforming the region following an upbeat assessment of its property market by Morgan Stanley. In Dubai, the main share index closed 1.2% higher, In Abu Dhabi, the index gained 0.8%, Saudi Arabia's benchmark index added 0.3%, The Qatari benchmark edged up 0.1%.

[Source](#)

Saudi Arabia's top luxury project Amaala could raise up to \$2.7bln next year

Amaala project, an ultra-luxury destination along Saudi Arabia's north western coast, could raise up to 10 billion riyals in 2022, according to its CEO John Pagano, who spoke to Bloomberg on the sidelines of Arabian Travel Market in Dubai. "The numbers haven't yet been finalized, with the amount of debt likely to be in the range of \$5-10 billion," Bloomberg reported citing Pagano. The project is in line with the kingdom's Vision 2030, which aims to reduce the country's dependence on oil and develop public service sectors such as health, education, infrastructure, recreation, and tourism.

[Source](#)

UAE awards local ship building firm ADSB \$950mn naval patrol vessel contract

The United Arab Emirates has signed a 3.5 billion dirham (\$950 million) contract with Abu Dhabi Ship Building (ADSB) to manufacture four new patrol vessels for the Gulf Arab state's navy, ADSB said on Tuesday. The contract for Falaj 3-class Offshore Patrol Vessels was the largest ever order received by ADSB, it said in a statement. It did not say when it would start and complete delivery of the vessels. "This contract underscores our mutual commitment to serving the UAE Navy with the right products and advanced shipping solutions -- to enable a secure future," ADSB Chief Executive David Massey said.

[Source](#)

Saudi Arabia to invest \$1bn to support Africa's post-pandemic recovery

Saudi Arabia will support African countries with investments and loans worth about \$1 billion this year to help their economies recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, crown prince Mohammed bin Salman said on Tuesday. "Saudi Development Fund will carry out future projects, loans and grants worth three billion riyals, or around \$1 billion, in developing countries in Africa this year," Prince Mohammed said in a televised speech to a debt relief conference in Paris.

[Source](#)

Dubai property market: Buyers splurged \$2.7bn during Ramadan

Despite the economic slowdown induced by the coronavirus pandemic, Dubai's property market witnessed booming sales during the holy month of Ramadan, hitting 9.99 billion dirhams (\$2.7 billion), Property Finder reported on Tuesday. The volume of transactions also reached a historic high of 4,804, up by 211 percent compared to Ramadan 2020, and 57 percent from Ramadan 2019. The number of sales transactions is the highest since 2008, when volumes of deals first started being recorded, quashing a popular belief that business activity tends to slow down during the fasting period.

[Source](#)

Dubai residential capital values post highest monthly rise in 7 years

Residential capital values in Dubai inched further up in April 2021 as more property buyers continued to enter the market, according to the latest data from ValuStrat. The research firm's ValuStrat Price Index (VPI) expanded by 1.2 percent to 67.3 points, the index's highest monthly growth rate in seven years. However, on an annual basis, the valuation-based index was still 6.5 percent lower than in the previous year. Among the properties tracked for the index, those in Jumeirah islands posted the highest monthly increase in values, at 3 percent.

[Source](#)

Saudi trades in US stocks surge 162% to hit record of SAR 77.4bn in Q1 2021

Saudi investors traded US stocks through brokerage companies licensed by the Capital Market Authority (CMA), worth SAR 77.4 billion, in Q1 2021, a surge of 162%, compared with SAR 29.6 billion a year earlier. On a quarterly basis, Saudi trading in US stocks recorded a decrease of SAR 20.8 billion in Q1 2021 compared to SAR 98.2 billion in Q4 2020. The US stocks rose remarkably last year, with the Dow Jones Index and S&P 500 gaining 7.8% and 5.8%, respectively. Similarly, NASDAQ index grew 2.8%.

[Source](#)

Saudi Arabia's tourism sector remains buoyant by domestic demand

The Saudi Arabian tourism remained buoyant throughout 2020 and the first quarter (Q1) of 2021 on the back of domestic market strength, according to a recent report. Saudi Arabian Airlines (Saudia) has operated its 28 domestic airports at close to 80% of its 2019 levels, with demand exceeding capacity at times. The numbers will likely pick up further with the resumption of international travel for Saudi residents and citizens on 17 May, and the operation of the new King Abdulaziz International Airport. Saudia is expected to return to profitability by 2024, if not earlier, the airline company's CEO, Ibrahim Koshy, commented.

[Source](#)

INTERNATIONAL

Asian shares slip, as inflation worries linger

Asian stocks dipped and cryptocurrencies extended losses on Wednesday as uncertainties over inflation prompted investors to reduce exposure to riskier assets for now. Also weighing on digital coins was a new Chinese ban on financial institutions providing services related to cryptocurrency transactions. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan dropped 0.3% though Hong Kong and South Korea are closed for holiday.

[Source](#)

U.S. delays trading ban on Chinese-military linked securities

The Biden administration on Tuesday (May 18) gave investors two extra weeks to buy or sell securities in certain companies it deems are tied to the Chinese military, an extension it said was needed to craft a stronger policy to prohibit such trades. President Joe Biden's administration has been reviewing a number of aspects of US-China policy, including a ban imposed under his predecessor Donald Trump on investments in certain Chinese companies that the United States says are linked to China's armed forces and intelligence agencies.

[Source](#)

Senate Democrat proposes \$52 billion for U.S. chips production, R&D

U.S. Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer unveiled revised bipartisan legislation late Tuesday to approve US\$52 billion to significantly boost U.S. semiconductor chip production and research over five years. The emergency funding proposal will be included in a more than 1,400-page revised bill the Senate is taking up this week, as first reported by Reuters on Friday, to spend US\$120 billion on basic U.S. and advanced technology research to compete with China. Schumer said the bill includes a "historic US\$52 billion investment to make sure the United States stays on the cutting edge of chip production."

[Source](#)

Bitcoin drops below \$40,000 for the first time in 14 weeks, but a bottom could be near

Bitcoin fell sharply on Tuesday continuing a major sell-off that began a week ago. The digital currency fell over 13% to hit an intraday low of \$38,585.86 at around 12:54 a.m. ET, according to CoinDesk data. It was the lowest level since Feb. 9, the last time it dropped below \$40,000. Negative news over the past week has dampened sentiment for bitcoin. On May 12, Tesla CEO Elon Musk said the electric carmaker had suspended vehicle purchases using bitcoin, citing environmental concerns over the so-called computational "mining" process. This is where high-powered computers are used to solve complex mathematical puzzles to enable transactions using bitcoin.

[Source](#)

Wall Street closes lower on weak telecom stocks despite strong retail earnings

U.S. stocks ended down on Tuesday, slumping on a sharp decline in telecom stocks and weak housing starts data that overshadowed better-than-expected earnings from Walmart and Home Depot. AT&T Inc shed 5.8%, among the biggest percentage decliners in the benchmark S&P 500. It extended declines from Monday, when the telecoms firm said it would cut its dividend payout ratio as a result of its \$43 billion media asset deal with Discovery Inc. T-Mobile and Verizon Communications also dropped 3.71% and 1.31%.

[Source](#)

COMMODITIES

Oil prices fall on rising COVID-19 infections in Asia, inflation fears

Oil prices fell for a second day on Wednesday on renewed demand concerns as coronavirus cases in Asia rise and on fears of rising inflation might lead the U.S. Federal Reserve to raise interest rates, which could limit economic growth. Brent crude futures fell 73 cents, or 1.1%, to \$67.98 a barrel at 0452 GMT. It settled 1.1% lower on Tuesday after briefly climbing above \$70 earlier in the session.

[Source](#)

Gold hovers near 4-month high as dollar eases; Fed minutes in focus

Gold prices inched up on Wednesday, hovering near a four-month high on a weaker dollar, while investors awaited minutes from the U.S. Federal Reserve's last policy meeting as inflation worries persist. Spot gold was up 0.1% at \$1,870 per ounce by 0044 GMT, after hitting its highest since Jan. 29 at \$1,874.80 in the previous session. U.S. gold futures rose 0.1% to \$1,869.60 per ounce. The dollar index held close to a near three-month low against its rivals, making gold less expensive for other currency holders.

[Source](#)

FIXED INCOME / RATING ACTION

OMAN

Fitch Affirms Oman at 'BB-'; Outlook Negative

- Fitch Ratings has affirmed Oman's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'BB-' with a Negative Outlook.
- The main factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to negative rating action/downgrade are:
 - Public Finances: a higher trajectory of government debt/GDP or a slower narrowing of the fiscal deficit than currently forecast, for example stemming from the lack of significant progress on implementing the MTFP, a materialization of large contingent liabilities, renewed weakness in oil prices or a much weaker than expected recovery in GDP growth.
 - External Finances: further erosion of Oman's external balance sheet and liquidity conditions, for example substantial depletion of central bank reserves and OIA assets, or indications that Oman may face less favorable access to debt markets.
- The main factors that could, individually or collectively, lead to positive rating action/upgrade:
 - Public Finances: greater confidence in moderation of government debt/GDP and stabilization of SNFA/GDP, for example through further implementation of the government's fiscal balance program.
 - External Finances: a marked decline in net external debt/GDP, reflecting lower SOE external debt, or an agreement on a large financial support package, for example from partners in the GCC that significantly boosts Oman's external funding flexibility and supports its fiscal adjustment.

Source

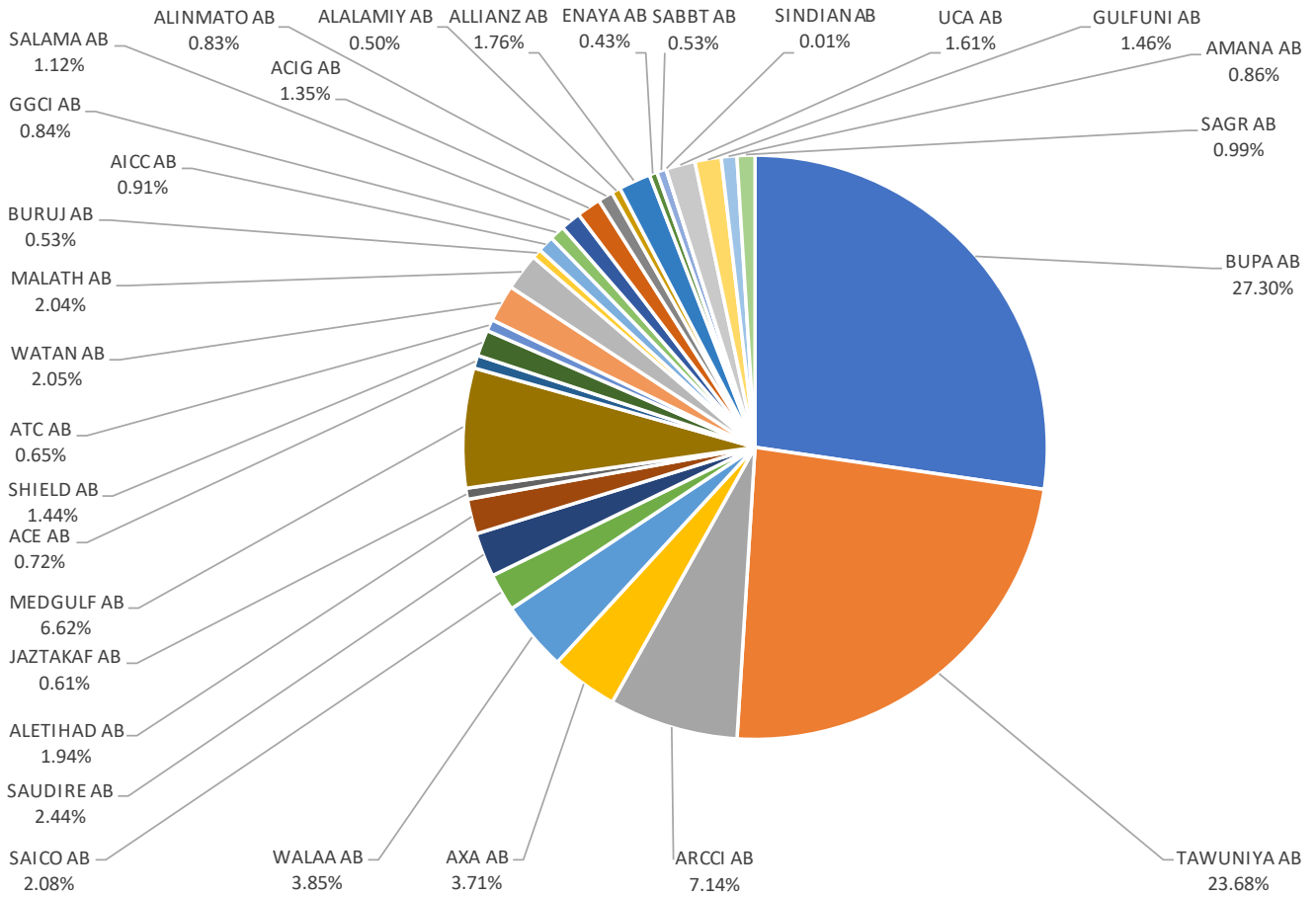
QATAR

Commercial Bank Announces Successful Closing of USD Benchmark Offering Under Its EMTN Program

- The Commercial Bank (P.S.Q.C.) has completed the offering of its USD 700mn 2.000% 5-year Regulation S bond.
- The offering closed on 12 May 2021.
- Application was made to the Irish Stock Exchange plc trading as Euronext Dublin for the notes to be admitted to its official list and to trading on its regulated market.

CHART / TABLE OF THE DAY

Saudi Listed Insurance Companies Market Share as per Gross Written Premiums as of 2020



Source: Company Financials, Tadawul

TECHNICALS OF THE DAY

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
SARCO	SAUDI	176.00	180.00	181.00	2.27%	2.84%	175.00	-0.6%
SPM	SAUDI	58.00	59.50	60.00	2.59%	3.45%	57.50	-0.9%
AL KATHIRI	SAUDI	92.10	94.50	95.00	2.61%	3.15%	92.00	-0.1%
SAUDI CEMENT	SAUDI	65.00	66.80	67.00	2.77%	3.08%	64.50	-0.8%
TABUK CEMENT	SAUDI	19.94	20.50	20.60	2.81%	3.31%	19.85	-0.5%
CABLES	SAUDI	29.05	30.00	30.20	3.27%	3.96%	28.95	-0.3%
SAPTCO	SAUDI	24.22	25.00	25.20	3.22%	4.05%	24.18	-0.2%
LAZURDE	SAUDI	23.04	23.70	24.00	2.86%	4.17%	22.85	-0.8%
SAVOLA GROUP	SAUDI	40.55	41.70	41.80	2.84%	3.08%	40.45	-0.2%
SIBC	SAUDI	17.44	18.00	18.20	3.21%	4.36%	17.35	-0.5%
AL BAHA	SAUDI	37.85	38.90	39.00	2.77%	3.04%	37.65	-0.5%
NCCI	SAUDI	77.90	80.00	80.50	2.70%	3.34%	77.70	-0.3%
SABB TAKAFUL	SAUDI	33.60	34.50	34.70	2.68%	3.27%	33.50	-0.3%
ENAYA	SAUDI	41.45	42.60	43.00	2.77%	3.74%	41.40	-0.1%
EMIRATES NBD	UAE	12.75	13.10	13.20	2.75%	3.53%	12.70	-0.4%
AL SALAM BANK	UAE	0.652	0.670	0.675	2.76%	3.53%	0.650	-0.3%
AIR ARABIA	UAE	1.36	1.40	1.41	2.94%	3.68%	1.35	-0.7%
ARAMEX	UAE	4.19	4.30	4.40	2.63%	5.01%	4.17	-0.5%
AMANAT	UAE	0.925	0.950	0.960	2.70%	3.78%	0.920	-0.5%
NATIONAL LEASING	QATAR	1.23	1.27	1.28	3.25%	4.07%	1.22	-0.8%
MAZAYA QATAR	QATAR	1.17	1.20	1.21	2.48%	3.33%	1.16	-0.9%
ALMEERA	QATAR	18.77	19.20	19.50	2.29%	3.89%	18.65	-0.6%

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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