

PRE-MARKET REPORT

23 May 2021

HEADLINES

MARKET INDICATORS

GCC CORPORATE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCLOSURES

- CMA disapproves JAZADCO's capital hike request to buy Jazel Investments
- Saudi Cable Company announces its success in passing qualification of system type test of the High Voltage cable & its Re accredited by National Grid.
- GACO says dates factory project 'infeasible' on operational inefficiency
- Basic Chemical Industries net income down 4.38% YoY but up 9.6% QoQ in 1Q21
- Tourism Enterprise Co reports lower loss in 1Q21 compared to 1Q20 and 4Q20
- Al Khorayef W&P net income down 14.5% YoY and QoQ in 1Q21
- Ryadan Foods losses increase in 1Q21 on YoY basis
- Farm Superstores net income down 47.5% YoY but higher on QoQ basis in 1Q21
- Kuwait's Jazeera Airways set to test IATA travel pass
- Al Mazaya Holding inks KWD 24mn credit facility contracts
- Al Mazaya Holding completes off-market trade for 25mn shares
- National International Holding purchases land in Kuwait worth KWD 3.15mn
- Commercial Bank of Kuwait net income down 95.3% YoY in 1Q21
- Shuaa Capital seeks Middle East venture debt deals
- NBB Group arranges \$235m ijara facility for Omani firm

ECONOMIC, GENERAL & COMMODITIES NEWS

- Mideast Stocks: Dubai shares rise, other major Gulf markets subdued
- Helios to build 300 new telecom towers in Oman
- Oman Green Energy Hub will rival in size \$36 billion Aussie mega project
- Kuwait's committee warns of serious imbalances in public finance
- Abu Dhabi announces 1,105 commercial and industrial activities available for foreign ownership
- Saudi Arabia's wholesale prices up in April
- Abu Dhabi-based Reportage Properties sales grow 200% in 4 months
- Dubai house prices to rise for first time in six years in 2021
- Fed officials, new data, start lowering expectations for U.S. jobs in May
- U.S. manufacturing accelerates; tight supply pushes home sales to 10-month low
- White House pares infrastructure proposal to \$1.7trln, Republicans balk
- Stocks could be volatile in week ahead amid turbulence from cryptocurrency
- Crude oil jumps on weather concerns in Gulf of Mexico
- Gold eases as dollar climbs on strong U.S. data, but set for weekly gain

FIXED INCOME / RATING AGENCY

- Ooredoo Announces 22 June 2021 Date to Pay Interest to Bondholders
- PRICED: Emirates NBD \$750m PNC6 AT1 4.25%

TECHNICALS OF THE DAY

- MSM Virtual Technical Portfolio

MARKET INDICATORS

Market Indices	Current Close	Change	D/D	YTD	Price to Earnings	Price to Book	Div Yield
	Index	Point	%	%	(x)	(x)	%
MSCI GCC Index	645.7	0.00	0.00%	13.34%	22.77	2.04	2.3%
Muscat Stock Exchange	3,868.1	20.33	0.53%	5.72%	11.52	0.72	4.7%
Saudi Stock Exchange	10,339.9	-32.69	-0.32%	18.99%	34.02	2.28	2.0%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,290.3	-4.78	-0.08%	13.42%	39.00	1.60	2.2%
Qatar Exchange	10,695.1	-38.57	-0.36%	2.48%	18.11	1.60	2.7%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,536.8	5.54	0.36%	3.15%	26.68	1.02	2.2%
Dubai Financial Market	2,751.0	39.75	1.47%	10.39%	20.65	0.96	2.9%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	6,517.9	-0.76	-0.01%	29.19%	22.11	1.84	4.0%
Beirut Stock Exchange	911.5	3.86	0.43%	38.55%	34.95	0.71	0.0%
Palestine Stock Exchange	498.9	4.82	0.98%	5.87%	18.99	1.16	2.7%
Tunis Se Index	7,428.5	21.98	0.30%	7.90%	25.85	2.48	1.8%
EGX 30 Index	10,732.0	-74.27	-0.69%	-1.04%	11.66	1.50	2.7%
Amman General Index	1,879.7	14.44	0.77%	13.42%	33.26	0.81	4.0%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	Units/1 USD	YTD %
Europe					Currency		
FTSE 100	UK	7,018.1	-0.02%	8.63%	Australian Dollar (AUD)	1.294	-0.47%
DAX	Germany	15,437.5	0.44%	12.53%	British Pound (GBP)	0.707	-3.43%
CAC 40	France	6,386.4	0.68%	15.04%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	1.207	5.46%
United States					Chinese Renm. (CNH)	6.437	1.03%
DJIA	USA	34,207.8	0.36%	11.77%	Egyptian Pound (EGP)	15.670	0.36%
S&P 500	USA	4,155.9	-0.08%	10.64%	Euro (EUR)	0.821	0.28%
NASDAQ	USA	13,471.0	-0.48%	4.52%	Indian Rupee (INR)	72.839	0.31%
Asia Pacific					Japanese Yen (JPY)	108.960	-5.24%
NIKKEI 225	Japan	28,317.8	0.78%	3.18%	Swiss Franc (CHF)	0.898	-1.41%
HANG SENG	Hongkong	28,458.4	0.03%	4.51%	Omani Rial (OMR)	0.385	0.00%
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	45,915.0	0.75%	4.94%	Pakistan Rupee (PKR)	153.403	4.19%
NSE Nifty 50	India	15,175.3	1.81%	8.54%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	73.630	1.06%
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,486.6	-0.58%	0.39%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	1.332	-0.74%
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	5,134.2	-1.01%	-1.48%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	8.416	-11.59%

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
				GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields		
				Maturity date		
				YTM, %		
Oil				KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.52
Brent Crude (per bbl)	66.4	2.04%	29.03%	UAE	16/04/2030	2.04
WTI Crude (per bbl)	63.6	2.65%	31.04%	QATAR	16/04/2030	2.15
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	65.0	2.33%	27.36%	SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.45
OPEC (per bbl)	65.3	-1.00%	29.96%	OMAN	25/01/2031	5.21
Precious Metals				BAHRAIN	30/09/2031	5.53
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,881.3	0.22%	-0.90%			
Silver (per oz)	27.6	-0.69%	4.40%			
Platinum (per oz)	1,172.3	-2.26%	9.34%			
Other Metals						
Copper, MT	9,882	-1.66%	27.24%			
Aluminium, MT	2,370	-1.09%	19.73%			
Lead, MT	2,188	-1.31%	9.73%			
Zinc, MT	2,971	0.39%	8.00%			

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	99.77	0.3	1m	0.09	-36.3%
5 year	99.66	0.8	3m	0.15	-38.3%
10 year	100.03	1.6	6m	0.18	-30.6%
30 year	101.23	2.3	1 year	0.26	-24.1%

Source: Bloomberg

CORPORATE NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & DISCLOSURES

SAUDI ARABIA

CMA disapproves JAZADCO's capital hike request to buy Jazel Investments

- The Capital Market Authority (CMA) disapproved Jazan Energy and Development Co.'s (JAZADCO) request to increase its capital from SAR 500 million to SAR 828.03 million, by issuing 32.80 million ordinary shares to acquire Jazel Investments Ltd.
- The authority said in a statement that the decision was taken after studying the application by the CMA and pursuant to the Capital Market Law and its Implementing Regulations, and based on the CMA's responsibilities to protect investors and because the transaction involves high risks and conflicts of interest.
- According to data compiled by Argaam, in February this year, the General Authority for Competition (GAC) approved the economic concentration arising from JAZADCO's 100% acquisition of Jazel Investments Ltd.
- JAZADCO signed, in December 2020, a binding and conditional agreement to acquire 100% of Jazel Investments Ltd. for SAR 410.03 million.

Saudi Cable Company announces its success in passing qualification of system type test of the High Voltage cable & its Re accredited by National Grid.

- Saudi Cable Company is pleased to announce the successful qualification of system type test of the High Voltage cable 132 kV, 2500 mm²; according to the latest International Standards, (International Electro technical Commission standards,)IEC 60840: 2020(), which confirms with all the standards and the technical specifications required by National Grid SA.
- The High Voltage cable system was tested at the leading International laboratories of CESI Group in Germany; under direct supervision of the Belgian company SGS as a third party. CESI Group is one of the world leading laboratories and accredited for the inspection, testing and certification of the electrical products. With this newly accomplishment, Saudi Cable Company has been Re qualified and Re accredited by National Grid SA as one of the qualified plants for the production, manufacture and supply of High Voltage Cable for the power projects of National Grid SA.

GACO says dates factory project 'infeasible' on operational inefficiency

- Al Gassim Investment Holding Co. (GACO) said it will shelve the new dates factory project, based on the constituent committee's report, which proved the project's infeasibility.
- According to the committee's report, the project requires the use of automatic sorting techniques, without which the company will incur high operating expenses.
- GACO inked on May 31, 2018, a 60-day memorandum of understanding (MoU) for the incorporation of a new closed joint stock company at SAR 100 million in capital, to produce and sell Saudi dates.
- In Sept. 2018, the company received an initial draft for the evaluation of its new dates factory site, as the constituent committee was studying and evaluating it.

Saudi Corporate Results -1Q 2021

SAR MN		1Q21	1Q20	%CHANGE	4Q20	% CHANGE
Basic Chemical Industries	شركة الصناعات الكيماوية الأساسية	14.41	15.07	-4.379	13.15	9.58
Tourism Enterprise Co.	شركة المشروعات السياحية	-0.94	-2.69	-65.0	-2.0	-53.0
Alkhorayef Water & Power	شركة الخريف لتقنية المياه والطاقة	26.9	31.5	-14.5	31.6	-14.7
Raydan Food Co.	شركة ريدان الغذائية	-8.88	-6.66	33.2	-38.3	-76.8
Farm Superstores	الشركة السعودية للتسويق	4.26	8.11	-47.5	4.04	5.31

Basic Chemical Industries net income down 4.38% YoY but up 9.6% QoQ in 1Q21

- YoY: The reason for the increase in gross profit is due to the decrease in cost of sales and The reason for the increase in operating profit and in net profit is due to decrease in selling and distribution expenses.
- QoQ: The reason for the increase in gross profit is due to the increase in sales and The reason for the increase in operating profit and in net profit is due to the decrease in selling and distribution expenses and in general and administrative expenses.

Tourism Enterprise Co reports lower loss in 1Q21 compared to 1Q20 and 4Q20

- Decrease in net losses for the current quarter is due to: -
 - Significant increase in the current quarter's revenues compared to the revenues of the same quarter of the previous year to reduce the precautionary measures of the Corona pandemic compared to the previous year, in addition to decrease in administrative and general expenses

Al Khorayef W&P net income down 14.5% YoY and QoQ in 1Q21

- The reason behind the decrease in net profit during this quarter compared to the previous quarter is mainly to the following:
 - Charging of Zakat fees for the current quarter for the first time with an amount of 3.07 million riyal as previously zakat declaration was issued on consolidated basis at the parent company level, where the parent company pledged to Capital Market Authority (CMA) that any charges related to zakat will be borne by the parent company, and accordingly no zakat related fees were charged for the previous periods.
 - Decrease in revenues compared to the previous quarter by 5.37% due to the sequence of the works required in project services that result in different works being performed between the two quarters which lead to a variance in revenues generated.

Ryadan Foods losses increase in 1Q21 on YoY basis

- The increase in net loss is due to the decrease in sales and other revenues (one of the reasons is Corona pandemic), the high cost of sales (direct and indirect) and the increase in operational costs (closing, temporary and final for some branches), and higher selling and marketing expenses.
- The decrease in the net loss for the current quarter compared to the previous quarter is due to the increase in sales and no record of losses fall in the value of real estate, machinery and equipment in the current quarter, as was the case in the previous quarter.

Farm Superstores net income down 47.5% YoY but higher on QoQ basis in 1Q21

- The reason of decrease in the net profit during the current quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year is as follows:
 - Decrease in revenues for the current quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year amounting to SR 44.6 million due to the impact of high revenue in same quarter of the previous year due to closures related to corona pandemic.
 - Increase in selling and distribution expenses and general and administrative expenses inclusive of depreciation by SR 4.4 million for the current quarter compared to the same quarter of the previous year.

KUWAIT

Kuwait's Jazeera Airways set to test IATA travel pass

- Kuwait-based Jazeera Airways has confirmed that the airline will go into testing of the IATA Travel Pass, thus becoming the first low-cost carrier in the region to join the programme.
- IATA Travel Pass is a mobile app that helps travellers to store and manage their verified certifications for Covid-19 tests or vaccines.
- It provides governments with the means to verify the authenticity of tests or vaccinations and the identity of those presenting their certificates and gives airlines the ability to provide accurate information to their passengers on test requirements and verify that a passenger meets the requirements for travel.
- Travel Pass has been trialled by many airlines already, including Gulf Air, Emirates, Etihad Airways, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, British Airways, Swiss and Virgin Atlantic.

Al Mazaya Holding inks KWD 24mn credit facility contracts

- Al Mazaya Holding has signed KWD 24.488 million (\$81.21 million) credit facility contracts with a Kuwaiti bank to restructure its debt.
- The credit facility will enable the company to reprofile its original outstanding facility of KWD 22.7 million, in addition to the related due finance costs towards the bank, according to the company's disclosure to Boursa Kuwait on Thursday.
- The facility's tenor is six years, with the first installment due upon completing the related signatures from all contractual parties, followed by equal installments for a five-year period.
- The facility's final installment will be due at the end of the contract term on 31 January 2027.
- The facilities will have a positive impact on the company's liquidity during its tenor, which will be recorded in the company's financial statements for the second quarter (Q2) of 2021.

Al Mazaya Holding completes off-market trade for 25mn shares

- Al Mazaya Holding has announced the execution of an off-market trade for 25 million of its shares on Boursa Kuwait.
- The deal was priced at 70 fils per share, aggregating at a total amount of KWD 1.75 million (\$5.83 million), according to the company's disclosure to Boursa Kuwait.
- It is noteworthy to mention that during the first quarter (Q1) of 2021, the company reported KWD 41,649 net profits attributable to the shareholders of the parent company, against net losses of KWD 3.46 million in the year-ago period.

National International Holding purchases land in Kuwait worth KWD 3.15mn

- National International Holding purchases land in Kuwait worth KWD 3.15mn.
- Purchase will be paid through commercial facilities.
- The impact of this transaction will appear in financials of 2Q21

Kuwait Corporate Results -1Q 2021

KWD MN	1Q21	1Q20	%CHANGE
Commercial Bank of Kuwait	0.040	0.853	-95.3%

Commercial Bank of Kuwait net income down 95.3% YoY in 1Q21

- Kuwait's CBK reported net income for the first quarter of 40,000 dinars vs. 0.85 million dinars y/y.
- Operating revenue 31.1 million dinars, -6.5% y/y
- Operating profit 21.7 million dinars, -0.8% y/y
- Cites rise in impairments and other provisions, decrease in interest income; partially offset by lower opex.

UAE

Shuaa Capital seeks Middle East venture debt deals

- Shuaa Capital is seeking venture debt opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa and expects deals from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in the next six months.
- Shuaa's head of investment banking, told Reuters the Dubai-listed firm was also pursuing opportunities in Egypt, Jordan and Kuwait.
- "Where we come in would be either at the project conception stage, where banks would be less willing to finance ... or where we're assisting - be it corporates, financial sponsors - to come in and acquire businesses as well," he said.
- Middle East investment companies have ramped up their lending to small and medium-sized firms in recent years as lower oil prices led banks to tighten credit after a rise in bad loans.

BAHRAIN

NBB Group arranges \$235m ijara facility for Omani firm

- The NBB Group, comprising the National Bank of Bahrain and Bahrain Islamic Bank, has closed a \$235 million ijara facility for Oman-based Mazoon Electricity Company (MZEC), with the group acting as the sole structuring, arranging and bookrunning bank on the facility.
- Mazoon electricity is owned by the government of Oman through its holding company for the electricity and water sector, Nama Holding .

ECONOMIC & GENERAL NEWS

OMAN

MSX ended higher supported by Financials

The MSX30 Index ended the week higher by 0.86%. All sub-indices ended higher except Industrial. Globally, the market continued to remain depressed largely because of crash in cryptocurrencies and also because of expectation of higher inflation and expectation of announcements of bond tapering by US Fed. Oil which briefly crossed USD 70/bbl. last week fell afterwards on the news of talks between US and Iran and an expected increase in production flows. Locally in MSX, as we mentioned couple of weeks ago that the Industrial sector will take a breather as it continued to rise supported by commodity price rise. Industrial sector finally ended negative as investors booked profits. We expect rotation into financial and service sector companies to continue in coming weeks.

[Source](#)

Helios to build 300 new telecom towers in Oman

UK-based infrastructure management firm Helios Towers has pledged to build at least 300 telecom towers around Oman as part of a landmark long-term master services agreement reached with Omantel, the majority state-owned telecom services provider of the Sultanate. This was revealed by Talal Said al Mamari, Chief Executive Officer of Omantel, at a virtual session with investors hosted by Muscat Securities Exchange (MSX). Speaking during the forum, Al Mamari highlighted how the deal, reached on May 11, 2021, to sell its passive tower infrastructure to Helios Towers will drive cost efficiency and infrastructure development.

[Source](#)

Oman Green Energy Hub will rival in size \$36 billion Aussie mega project

The Oman Green Energy Hub — a giant integrated green fuels project unveiled last week for development across the vast desert settings of the Sultanate's Al Wusta Governorate — is expected to mirror in scope and capacity an equally ambitious scheme planned in Western Australia with an estimated investment of \$36 billion. Leading the development of the proposed Asian Renewable Energy Hub in Australia is Hong Kong-based InterContinental Energy, the same developer named last week in the international consortium behind the Oman Green Energy Hub. Privately-owned InterContinental Energy is billed as the world's largest green hydrogen with a portfolio of around \$100 billion in investments globally.

[Source](#)

MIDDLE EAST

Mideast Stocks: Dubai shares rise, other major Gulf markets subdued

The Dubai stock market ended higher on Thursday, boosted by gains in financials and property stocks, while other major Gulf markets were subdued in the absence of a fresh catalyst. In Dubai, the main share index advanced 1.5%, The Dubai index registered a weekly gain of 2%. Saudi Arabia's benchmark index fell 0.3%, The Abu Dhabi index traded flat, as gains in telecoms firm and property shares were offset by declines in financials. In Qatar, the index lost 0.4%.

[Source](#)

Kuwait's committee warns of serious imbalances in public finance

The Economic Affairs Committee in the Council of Ministers warned about serious structural imbalances in public finance and exacerbation of the liquidity crisis with the depletion of the General Reserve Fund, reports Al-Rai daily quoting sources. Sources said the committee estimated the budget deficit in the next five years to range between KD45 to KD 55 billion. Sources disclosed the concerned team is finalizing the national program for economic and financial sustainability, in cooperation with the Ministry of Finance, for submission to the committee.

[Source](#)

Abu Dhabi announces 1,105 commercial and industrial activities available for foreign ownership

The Abu Dhabi Department of Economic Development (ADDED) has announced a list of 1,105 registered commercial and industrial activities that are open for ownership by natural and legal non-citizens, enabling them to fully or partially own commercial companies to practise these activities in Abu Dhabi. The Department's decision on foreign ownership of commercial activities is in line with Federal Decree-Law No. (26) of 2020 amending the provisions of Federal Law No. (2) of 2015 on the Commercial Companies Law and its amendments, by adding articles that permit the establishment of 100-percent foreign-owned companies in Abu Dhabi.

[Source](#)

Saudi Arabia's wholesale prices up in April

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of Saudi Arabia rose 13.2% in April this year when compared to the same month in 2020, according to official data on Thursday. The annual rise in the WPI mainly resulted from 16.5% higher prices of metal products, machinery, and equipment. It was also affected by the increase of the value-added tax (VAT) from 5% to 15% in July 2020. Wholesale prices increased 2.2% month-on-month (MoM), higher than 8.7% in March, the Saudi General Authority for Statistics (GaStat) said. The monthly rise was attributed to a 3.8% increase in prices of other transportable goods in April compared to the previous month. GaStat data earlier showed a 5.3% rise in the Kingdom's inflation rate in April.

Source

Healthcare, pharma, EdTech, agritech among Sharjah's high-growth sectors

Continuing its drive to drive new and diversified investments into the emirate, the Sharjah FDI Office (Invest in Sharjah), operating under the Sharjah Investment and Development Authority (Shurooq), organized the Sharjah China Business Webinar on Thursday as part of its participation at the 11th China Offshore Summit organized virtually this year. Participating Chinese businesses and investors were introduced to compelling opportunities across Sharjah's expanding investment ecosystem, particularly in the healthcare; pharmaceutical manufacturing; mobility and logistics; agritech; green tech; and advanced manufacturing sectors.

Source

Logistics Passport: A game-changer for Dubai trade

The UAE has strongly established itself as a strategic logistics hub between the East and West and initiatives such as the World Logistics Passport (WLP) are set to drive global trade in coming years, expert say. Analysts, experts and corporate executives said the WLP will be playing an instrumental role in Dubai's plan to increase the emirate's existing trade exchange from Dh1.4 trillion to Dh2 trillion in the next five years. The programme has already increased its participants' trade by around 10 per cent and similar growth is expected this year.

Source

Abu Dhabi-based Reportage Properties sales grow 200% in 4 months

Reportage Properties has said its sales surged more than 200 per cent in first four months of this year, reflecting a strong rebound in real estate sector. The Abu Dhabi developer disclosed sales of more than Dh500 million since the beginning of 2021 compared to Dh165 million in the corresponding period last year. Reportage Properties is developing 11 projects, providing about 5,000 housing units within the most important investment sites in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, in addition to a project that has been completed and delivered in Masdar City in Abu Dhabi.

Source

Dubai house prices to rise for first time in six years in 2021

Dubai house prices will rise for the first time in six years this year, supported by a swift vaccine rollout that has lifted hopes for an overall economic recovery, according to a Reuters poll of property analysts. The city state's real estate sector has been weak for years due to chronic oversupply coupled with low economic growth, a problem exacerbated by the coronavirus crisis. But on Monday the second-wealthiest emirate in the UAE eased COVID-19 restrictions and allowed hotels in the hub to operate at full capacity, raising hopes for a region heavily dependent on tourism.

Source

INTERNATIONAL

Fed officials, new data, start lowering expectations for U.S. jobs in May

Federal Reserve officials and new Dallas Fed data have begun lowering expectations for May jobs growth in the United States as business hiring plans continue to outrun the supply of people able or willing to work. Dallas Federal Reserve president Robert Kaplan said Friday that hiring difficulties have continued through May, and will likely lead to another weak jobs report following the lower-than-expected 266,000 positions added in April.

Source

U.S. manufacturing accelerates; tight supply pushes home sales to 10-month low

U.S. factory activity gathered speed in early May amid strong domestic demand, but backlogs of uncompleted work are piling up as manufacturers struggle to find raw materials and labor, boosting costs for both businesses and consumers. Though other data on Friday showed sales of previously owned homes dropping to a 10-month low in April as an acute shortage of houses drove prices to a record high, they remained well above their pre-pandemic level.

Source

White House pares infrastructure proposal to \$1.7trln, Republicans balk

The White House said on Friday it had pared down its infrastructure bill to \$1.7 trillion from \$2.25 trillion, with cuts to investments in broadband and roads and bridges, but Republicans dismissed the changes as insufficient for a deal. The White House effort represented a desire by President Joe Biden to engage with the opposition party on an issue that the Democratic president has made a priority in his early days in office. But the two sides remain far apart on everything from the size of the package to how to pay for it.

[Source](#)

Stocks could be volatile in week ahead amid turbulence from cryptocurrency

The trading pattern of the past two weeks – particularly alongside cryptocurrency’s movements – suggests stocks could continue to be volatile in the week ahead. Investors are watching the wild swings in bitcoin and trying to gauge whether technology shares can gain traction after a rally attempt in the past week. The Dow and S&P 500 were lower in the past week, but Nasdaq was slightly higher, helped by a positive move in tech, as well as buying in biotech and big cap growth names like FANG members Alphabet, Facebook and Netflix.

[Source](#)

Two COVID shots effective against India variant: English health body

A double dose of COVID-19 vaccines is almost as effective against the fast-spreading variant of the coronavirus first identified in India as it is against Britain’s dominant strain, English health officials said on Saturday. Britain’s health minister said the data was groundbreaking and he was increasingly hopeful that the government would be able to lift more COVID restrictions next month. A study by Public Health England found the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was 88% effective against symptomatic disease from the B.1.617.2 variant two weeks after the second dose.

[Source](#)

COMMODITIES

Crude oil jumps on weather concerns in Gulf of Mexico

Oil prices jumped 2% on Friday after three days of losses, driven higher as a storm formed in the Gulf of Mexico, but were on track for a weekly fall as investors braced for the return of Iranian crude supplies after officials said Iran and world powers made progress a nuclear deal. Brent crude futures settled up \$1.33, or 2%, to \$66.44 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate was at \$63.54 a barrel, up \$1.64, or 2.65%.

[Source](#)

Gold eases as dollar climbs on strong U.S. data, but set for weekly gain

Gold prices inched lower on Friday as the dollar rebounded after robust U.S. manufacturing data, although bullion was still on track to register a third straight weekly gain. Spot gold eased 0.1% to \$1,876.42 per ounce by 1:43 p.m. EDT (1743 GMT) but prices were headed for a 1.9% weekly gain, helped by subdued U.S. Treasury yields. U.S. gold futures settled down 0.3%, at \$1,876.70.

[Source](#)

FIXED INCOME / RATING ACTION

QATAR

Ooredoo Announces 22 June 2021 Date to Pay Interest to Bondholders

- Ooredoo Q.P.S.C. announces that Ooredoo International Finance Limited (OIFL), its wholly-owned subsidiary, pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and the Final Terms, will pay its Global Medium Term Note (GMTN) holders' interest payment on 22 June 2021.
- Below is the announcement in full:
 - U.S. \$500,000,000 @ 3.75 percent.
 - Guaranteed Notes due 22 June 2026
 - ISIN Code: 144 A – US68341PAA75, Reg S – XS1435374126)
 - Issued by Ooredoo International Finance Limited (the "Issuer")
 - The Issuer a wholly owned subsidiary of Ooredoo Q.P.S.C hereby gives notice that pursuant to the Terms and Conditions of the Notes and the Final Terms, it will pay Noteholders U.S. \$9,375,000.00 on the Interest Payment Date falling due on 22 June 2021.

UAE

PRICED: Emirates NBD \$750m PNC6 AT1 4.25%

- Deal priced.
- \$750m PerpNC6 Reg S Variable at +315.5
- Guidance 4.25%-4.375% will price in range, IPT 4.5% area
- Reoffer price par to yield 4.25%
- Benchmark: Interpolated T 0.75% 04/30/26 & T 1.25% 04/30/28
- Books above \$1.7b (excluding JLM interest): Leads
- Coupon: Semi-annual, 30/360
- Issuer: Emirates NBD Bank PJSC (EBIUH)
- Issuer Ratings: A3/A+ (Moody's/Fitch)
- Format: Reg S CAT2, registered, junior subordinated note, Additional Tier 1
- Perpetual call, tax changes call, regulatory / capital disqualification call
- Settlement: May 27, 2021

TECHNICALS OF THE DAY

MSM Virtual Technical Portfolio

Stock Name	MSM	Purchase Price	Target 1	Status	Target 2	Status	Return T1	Return T2	Turnover Ratio	Stop Loss	Risk	Recommendation Date
AHLI BANK		0.108	0.111		0.112		2.78%	3.70%	0.08	0.107	-0.9%	23-May-21
OMAN AND EMIRATES		0.053	0.055		0.056		3.77%	5.66%	0.07	0.052	-1.9%	23-May-21
AL BATINAH POWER		0.055	0.056		0.057		1.82%	3.64%	0.07	0.054	-1.8%	23-May-21
OMAN UNITED INSURANCE		0.388	0.396		0.400		2.06%	3.09%	0.08	0.386	-0.5%	23-May-21
OMANTEL		0.800	0.820		0.826		2.50%	3.25%	0.09	0.796	-0.5%	23-May-21
OMINVEST		0.304	0.312		0.314		2.63%	3.29%	0.06	0.302	-0.7%	23-May-21

Last week actual performance for 6 companies

Stock Name	MSM	Closing Price	Purchase Price	Target 1	Status	Target 2	Status	Return T1	Return T2	Turnover Ratio	Stop Loss	Risk	Recommendation Date
BANK MUSCAT		0.396	0.396	0.404		0.406		2.02%	2.53%	0.10	0.394	-0.5%	16-May-21
NATIONAL BANK OF OMAN		0.163	0.160	0.164		0.166		2.50%	3.75%	0.08	0.159	-0.6%	16-May-21
OOREDOO		0.396	0.398	0.406		0.408		2.01%	2.51%	0.08	0.396	-0.5%	16-May-21
MUSCAT GAS		0.187	0.187	0.192		0.194		2.67%	3.74%	0.07	0.186	-0.5%	16-May-21
OMAN FLOUR MILLS		0.700	0.700	0.720		0.725		2.86%	3.57%	0.08	0.696	-0.6%	16-May-21
RAYSUT CEMENT		0.294	0.295	0.304		0.306		3.05%	3.73%	0.07	0.293	-0.7%	16-May-21

(Week 20 - 2021) ----- Gain/Loss = +0.05%



Weekly performance for the past 4 weeks

No. of the Week	Report No.	% Gain/Loss for MVP	U Capital Oman 20 Index	MSX 30 Index	MSCI Oman Index
Week 20 - 2021	190	0.05%	0.84%	0.86%	-1.60%
Week 19 - 2021	189	1.99%	0.96%	0.66%	0.49%
Week 18 - 2021	188	1.71%	1.20%	1.30%	0.70%
Week 17 - 2021	187	2.45%	1.19%	1.12%	0.70%

Historical performance - Monthly

No. of the Month	Report No.	% Gain/Loss for MVP	U Capital Oman 20 Index	MSM30 Index	MSCI Oman Index
Month 01 - 2021	171-174	5.30%	-0.41%	0.37%	0.74%
Month 02 - 2021	175-178	1.04%	0.92%	1.02%	1.40%
Month 03 - 2021	179-182	7.94%	-0.14%	2.14%	2.62%
Month 04 - 2021	183-186	5.06%	2.62%	1.12%	3.80%
Month 05 - 2021	187-190	6.20%	4.19%	3.94%	0.29%
Month 06 - 2021	191-194				
Month 07 - 2021					
Month 08 - 2021					
Month 09 - 2021					
Month 10 - 2021					
Month 11 - 2021					
Month 12 - 2021					
YTD		25.54%	7.18%	8.59%	8.85%

Historical performance - Yearly

Year	% Gain/Loss for MVP	U Capital Oman 20 Index	MSM30 Index	MSCI Oman Index
2015 - 2016 - 2017 - 2018	(63%) - (60%) - (54%) - (57%)	(-12%) - (4%) - (-16%) - (-9%)	(-17%) - (8%) - (-14%) - (-15%)	(-12%) - (1%) - (-11%) - (-12%)
2019	58%	-9%	-10%	2%
2020	49%	-3%	-10%	-7%
2021	26%	7%	9%	9%

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

Prices are in Omani Riyals, Gross returns excluding transaction cost

Purchase Price is the last closing prices, if the stock didn't reach our targets we close on Thursday the position depending on the closing price/stop loss whichever is higher.

For more information about the content of this report, please contact Mr. Basheer Al Rousan at the following number: +968 24949014 - Source: Bloomberg



Ubar Capital SAOC (U Capital)
Ominvest Business Centre

Building no. 95
Way no. 501
Airport Heights
Tel: +968 2494 9000
Fax: +968 2494 9099
Email: research@u-capital.net
Website: www.u-capital.net

Name	Role	Email	Phone Number
Abdul Aziz Al Saadi	Chief Executive Officer	abdulaziz.alsaadi@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9001
Yasmin Abdullah	Chief Operating Officer	y.abdullah@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9020
Rohit Chaudhary	Acting Chief Investment Officer	rohit@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9058
Mohammed Al Rahbi	Head of Asset Management	m.alrahbi@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9028
Talal Balushi	Head of Brokerage	talal@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9051
Hettish Karmani	Head of Research	h.karmani@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9034
Madabusi Sundarajan	Head of Corporate Finance	m.sundararajan@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9006
Abhishek Mathur	Head of Wealth Management	a.mathur@u-capital.net	00968-2494-9026

Disclaimer: This report has been prepared by Ubar Capital (U Capital) Research, and is provided for information purposes only. Under no circumstances is it to be used or considered as an offer to sell or solicitation of any offer to buy. While all reasonable care has been taken to ensure that the information contained therein is not untrue or misleading at the time of publication, we make no representation as to its accuracy or completeness and it should not be relied upon as such. The company accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any direct or indirect consequential loss arising from any use of this report or its contents. All opinions and estimates included in this document constitute U Capital Research team's judgment as at the date of production of this report, and are subject to change without notice. This report may not be reproduced, distributed or published by any recipient for any other purpose.