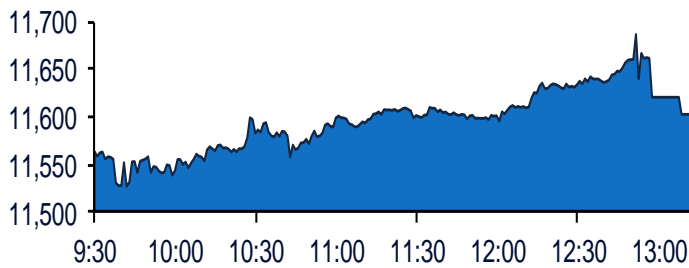


QSE Intra-Day Movement



Qatar Commentary

The QE Index rose 0.4% to close at 11,603.0. Gains were led by the Insurance and Banks & Financial Services indices, gaining 1.9% and 1.1%, respectively. Top gainers were Qatar Insurance Company and QNB Group, rising 3.0% and 2.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, Masraf Al Rayan fell 3.0%, while Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. was down 1.5%.

GCC Commentary

Saudi Arabia: The TASI Index gained 0.3% to close at 10,882.8. Gains were led by the Media & Entertainment and Retailing indices, rising 2.6% and 2.0%, respectively. Sadr Logistics Co. rose 10.0%, while Development Works Food Co. was up 9.9%.

Dubai: The Market was closed as on December 02, 2021.

Abu Dhabi: The Market was closed as on December 02, 2021.

Kuwait: The Kuwait All Share Index gained 0.1% to close at 6,936.1. The Consumer Services and Real Estate indices rose 0.8% each. Dalqan Real Estate Co. rose 9.9%, while Kuwait Real Estate Holding Co. was up 9.3%.

Oman: The MSM 30 Index fell 0.3% to close at 3,995.0. Losses were led by the Industrial and Services indices, falling 0.6% each. Takaful Oman declined 8.0%, while Al batinah Power was down 5.8%.

Bahrain: The BHB Index gained 0.7% to close at 1,761.6. The Consumer Discretionary and Communications Services indices rose 1.6% each. Gulf Hotel Group rose 4.3%, while Bahrain Commercial Facilities was up 3.2%.

Market Indicators	02 Dec 21	01 Dec 21	%Chg.
Value Traded (QR mn)	802.6	613.8	30.7
Exch. Market Cap. (QR mn)	669,297.5	663,392.0	0.9
Volume (mn)	194.8	230.8	(15.6)
Number of Transactions	20,491	17,429	17.6
Companies Traded	46	47	(2.1)
Market Breadth	20:22	35:12	-

Market Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	YTD%	TTM P/E
Total Return	22,968.89	0.4	(1.6)	14.5	16.2
All Share Index	3,682.71	0.8	(1.4)	15.1	16.8
Banks	4,964.09	1.1	(1.1)	16.9	15.4
Industrials	3,981.36	0.9	(2.8)	28.5	16.4
Transportation	3,533.01	(1.0)	(0.6)	7.2	17.6
Real Estate	1,805.01	0.2	(0.9)	(6.4)	15.5
Insurance	2,602.64	1.9	0.8	8.6	15.5
Telecoms	1,031.21	(0.2)	(1.9)	2.0	N/A
Consumer	8,149.27	(0.0)	(0.9)	0.1	21.7
Al Rayan Islamic Index	4,752.96	(0.2)	(1.5)	11.3	18.7

GCC Top Gainers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Arab National Bank	Saudi Arabia	23.00	5.0	475.5	14.4
QNB Group	Qatar	20.23	2.8	4,309.9	13.5
Jarir Marketing Co.	Saudi Arabia	195.00	2.4	130.9	12.5
Saudi Arabian Mining Co.	Saudi Arabia	73.50	2.4	744.6	81.5
Saudi Telecom Co.	Saudi Arabia	114.40	2.3	620.5	8.8

GCC Top Losers##	Exchange	Close#	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Masraf Al Rayan	Qatar	4.84	(3.0)	80,582.3	6.9
Rabigh Refining & Petro.	Saudi Arabia	21.40	(1.7)	2,879.1	54.8
Co. for Cooperative Ins.	Saudi Arabia	76.00	(1.6)	154.7	(4.6)
Qatar Gas Transport Co.	Qatar	3.26	(1.5)	1,489.8	2.5
Etihad Etisalat Co.	Saudi Arabia	30.85	(1.4)	1,662.9	7.7

Source: Bloomberg (# in Local Currency) (## GCC Top gainers/losers derived from the S&P GCC Composite Large Mid Cap Index)

QSE Top Gainers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Qatar Insurance Company	2.54	3.0	8,597.4	7.3
QNB Group	20.23	2.8	4,309.9	13.5
Mannai Corporation	4.72	2.5	98.1	57.3
Qatar General Ins. & Reins. Co.	1.98	2.3	0.8	(25.8)
Industries Qatar	14.90	1.7	1,419.0	37.1

QSE Top Volume Trades	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Masraf Al Rayan	4.84	(3.0)	80,582.3	6.9
Salam International Inv. Ltd.	0.90	(0.1)	11,169.0	38.2
Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing	1.87	(0.6)	11,053.7	93.7
Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding	2.15	0.9	9,634.4	5.2
Qatar Insurance Company	2.54	3.0	8,597.4	7.3

QSE Top Losers	Close*	1D%	Vol. '000	YTD%
Masraf Al Rayan	4.84	(3.0)	80,582.3	6.9
Qatar Gas Transport Company	3.26	(1.5)	1,489.8	2.5
Qatari German Co for Med. Dev.	3.19	(1.3)	1,416.2	42.6
Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance Co.	4.01	(1.2)	119.7	111.0
Gulf International Services	1.87	(1.0)	4,985.1	9.0

QSE Top Value Trades	Close*	1D%	Val. '000	YTD%
Masraf Al Rayan	4.84	(3.0)	393,914.7	6.9
QNB Group	20.23	2.8	86,153.8	13.5
Qatar Islamic Bank	17.74	0.9	53,668.7	3.7
Qatar Insurance Company	2.54	3.0	21,794.7	7.3
Industries Qatar	14.90	1.7	21,126.1	37.1

Source: Bloomberg (* in QR)

Regional Indices	Close	1D%	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%	Exch. Val. Traded (\$ mn)	Exchange Mkt. Cap. (\$ mn)	P/E**	P/B**	Dividend Yield
Qatar*	11,603.03	0.4	(1.6)	1.9	11.2	856.8	200,789.3	16.2	1.7	2.5
Dubai#	3,072.91	0.0	(3.1)	0.0	23.3	270.6	119,126.7	20.2	1.0	2.5
Abu Dhabi#	8,546.52	0.0	1.1	0.0	69.4	2,148.7	418,386.7	23.2	2.6	2.7
Saudi Arabia	10,882.79	0.3	(3.7)	1.1	25.2	1,362.5	2,915,690.8	24.0	2.3	2.4
Kuwait	6,936.14	0.1	(2.7)	2.2	25.1	209.4	133,521.3	20.7	1.6	2.0
Oman	3,994.98	(0.3)	(3.0)	(0.1)	9.2	3.6	18,701.2	11.4	0.8	3.9
Bahrain	1,761.61	0.7	(1.0)	1.9	18.2	6.7	28,271.4	9.8	0.9	3.5

Source: Bloomberg, Qatar Stock Exchange, Tadawul, Muscat Securities Market and Dubai Financial Market (** TTM; * Value traded (\$ mn) do not include special trades, if any, #Data as on November 30, 2021)

Qatar Market Commentary

- The QE Index rose 0.4% to close at 11,603.0. The Insurance and Banks & Financial Services indices led the gains. The index rose on the back of buying support from GCC and Arab shareholders despite selling pressure from Qatari and foreign shareholders.
- Qatar Insurance Company and QNB Group were the top gainers, rising 3.0% and 2.8%, respectively. Among the top losers, Masraf Al Rayan fell 3.0%, while Qatar Gas Transport Company Ltd. was down 1.5%.
- Volume of shares traded on Thursday fell by 15.6% to 194.8mn from 230.8mn on Wednesday. However, as compared to the 30-day moving average of 155.4mn, volume for the day was 25.4% higher. Masraf Al Rayan and Salam International Inv. Ltd. were the most active stocks, contributing 41.4% and 5.7% to the total volume, respectively.

Overall Activity	Buy %*	Sell %*	Net (QR)
Qatari Individuals	24.62%	19.00%	45,107,634.9
Qatari Institutions	12.68%	20.51%	(62,862,083.8)
Qatari	37.30%	39.51%	(17,754,448.9)
GCC Individuals	0.20%	0.26%	(440,852.2)
GCC Institutions	3.36%	1.13%	17,855,346.2
GCC	3.56%	1.39%	17,414,494.0
Arab Individuals	6.38%	5.25%	9,095,935.8
Arab Institutions	0.00%	0.00%	–
Arab	6.38%	5.25%	9,095,935.8
Foreigners Individuals	1.80%	1.72%	666,412.8
Foreigners Institutions	50.96%	52.13%	(9,422,393.6)
Foreigners	52.76%	53.85%	(8,755,980.8)

Source: Qatar Stock Exchange (*as a % of traded value)

Global Economic Data

Global Economic Data

Date	Market	Source	Indicator	Period	Actual	Consensus	Previous
02-12	US	Department of Labor	Initial Jobless Claims	27-Nov	222k	240k	194k
02-12	US	Department of Labor	Continuing Claims	20-Nov	1956k	2003k	2063k
03-12	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Unemployment Rate	Nov	4.20%	4.50%	4.60%
03-12	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Labor Force Participation Rate	Nov	61.80%	61.70%	61.60%
03-12	US	Bureau of Labor Statistics	Underemployment Rate	Nov	7.80%	--	8.30%
03-12	US	Markit	Markit US Services PMI	Nov	58	57	57
03-12	US	Markit	Markit US Composite PMI	Nov	57.2	--	56.5
03-12	US	Institute for Supply Management	ISM Services Index	Nov	69.1	65	66.7
03-12	US	U.S. Census Bureau	Factory Orders	Oct	1.00%	0.50%	0.50%
03-12	UK	Markit	Markit/CIPS UK Services PMI	Nov	58.5	58.6	58.6
03-12	UK	Markit	Markit/CIPS UK Composite PMI	Nov	57.6	57.7	57.7
02-12	EU	Eurostat	PPI MoM	Oct	5.40%	3.80%	2.80%
02-12	EU	Eurostat	Unemployment Rate	Oct	7.30%	7.30%	7.40%
02-12	EU	Eurostat	PPI YoY	Oct	21.90%	19.00%	16.10%
03-12	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Services PMI	Nov	55.9	56.6	56.6
03-12	EU	Markit	Markit Eurozone Composite PMI	Nov	55.4	55.8	55.8
03-12	EU	Eurostat	Retail Sales MoM	Oct	0.20%	0.30%	-0.40%
03-12	EU	Eurostat	Retail Sales YoY	Oct	1.40%	1.40%	2.60%
03-12	Germany	Markit	Markit Germany Services PMI	Nov	52.7	53.4	53.4
03-12	Germany	Markit	Markit/BME Germany Composite PMI	Nov	52.2	52.8	52.8
03-12	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Industrial Production MoM	Oct	0.90%	0.60%	-1.50%
03-12	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Industrial Production YoY	Oct	-0.50%	-0.40%	0.50%
03-12	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Manufacturing Production MoM	Oct	0.90%	0.80%	-1.60%
03-12	France	INSEE National Statistics Office	Manufacturing Production YoY	Oct	0.10%	-0.50%	-0.30%
03-12	France	Markit	Markit France Services PMI	Nov	57.4	58.2	58.2
03-12	France	Markit	Markit France Composite PMI	Nov	56.1	56.3	56.3
02-12	Japan	Economic and Social Research I	Consumer Confidence Index	Nov	39.2	40.3	39.2
03-12	Japan	Markit	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Services	Nov	53	--	52.1
03-12	Japan	Markit	Jibun Bank Japan PMI Composite	Nov	53.3	--	52.5
03-12	China	Markit	Caixin China PMI Composite	Nov	51.2	--	51.5
03-12	China	Markit	Caixin China PMI Services	Nov	52.1	53	53.8
03-12	India	Markit	Markit India PMI Services	Nov	58.1	--	58.4
03-12	India	Markit	Markit India PMI Composite	Nov	59.2	--	58.7

Source: Bloomberg (s.a. = seasonally adjusted; n.s.a. = non-seasonally adjusted; w.d.a. = working day adjusted)

Qatar

- BP, Qatar Energy CEOs Drop Out of International Oil Conference** – BP Plc Chief Executive Officer Bernard Looney and top energy executives from Qatar and Algeria backed out of a major international oil conference amid concerns about the spreading omicron virus variant. Looney as well as Qatar Energy CEO Saad Al-Kaabi and Toufik Hakkar, who leads Algeria's Sonatrach, dropped out of next week's World Petroleum Congress in Houston because of "concerns over potential changes to travel restrictions by their countries of origin," the conference organizers said in a email on Friday. BP, Qatar Energy and Sonatrach didn't immediately respond to requests for comments. (Bloomberg)
- QCB issues T-Bills worth QR600mn** – Qatar Central Bank (QCB) issued treasury bills for three, six and nine months, with a value of QR600mn. A statement from QCB said that it issued QR300mn for three months at an interest rate of 0.17%, QR200mn for six months at an interest rate of 0.22%, and QR100mn for nine months at an interest rate of 0.27%. The issuance is part of a series of issues executed by QCB on behalf of the Government of the State of Qatar and in accordance with the schedule prepared by both Qatar Central Bank and the Ministry of Finance. Treasury bills are issued through auction for banks operating in Qatar. (Qatar Tribune)
- Qatar's private sector exports reach QR4.98bn in September 2021, says Chamber report** – Qatar's private sector exports recorded a 350% YoY increase to reach QR4.98bn in September 2021, Qatar Chamber reported in its latest monthly economic newsletter. Based on the chamber's certificates of origin, Qatar's private sector exports in September 2021 increased 164% MoM. In September 2020, private sector exports stood only at QR1.09bn, the newsletter stated. The chamber's report said private sector exports within the first nine months of 2021 amounted to QR20.9bn, up by 88% compared to QR11.1bn in the same period last year. This growth in private sector exports in September 2021 increased by 155% compared to QR1.95bn in February 2020, which represented the highest value of exports when imposing precautionary measures at the beginning of the pandemic. It also increased by 771% over QR572mn in April 2020, which witnessed the lowest value of exports. The MoM increase in private sector exports for September 2021 was attributed to exports growth through the Unified GCC Model, which jumped 774% from QR383mn in August to QR3.3bn in September, while YoY it amounted to QR208mn or a 1,500% increase, stated the report. (Gulf-Times.com)
- Qatar's foreign trade stands at QR36.8bn, up 80.4% YoY in September 2021** – The total value of Qatar's foreign merchandise trade stood at QR36.8bn in September 2021, registering an 80.4% YoY growth, Qatar Chamber said, citing the latest government data. Based on figures released by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA), Qatar Chamber's latest monthly economic newsletter reported that MoM Qatar's foreign trade in September 2021 jumped 4.1% from QR35.4bn to QR36.8bn. In September last year, figures reached QR20.4bn. In September 2021, total exports of goods (including exports of goods of domestic origin and re-exports) amounted to QR28.1bn, showing a sharp 109% increase over QR13.4bn in the same month last year. Similarly, it increased 2.8% compared to QR27.3bn in August 2021. The imports of goods in the said month amounted to QR8.8bn, an increase of 8.5% compared to QR8.1bn in August, and a 25.7% increase YoY. Therefore, the country's foreign merchandise trade balance, which represents the difference between total exports and imports, amounted to QR19.3bn, showing an increase of 199.1% compared to QR6.4bn in September 2020, while MoM, it slightly increased by 0.31%. In September 2021, China was the main country of destination of Qatar's foreign trade with QR5.8bn or a 15.8% share of the state's total foreign trade. (Gulf-Times.com)
- PSA President: Qatar on track to build diversified, sustainable economy** – President of the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA) H E Dr. Saleh bin Mohammed Al Nabit affirmed that Qatar is on the right path towards building a diversified and sustainable economy in order to achieve the goals and aspirations of Qatar National Vision 2030. He said that the contribution of the non-oil sector to the real GDP amounted to more than 60% in the second quarter of this year, accompanied by the development of the economic and logistical infrastructure, as the implementation stages of the Hamad Port and Hamad International Airport were completed according to this plan, in addition to the development of commercial ports in the country's main cities and their services. In an interview with QNA on the occasion of the preparations for the third National Development Strategy in cooperation with the relevant authorities, he said that the follow-up results of the implementation of the second National Development Strategy 2018-2022 indicate that there is a progress in implementing most of the strategy's initiatives and projects, with the pace of implementation different from one sector to another, from one goal to another, and from one project to another, especially in the field of economic diversification and the encouragement of the private sector, with a focus on priority economic sectors. He went to say that in general, all projects that included a digital transformation component have achieved further progress, driven by the repercussions of the COVID-19 crisis and its restrictions, noting that a quantitative and qualitative development was monitored in government services provided to individuals and the business community. These accessibility services are enhanced through user-friendly apps, as the e-government services amounted to 1,200. (Peninsula Qatar)
- PSA: Qatar auto sector posts 19% growth YoY in new registrations** – New vehicle registrations in Qatar witnessed a healthy double digit YoY growth on the back of robust demand, mainly for private vehicles and motorcycles, according to official statistics. The new vehicle registration stood at 6,771; representing a 19.3% increase on a yearly basis; even as it declined 8.4% MoM in the review period, according to figures released by the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA). The registration of new private vehicles stood at 4,071, which posted a 22.7% growth YoY but shrank 22.4% on a monthly basis in October 2021. Such vehicles constituted 60.12% of the total new vehicles registered in the country in the review period. The registration of new private transport vehicles stood at 1,759; which showed a 0.9% and 22.7% growth YoY and MoM respectively. Such vehicles constituted 25.98% of the total new vehicles in October 2021. According to the Qatar Central Bank data, auto loans to Qataris and non-Qatari were seen declining 29.33% and 16% YoY respectively to QR1.06bn and QR0.21bn this October. Personal loans to Qataris reported a 36.06% surge YoY to QR82.37bn; whereas those for non-Qataris were down 1.34% to QR8.86bn in the review period. The overall consumption credit to nationals grew 11.55% YoY to QR146.24bn; while that to non-Qataris shrank 10.56% to QR11.94bn in October this year. (Gulf-Times.com)
- Qatar's e-commerce market expected to grow \$3.2bn by 2022** – Qatar's e-commerce sector is expanding at a phenomenal rate and its enormous growth potential means many incredible new opportunities for all kinds of businesses. Companies have been witnessing positive growth trends in e-commerce globally and Qatar's e-commerce is also gaining

momentum, experts said during a webinar. The Ministry of Communications and Information Technology (MCIT) organised a virtual event recently entitled 'Activate Your Stores E-commerce Channel: Guidelines Towards Success', which gave an introduction about e-commerce and elaborated on how to expand business, reduce costs, and the building blocks of e-commerce. Terek Mousa, an expert in e-commerce discussed the main pillars in developing an e-commerce platform including building an e-commerce site and the best tips, practices, and guidelines from MCIT. He said e-commerce is the selling and buying of products and services online through internet by smart phones, mobiles, and tablets. (Peninsula Qatar)

- **Qatar Sees Green Role For LNG As World Gasps For More Energy** – When it comes to the price of oil, there is no sure thing. Prices rise and fall according to weather, geopolitics, and supply. This has been on display at the ongoing, online meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its oil-producing allies, a group known as OPEC+, to decide production policy. So far, they have agreed to raise production by 400,000 barrels per day, starting in January 2022, if the price holds and there isn't a global economic slowdown caused by the Omicron variant. Normally, the price of liquefied natural gas (LNG) moves empathetically with the price of oil. But that is unlikely now. Global energy markets are stressed at the onset of winter in the northern hemisphere as they haven't been in decades. The result is that Qatar, the independent emirate on the west coast of the Persian Gulf, is in a particularly good place. Qatar is the world's largest exporter of LNG for which world demand is surging. And it sees LNG as a greener fossil fuel in these climate-conscious times. Even as world leaders talked of reducing dependence on natural gas at the COP26 climate change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, nations everywhere were desperately seeking more of it. (Bloomberg)
- **Doha Metro trains running 100,000 trips daily during Arab Cup** – To facilitate fans and general commuters during FIFA Arab Cup 2021, Doha Metro is operating around 100,000 trips per day on its three lines. "An entire fleet of 110 trains of Doha Metro is currently in service covering the network, which includes 37 stations on 3 lines — Red, Green and Gold — all of which extend over 76 km," said Eng. Hamdan Rashid Al Mulla from Asset Management at Qatar Rail. (Peninsula Qatar)
- **International**
- **Goldman Sachs cuts US GDP growth forecast for 2022 over Omicron fears** – Goldman Sachs on Saturday cut its outlook for US economic growth to 3.8% for 2022, citing risks and uncertainty around the emergence of the Omicron variant of the coronavirus. Goldman economist Joseph Briggs said in a note that the Omicron variant could slow economic reopening, but the firm expects "only a modest drag" on service spending. The firm now sees 2022 gross domestic product (GDP) growth of 3.8%, down from 4.2% previously on a full year basis, and Q4/Q4 growth of 2.9%, down from 3.3% before, Briggs said. "While many questions remain unanswered, we now think a moderate downside scenario where the virus spreads more quickly but immunity against severe disease is only slightly weakened is most likely," he said. Worker shortages could last longer if people do not feel comfortable returning to work due to the variant, according to the note. Goldman pointed the spread of the virus could worsen supply shortages should other countries implement tighter restrictions, but increase in vaccination rates among foreign trade partners would prevent severe disruptions. Goldman Sachs' US forecast comes after the International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Friday that the lender was likely to lower its global economic growth estimates due to the new Omicron variant of the coronavirus. (Reuters)

- **Faster Fed taper, earlier rate hikes in sight as unemployment falls** – Federal Reserve policymakers look likely to accelerate the winddown of their bond-buying program when they meet later this month as they respond to a tightening labor market and move to open the door to earlier rate hikes than they had projected. US employers added 210,000 jobs last month, a US Labor Department report showed Friday, less than half of what economists had expected. But average hourly earnings over the past 12 months rose 4.8%, the unemployment rate dropped to 4.2%, and the workforce grew by the most in 13 months. Analysts said they believe the moderate job gains understate labor market strength and that they would likely be revised upward. St. Louis Fed President James Bullard took the moment to intensify his call for faster action by the Fed's policy-setting panel, and said that rapidly strengthening economic data was making more of his colleagues comfortable with the idea of speeding up the bond-buying taper and laying the groundwork for a liftoff from zero rates. In September a slight majority of the Fed's 18 policymakers thought a rate hike would not be warranted until at least 2023. The Fed has kept interest rates near zero since March 2020. In November it began reducing its \$120bn in bond purchases each month on a pace that would end them entirely by June 2022. But, with inflation running at more than twice the Fed's 2% target and risks rising that it won't recede next year as quickly as policymakers would like, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said this week that at the Fed's next policy meeting on December 14-15 they would consider speeding up the taper by a few months. (Reuters)
- **US labor market tightening: jobless rate flirts with pre-pandemic lows** – US employment growth slowed considerably in November amid job losses at retailers and in local government education, but the unemployment rate plunged to a 21-month low of 4.2%, suggesting the labor market was rapidly tightening. The four-tenths-of-a-percentage-point drop in the jobless rate from October reported by the Labor Department in its closely watched employment report on Friday occurred even as 594,000 people entered the labor force, the most in 13 months. Workers put in more hours, boosting aggregate wages, which should help to underpin consumer spending. "Don't be fooled by the measly payroll jobs gain this month because the economy's engines are actually in overdrive as shown by the plunge in joblessness," said Christopher Rupkey, Chief economist at FWDBONDS in New York. The survey of businesses showed nonfarm payrolls increased by 210,000 jobs, the fewest since last December. But the economy created 82,000 more jobs than initially reported in September and October, a sign of strength. That left employment 3.9mn jobs below the peak in February 2020. (Reuters)
- **US factory orders rise more than expected in October** – New orders for US-made goods increased more than expected in October and businesses spending on equipment appeared to rebound after declining in the third quarter. The Commerce Department said on Friday that factory orders increased 1.0% in October. Data for September was revised higher to show orders gaining 0.5% instead of 0.2% as previously reported. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast factory orders rising 0.5%. Orders increased surged 17.1% on a YoY basis. Manufacturing, which accounts for 12% of the economy, is being driven by still-strong demand for goods despite spending shifting back to services. Businesses are rebuilding depleted inventories, but shortages of labor and raw materials stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic remain challenges. An Institute for Supply Management survey on Wednesday showed manufacturing activity picked up in November, noting "some indications of slight labor and supplier delivery improvement." Shipments rose 2.0% after advancing 1.0% in September.

Inventories at factories gained 0.8% in October. Unfilled orders rose 0.3% after increasing 0.7% in the prior month. The Commerce Department also reported that orders for non-defense capital goods, excluding aircraft, which are seen as a measure of business spending plans on equipment, increased 0.7% instead of 0.6% as reported last month. Shipments of these so-called core capital goods, which are used to calculate business equipment spending in the gross domestic product report, rose 0.4%. They were previously reported to have increased 0.3%. That suggests a potential rebound in business spending on equipment after it contracted in the third quarter after four straight quarters of double-digit growth, though inflation could cut into the gains. (Reuters)

- **ISM survey: US service sector activity gauge hits record high in November** – A measure of US services industry activity unexpectedly rose in November, hitting a fresh record high as businesses boosted hiring, but there was little sign that supply constraints were easing and prices remained high. The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) said its non-manufacturing activity index increased to 69.1 last month, the highest reading since the series started in 1997, from 66.7 in October. A reading above 50 indicates growth in the services sector, which accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity. Economists polled by Reuters had forecast the index falling to 65. The survey added to data on consumer spending, the labor market and manufacturing in painting a strong picture of the economy. The Omicron variant of COVID-19, however, poses a risk to the outlook. The ISM's measure of services industry employment increased to a seven-month high of 56.5 from 51.6 in October. That offered hope that a pandemic-related labor crunch, which has hampered faster job growth, could be starting to ease. There were 10.4 million job openings at the end of September. With employment levels rising, services industries made progress in reducing the backlog of unfinished work last month. Overall, supply constraints remained binding. The survey's measure of supplier deliveries was unchanged at a high 75.6. A reading above 50% indicates slower deliveries. Longer delivery times accounted for some of the surprise increase in the services index. They are normally associated with a strong economy and increased customer demand, which would be a positive contribution to the ISM non-manufacturing index. (Reuters)
- **Japan's service sector activity expands at fastest pace in 2 years** – Japan's services sector activity grew at the fastest pace in more than two years in November on a jump in new business, signaling stronger consumer confidence as the coronavirus pandemic subsided. The world's third-largest economy has lagged other advanced nations in its recovery from the pandemic's hit with coronavirus curbs crimping activity for parts of the year. The final Jibun Bank Japan Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) rose to a seasonally adjusted 53.0 from the prior month's 50.7 and a 52.1 flash reading. That marked the fastest pace of expansion since August 2019. "New orders rose for the first time since January 2020 as panel members cited the lifting of state of emergency measures had boosted confidence and sales," said Usamah Bhatti, economist at IHS Markit, which compiles the survey. "Despite increasing demand and evidence of pressure on capacity, Japanese service providers decreased staffing levels for the first time since July." Stronger spending on dining out, overnight stays and other services would likely support Japan's economy as a persistent global chip shortage and soaring raw material prices pressure manufacturers. "Both manufacturers and services firms pointed to prominent rises in cost pressures in November," Bhatti said. The composite PMI, which is estimated using both manufacturing and services,

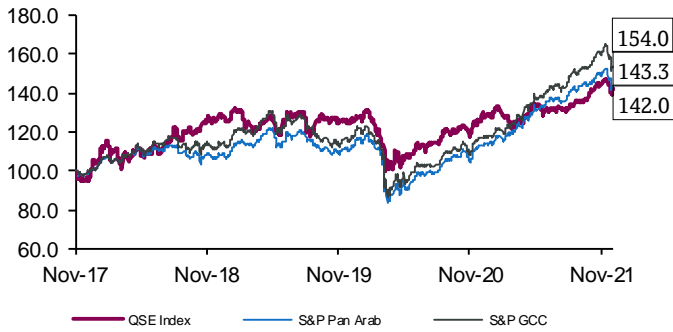
expanded at the fastest rate in more than four years, rising to 53.3 from October's final of 50.7. (Reuters)

Regional

- **OPEC+ agrees to go ahead with oil output rise, as US pressure trumps virus scare** – OPEC and its allies agreed on Thursday to stick to their existing policy of monthly oil output increases despite fears that a US release from crude reserves and the new Omicron coronavirus variant would lead to a fresh oil price rout. Benchmark Brent crude fell more than \$1 after the deal was reported, before recovering some ground to trade around \$70 a barrel. It is now well below October's three-year highs above \$86 but still more than 30% up on the start of 2021. The US has repeatedly pushed OPEC+ to accelerate output hikes as US gasoline prices soared and President Joe Biden's approval ratings slid. Faced with rebuffs, Washington said last week it and other consumers would release reserves. (Reuters)
- **US-Saudi diplomacy paved way for OPEC+'s surprise output hike** – The US and Saudi Arabia have reached a detente after weeks of hostility about high oil prices, with the OPEC+ cartel announcing a production hike even as the new Covid variant threatens demand. The group led by Saudi Arabia and Russia surprised markets by agreeing to add 400,000 bpd of oil from January, even as the virus undermines prices for oil-producing nations. It left the door open to changing its mind, however, saying ministers could gather again at any moment to review the decision if conditions change. (Bloomberg)
- **GCC economies to witness an aggregate growth rate of 2.6% in 2021, says World Bank** – GCC economies are likely to achieve an aggregate growth rate of 2.6 % in 2021, according to the World Bank Gulf Economic Update issued on Thursday. The report, titled "Seizing the Opportunity for a Sustainable Recovery", attributed the rebound to stronger oil prices and the growth of non-oil sectors. It predicted the trend is likely to continue into 2022 as "OPEC+ mandated oil production cuts are phased out and higher oil prices improve business sentiment and attract additional investment." It added that the outlook in the medium term is subject to risks from slower global recovery, renewed coronavirus outbreaks, and oil sector volatility. (Zawya)
- **Saudi Aramco cuts December contract prices for propane, butane** – Saudi Aramco cut its December term contract prices for propane and butane, according to a company official who asked not to be named because of internal policy. December propane at \$795/ton, down from \$870/ton a month earlier. December butane at \$750/ton, down from \$830/ton a month earlier. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudis seen raising Arab light oil to Asia by 70c/b for January** – Saudi Aramco may increase the OSP of Arab Light crude to Asian customers by 70c/bbl MoM for Jan. sales, according to the median estimate in a Bloomberg survey of six traders, refiners. Jan. Arab Light OSP differential estimated at \$3.40/bbl above Oman-Dubai benchmark vs \$2.70/bbl for Dec. Four respondents saw an increase of between 60c to 80c MoM; one estimated +40c-50c, while another expected Arab Light OSP to be cut 40c MoM. (Bloomberg)
- **Saudi Paper appoints financial advisor to offer rights issue for capital raise** – Saudi Paper Manufacturing Company has appointed Al Anma Investment Company as the financial advisor to offer right issues to increase the company's capital. The company will submit the file to the Capital Market Authority (CMA) to request for the company's capital raise by offering rights shares, according to a bourse filing on Thursday. It is noteworthy to mention that in October 2021, the company's board recommended increasing the capital by SR145mn through a rights issue. (Zawya)

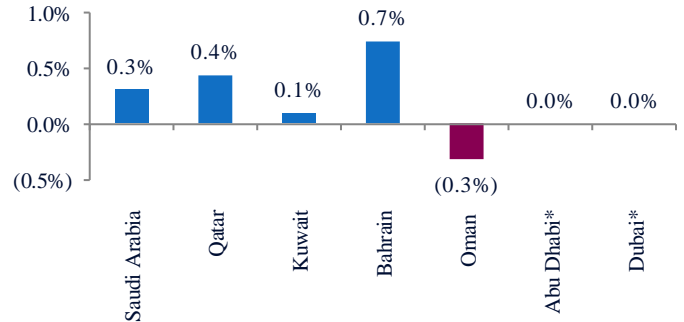
- **Wafrah submits file to Saudi's CMA for capital increase to \$61.73mn** – Wafrah for Industry & Development Company has submitted an application file to the Capital Market Authority (CMA) to raise the company's capital by offering right issues. The company's board has proposed to increase the capital by SR154.34mn to SR231.511mn, compared to SR77.17mn, by offering rights issue shares of 15.434mn, according to a bourse filing on Thursday. (Zawya)
- **Saudi Sadr Logistics' EGM nods capital increase to \$46.66mn** – The extraordinary general meeting (EGM) of Sadr Logistics Company has approved a 600% capital increase by offering the right issues. The capital will rise by SR150mn to SR175mn, compared to SR25mn, according to a bourse filing on Thursday. Rights issue of 15mn ordinary shares will be offered at a nominal value of SR10 per share for the capital increase. (Zawya)
- **Alwasail Industrial to offer 10% of shares on Saudi's NOMU** – Alwasail Industrial Company intends to offer 2.5mn ordinary shares, representing 10% of the company's shares, for the listing on Parallel Market (NOMU). The offering period will begin on Sunday, 26 December, and will end on Thursday, 30 December, according to a bourse filing on Thursday. Falcom Financial Services Company is the financial advisor and lead manager on the potential offering. (Zawya)
- **Saudi's SAMI forms components joint venture with Figeac Aero** – Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI) is forming a joint venture with Figeac Aero to build a factory in the Gulf kingdom to make aerostructure components, SAMI said on Saturday. It said in a statement that the joint venture's revenue would reach \$200mn by 2030 and that Saudi Arabia would own 51% with the French company holding the other 49%. SAMI said that over a 10-year period, the SAMi Fegiac joint venture would carry out a series of major investments, most of which will be financed by local financial institutions, including the launch of a new production facility in Jeddah. (Reuters)
- **UAE Borouge signs AED5.8bn partnership agreement with France's Technip** – The UAE Borouge signed a AED5.8bn partnership agreement with French company Technip Energies NV to expand the Borouge 4 polyolefin facility in Ruwais, the Abu Dhabi media office said on Friday. The agreement awards one of five Engineering Procurement, Commissioning, and Construction (EPC) contracts to the French company, part of a consortium with Target Engineering, to expand Borouge, making it the world's largest single-site polyolefin complex, the office added on Twitter. (Reuters)
- **Dubai's DP World pulls out of Haifa port privatization bid** – Dubai's DP World has pulled out of a joint bid with an Israeli company to privatize Israel's Haifa port, Israel's privatization body said. Israel is selling its state-owned ports and building new private docks in an effort to encourage competition and lower costs. DP World had signed an agreement with Israel Shipyards Industries for exclusive cooperation in the privatization of the Haifa port, one of Israel's two main sea terminals on its Mediterranean coast. (Reuters)
- **Tweet: UAE's ADQ signs 4.6bn-euro investment deal with France** – Abu Dhabi's state holding company ADQ signed an investment agreement worth 4.6bn Euros with the French ministry of economy and finance on Friday, the Abu Dhabi media office said in a tweet. (Reuters)
- **Tweet: Mubadala signs an agreement with French economy and finance ministry to invest 1.4bn euros** – Mubadala, Abu Dhabi's sovereign fund, signed an agreement with the French ministry of economy and finance to invest 1.4bn euros in French funds on Friday, the Abu Dhabi media office said in a tweet. (Reuters)
- **Abu Dhabi's ADQ and TAQA sign \$6bn agreement with Kazakhstan's sovereign fund** – The UAE will invest up to \$6bn in Kazakhstan's energy sector, it has been announced. The Abu Dhabi Developmental Holding Company and the Abu Dhabi National Energy Company — known as TAQA — have entered into an agreement with the Central Asian country's sovereign wealth fund, Samruk-Kazyna, according to Al-Arabiya. ADQ Holdings, TAQA and Samruk-Kazyna will explore three new power generation projects in Kazakhstan, including a 2 gigawatt photovoltaic power plant, a 2 GW wind farm, and a 1 GW combined cycle gas power plant. Both ADQ Holdings and TAQA will own a 51 % stake in each project, while Samruk-Kazyna will retain the remaining stake. (Zawya)

Rebased Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Daily Index Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Asset/Currency Performance	Close (\$)	1D%	WTD%	YTD%
Gold/Ounce	1,783.29	0.8	(1.1)	(6.1)
Silver/Ounce	22.52	0.6	(2.7)	(14.7)
Crude Oil (Brent)/Barrel (FM Future)	69.88	0.3	(3.9)	34.9
Crude Oil (WTI)/Barrel (FM Future)	66.26	(0.4)	(2.8)	36.6
Natural Gas (Henry Hub)/MMBtu	3.81	(6.4)	(22.2)	59.4
LPG Propane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	99.25	3.1	(18.3)	31.9
LPG Butane (Arab Gulf)/Ton	119.50	(0.2)	(17.3)	71.9
Euro	1.13	0.1	(0.0)	(7.4)
Yen	112.80	(0.3)	(0.5)	9.2
GBP	1.32	(0.5)	(0.8)	(3.2)
CHF	1.09	0.3	0.5	(3.6)
AUD	0.70	(1.3)	(1.7)	(9.0)
USD Index	96.12	(0.0)	0.0	6.9
RUB	73.89	0.3	(2.3)	(0.7)
BRL	0.18	(0.1)	(0.8)	(8.1)

Source: Bloomberg

Global Indices Performance	Close	1D%*	WTD%*	YTD%*
MSCI World Index	3,086.44	(0.8)	(1.5)	14.7
DJ Industrial	34,580.08	(0.2)	(0.9)	13.0
S&P 500	4,538.43	(0.8)	(1.2)	20.8
NASDAQ 100	15,085.47	(1.9)	(2.6)	17.0
STOXX 600	462.77	(0.5)	(0.2)	7.3
DAX	15,169.98	(0.5)	(0.5)	1.8
FTSE 100	7,122.32	(0.6)	0.4	6.9
CAC 40	6,765.52	(0.4)	0.4	12.8
Nikkei	28,029.57	1.3	(2.3)	(6.5)
MSCI EM	1,224.64	(0.9)	0.1	(5.2)
SHANGHAI SE Composite	3,607.43	1.0	1.5	6.3
HANG SENG	23,766.69	(0.1)	(1.3)	(13.2)
BSE SENSEX	57,696.46	(1.7)	0.6	17.3
Bovespa	105,069.70	0.2	1.3	(19.3)
RTS	1,668.26	(1.3)	5.0	20.2

Source: Bloomberg (*\$ adjusted returns)

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