

U Capital Morning Brief

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Market Indices	Current Close	Change	D/D	YTD	Price to Earnings	Price to Book	Div Yield
	Index	Point	%	%	(x)	(x)	%
U Capital Oman 20 Index	864.87	-3.04	-0.35%	-2.30%	-	-	-
U Capital GCC 50 Index	1,393.52	6.25	0.45%	7.72%	-	-	-
U Capital MENA 200 Index	1,097.99	2.53	0.23%	6.26%	-	-	-
MSCI GCC Countries Index	572.72	-1.04	-0.18%	6.48%	14.76	1.86	3.7%
Muscat Securities Market	4,114.80	-9.99	-0.24%	-4.83%	8.38	0.79	6.3%
Saudi Stock Exchange	8,617.22	16.90	0.20%	10.10%	18.28	1.93	3.3%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	5,232.70	-21.01	-0.40%	3.01%	15.18	1.25	3.8%
Qatar Exchange	10,180.69	-121.72	-1.18%	-1.15%	14.41	1.51	4.3%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,374.06	-15.38	-1.11%	2.75%	9.34	0.86	5.9%
Dubai Financial Market	2,492.58	7.78	0.31%	-1.47%	7.63	0.91	5.6%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	5,026.66	2.17	0.04%	2.27%	13.53	1.44	4.8%
Beirut Stock Exchange	944.62	5.00	0.53%	-3.29%	4.76	0.55	9.6%
Palestine Stock Exchange	537.17	0.18	0.03%	1.48%	13.23	1.25	4.5%
Tunis Se Index	7,068.31	-29.99	-0.42%	-2.80%	18.20	2.49	2.0%
EGX 30 Index	14,949.07	21.43	0.14%	14.68%	14.30	1.48	2.0%
Amman General Index	1,986.68	-2.45	-0.12%	4.08%	14.15	1.00	4.8%

* Kuwait YTD data is not available as the Index was reconstituted in April'18

Result: No data is not available as the index was reconstructed in April 2020

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	USD/1 Unit	Units/1 USD
Europe			%	%	Currency		
FTSE 100	UK	7,190.8	0.81%	6.9%	Australian Dollar (AUD)	0.712	1.405
DAX	Germany	11,167.2	0.37%	5.8%	British Pound (GBP)	1.287	0.777
CAC 40	France	5,074.3	0.35%	7.3%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	0.755	1.324
United States					Chinese Renminbi (CNH)	0.148	6.773
DJIA	USA	25,543.3	0.46%	9.5%	Egyptian Pound (EGP)	0.057	17.608
S&P 500	USA	2,753.0	0.30%	9.8%	Euro (EUR)	1.128	0.887
NASDAQ	USA	7,420.4	0.08%	11.8%	Indian Rupee (INR)	0.014	70.849
Asia Pacific					Japanese Yen (JPY)	0.009	111.020
NIKKEI 225	Japan	21,163.2	0.09%	5.7%	New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	0.683	1.465
HANG SENG	Hongkong	28,392.1	-0.37%	9.9%	Omani Rial (OMR)	2.597	0.385
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	40,528.2	-0.04%	9.3%	Pakistani Rupee (PKR)	0.720	138.940
NSE Nifty 50	India	10,747.1	-0.43%	-1.1%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	0.015	66.533
SHANGHAI Composite	China	2,712.4	-0.32%	8.8%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	0.737	1.358
KOSPI Index	South Korea	2,197.3	-0.19%	7.7%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	0.189	5.289

Commodity Prices		Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates		Current Rate %
		USD	%	%			
Oil					UAE		2.85
					Saudi Arabia		2.95
	Brent Crude (per bbl)	64.0	0.57%	18.4%	Kuwait		2.69
	WTI Crude (per bbl)	54.2	0.48%	19.3%	Oman		2.85
	Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	64.1	1.92%	19.8%	Qatar		2.91
OPEC (per bbl)	61.9	0.78%	20.0%	Bahrain		3.95	
Precious Metals					GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields		
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,308.7	0.17%	2.0%				
Silver (per oz)	15.6	0.41%	0.9%			Maturity date	YTM, %
Platinum (per oz)	785.9	-0.09%	-1.2%		Kuwait	3/20/2027	3.44
Other Metals					Abu Dhabi	10/11/2027	3.48
Copper, MT	6,125	0.31%	2.7%		Qatar	6/2/2026	3.55
Aluminium, MT	1,860	-0.05%	0.8%		Saudi Arabia	3/4/2028	3.96
Lead, MT	2,020	-0.74%	0.0%		Oman	1/17/2028	6.75
Zinc, MT	2,597	-0.42%	5.3%		Bahrain	10/12/2028	6.58

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)
3 year	99.92	2.53	1m	2.49
5 year	99.86	2.53	3m	2.69
10 year	99.28	2.71	6m	2.74
30 year	99.33	3.04	1 year	2.92

Source: Bloomberg

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

OMAN ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

Production begins at Sebacic Oman's project in Duqm

For the production of Sebacic acid, Sebacic Oman Refinery has entered the production stage after the successful completion of preliminary tests in the last three months. The refinery is the first industrial project in the heavy industries zone to operate in the Special Economic Zone in Duqm (SEZD).

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

Oman's January oil production tops 30mn barrels

Oman's total production of crude oil and condensate throughout January 2019 reached 30.07 million barrels, with a daily average of 970,268 barrels, according to the monthly report issued by the Ministry of Oil and Gas (MOG). The total exported quantities of Oman crude oil in January 2019 reached 23.32 million barrels, with a daily average of 752,290 barrels.

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

SULTANATE, EGYPT INK PACT TO BOOST AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

The Public Authority for Civil Aviation (PACA) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on Monday with the Egyptian Civil Aviation Authority to boost air transport services. The agreement includes renewing air services signed in 1987. As per the new MoU, 13 flights will operate between the two countries in a week. An official source at PACA said, "Earlier there were only ten flights."

Source: [Muscat Daily](#)

Mandatory Tax Card for corporates to be rolled out soon

Oman's tax authorities are expected to shortly commence the process of issuing Tax Cards for all corporate entities operating in the Sultanate, according to a Muscat-based tax advisory services expert.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

Sembcorp Salalah's Board of Directors proposes final cash dividend

The company's Board has proposed a final cash dividend of 3.4% of issued and paid-up share capital, bringing the total dividend to 12.2% including the previously paid for 2018. The Board will seek shareholder approval for an interim cash dividend of 7.5% for 9M'19.

Source: [MSM](#)

Oman Air has awarded Al Maha Petroleum 50% of volume of aviation fuel

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Source: [MSM](#)

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

Mideast Stocks: Banks drag Qatar to 3-month low, Saudi gains

The Qatar stock market slid to a near three-month low on Wednesday, dragged down by its blue-chip banking shares, while Saudi Arabia crept higher, aided by petrochemicals. Qatar's index fell for a sixth straight day, declining 1.2 percent, and lenders Masraf Al Rayan and Qatar Islamic Bank dropped by 2.8 percent and 2.6 percent respectively.

Source: [Zawya](#)

Saudi growth forecast cut due to lower oil output: IMF

The downward revision of Saudi Arabia's growth forecast for 2019 is entirely due to the lowering of the Kingdom's oil GDP forecast following the OPEC+ production agreement in December, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) mission chief for Saudi Arabia and Assistant Director in the Middle East Department Tim Callen told Argaam in an exclusive.

Source: [Argaam](#)

Bank Albilad gets regulatory nod for capital hike

Saudi Arabia's Capital Market Authority (CMA) on Wednesday approved Bank Albilad's request to increase its capital to SAR 7.5 billion from SAR 6 billion, through issuance of one bonus share for every four shares held by the shareholders. The capital hike will be financed by transferring SAR 355.9 billion from retained earnings to the bank's capital and SAR 1.14 billion from its statutory reserve, the CMA said in a statement.

Source: [Argaam](#)

Saudi king launches \$8bln in development projects in capital

Saudi Arabia's King Salman launched projects worth 29.9 billion riyals (\$7.97 billion) on Wednesday in the capital Riyadh, the latest in a series of high profile investment announcements that signal support for his son and heir. State TV showed King Salman and his son Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman listening to a briefing on the development projects in areas ranging from healthcare, education and housing to public transportation and state services.

Source: [Zawya](#)

BRIEF: UAE's Tabreed Signs First District Cooling Concession In India

NATIONAL CENTRAL COOLING CO PJSC TABR.DU :

* TABREED SIGNS FIRST DISTRICT COOLING CONCESSION IN INDIA

* SIGNS 30 YEARS CONCESSION AGREEMENT FOR THE NEW ANDHRA PRADESH CAPITAL CITY

* 30 YEAR CONCESSION FOR A CONTRACTED COOLING CAPACITY OF 20,000 REFRIGERATION TONS

Source: [Zawya](#)

Saudi Arabia's huge investment fund is setting up shop in London and New York

Saudi Arabia's huge sovereign wealth fund is coming to Silicon Valley and Wall Street as it aims to pour billions more into foreign investments. The Public Investment Fund (PIF), which is chaired by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, is planning to open offices in New York, San Francisco and London.

Source: [CNN](#)

GFH signs \$100m real estate deal

GFH Financial Group (GFH) has signed a \$100 million real estate deal with a special purpose vehicle owned by Terra Real Estate Investments. The deal will see Terra pay \$40m to acquire 72 per cent of GFH's Harbour Row Residence in Bahrain and \$60m for a part of the group's real estate development in Morocco.

Source: [GDN](#)

Orascom investment holding shares jump 5% on Egypt's stock market

Orascom investment holding shares jump 5 percent on Egypt's stock market following comments by chairman on possible investment in Venezuela and North Korea. Egyptian billionaire businessman Naguib Sawiris said on Tuesday he sees opportunities for mining, telecoms and hotels in North Korea if a summit between its leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump later this month is successful.

Source: [Zawya](#)

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS**U.S. Futures Rise, Yen Drops on Tariff Delay Hopes: Markets Wrap**

Asian stocks pared declines and U.S. stock futures climbed after the U.S. was said to be weighing postponing China tariffs for 60 days. The yen dipped. The yuan advanced and share benchmarks came off their lows in Japan and Australia. Stocks slipped in Hong Kong and Korea. Mainland Chinese equities slipped after a rally on the Shanghai Composite Index from January lows hit 10 percent. The dollar slipped, while 10-year Treasury yields hovered around 2.70 percent.

Source: [Bloomberg](#)

China's January trade data comes in much stronger than expected

China's January dollar-denominated exports rose 9.1 percent from a year ago, defying a forecast of a 3.2 percent contraction. China's imports fell 1.5 percent over the same period, far better than the 10 percent decline that was expected. China's overall trade surplus of \$39.16 billion in January also beat expectations.

Source: [CNBC](#)

China, U.S. start high-level trade talks in Beijing: Xinhua

China and the United States began high level trade talks in Beijing on Thursday, state news agency Xinhua said. The talks are being led by Chinese Vice Premier Liu He, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, and will end on Friday, Xinhua said in a brief report.

Source: [Reuters](#)

COMMODITIES NEWS**Oil rises on hopes for U.S.-China trade spat breakthrough**

Oil prices rose on Thursday, buoyed by hopes that potential progress in the latest Sino-U.S. tariff talks would improve the global economic outlook. U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures were at \$54.15 per barrel at 0204 GMT, up 25

cents, or 0.5 percent, from their last settlement. They closed up 1.5 percent on Wednesday, having touched their highest since Feb. 5 at \$54.60 a barrel.

Source: **Reuters**

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