

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	767.51	45.29	6.27%	-9.02%	6.95	0.73	7.5%
U Capital GCC 50 Index	1,208.83	4.50	0.37%	-12.79%	19.26	1.99	4.3%
U Capital MENA 200 Index	948.70	3.92	0.41%	-13.02%	14.69	1.62	5.1%
MSCI GCC Countries Index	483.55	1.83	0.38%	-15.12%	15.24	1.64	4.3%
Muscat Securities Market	3,508.47	-3.30	-0.09%	-11.87%	10.00	0.76	6.8%
Saudi Stock Exchange	7,388.49	76.25	1.04%	-11.93%	22.24	1.80	3.5%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,163.52	23.35	0.38%	-15.04%	14.85	1.18	3.9%
Qatar Exchange	9,187.17	-24.72	-0.27%	-11.88%	14.48	1.42	4.4%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,277.52	3.16	0.25%	-20.66%	9.56	0.78	5.5%
Dubai Financial Market	2,062.08	0.59	0.03%	-25.42%	6.22	0.74	4.7%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	4,303.92	-7.80	-0.18%	-15.21%	13.79	1.29	5.9%
Beirut Stock Exchange	609.66	9.03	1.50%	-22.39%	3.21	0.36	0.3%
Tunis Se Index	6,575.87	25.98	0.40%	-7.67%	17.84	2.16	1.8%
EGX 30 Index	10,959.35	194.76	1.81%	-21.50%	10.86	1.52	3.2%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	USD/1 Unit	Units/1 USD
			%	%	Currency		
Europe					Australian Dollar (AUD)	0.696	1.436
FTSE 100	UK	6,157.3	-1.33%	-18.36%	British Pound (GBP)	1.249	0.800
DAX	Germany	12,528.2	-0.64%	-5.44%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	0.739	1.353
CAC 40	France	5,007.1	-0.84%	-16.24%	Chinese Renminbi (CNH)	0.142	7.048
United States					Egyptian Pound (EGP)	0.062	16.142
DJIA	USA	25,827.4	0.36%	-9.50%	Euro (EUR)	1.129	0.886
S&P 500	USA	3,130.0	0.45%	-3.12%	Indian Rupee (INR)	0.013	74.599
NASDAQ	USA	10,207.6	0.52%	13.76%	Japanese Yen (JPY)	0.009	107.700
Asia Pacific					New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	0.655	1.527
NIKKEI 225	Japan	22,723.0	1.86%	-3.95%	Omani Rial (OMR)	2.598	0.385
HANG SENG	Hongkong	26,114.1	2.90%	-7.36%	Pakistani Rupee (PKR)	0.602	166.425
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	35,057.5	0.02%	-13.94%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	0.014	71.431
NSE Nifty 50	India	10,738.8	1.24%	-11.75%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	0.718	1.392
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,297.6	4.59%	8.11%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	0.146	6.860
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	4,624.5	4.64%	12.89%			

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
	USD	%	%			
Oil						
Brent Crude (per bbl)	43.1	0.75%	-30.99%	UAE	0.63	-71.3%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	40.6	-0.25%	-33.59%	Saudi Arabia	0.98	-56.3%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	44.0	0.00%	-34.74%	Kuwait	1.63	-40.9%
OPEC (per bbl)	42.9	0.54%	-36.89%	Oman	2.67	-5.1%
Precious Metals						
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,773.8	0.09%	16.91%	Qatar	1.21	-46.0%
Silver (per oz)	18.0	0.01%	0.94%	Bahrain	2.30	-13.8%
Platinum (per oz)	814.6	0.47%	-15.72%	GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields		
Other Metals						
Copper, MT	6,017	-0.92%	-2.54%		Maturity date	YTM, %
Aluminium, MT	1,614	-0.43%	-10.83%	KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.50
Lead, MT	1,780	-0.11%	-7.63%	UAE	16/04/2030	1.85
Zinc, MT	2,026	-0.90%	-10.83%	QATAR	16/04/2030	1.96
				SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.20
				OMAN	01/08/2029	6.91
				BAHRAIN	14/05/2030	5.48

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	100.19	0.2	1m	0.16	-90.8%
5 year	99.71	0.3	3m	0.28	-85.5%
10 year	99.34	0.7	6m	0.37	-80.8%
30 year	94.88	1.5	1 year	0.51	-74.7%

Source: Bloomberg

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

OMAN ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

ODB starts receiving applications for emergency loans

Oman Development Bank (ODB) has started receiving applications for the interest-free emergency loans programme endorsed under the Royal orders of His Majesty Sultan Haitham Bin Tarik. The programme aims to help some segments of entrepreneurs whose businesses were gravely impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

New petroleum agreement signed in Oman

The Sultanate, represented by the Ministry of Oil and Gas signed a new Exploration and Production Sharing Agreement (EPSA) en route for having the right to explore and develop the concession Block 58, which occupies an overall area of 4,557 km². This new petroleum agreement was signed with Tethys Oil Company Qetpet Limited.

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

Oman retains crown as world's top gypsum exporter

For the third consecutive year, Oman maintained its dominant position as the world's biggest exporter of gypsum – shipping approximately 9.01 million tons of the commodity last year primarily to the ASEAN countries, Japan, India, Bangladesh, and South/East African countries.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

Galfar wins \$297m road dualisation contract

Galfar Engineering & Contracting, a publicly listed Omani firm, has announced that it's been awarded a contract valued at nearly \$297 million for the dualisation of a key stretch of the highway linking the northern and southern parts of the Sultanate.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

Osool & Bakheet issues Q2 2020 earnings forecast for 32 listed firms

Osool & Bakheet Investment Co. released Q2 2020 earnings forecast for 32 Saudi-listed firms under its coverage. Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) is expected to incur net losses of SAR 500 million for the second quarter.

Source: [Argaam](#)

Jadwa REIT signs 10-year lease contract for trade fairs in Riyadh

Jadwa REIT Saudi Fund signed a new lease contract for trade fairs held at Aber Al Yasmin Hotel, increasing the occupancy rate of the property to 100%, the fund manager, Jadwa Investment, said in a bourse filing. The trade fairs will be leased for 10 years, with a rental annual value of SAR 849,200 for the first 5 years, and SAR 934,100 for the remaining five years of the contracts, representing an increase of 10%.

Source: [Argaam](#)

Mideast's \$1.13trln export potential makes logistics sector attractive to global investors

Led by the UAE, the Middle East region, with its fast-growing status as a hub for exports, has the potential to attract an influx of global investors into its booming trade and logistics industry. The region, accounting for global exports valued at \$1.13 trillion, continues to move up the 'Logistics Performance Index' with the UAE taking the regional lead and ranking 11th globally, followed by Oman, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, and Egypt, according to a study by Savills, a leading global real estate advisor.

Source: [Zawya](#)

Zain KSA, Mobily to raise participation in telecom towers

Mobile Telecommunication Company Saudi Arabia (Zain KSA) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Etihad Etisalat Company (Mobily) to form a joint committee from both parties.

Source: [Mubasher](#)

Saudi Arabia announces haj health measures for domestic pilgrims

Saudi Arabia announced health protocols to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus in the 2020 haj season, banning gatherings and meetings between pilgrims, the state news agency said on Monday.

Source: [Reuters](#)

UAE establishes new government structure

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, UAE vice president, prime minister, and the ruler of Dubai, has announced the UAE's new government structure, in which around 50% of the federal entities will be merged with each other or within existing ministries. As part of the new government structure, 50% of the government service centres will be cancelled and transformed into digital platforms within two years.

Source: [Mubasher](#)

Banks buoy Saudi index; other major Gulf markets quiet

The Saudi Arabian stock market rose in early trade on Sunday, buoyed by its banking shares, while other major Gulf bourses were little changed. The kingdom extended for an additional period several government initiatives to support the private sector and investors in mitigating the impact of the coronavirus outbreak, state news agency SPA reported on Thursday, citing a decision by King Salman.

Source: [BR](#)

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

Shanghai soars more than 4%, leading gains in Asia as 'bull sentiment' drives markets

Shares in Asia Pacific were higher in Monday trade. Stocks in China led gains among the major markets regionally, with the Shanghai composite soaring more than 4%. The strong moves upward in the region came despite the World Health Organization saying Saturday that more than 200,000 coronavirus cases were confirmed over a 24-hour period — a record.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Dow futures jump more than 350 points as Wall Street tries to build on winning week

U.S. stock futures traded higher on Sunday night as Wall Street tried to build on the momentum from last week's solid performance. Dow Jones Industrial Average futures rose 358 points. S&P 500 futures and Nasdaq-100 futures also traded in positive territory. Wall Street was coming off strong gains after a shortened trading week due to the July Fourth holiday. The Dow and S&P 500 rose 3.3% and 4%, respectively, last week and the Nasdaq advanced 4.6% in that time.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Dollar in narrow range, yen falls as stocks rise

The dollar held steady against most currencies on Monday as investors awaited data expected to show the U.S. services sector stopped contracting, in what would give further hope to an economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Buffett's Berkshire to buy Dominion Energy gas assets for \$4 billion

Berkshire Hathaway Inc (BRKa.N) said its energy unit will buy Dominion Energy Inc's (D.N) natural gas transmission and storage network for \$4 billion, helping billionaire Chairman Warren Buffett reduce his conglomerate's cash pile while letting Dominion focus on utilities operations.

Source: [Reuters](#)

COMMODITIES NEWS

Oil prices mixed as coronavirus spike casts shadow over U.S. demand

Oil prices offered up a mixed market snapshot on Monday, with Brent crude edging higher, supported by tighter supplies, while U.S. benchmark WTI futures dropped on concern that a spike in coronavirus cases could curb oil demand in the United States.

Source: [Reuters](#)

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