

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	827.27	0.58	0.07%	-1.93%	7.45	0.75	7.3%
U Capital GCC 50 Index	1,267.82	4.10	0.32%	-8.53%	20.95	2.15	4.2%
U Capital MENA 200 Index	999.31	2.32	0.23%	-8.38%	15.76	1.72	4.7%
MSCI GCC Countries Index	512.84	1.52	0.30%	-9.98%	18.35	1.75	3.3%
Muscat Securities Market	3,701.19	-5.17	-0.14%	-7.03%	10.99	0.75	6.6%
Saudi Stock Exchange	8,089.54	39.40	0.49%	-3.57%	29.50	1.97	2.6%
Kuwait Stock Exchange	6,371.21	3.71	0.06%	-12.18%	28.56	1.33	3.7%
Qatar Exchange	9,760.68	35.40	0.36%	-6.38%	15.88	1.46	4.1%
Bahrain Stock Exchange	1,402.25	-2.58	-0.18%	-12.91%	13.06	0.88	5.0%
Dubai Financial Market	2,287.98	16.69	0.73%	-17.25%	8.65	0.81	4.2%
Abu Dhabi Exchange	4,519.56	11.61	0.26%	-10.96%	16.50	1.30	5.4%
Tunis Se Index	6,748.41	-10.71	-0.16%	-5.25%	18.78	2.25	0.8%
EGX 30 Index	10,951.29	-184.74	-1.66%	-21.56%	11.43	1.47	2.9%

World Markets	Country	Value	D/D	YTD	Currency Cross Rates	USD/1 Unit	Units/1 USD
Europe			%	%	Currency		
FTSE 100	UK	5,930.3	-0.12%	-21.37%	Australian Dollar (AUD)	0.722	1.384
DAX	Germany	12,968.3	-1.01%	-2.12%	British Pound (GBP)	1.296	0.771
CAC 40	France	4,973.5	-1.59%	-16.80%	Canadian Dollar (CAD)	0.756	1.323
United States					Chinese Renminbi (CNH)	0.146	6.852
DJIA	USA	27,500.9	-2.25%	-3.64%	Egyptian Pound (EGP)	0.063	15.795
S&P 500	USA	3,331.8	-2.78%	3.13%	Euro (EUR)	1.178	0.849
NASDAQ	USA	10,847.7	-4.11%	20.90%	Indian Rupee (INR)	0.014	73.606
Asia Pacific					Japanese Yen (JPY)	0.009	105.910
NIKKEI 225	Japan	22,974.6	-1.26%	-2.88%	New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	0.662	1.510
HANG SENG	Hongkong	24,385.5	-0.97%	-13.50%	Omani Rial (OMR)	2.597	0.385
KSE 100 Index	Pakistan	41,634.6	-0.86%	2.21%	Pakistani Rupee (PKR)	0.602	166.267
NSE Nifty 50	India	11,236.1	-0.72%	-7.66%	Russian Ruble (RUB)	0.013	76.301
SHANGHAI COMPOSITE	China	3,281.0	-1.07%	7.57%	Singapore Dollar (SGD)	0.729	1.371
SHANGHAI SHENZHEN CSI 300	China	4,622.6	-1.53%	12.84%	Turkish Lira (TRY)	0.134	7.487

Commodity Prices	Price	D/D	YTD	GCC 3m Interbank Rates	Current Rate %	YTD %
	USD	%	%			
Oil				UAE	0.33	-85.3%
Brent Crude (per bbl)	39.6	-0.45%	-35.74%	Saudi Arabia	0.89	-60.1%
WTI Crude (per bbl)	36.5	-0.60%	-40.16%	Kuwait	1.63	-40.9%
Oman Crude Oil (Last Closing)	39.1	-6.97%	-42.01%	Oman	2.68	-4.8%
OPEC (per bbl)	41.6	-4.10%	-38.73%	Qatar	1.15	-48.7%
Precious Metals				Bahrain	2.28	-14.4%
Gold100 OZ (per oz)	1,929.4	-0.13%	27.16%			
Silver (per oz)	26.6	-0.18%	49.13%			
Platinum (per oz)	905.2	0.28%	-6.35%			
Other Metals						
Copper, MT	6,668	-1.78%	8.00%			
Aluminium, MT	1,792	-0.31%	-0.99%			
Lead, MT	1,904	-3.42%	-1.22%			
Zinc, MT	2,417	-3.69%	6.38%			

GCC Latest 10-Yr Government Bond Yields	Maturity date	YTM, %
KUWAIT	20/03/2027	1.26
UAE	16/04/2030	1.71
QATAR	16/04/2030	1.81
SAUDI ARABIA	22/10/2030	2.24
OMAN	01/08/2029	6.20
BAHRAIN	14/05/2030	5.26

Midswaps	Price	YTM %	USD Libor	Rate (%)	YTD
3 year	99.88	0.2	1m	0.16	-91.2%
5 year	99.94	0.3	3m	0.24	-87.3%
10 year	99.59	0.7	6m	0.29	-84.7%
30 year	99.30	1.4	1 year	0.42	-78.9%

Source: Bloomberg

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

OMAN ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

Pact inked to bolster role of SMEs in food systems

Intending to promote sustainable food systems and contribute to the improvement of food and nutrition security in the Sultanate, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and Zubair Small Enterprises Centre (Zubair SEC) – a social impact initiative by The Zubair Corporation - have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalise their collaboration towards strengthening the role of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in achieving food security in Oman. This partnership serves as an example of multi-stakeholder efforts towards meeting the goals set by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Source: [Times of Oman](#)

Oman Aviation Group in strategic tie-up with DHL

Oman Aviation Group (OAG) has announced a strategic partnership with global logistics giant DHL to support the development of air logistics at Muscat Airport City. The announcement came at an official press conference held at Muscat's Kempinski Hotel and attended by representatives of both organisations, Group CEO of Oman Aviation Group, Mustafa al Hinai, and Country Manager of DHL Oman, Moustafa Osman.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

Oman tipped to become regional hub for ecommerce

DHL, a global market leader in the logistics industry, says it plans to capitalise on Oman's potential to become a regional hub for ecommerce — an industry that has grown internationally at a blistering 300 per cent during the pandemic. According to a high-level executive, newly announced investments in dedicated storage facility at Muscat International Airport are in line with DHL's ecommerce growth strategy.

Source: [Oman Observer](#)

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

Saudi Arabia's annual real estate deals hit SAR 160.1 bln, first rise in 6 years

The value of Saudi Arabia's real estate transactions increased 2%, or SAR 2.7 billion year-on-year (YoY) to SAR 160.1 billion over the year starting from Aug. 31, 2019 (1441 Hijri year), recording its first rise in 6 years, Saudi Justice Ministry's data showed. The number of the real estate transactions over the 12-month period stood at around 285,100, up from 277,400 in year-earlier period.

Source: [Argaam](#)

Saudi cement sales jump 38% to 4.3 mln tons in August 2020

The aggregate sales of 17 Saudi cement producers climbed 38% to 4.3 million tons in August 2020, compared to 3.1 million tons in the same month last year, data issued by Yamama Cement Company showed.

Source: [Argaam](#)

KAEC's Industrial Valley begins operation of largest logistics center in Saudi Arabia

Industrial Valley (IV) in King Abdullah Economic City (KAEC) announced the beginning of trial operation of the integrated logistical centre that is implemented by one of the leading distribution companies in the kingdom. The centre has more than 110,000 order capacity to store medical and food products using state-of-the-art technologies in line with modern international standards, state-run Saudi Press Agency (SPA) reported on Tuesday.

Source: [Mubasher](#)

Middle East airports to lose 250mln passenger traffic, \$8bln revenues in 2020

Airports in the Middle East will lose around 60 per cent of passenger traffic and revenues in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Airports Council International (ACI) said in its latest report. The trade association of the world's airports said that Middle East airport passenger traffic this year will slump by 250 million from the 420 million projected during pre-Covid-19 to 170 million.

Source: [Zawya](#)

Bahrain's ABC says in preliminary talks to buy Blom Bank's Egypt business

Bahrain's Bank ABC said on Tuesday it was in preliminary talks to buy Blom Bank's Egyptian subsidiary, pitting it against Dubai's Emirates NBD, which is also a potential bidder. Blom has hired CI Capital to advise on a sale that could fetch \$250 million to \$300 million as the Lebanese lender tries to boost its capital, Reuters reported last month, citing two sources familiar with the deal.

Source: [Arab News](#)

Wizz Air is all set to launch UAE's latest airline on October 1

The UAE's latest airline, Wizz Air Abu Dhabi, is on schedule for an October 1 launch... provided all the COVID-19 related restrictions on flights are removed. That's according to the CEO of Wizz Air, the Budapest-based budget carrier, which operates the Abu Dhabi joint venture in tandem with ADQ, the Abu Dhabi Government owned investment company.

Source: [Gulf News](#)

Mideast Stocks: Major Gulf markets gain in early trade

Major stock markets in the Gulf rose in early trade on Tuesday, with property shares supporting the Saudi index. Saudi Arabia's benchmark index gained 0.4%, with Jabal Omar Development advancing 3.1% and oil behemoth Saudi Aramco adding 0.7%. Dubai's main share index rose 0.3%, helped by a 1.3% gain in logistic firm Aramex and a 1.4% increase in shopping malls operator Emaar Malls.

Source: [Zawya](#)

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC & CORPORATE NEWS

Tech rout roils Asian shares, oil futures extend slump

Asian shares fell on Wednesday and oil prices hit lows not seen since June after a rout of technology shares sank Wall Street for a third consecutive day and a major drugmaker delayed testing of a coronavirus vaccine. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS slid 1.12%. Australian stocks dropped 2.24%, while shares in China .CSI300 fell 1.16%. Japan's Nikkei .N225 skidded by 1.69%.

Source: [Reuters](#)

Tesla loses more than combined GM, Ford market value

Tesla (NASDAQ:TSLA) Inc shed about \$80 billion of its market value on Tuesday, an amount that overshadows the combined value of General Motors Co (NYSE:GM) and Ford Motor (NYSE:F) Co, after its surprise exclusion from the S&P 500 index. Tesla's shares recorded their worst single-day percentage drop ever and added to the broader sell-off in technology stocks, which have dominated Wall Street's recovery from the coronavirus-driven crash earlier this year.

Source: [Investing](#)

The six biggest tech stocks have lost more than \$1 trillion in value in three days

The six biggest tech stocks have lost more than \$1 trillion over the last three days alone, but it's really just a dent coming off a huge rally that peaked last week. Apple, which hit a \$2 trillion market cap on Aug. 19, is down about \$325 billion in that time period. "To help put that in perspective, that's about 1.5 Salesforces, and equivalent to Apple's projected revenues for the next calendar year. Jefferies' Jared Weisfeld told CNBC's Fast Money on Tuesday.

Source: [CNBC](#)

AstraZeneca shares drop 6% after company announces 'routine' safety pause in coronavirus vaccine trial

AstraZeneca shares fell more than 6% in after-hours trading Tuesday after the company said its late-stage trial for a potential coronavirus vaccine had been put on hold due to safety concerns. "This is a routine action which has to happen whenever there is a potentially unexplained illness in one of the trials, while it is investigated, ensuring we maintain the integrity of the trials," the company said in a statement to CNBC.

Source: [CNBC](#)

Apple seeks damages from 'Fortnite' creator in App Store dispute

Apple on Tuesday filed counter claims against "Fortnite" creator Epic Games asking for lost App Store fees and other damages, and seeking an order to stop the game maker from operating its own in-app payment system. Apple and Epic have been in a legal battle since August, when the maker of the popular game launched its own in-app payment system to circumvent what it called Apple's monopolistic practices. Apple's App Store requires developers to use Apple's payment system and pay a 30 percent commission.

Source: [News](#)

COMMODITIES NEWS

Oil falls further amid growing alarm over coronavirus second wave

Oil futures fell further on Wednesday after big declines the previous session with Brent sliding below \$40 a barrel for the first time since June as COVID-19 cases rebounded in several countries. The biggest global health crisis in a century continues to

flare unabated with cases rising in India, Great Britain, Spain and several parts of the United States, where the infection rate has not come under control for months.

Source: **Reuters**

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