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GCC Markets		Change			
Index	Close	Daily	WTD	MTD	YTD
BH ▲	1,393.92	0.15%	-0.5%	-0.2%	-4.4%
OM ▲	6,294.55	0.51%	2.9%	3.9%	-1.2%
KW ▼	6,654.90	-0.19%	1.1%	1.7%	-5.0%
SE	6,266.81	Mkt Closed	2.9%	2.8%	2.4%
QA ▲	7,029.45	0.20%	1.1%	1.9%	1.0%
DU ▼	1,512.40	-0.03%	-1.1%	3.5%	-16.1%
AD ▼	2,545.80	-0.06%	-0.2%	1.3%	-7.2%

International Markets		Change			
Index	Close	Daily	WTD	MTD	YTD
DJIA ▼	10,497.88	-0.4%	0.7%	7.4%	0.7%
NASDAQ ▼	2,264.56	-1.0%	-0.2%	7.4%	-0.2%
FTSE 100 ▲	5,360.72	0.8%	0.9%	9.0%	-1.0%
S&P 500 ▼	1,106.13	-0.7%	0.3%	7.3%	-0.8%
NIKKEI 225 ▼	9,696.02	-0.6%	2.8%	3.3%	-8.1%
HANGSENG ▲	21,093.82	0.0%	1.3%	4.8%	-3.6%
SENSEX ▲	17,992.00	0.2%	-0.8%	1.6%	3.0%

Source: Bloomberg data updated at 3 pm local time

Commodities & Major Currencies		Change				
	Price	Daily	WTD	MTD	YTD	
Gold Spot	USD/ Oz	1,165.60	0.2%	-2.0%	-6.2%	6.3%
Silver Spot	USD/ Oz	17.62	0.8%	-2.7%	-5.4%	4.4%
Nymex Spot	USD/ Barrel	76.47	0.5%	-1.3%	1.6%	-6.8%
Aluminium	USD/ Tonne	2,048.50	0.7%	1.9%	5.0%	-6.8%
Copper	USD/ Tonne	7,146.25	1.6%	2.0%	10.2%	-2.7%
Nickel	USD/ Tonne	20,333.00	-0.7%	0.3%	3.3%	10.2%
Zinc	USD/ Tonne	1,926.50	2.4%	2.5%	9.5%	-23.8%
EUR/ USD		1.31	0.7%	1.4%	6.9%	-8.6%
YEN/ EUR		0.88	0.0%	0.7%	5.1%	-14.7%
YEN/ USD		0.01	-0.7%	-0.6%	-1.7%	-6.6%

Source: Bloomberg data updated at 3 pm local time

### Regional Markets

#### Bahrain

The Bahrain All Share Index closed 0.2% above the centreline, on the back of buying across key sectors. The Commercial Bank sector gained 12.67 pts as Ahli Untd Bk gained 2%. Nass Corp jumped 3% to top the gainers' chart and closed at its day-high of BHD 0.212. Arab Ins Grp was up 2%. Accounting for more than 45% of the day's overall market volume of 1.98 million shares, Al Salam Bk closed flat at BHD 0.074. In contrast, the Investment sector shed 3.42 pts, as Ithmaar Bk slipped 4%. Nat Bk of Bah lost 2.5% and Al Baraka Bking Grp was down 1%.

#### Oman

Oman added a 0.5% to close in the green for the third straight session. The Banking & Investments (+0.4%) sector continued to lead the advancers, as Bk Dhofar (+3%), Bk Sohar (+1%), and BankMuscat (+0.4%) extended gains. Dhofar Power zoomed 25% to topped the gainer's chart. Dhofar Tourism (+5%), Raysut Cem (+1.5%), Nat Bk of Oman (+1%), and Omantel (+1%) were the other notable gainers. On the other hand, the Services & Insurance sector shed 0.2%, as Oman Engg & Invt slipped 2%, while Al Jazeera Ser, and Galfar Engg were down 1% each.

#### Kuwait

Losses across sectors compelled the Kuwait Exchange to close 0.2% lower. The Insurance (-1%) sector shed the most, after Gulf Ins slipped 3%. Dar Al Thuraya RE plummeted 10% to lead the decliners' chart, while the market favorite Gulf Fin House plunged 6%. Gulf Cem lost 6% in just a single trade of 20,000 shares. Index heavyweight Agility and Wataniya were down 2% and 1%, respectively. Meanwhile, the Food sector added 1%, after Untd Foodstuff Ind Grp jumped 5%, and Americana added 1%. Fujairah Cem gained 8%, and Future Comm rose 6%. Around 314.96 million shares changed hands today in 5,246 trades.

#### Qatar

Buoyed by gains across most sectors the Qatar Exchange closed 0.2% higher. The Insurance sector was up 77.79 pts, with Qat Ins gaining 1%. The Industry sector gained 36.24 pts and the Service sector added 13.92 pts. Ezdan RE jumped 5%, and Nat Leasing piling 2.5%. Market favourites Barwa RE and Comml Bk of Qat were up 1% each. Meanwhile, the Banking & Financial sector lost 1.58 pts as Masraf Al Rayan and Qat Nat Bk slipped 1% each. Qat Islamic Ins declined 3% and Vodafone Qat was down 1%. Of the 38 traded entities, 19 advanced, 13 declined, while 6 remained unchanged.

#### Dubai

The DFM index closed flat with a negative bias. The Utilities and Fin/Invest. sectors lost 2% and 1%, respectively, as Gulf Gen Invt (-5%), Tabreed (-2%), and DFM Co. (-1%) closed lower. Kuwait-based Global Invt House plunged 10%, Al Firdous Hldg shed 5%, and Gulf Fin House pared 4%. Meanwhile, the Real Estate sector added a marginal 0.2%, with Arabtec and Emaar gaining 0.6% and 0.3%, respectively. Shuaa Capital rose 4% and Comml Bk of Dubai was up 3%.

#### Abu Dhabi

Losses in the Energy (-1%) and Telecommunication (-0.5%) sectors kept the Abu Dhabi market below the centerline for the second straight session, albeit marginally. Bk of Sharjah lost 3% and Etisalat was down 0.5%. Taqa, Green Crescent Ins, and Waha Capital pared around 2% each. On a positive note, the Construction sector gained 1%, as UAQ Cem (+9%) and Arkan Buldg Materials (+3%) recorded significant gains. Oman & Emirates Invt Hldg closed at its upper circuit of 10%.

## Corporate News

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### ***Bahrain to build BHD100m power station ...***

Bahrain plans to build a new power station in the country estimated to cost BHD 100 million. The Executive Director of the Electricity and Water Authority (EWA) said that the new power plant will be built in just one phase and the capacity will expand from the existing 220-kilovolt and 66-kilovolt plants to 440-kilovolts.

### ***Al Jazeera Steel sales grow 87% ...***

Al Jazeera Steel Products Co. has reported an impressive 87% growth in steel sales during the first half of this year. Revenues during 1H10 soared to OMR 32.076 million from OMR 17.161 million during the same period last year. Total production of steel products jumped 93% to 107,671 metric tonnes (MT) from 55,801 MT. In terms of volume, sales were 79% higher at 105,266 MT this year from 58,778 MT during the first half of last year.

### ***Ghazal secures USD50mn reinsurance deal ...***

Kuwait-based Ghazal Insurance Co. has signed a USD 50 million open-ended reinsurance deal in London to cover oil and energy risks. Ghazal signed the deal as member of a consortium led by Chartis Insurance UK Ltd.

### ***Saudi Aramco signs contracts for USD10bn Yanbu refinery ...***

Saudi Arabian Oil Co. (Saudi Aramco), the world's biggest oil company, has signed contracts with several local and international contractors to build a USD 10 billion export refinery at Yanbu on the Red Sea. Saudi Aramco has signed an EPC (engineering, procurement and construction) contract for the Yanbu Export Refinery Project with companies including Tecnicas Reunidas and Daelim Industrial Co.

### ***QIIB seeking stake in IBB ...***

Qatar International Islamic Bank (QIIB) will raise its holding in Islamic Bank of Britain (IBB) by buying new shares. IBB plans to raise USD 31 million through the placement of new shares. QIIB holds an 11.2% stake in IBB and is the Gulf state's sixth-largest lender by market value. Following the share placement, the Qatari lender will hold an 81% share in IBB.

### ***Dubai Investments' profit drops 32% ...***

Dubai Investments, which owns stakes in more than 40 companies, reported a 32% decline in second-quarter profit due to declines in investment income. The company's net income fell to AED 196.3 million from AED 287 million during the same period last year. Income from sale of goods and services fell 1.8% to AED 309.4 million, while contract revenue rose 30% to AED 213.8 million.

### ***UNB's 2Q10 profit up 25% ...***

Abu Dhabi-based Union National Bank (UNB) made a net profit of AED 340 million during the three-month period ending June 30, up from AED 271.3 million during the same period last year. The bank's loan impairments stood at AED 216.5 million at the end of the first half versus AED 113.7 million a year earlier.

## Other News

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### **BH: ABC's 2Q10 net profit up 54% ...**

Arab Banking Corporation (ABC), a leading Bahrain-based bank reported, a 54% increase in second-quarter net profit to USD 34 million from USD 22 million. Announcing the results, ABC said the bank's profit for the first half-year of 2010 hit USD 75 million, up 39% YoY.

### **OM: AACT to boost capacity ...**

Al Anwar Ceramic Tiles Company (AACT), which has a dominant position in the domestic ceramic tiles market with its popular Al Shams brand, is planning to expand its installed capacity by 6.0 million sq m in two phases. This will take the total capacity to 16.0 million sq m per annum at an estimated cost of OMR 12 million.

### **OM: OIB's net profit declines 36% in second quarter ...**

Oman International Bank (OIB), the country's fourth-largest bank by market value, reported a 36% decline in second-quarter net profit. The bank made a second-quarter net profit of OMR 3.5 million compared to OMR 5.47 million during the same quarter in 2009. OIB reported a profit of OMR 9.23 million during the first six months of the year.

### **OM: Salalah Mills investing in new flourmill project ...**

Salalah Mills Co. is making headway in the development of a new combined mill project for the production of flour and semolina. During the first half of the current year, total sales by the parent company increased by 6.7%. In value terms, sales generated OMR 12 million in earnings, which is 1.5% higher than the revenues generated during the corresponding period last year.

### **KW: Kuwait, Chile sign four agreements ...**

Kuwaiti and the Chilean authorities signed four agreements to improve trade relations between the two countries. The first agreement aims to establish a joint committee for cooperation between the governments of both countries. The other two agreements are to enhance economic, technical and commercial cooperation, and the fourth is to improve aviation services.

### **SA: Moody's affirms stable outlook for IDB ...**

Moody's Investors Service has reaffirmed for a fifth consecutive year the Islamic Development Bank's (IDB) 'Aaa' long-term and 'P-1' short-term foreign currency issuer rating assigning a stable outlook. Moody's added that IDB's rating is strongly supported by the commitment of member countries, and highlighted that the bank's capital base remains strong, its operational assets continue to perform well, and the bank has a high liquidity and a very low debt level.

### **DU: Tabreed to reduce capital decrease ...**

Cooling firm Tabreed, which plans to restructure debt, will ask its board of directors to approve a reduction in the firm's share capital. The firm, also known as the National Cooling Co, is part owned by the Abu Dhabi government investment vehicle Mubadala, and provides services to projects such as Dubai Metro and Yas Island in the capital. In May, Tabreed won shareholder approval to restructure its USD 1.47 billion debt as part of a recapitalisation plan.

### **AD: ADPC awards AED1bn contract to Ed Zublin venture ...**

Abu Dhabi Ports Co. awarded a contract valued AED 1 billion to a joint venture between ED Zublin and Al Jaber Transport and General Contracting for its Khalifa Port and Industrial Zone project. The contract is for the design, construction, fit-out, testing, and commissioning of the offshore port's civil and structural building works. The port's operations are scheduled to start in 2012.

## Corporate Results

Exch.	Company	Curr.	Net Profits (Mn)		
			1H10	1H09	%chg
OM	United Power Company	OMR	1.21	0.63	92.8%
OM	Omani Packaging Company	OMR	0.27	0.35	-23.9%
OM	Oman Foods International	OMR	0.02	0.35	-94.6%
OM	National Securities Company	OMR	(0.30)	0.14	N/A
OM	Majan Glass Company	OMR	1.51	1.41	6.7%
OM	Dhofar Insurance Company	OMR	2.22	2.52	-12.1%
OM	Al Jazeera Steel Products Company	OMR	1.16	(2.08)	N/A
OM	The National Detergent Company	OMR	0.93	0.56	68.0%
OM	Sohar Power Company	OMR	2.20	1.74	27.0%
KW	Kuwait Insurance Company	KWD	2.89	(4.72)	N/A
KW	Future Communications Company Global	KWD	1.51	1.54	-1.7%
KW	Coast Investment and Development Company	KWD	(0.85)	(0.75)	14.0%
QA	Salam International Investment	QAR	68.77	63.30	8.7%
AD	National Bank of Abu Dhabi	AED	2,031.65	1,676.98	21.1%

## Public Issue Tracker

	Type	Country	Industry	Eligibility	Shares offered	Price/Unit	Open Date	Close Date
Abdullah A M Al Khodari Sons Company	IPO	Saudi Arabia	Construction	-	30%	-	04 Oct 2010	10 Oct 2010
Saudi Aramco Total Refining and Petrochemical Company	IPO	Saudi Arabia	Oil and Gas	-	25%	-	2010	-
Ta'jeer Company	IPO	Saudi Arabia	Financial Services	-	30%	-	2H10	-
Al Akhawain Company	IPO	Saudi Arabia	Agriculture	-	30%	-	2010	-
Al Rayan Investment Company	IPO	UAE	Financial Services	-	55%	-	2010	-
Al Yousuf Motors	IPO	UAE	Transport	-	30%	-	2010	-

## TAIB FUNDS MONITOR

	Latest NAV* (US\$)	Reported Date	YTD Returns
TAIB Islamic Fund (GCC)	59.93	20 Jul 2010	-6.13%
TAIB GCC Blue Chip Fund (GCC)	101.45	20 Jul 2010	-1.53%

\*Based on internal estimates

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