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GCC Markets		Change			
Index	Close	Daily	WTD	MTD	YTD
BH	1,420.14	-0.21%	-0.9%	0.1%	-2.6%
OM	6,259.95	0.00%	-0.2%	0.1%	-1.7%
KW	6,703.20	0.38%	0.9%	0.2%	-4.3%
SE	6,158.99	Mkt Closed	2.6%	0.9%	0.6%
QA	7,305.96	0.76%	2.0%	1.1%	5.0%
DU	1,497.78	0.76%	0.0%	1.0%	-17.0%
AD	2,494.52	0.12%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-9.1%

International Markets		Change			
Index	Close	Daily	WTD	MTD	YTD
DJIA	10,269.47	2.5%	1.2%	2.5%	-1.5%
NASDAQ	2,176.84	3.0%	1.1%	3.0%	-4.1%
FTSE 100	5,360.51	-0.1%	3.1%	2.6%	-1.0%
S&P 500	1,080.29	3.0%	1.5%	3.0%	-3.1%
NIKKEI 225	9,062.84	1.5%	0.8%	2.7%	-14.1%
HANGSENG	20,868.92	1.2%	1.3%	1.6%	-4.6%
SENSEX	18,238.31	0.2%	1.3%	1.5%	4.4%

Source: Bloomberg data updated at 3 pm local time

Commodities & Major Currencies		Change				
	Price	Daily	WTD	MTD	YTD	
Gold Spot	USD/ Oz	1,246.75	0.2%	0.7%	-0.1%	13.7%
Silver Spot	USD/ Oz	19.42	0.3%	1.7%	0.3%	15.1%
Nymex Spot	USD/ Barrel	75.70	-0.9%	-1.2%	1.4%	-8.3%
Aluminium	USD/ Tonne	2,084.75	2.1%	2.0%	2.1%	-5.1%
Copper	USD/ Tonne	7,593.25	2.2%	2.0%	2.2%	3.4%
Nickel	USD/ Tonne	20,996.00	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	13.8%
Zinc	USD/ Tonne	2,103.25	3.4%	1.9%	3.4%	-16.8%
EUR/ USD		1.28	0.1%	0.5%	1.1%	-10.5%
YEN/ EUR		0.93	-0.2%	-0.8%	1.1%	-19.0%
YEN/ USD		0.01	-0.3%	-1.2%	0.0%	-9.5%

Source: Bloomberg data updated at 3 pm local time

Regional Markets

Bahrain

Losses in the Commercial Bank (-5.00 pts) and Investment (-2.95 pts) sectors dragged the BASI 0.2% below the centreline to 1,420.14. Bah Islamic Bk plunged 8% to close at 54-week lows of BHD 0.146, while Gulf Fin House slipped 7% to close at its day-low of USD 0.135. On the positive side, the Service sector added 0.58 pts, with Nass Corp piling 1%. BBK was up 1%. Accounting for more than 53% of the day's market volumes, Ithmaar Bk closed flat at USD 0.140. The day's trading volume was about 2.11 million shares, valued at BHD 0.20 million.

Oman

The Omani market closed on a flat note with a positive bias at 6,259.95 for the second straight session. The Service & Insurance sector added 0.3%, as Oman Engg & Invt jumped 2%, Oman United Ins gained 1.5%, and Oman Fisheries advanced 1%. Muscat Gases (+5%), Finl Ser (+4%), Al Anwar Ceramic (+0.3%), ONIC Hldg (+0.3%), BankMuscat (+0.2%), and Omantel (+0.1%) closed higher. However, the Banking & Investments sector shed 0.2% on gains in Taageer Fin (-8%), Oman & Emirates Invt (-4%), and Ahli Bk (-0.4%). Oman textile Hldg was down 1%.

Kuwait

The KSE index added 0.4% on the back of strong gains across most sectors. The Insurance (+2%) sector gained the most, as Gulf Ins advanced 8% to top the gainers' chart. The Banking sector was up 1%, after Nat Bk of Kuw and Burgan Bk gained 3% each, while Comml Bk of Kuw piled 2%. Index heavyweights Wataniya and Zain were up 3% and 2%, respectively. Hayat Com added 6% and Kuw Invt rose 5%. Meanwhile, the Food sector slipped 1%, as Danah Al Safat Foodstuff lost 2% and Americana declined 1%. Mena RE and Gulf North Africa Hldg plunged 5% each.

Qatar

Supported by gains across counters, the QE Index was up 1%. The Banking & Financial sector added 105.79 pts, while the Industrial sector was up 54.20 pts. Doha Bk and Gulf Warehousing soared 2% each, while Comml Bk of Qat, Qat General Ins, Ind Qat added 1% each. Nat Leasing jumped 4% to lead the gainers' chart followed by a 3% gain in Masraf Al Rayan. Qat Islamic Bk (+1%), Untd Dev (+1%), Qat E-City & Water (+1%), Qat Ins (+0.5%), and Qtel (+0.4%) were the other major gainers for the day. On the other hand, Qat Islamic Ins and Doha Ins slipped 1% each. Ezdan RE lost 2% and Qat Islamic Securities dipped 1%.

Dubai

Gains across counters boosted the DFM index 1% higher to close at 1,497.78. The Transport sector was up 2%, as Gulf Navigation, Aramex, and Air Arabia jumped 4%, 3%, and 0.1%, respectively. In addition, the Fin/Invest. and Real Estate sectors gained 1% each, with Gulf General Invt increasing 3%, Emaar adding 1%, and DFM Co. inching up 0.7%. Global Invt House (+12%) topped the gainers' list, whereas Al Salam Bk Sudan plunged 10%. Takaful House declined 5%, and Hits Telecom was down 2%.

Abu Dhabi

After shedding almost 1% during the last three sessions, the Abu Dhabi market closed in the green today, albeit marginally. The Banking sector was up 4.03 pts, boosted by gains in Bk of Sharjah (+3%) and AD Comml Bk (+1%). Methaq Takaful (+3%), AD Nat Hotels (+2%), and Julphar (+1%) were the other major gainers. Only Union Nat Bk (-1%) closed lower. Nearly 39.06 million shares changed hands grossing a turnover of AED 126.03 million.

Corporate News

SULB begins work on USD1.2bn steel JV ...

Bahrain's United Steel Co. (SULB), a joint venture between local firm Gulf United Steel Holding Co., and Japan's Yamato Kogyo Co., has started construction works at its USD 1.2 billion steel complex, considered the largest of its kind in the world. Fencing and leveling works are expected to be completed within six months after which the construction of plant and smelters will begin. The company is committed to complete the project in 2012.

Nawras to sell shares in IPO ...

Nawras, Oman's second-biggest mobile operator plans to sell 40% of its shares through Oman's first initial public offering (IPO). Nawras will offer 260 million shares at a nominal price of 100 baisas through a book-building process starting September 15, 2010.

City Group to buy 51% stake in Arab Transport ...

City Group Co., a Kuwaiti passenger transport and logistics firm, is set to acquire 51% of an Arab transport company for USD 9 million, and the deal is expected to conclude in October. The company plans to expand its operations in Jordan through its unit Comprehensive Multiple Transportation Co. and expects to purchase 50 additional buses after the recent 116, said the company's senior official.

KHI sells Four Seasons Cairo stake for USD145mn ...

Kingdom Hotel Investments (KHI), a subsidiary of Saudi Arabian conglomerate Kingdom Holding Co., has sold its 43.7% stake in Four Seasons Hotel, Cairo to Arab Company for Hotel and Tourism Investments for USD 145 million. The hotel will be managed by Four Seasons in which KIH holds a 47.5% stake.

QNB eyes stake in Indonesian bank ...

Qatar National Bank (QNB), the gas-rich state's largest lender by market value, has signed a letter of intent with Indonesia's Bank Kesawan to make it the standby buyer for a planned rights issue that could eventually see QNB become the controlling shareholder. The rights issue is expected to close in the first quarter of 2011.

Damas transfers 20mn shares to Amwal Al Khaleej ...

Damas International Ltd. has transferred 20 million shares worth USD 3.2 million to Amwal Al Khaleej Commercial Investment Co., as part of a settlement with Amwal's founder Abdullah Brothers and Damas Investments. The share transfer price was USD 0.16. Amwal's shareholding in the company has increased to 13.26% from 11.23%, after the transaction.

Takreer awards contract to GS Engineering ...

Abu Dhabi Oil Refining Company (Takreer) has awarded a USD 620 million oil pipeline contract to GS Engineering & Construction Co. Under the deal, the South Korean builder will construct a 910-km pipeline linking refineries in Abu Dhabi. The project is expected to complete by 2014.

Other News

OM: Galfar Engineering wins OMR39.5mn contracts ...

Galfar Engineering & Contracting, an Omani construction company, has won two contracts at a combined value of OMR 39.5 million. The contracts are for a road project and construction of a hotel in the country.

KW: KOC to re-launch tenders for 9 rigs ...

State-owned Kuwait Oil Co. (KOC) is set to re-launch tenders for the purchase of nine rigs for natural gas exploration and development in northern Kuwait. The tenders, which target local and foreign companies, were scheduled for May but were delayed because a few international firms had submitted much higher prices than specified, according to company sources.

KW: KOTC signs KWD54.6mn LNG contract ...

Kuwait Oil Tanker Co. (KOTC) signed a KWD 54.6 million contract with South Korean Hanhwa Company to establish a liquefied gas plant in Kuwait. The new plant will have a capacity for filling 15 million (12kg) gas cylinders per year.

SA: JDC to develop SAR330mn residential project ...

Saudi Arabia's Jazan Development Co. (JDC) is looking to appoint an advisor to study a SAR 330 million real estate project it plans to implement. The project involves the construction of 1,600 residential units on a 149,000 sq m plot in Jazan city, Saudi. The move is part of the company's plan to diversify investments in order to reduce risk by expanding into the real estate sector.

QA: Barwa halts USD9.2bn worth projects ...

Barwa Real Estate Co., Qatar's biggest property developer by assets, has halted planned projects worth USD 9.2 billion in the cities of Doha and Al Khor, until the market improves. The company believes that there is oversupply of residential and office space in the country.

DU: Foreigners net buyers on DFM in August ...

Foreign and institutional investors remained net buyers on the Dubai Financial Market (DFM) in August 2010, while GCC and UAE nationals were net sellers, indicating varying risk perceptions in a depressed market, as announced in the trading statistics released by the DFM. Foreign investors bought shares worth AED 779.2 million in August, comprising 52.3% of the total value of stocks traded during the month. However, the value of stocks sold rose to AED 728.8 million, comprising 49% of the total value of stocks on the bourse, thus showing a net investment inflow of AED 50.4 million.

Public Issue Tracker

	Type	Country	Industry	Eligibility	Shares offered	Price/Unit	Open Date	Close Date
Omani Qatari Telecommunications Company	IPO	Oman	Telecommunication	-	40%	-	10 Sep 2010	-
Saudi Aramco Total Refining and Petrochemical Company	IPO	Saudi Arabia	Oil and Gas	-	25%	-	2010	-
Tajjeer 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	-
Al-Mutakamilah	IPO	Saudi Arabia	Telecommunication	-	25%	-	2010	-
Aljasr Takaful Insurance Company	IPO	Qatar	Financial Services	-	60%	-	2010	-
Alpha Tours	IPO	UAE	Leisure and Tourism	-	50%	-	2010	-

TAIB FUNDS MONITOR

	Latest NAV* (US\$)	Reported Date	YTD Returns
TAIB Islamic Fund (GCC)	60.80	17 Aug 2010	-4.77%
TAIB GCC Blue Chip Fund (GCC)	103.70	17 Aug 2010	0.65%

*Based on internal estimates

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