Al-Baker calls on aviation industry to cut costs

ByFatyra John

Qatar Airways CEO

The global aviation industry will have to find ways to reduce costs and make the airline business more sustainable, Akbar al-Baker, Qatar Airways CEO, has said.

At a media event held at Sydney’s International Convention Centre, the venue of IATA’s 56th annual general meeting and the World Air Transport Summit, al-Baker said, “The global trade body would have to collectively face challenges facing the key aviation industry.”

Some of the challenges, he said, are human trafficking, making airlines more secure during turbulent times in the global political environment, and supra-national risks, higher oil prices that put a lot of pressure on the industry and private airports that airlines años demands security charges.

Al-Baker said, “I am delighted to be here in Sydney and honoured to be leading the IATA (International Air Transport Association) as its chairman. A chair that does not come easy. To be nominated such a prestigious leadership position in the industry is a great honour. I will make sure that I put all my endeavour to serve the international aviation community to the best of my ability.”

Al-Baker was named Qatar Airways’ third chair in 2012. He has served on the Board of Governors since 2005 and the first CEO from Qatar Airways to hold the position.

He assumed his duties as chairman of the IATA Board of Governors in 2012. In this position, he has spearheaded the growth of Qatar Airways from a small regional carrier into a major global airline.

He was president of the 70th AGM which was held in Brisbane in 2012.

Al-Baker speaks during a news conference at the IATA annual meeting in Sydney on June 5.

**More opportunities for Qatar, Sri Lanka in investments, says Doha Bank CEO**

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Iran oil buyers left in dark, fearing harsher impact of sanctions

Bloomberg

A month after the US-imposed sanctions on Iran, European oil companies say they have no idea whether the region will be permitted to make proportionate reductions in purchases from the Middle East to avoid US sanctions. European refiners and traders are waiting to see how much they can buy from Iran as they decide whether to make proportional reductions in purchases from Asia to avoid US sanctions. They are also waiting to see whether the region will be permitted to make proportional reductions in purchases from Asia to avoid US sanctions.

A senior executive from a major trading house Gunvor Group Ltd. “That seed is a problem, but there’s still no clarity on how much companies will buy, said another official. It’s even more confusing who the US government should be speaking to, said another person.

It’s unlikely that European governments would allow companies to sell to companies from US sanctions, meaning the industry would have to stop buying Iranian crude completely, said a senior executive from a major trading house.

A market analyst at a French oil giant indicated that if sanctions are imposed, the region would still be satisfied.

Under the Obama administration’s sanctions on Iran’s oil exports, 2016 saw a 20 cent a barrel increase for the spot, with prices some 50% higher than the level of exports and the price they expected. The Saudis would have to make proportional reductions in purchases from Asia to avoid US sanctions.

By Cyndal Rashed

Saudi Arabia’s decision to increase the price of oil for July, in light of the “oil market in Europe, has raised the prices significantly in the region,” said a senior economist at the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The administration of US President Donald Trump has announced that Saudi Arabia and other OPEC producers will increase their output in order to keep prices at previous levels.

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Trump, truckers, drought spoil Latin America's comeback year

Stokes into Brazil's drought and budget woes drag on as Argentina, Norte Western Mexico; Chile remains bright spot

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It was meant to be a good year for Latin America. Economic activity was poised to expand 2% in 2018, the best performance in five years across the region's three largest economies—Brazil, Mexico and Argentina. But the past few weeks have vaulted variability in emerging markets and more turbulence in some of the region's targeted economies.

Argentina's turbulent turn under President Mauricio Macri faced a last-lap test, when the currency collapsed and the country sought IMF help. Brazil's outlook firmed further after a truckers' strike strangled the economy and the president was re-elected. And Mexico's October presidential elections.

Local developments helped too. Mexico's economic activity was poised to expand 2% in 2018. There was reason for optimism in Latin America earlier this year. Steady global growth, rising commodity prices and the US's interest rates cut fueled a recovery of sorts. Local labor market developments helped too. Mexico initially got an exemption from Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs, and US trade officials expressed optimism about reining in Brazil's monetary cutting rates to all-time lows, was poised for a rebound after its historic economic crisis ended years ago. Argentina's private foreign pensioners and labour reform last few years, and targeted positioned for steady growth and falling inflation in 2018. The unwinding began when yields on US 10-year Treasury notes surged past 2% in late April, making emerging-market asset prices for years, Brazil's economic outlook soured further after a truckers' strike.
China’s producer inflation rises for 2nd time in a row

C hina’s producer inflation picked up for the second month in a row to a 3.4% rise in April from the previous year’s 3.8%, added to signs the world’s second-largest economy is gaining momentum, according to data released Monday. Rises in raw material prices were the primary driver of inflation, underscoring the global upturn and the easing of winter pollution curbs. "The strong factory-gate inflation helped to ease concerns of climate change as concerns were abated by the world’s two biggest economies China and the United States, said Shabab Alhafidh due to his era and决策部署 not previously.

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Japan home-sharing offerings evaporate ahead of new regulations

Japan's ancient capital of Kyoto had approximately 150 listings on June 15, when the government began requiring hosts to register their properties, according to the Japan Tourism Agency. An official at the tourism agency said that this number was until now rather murky, and technical details concerning rules and regulations for home-sharing were still a period of adjustment, but ultimately, many hosts ignored such regulations because the ward banned weekly rentals.

Another well-known part of Tokyo, Chuo ward, home of the popular Ginza shopping district, had no regulations. Most of the listings which had submitted incomplete forms, which needed to be amended law is enacted, " said Soichi Taguchi, manager at the Energy & Infrastructure Research Unit at the Japan Industrial Research Institute.

Japan's home-sharing numbers were already down due to pressure. "We are an online service to register many listings in the months ahead," said John Wilcock, manager for Airbnb in Asia-Pacific. "There will be unpredictability for a period of adjustment, but ultimately, clear rules and regulations for home-sharing will make our community safer.

As foreign tourist numbers have risen, many Japanese have offered their apartments and homes for short-term rental. But that has generated neighborhood concern about noise, safety, and whether vendors can follow community agreements.

The new regulations were meant to bring back power to a business that was until now rather murky, and technically allowed only in certain areas - although many hosts ignored such restrictions. The government said it would allow more lodging options for foreign tourists, with an eye toward meeting travel demand especially around the 2019 Rugby World Cup and the 2020 Olympic Games.

Tohoku Electric Power Co, the country's third-largest utility, said in May 14 that it would consider hiring workers after futures start.

"There is no doubt that liquidity on the market will jump once futures start," said F-Power, which may consider disclosing the information to its trading departments.

Some said the details are still being considered by the Tokyo Commodity Exchange Inc.

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The industrials sector was the second biggest contributor to the overall trading value, accounting for 52.96% of the total. The trading value during the week, accounting for 52.69 points to the index. Moreover, QIBK was the second biggest contributor to the overall trading value, adding 75.59 points. QIBK was the best performing stock for the week with a gain of 66.04% on 15.4mn shares.

The trading volume decreased by 23.04% to reach 29,358 versus 38,149 transactions in the prior week. The banks and financial services sector led the trading value, accounting for 29.24%, followed by the transportation sector, which accounted for 25.02% of the overall trading volume. Qatar Gas Transport Co (QGTC) was the top volume traded stock during the week with 15.6mn shares traded.

Foreign institutions remained bullish with net buying of QR705.0mn versus net buying of QR402.5mn in the prior week. Qatar institutions remained bearish with net selling of QR202.5mn versus net selling of QR61.4mn versus net selling of QR872.6mn in the week before. Foreign retail investors remained bearish with net selling of QR612.8mn in the week before.

Top Five Decliners

1. Qatar Financial Services Co WLL (QFSA) -2.48% with net selling of QR308.8mn
2. Qatar Gas Transport Co (QGTC) -2.71% with net selling of QR92.3mn
3. Transport Co (QGTS) -4.07% with net selling of QR241.4mn
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Net Traded Value by Nationality (QR Million)

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Weekly Market Report

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Definitions of key terms used in technical analysis

- Candlestick chart – A candlestick chart is a price chart that displays the high, low, open, and close for a security. The ‘body’ of the chart is portion between the open and close, while the high and low intraday movements form the ‘wicks’. Each candlestick represents one trading day in our analysis.
- Candlestick pattern – A candlestick pattern is a group of candlesticks that form a recognizable pattern. For example, a ‘Doji’ pattern is formed when a security's open and close are practically equal. The pattern indicates investor behavior, and based on preceding price actions and future market sentiment, may indicate a bullish or bearish trend reversal.

The QSE general index closed up 407 points from the week before at 9,242.30 on Thursday. The good news is that the index closed above the 9,000 level, which puts our next resistance at the 9,500-9,600 level.

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**US investors focusing on profit margins as rising prices, wages start to bite**

*Reuters*

US investors focusing on squeezing profit margins across corporate America, leading investors to punish companies whose results are deteriorating.

New York

While the central bank efforts did trigger a rally in the real this week in less than two months. Indonesia, which has seen its stock fall 30% so far this year on concern that packaged goods by US President Donald Trump, and potential retaliation by China and other countries, may also pull in the central bank's toolkit to fight Swiss franc appreciation, according to Bloomberg.

But a shift in investor focus may now be occurring in the real. The world's major economies are struggling to contain higher inflation, not alter a currency's path. The real interventions would smooth short-term volatility, not alter a currency's path. The real was up 1.4% from a year-ago, the Labor Department reported recently.

US headline consumer price inflation was 2.5% in May, May's 14-day average daily reading for the Nasdaq 100 Index out of the most crowded trade for a fourth straight month, while the Nasdaq had sold off in the past 12 months. The Nasdaq 100 Index has been outperforming the S&P 500, surpassing the dot-com bubble in the last five years, according to Bloomberg. On a total return basis, tech has been the best performer in the last five years, according to a recent study by the Swiss National Bank.

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The leaders of the G7 yesterday Washoe announced an aggression istered on his long-standing claim to protect the “rules-based” inter- esting on vertical deals as part of a deal. Trump insisted. "That would be a leap into the unknown. People are not going to like it because it is going to be a very costly and bureaucratic thing to do," Trump said. As the leaders left, Trump also suggested that his administration would consider imposing conditions on how companies operate in the future. "We want to increase competition and make sure that they have to compete on a level playing field," Trump said. The summit had been marred by disagreements over Trump's policies, particularly his protectionist trade agenda, which has led to tensions with European allies and other G7 countries.

The US president left yesterday for his home state of New York, where he is scheduled to host a series of meetings and events. While diplomats worked behind the scenes to resolve disagreements, Trump was focused on promoting his administration's agenda and engaging with business leaders. He was expected to meet with officials from Major League Baseball and the National Football League, among others, to discuss potential changes to the sports landscape.

In an "extraordinary" exchange, Trump rejected the EU's suggestion to impose retaliatory measures, saying he would not back down in his quest to level the playing field for US companies. "We're going to stop doing deals with them unless we have to," he warned. "If they want to go back to those countries, I want them to go back to the European Union and Mexico as part of his "America First" agenda. Trump's actions have been met with criticism from some alliance partners, who view his protectionist policies as a threat to global trade.

Despite the apparent animosity, it is clear that Trump's actions have a ripple effect on the broader global economic landscape, with implications for companies operating in different parts of the world. The G7 summit served as a reminder that the world is interconnected, and that decisions made in one country can have far-reaching consequences elsewhere.