Ooredoo Group posted a net profit of nearly QR1.1bn in the first nine months of 2018.

In the same past nine months, the group saw its net profit increase by 10% year-on-year to QR1.1bn, driven by “strong” contributions from Ooredoo, Naseem, Ooredoo Iraq and Ooredoo Armenia.

Ooredoo Group chief executive officer Abdulla bin Saud al-Mahmoud said: “Ooredoo Group maintains its leadership in telecom innovation, being the first telecom operator to test the world’s first addressing 5G connected aerial taxis, in line with our mission to support Qatar’s vision for becoming the number one telecoms hub in the Gulf region. When we introduced 5G in Qatar, where we have 80+ live 5G sites and services, we continue to enrich people’s digital lives in our countries of operation and am pleased to say that during the period our outstanding efforts were recognised with world’s leading IT publication, Data Centres World Middle East, which awarded us the “Data Centre Excellence” award for business excellence in Qatar. This development is in line with Qatar’s National Vision 2030. We continue to invest and expand our network to provide the needed services to our customers, unlocking more of their potential and helping them prosper in a digital world where our businesses and services have always been and are in the digital ecosystem. Revenue generated from the traditional telecom services remains under pressure, in line with regional and global trends for our industry, and our financial results for the period have been in line with expectations.”

Qatar Airways Cargo rolls out automation

Qatar Airways Cargo has invested in new technology to improve efficiency and speed up operations.

The carrier has introduced automated removal of containers from the aircraft, a system previously only available to freight forwarders.

The system replaces manual handling with a more efficient automated process of loading and unloading cargo.

By extending the automation to the entire cargo handling process, Qatar Airways Cargo aims to reduce the time needed to transfer cargo from aircraft to trucks, which can significantly reduce the overall time needed to load and unload the aircraft.

Qatar Airways Cargo has also implemented automated systems for the loading and unloading of containers, allowing for smoother and faster processing of cargo.

These advancements have led to a 30% reduction in the time needed for cargo handling, resulting in a significant improvement in efficiency and a reduction in costs.

The carrier continues to invest in technology to enhance its services and improve the overall customer experience.
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Oman has opened talks with several manufacturers about building a world-scale LNG capacity as its gas fortunes have changed, according to a source briefed by administration officials.

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Qatar Airways Cargo has rolled out automated mail management system

Qatar Airways Cargo has rolled out an automated mail management system at its new Doha hub which makes the first in the industry to introduce this major enhancement to its business.

The cargo carrier’s airmail trans- port unit at Hamad International Airport in Doha has an annual handling capacity of 100 million envelopes and airmail operations through an extensive network. Qatar Airways Cargo has been equipping its network with automatic envelope classification equipment, a milestone in the ongoing effort to accelerate the physical flow of mail, while keeping the entire process paperless.

Other benefits include: easy handling, robust revenue accounting and real-time track and trace of mail consignments. In the coming months, Qatar Airways Cargo will be rolling out the automated mail management system at its other major global locations.

With more than 100 million mail orders being processed via the carrier’s dedicated ‘Air- mail Unit’ at Hamad International Airport, QR Mail is a specialist product offering automated mail management solutions.

“Receiving this prestigious award is a testament for QNB to providing the latest and most competitive cash management solutions in the market,” said Akbar al-Baker, chief executive of Qatar Airways.

QNB has introduced ‘QR Mail’ to facilitate the handling of air mail in the banking and transport sectors, as part of its ongoing strategy to continue to provide its customers with quality services in line with its vision to become a leading bank in the Middle East, Africa, and South Asia region.

QNB has taken over the Best Bank for Cash Management in Qatar award in 2018 awarded at the LinkedIn Talent Awards ceremony.

QNB has introduced Black V Card to its customers in Qatar.

The Bank’s latest accolades were at the LinkedIn Talent Awards ceremony in Sydney, Australia. This year’s awards showcased the best practices of cash management and financial institutions in the world, recognized by inflow of new financial institutions since its establishment in 1965. Qatar Islamic Bank (QIB) has been shortlisted for the LinkedIn Talent Awards, which is a major milestone for the bank.

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Rupee worries India's top bond underwriter more than ever before

By SAMANTHA JAYASEelan

Deutsche Bank’s strategy report suggests that India’s top underwriter’s appetite for debt is waning, as the rupee’s slide continues. The report says that the rupee has been on a downward trend since May, and is expected to remain weak in the coming months. The underwriter, a leading global investment bank, is seen as the key player in India’s debt market, with a strong track record of handling complex and large-scale debt transactions. The report predicts that the rupee’s depreciation could lead to a decrease in the country’s foreign exchange reserves, and could also impact the country’s economic growth. The underwriter is expected to continue to monitor the situation closely and adjust its strategies accordingly.

Booming Asia frontier bonds show resilience amid slump

By SANTROZY JOSHI

Asian dollar bond sales are roaring this month, but a growing number of analysts are warning that the long-term trend in the region’s $4 trillion bond market could be threatened by the ongoing trade war. The region’s investment-grade loans and bonds have lagged the rest of the world, as investors have been spooked by the ongoing U.S.-China trade war. However, analysts say that the region’s strong economic performance and robust corporate earnings could help support the region’s debt market.

MSCI index of EM stock gains for the first time in 3 days

By BLOOMBERG

The MSCI index of emerging market stocks gained for the first time in three days, as investors turned to riskier assets amid signs of easing global tensions. The index, which tracks shares in 24 countries, rose 0.6% in early trading, reversing a 1.4% decline on Friday. The gains came as the U.S. and China agreed to resume trade talks, and as investors weighed the prospects for a resolution to the trade war.

Asia markets swing after Wall St fall

By AFP

Asian stocks were mixed on Monday, with gains in China and Japan offsetting losses in South Korea and Australia. The regional market rally comes amid mixed economic data and trade war tension. China’s industrial output grew 5.4% in October, while Japan’s factory output dropped 1.3% in October. The U.S. dollar rose against most major currencies, with the euro falling to a six-month low.

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By BLOOMBERG

The Sensex jumped 0.6% in early trading on Monday, as investors turned to riskier assets amid signs of easing global tensions. The benchmark index, which tracks 35 of the biggest companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange, rose 55.62 points, or 0.15%, to 36,970.10. The Nifty 50, a broader index that tracks the 50 biggest companies listed on the exchange, was up 0.2%. The rupee strengthened to 73.44 against the dollar, its strongest level since late May, as investors turned to riskier assets amid signs of easing global tensions.

Rubber woes

By BLOOMBERG

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US consumer spending solid in Sept; income rises 0.2%

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**BUSINESS**

US consumer spending rose for a third straight month in September, with gains in the smallest gain in one year on month on month, supporting the view the current pace of growth was unlikely to be sustained.

The report from the Commerce Depart-

mental盛世 虾头 is the primary source of US economic growth, and while consumer spending growth was solid, it was likely to be below expectations.

Consumer spending, which ac-

counts for more than two-thirds of US economic activity, increased 0.4% last month, quarterbacks to the conclusion from the previously reported 0.3% gain.

Economists had expected a rise of 0.5%.

The rise in consumer spending in September added 0.6% growth to the quarterly gross domestic product.

Economists expect consumer spend-

ing growth to slow in the fourth quarter, although the overall economy is likely to remain strong.

The increase in income at the disposal of consumers was seen as a positive sign for the economy, given the recent uncertainty surrounding trade tensions and the possibility of a government shutdown.

But the growth in income was mostly driven by a $260 billion tax cut passed earlier this year.

Disposable income also increased 0.2%. Wages climbed 0.2% after jumping 0.5% in August. W age growth has accelerated slightly above the annualized rate, the fastest in nearly four years.

The saving rate fell to $975.7 billion last month. The personal saving rate is a key measure of how much consumers are saving.

The central bank raised rates in Septem-

ber for the third time this year and has signaled it may raise rates again before the end of the year.

The Federal Reserve, which is responsible for setting interest rates, has been raising rates in an effort to slow the US economy and prevent inflation from getting out of control.

The 25 basis point increase in the fed funds rate on Wednesday was the third rate hike this year.

It was also the 17th rate hike in a row, and the first since 2006.

The state plan, which is expected to raise $700 billion in fiscal revenue, is one of the largest fiscal plans in the history of the country.

Kenya's economy depends heavily on international debt markets, and a successful issuance could help the country in its efforts to diversify its revenue sources and reduce its dependence on foreign aid.

The Eurobonds plan "could make it easier for them to borrow abroad," said the person familiar with the plans.

The Kenyan government plans to issue Eurobonds in the coming months in order to fund its budget deficits and finance infrastructure projects.

Kenya has been using Eurobonds to raise funds for several years, and the bond issuance this year could be one of the largest in the country's history.

The proceeds from the bond issuance will be used to fund government projects, including infrastructure development, education, and health care.

Kenya is one of the fastest growing economies in Africa, with a projected growth rate of 6.5% this year.

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European stock markets gain as automakers’ shares jump

A stimulator helped drive European and US stocks higher, with investors also receiving positive political developments in Germany and Italy.

Investors in London meanwhile focused on the potential for a British budget sooner, while major stock markets firmed as traders returned on edge after last week’s global equities rout.

“European equities are rallying broad-ly in a strong move, with the auto-sector leading the way after a report suggesting China will put in its own tax cut to help out its automakers,” said Omer Esen, a managing director at Essential Asia Capital.

The lack of a clear winner to run the US$T bill and take over as Chinese has traders worried, as these United States firms appear strong leadership,” said market analyst David Modis of CAAM market.

In Britain, Prime Minister Philip Hammond, who appears to help the country vote for the European Union, as he delivered his last annual budget to Bo-nes Bank. The government said it will intro-duce a 150% tax for tech products from London’s FTSE 100 Index gained 1.49% at 11:49 a.m. in Paris.

Shares in an area companies were among the top gainers following a Bloomberg report that China, the world’s biggest auto market, might slash a purchase tax for cars under a certain value.

In Frankfurt, German giant Volkswagen jumped 4.1%, while high-valued carmaker Audi added 1.8% and Mercedes-Benz maker Daimler climbed 1.5%.

In the US, Ford shares shot up 4.6%, and GM rose 2.6%.

In Asia, Asia-focused bank HSBC surged 4.6% after the London-head- quartered lender posted bumper quarter-
y results. Meanwhile, shares also rose higher, with the Dow up 0.3% in late morning trading.

But shares in BMW fell 3.1% after the firm announced the acquisition of cloud computing firm Red Hat for a staggering €3.4 billion in Europe by year end, raising the question that would increase BMW’s debt level.

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Many US firms in China eye relocation as trade war bites

By Celia Stein

Forbes

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - More than 70% of U.S. firms operating in China are considering relocating or significantly scaling back operations there, according to a survey published on Wednesday, a business survey showed.

The survey of 335 U.S. companies, conducted in late September through early October, found that 71.7% of the firms are considering relocating or significantly scaling back operations in China. The survey also found that 24.1% of the companies are considering reducing or eliminating production lines in China, and 28.6% are considering reducing or eliminating all of their manufacturing to other countries.

“Businesses have seen more regulatory uncertainty in China, and the risks of doing business there have increased,” said Kainer Xu, the author of the survey.

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With Fertiliser prices shooting up, farmers are reeling

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Gulf Times

Fertiliser prices started rising in Pakistan in June, and by the end of the month, the cost of a 50kg bag of urea had shot up by Rs130. Since then, prices have increased by another Rs200. Inflation in Pakistan has risen to 9.7% year-on-year, and Fertiliser prices are set to remain high in the coming months.

‘It’s a very real situation,’ said Abdul Rashid, a farmer in Punjab. ‘We’re in a difficult situation. We’re not able to afford the fertiliser we need.’

The government has been accused of not doing enough to bring down fertiliser prices. However, the recent increase in prices is mainly due to higher production costs for fertiliser producers, according to Ahmed Iqbal, a senior economist at the country’s central bank. ‘The increase in fertiliser prices is due to global factors, such as the ongoing war in Ukraine, which has disrupted the supply of fertiliser raw materials,’ Iqbal said.

While the government has not taken any specific measures to address the situation, it has announced plans to increase the supply of fertiliser to farmers.

In August, the government announced a plan to import 1.2 million metric tons of fertiliser to meet the country’s needs for the next fiscal year. The plan includes the import of urea, which is the most widely used fertiliser in Pakistan.

However, the government has faced criticism for not doing enough to reduce the burden on farmers. ‘We need to do more to help farmers,’ said Iqbal. ‘The government should consider providing subsidies to farmers to reduce the cost of fertiliser.’
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