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By Southco V Personal

The Qatar Stock Exchange yesterday posted a gain of 0.14%, but remained below the 10,200-level, mainly lifted by insurance, banking, consumer goods and construction stocks.

The 30-stock Qatar Index settled at 15,983.2 points, up by 22.8 points, or 0.14% higher than the previous close.

The leading index managed to breach the 16,000-segment, which was achieved last November.

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The opening of the nomination process for membership of the Board of Directors for the period (2020-2022)

Starting from Sunday, December 29, 2019 until Sunday, January 12, 2020
during official working days of the Company

Those who meet the conditions of membership, in accordance with Article (128) of Qatar Central Bank Law and Regulation of Financial Institutions No. (13) of 2012, Articles (98 & 97) of the Commercial Companies Law No. (11) 2015, Corporate Governance Code No. 3 of 2016 issued by Qatar Financial Authority, and the principles of corporate governance of insurance companies issued by the Qatar Central Bank and wish to be nominated for seven non-independent and three independent seats shall contact the Nominations And Remunerations Committee / Board Secretary at the company’s headquarters located at QIC building (first Floor), West Bay - Doha between 7:00 am to 3:00 pm from Sunday to Thursday to collect the nomination documents that shall be filed on their letterhead before the deadline for receipt of applications along with the following:

1. A shareholding certificate of owning at least 2 million shares of the share capital of QIC for those who will apply as independent members.
2. Copy of a valid QID (for those who will apply as independent members).
3. His resume listing his academic certificates and work experience which indicates that he has experience in financial matters and insurance services (for those who will apply as independent members).
4. Copy of a valid Commercial Registration (for corporate candidates)
5. The candidate’s personal questionnaire

6. The candidate company’s questionnaire along with the questionnaire for the representative of this company.
7. Declaration of non-combining provisions that are prohibited to be combined with the membership of the company’s board of directors
8. Acknowledgment and commitment to present a certificate of recent good conduct
9. Acknowledgment and commitment to deposit the minimum number of shares required for membership (other than independent candidates) with the Qatar Central Securities Depository Depository (QSCD) in accordance with legal timelines
10. The elections will be held during the Ordinary General Assembly Meeting to be held on 25 February 2020 at Al Sibla Ballroom, Grand Hyatt Hotel

Notes:
- The inclusion of candidate’s name on the final list of candidates is subject to the approval of Qatar Central Bank
- This announcement, candidacy forms (for individuals, corporate, and independent membership), questionnaire forms and confirmations have been posted on the company’s website (www.qatarinsurance.com).
- For inquiries or further information, please contact the Board Secretary at 44962215

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Shiniest metals set for 2020 surge as global emission rules grip

While nickel has dropped recently, that followed a period when it hit a seven-year high. The metal traded from 10.50 to 14.50 per pound, with steady losses in late 2019. Analysts expect global nickel stockpiles to remain tight throughout the year.

Palladium is up 60% this year. The metal is expected to continue to strongly outperform other precious metals. Palladium prices are forecast to average $1,895 per ounce in 2020, compared with $1,330 per ounce in 2019.

Standards could be tightened further in the years ahead, with more countries setting higher emission targets. This could boost demand for precious metals, such as palladium and platinum, which are used in catalytic converters to reduce emissions from gasoline-powered vehicles.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) recently forecasted that global electric vehicle (EV) sales will more than triple to 12 million units by 2025. This is due to a combination of tightening of emission rules and advancements in battery technology.

China is expected to be the largest market for EVs, followed by Europe and the US. The country’s government has set ambitious targets for EV adoption, with a goal of 9.4 million EVs on the road by 2025.

In addition to EVs, hydrogen-powered vehicles are also gaining traction. The International氢能 and Fuel Cells Association (IEFCA) projects that global hydrogen vehicle sales could reach 40,000 units by 2025, up from just 1,000 units in 2019.

The use of precious metals in EVs and hydrogen-powered vehicles is expected to increase, with palladium and platinum used in catalysts to reduce emissions. This demand is set to continue into the future, as more countries tighten their emission rules.

As a result, precious metals such as palladium and platinum are expected to see strong demand in the coming years, with prices set to remain strong. This is expected to benefit companies that produce and supply these metals, as well as those that specialize in processing and recycling them.

However, it’s worth noting that the global economic situation could impact the demand for precious metals, as well as other industries. Any economic downturn could lead to reduced EV sales, which in turn could affect the demand for palladium and platinum.

In conclusion, 2020 is set to be a strong year for precious metals, with a surge in demand expected due to tightening emission rules and advancements in EV technology. This is likely to benefit companies in the precious metals sector, as well as those involved in EVs and hydrogen-powered vehicles.
Traditionally, the health-insurance fee, which is paid by people who have Medicare Advantage and Medicare Advantage Marketplace plans, has been a key driver of the industry's growth. However, the fee is now being negotiated at a lower level, and analysts are concerned about its sustainability. Bloomberg notes that the fee is likely to be reduced, which could have a significant impact on the industry's profitability.

The article also highlights the importance of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in investing decisions. The London business manager notes that investors are becoming more aware of the importance of ESG factors in decision-making, and that the USMCA's success will depend on how well it aligns with global standards and principles.

Finally, the article discusses the potential for a second US presidential term, which could have a significant impact on theManaged Care industry. The USMCA's success will depend on how well it aligns with global standards and principles, and it is unclear whether a second Trump term will be as favorable to the industry as the first term was.
China seeking closer trade relations with neighbours

China and Japan were close to an initial trade deal after imposing tariffs on each other's goods over the past year, even as they held triilateral meetings with South Korea, according to a source close to Nissan.

The source said Seki's resignation came at "an impossible timing. " The company, said Seki's resignation had been proposed to Nissan's board of directors at its annual meeting on December 1.

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South Korea's early export data for December hints at global green shoots. With major economies emerging from a global manufacturing slump, export values rose 6.4% from a year ago, supported by demand from China and the US.

Source: Bloomberg

The roaring global economy, shaped by the US-China trade war and trade disputes, is fueling demand for South Korean exports. The country's exports are a key indicator of global economic activity, and the rise in export values is a positive sign for the global economy.

The rise in export values comes as the US and China have reached a preliminary trade agreement, which could lead to a reduction in tariffs and increased trade between the two countries. This agreement is expected to boost demand for South Korean exports, particularly in the electronics and automotive sectors.

In addition, the US economy is experiencing a strong recovery, with consumer spending and investment on the rise. This could lead to increased demand for South Korean exports, particularly in the automotive and semiconductor sectors.

Overall, the rise in export values is a positive sign for the global economy, with South Korea's exports acting as a barometer for global trade and economic activity. As such, the rise in export values is a welcome sign for businesses and investors alike, who are watching the global economy closely for signs of recovery.
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Suzlon’s $1.6bn debt revamp stalls as deadline approaches

**Nasir Ahmed and Namrata Puri**

Indian wind turbine maker Suzlon Energy is sweating as the deadline for its debt restructuring nears, with the company set to present a plan to creditors by January 7.

Suzlon had initially aimed to present a restructuring plan by the end of December, but that deadline was later extended to January 7. The company is also set to give them in the proposed restructuring plan, the person said.

The Indian wind turbine maker wouldn’t be the latest in line of Indian companies in the nation’s nascent bankruptcy courts. Companies have struggled as banks that are stuck with $130bn of bad loans have curtailed lending in a floundering economy.

Suzlon spokesman said that discussions with lenders were progressing well, and the company is actively engaging in seeking a resolution to the restructuring process.

He declined to comment on specifics. Suzlon’s troubles come as India’s Narendra Modi-led government has focused on competitive auctions to cut back on fuel costs and boost the economy.

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Slowing consumption growth reflects efforts are already under downward pressure, he said.

Demand for mining equipment will probably remain “weak” in the first half of the year as an extended spell of cold in China and lower prices for coal, which is the most-consumed petroleum product in the world, have hit industrial activity.

The Indian wind turbine maker is set to present a restructuring plan before January 7 to Suzlon Energy in bankruptcy to avoid punitive provisions, said a person familiar with the matter.

A Crisil spokesman couldn’t immediately comment. Suzlon’s current restructuring plans, executed in the past as the north of its ambicio-us debt-financed acquisition of Klippervision System in Germany in 2019, left the Indian company with a pile of debt.

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That’s the view of Makoto Suzuki, a senior bond analyst at industry consultant FGE. The nation’s consumption of petroleum India expects its oil consumption to exceed the slowest pace in six years at 0.9%, according to the PPAC.
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Plastic-free flights gear up for take off

By Pratap John

Plastic-free flights have grabbed the headlines and public attention in recent months. In 2019, the global production of plastic was estimated at 360 million tonnes, with the aviation sector being one of the largest consumers of plastic. According to estimates by the International Air Transport Association (IATA), airlines generate over 600,000 tonnes of plastic waste each year, which includes single-use plastic items like straws, cutlery, coffee cups, and plates.

IATA's chief initiatives for reducing plastic waste include the development of biodegradable alternatives like paper straws, bamboo cutlery, and biodegradable plates. Additionally, airlines are exploring the possibility of using alternative materials like bamboo or paper-based products that are more sustainable and biodegradable.

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The aviation industry is taking steps to reduce its plastic consumption and promote sustainability. One of the key developments in this area has been the introduction of reusable and biodegradable alternatives for single-use plastic items like straws, cutlery, and cups. These alternatives are designed to be more sustainable and have a lower environmental impact.

The move towards plastic-free flights is driven by a growing awareness of the environmental impact of plastic waste, as well as the need for airlines to reduce their carbon footprint and meet sustainability targets. Many airlines have already implemented measures to reduce plastic waste, such as offering reusable cutlery and cups, and using biodegradable materials for single-use items.

The IATA's efforts to promote sustainability in the aviation industry are being supported by a range of stakeholders, including governments, regulators, and industry associations. The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has also played a key role in promoting sustainable practices in the aviation sector, including the development of guidelines for reducing plastic waste.

In conclusion, the move towards plastic-free flights is a significant step in the right direction. As the aviation industry continues to evolve, it is important that we continue to explore and implement sustainable practices that will help to reduce the environmental impact of plastic waste and promote a more sustainable future.