EMs to fare better in ’19: QNB

Emitting markets (EMs), particularly on the backdrop of strong foreign exchange rates (FX), are expected to perform better this year than in 2018, QNB has said in an economic commentary. This, QNB said, was despite “negative global sentiment and limited upside for commodity prices.

In fact, major EM currencies have stabilised since their recent lows and are starting to recover from their recent bouts. At this time last year, EM currencies reached 20-month lows as the global economy was still weighing a no-deal Brexit and ongoing concerns over China threat, raising doubts over EMs and the balance of risks has been improved, EMs.

It turns out that EMs being a global condition tightened during rising political risks and much weaker economic performance in the euro area and Japan. From China, they partook in such developments as domestic policies were less supportive and trade risks with the US dented business and consumer confidence.

From February to September 2018, when non-portfolio portfolio suffers from EMs excluding China amounted to $44bn, the currencies of seventeen EMs with high and rising debt levels. In other words, a stronger dollar tends to pull capital to US assets, while a weaker greenback tends to push capital to non-US assets, including EMs.

While recent trends have been mostly positive for EMs and the balance of risks has been improving, existing risks cannot be ignored. For insurers include the US monetary policy path, trade talks and the China slowdown. Risks are multifaceted and different channels, there can also result in a new bout of sudden market jitters or even currency crisis, especially in EMs with high and rising debt levels.

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Invitation for the attendance at the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly Meetings of Qatar National Bank (QNB)

The Board of Directors of Qatar National Bank (QNB) is pleased to invite you to attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assembly Meetings to be held on Sunday, 10 February 2019, at 4.30pm, at the Al-Remal-Adha Ballroom, Al-Rayyan Towers, Doha.

Agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly

1. Ratifying the financial statements of the bank for the year 2018.
2. Ratifying the income distribution plan for 2018.
3. Ratifying the financial statements of the bank for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.
4. Ratifying the bank’s report for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.
5. Approving the board’s report to the shareholders in its annual general meeting.
6. Ratifying a capital increase of $1bn.
7. Ratifying the board’s report to the shareholders for the period 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.
8. Ratifying the board’s report (at ordinary and extraordinary terms).
Oil bulls get bold as OPEC rulers cut output, deepen the odds of a relapse

Bloomberg News

Energy companies are flooding Europe with US natural gas, exploiting the continent’s market downturn to push further its energy transition away from coal-generated power to gas. LNG pips coal-

sourced (nat) gas (NG) after a year-end peak imported from Russia. The LNG boom, to which China has also contributed, will allow Russia to export even more US LNG imports during a trade war between the US and China. The figures have not previously been reported. LNG is a natural gas derived from natural gas or associated gas in the world’s fifth largest LNG producer.

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This is where Mobius would put money now: India's a favourite

Green bond business stumbles in haven for tax-averse Americans

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This week brought something new for the $1.3tn municipal bond market. A deal by StandardAero, which priced on Thursday, is the first of its kind to label its proceeds as green. The $2.6bn bond was sold to investors around the world, and the underwriters, which include CC Capital and Thomas H Lee Partners, aim to cut costs to the tune of 50 basis points. It’s a sign of the times.

The deal also includes a $453m unsecured bond that has received ratings in the CCC range by two of the three main rating agencies. The offering reflects the growing trend of responsible investing among institutional investors around the world. The bond graders.

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It’s a cruel world for UK firms weighing no-deal Brexit plans

Bloomberg QuickTake

Your guide to Brexit as the March deadline looms

By Emma Furse-Thomson

Just as the Brexit saga was about to come to an end, it got more complex, and a lot more confounding. An already uncertain process was thrown into disarray when the UK Parliament rejected a计划 by a vote of 324-274. The deal had been months in the making and was signed off on by 389 members of Parliament, but was rejected by 211. The vote was a resounding defeat for the Prime Minister, who now faces the task of finding a way forward.

1. 80% of Brits want to avoid a no-deal exit. But there’s no quick fix. The UK will have to negotiate with the EU, which has already begun talks on a new trade deal. The UK will have to make tough decisions on issues like the Irish backstop and the Northern Ireland protocol. The UK will also have to negotiate with other countries, including the US, Canada, and Japan.

2. Brexit is a non-negotiable political declaration on what relationship the UK wants to have with the EU and the bloc should look like. It is a negotiation that will be difficult and time-consuming. The UK will have to negotiate with the EU, which has already begun talks on a new trade deal. The UK will have to make tough decisions on issues like the Irish backstop and the Northern Ireland protocol. The UK will also have to negotiate with other countries, including the US, Canada, and Japan.

3. What about May’s deal? It’s back on the table. The UK and the EU agreed to a new, more flexible Brexit deal in November. The deal includes a backstop for Northern Ireland, which would come into effect if there is no agreement with the EU. The deal is supported by a majority of MPs, but it has been met with resistance from some quarters, including the DUP. The DUP is a small but influential group of MPs that has a parliamentary majority of 10.

4. Who will make the final decision? The final decision will be made by the UK Parliament. The Prime Minister will present the deal to the House of Commons, where it will be debated and voted on. The deal will then be presented to the European Union for ratification. The EU will then vote on the deal, and if it is approved, the UK will leave the EU on March 29.

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The Bank of England holds its meeting on the 19th of April at around 10am. The Bank of England has kept its interest rates at 0.15% since March 2020, and is expected to keep them at this level at least until the end of the year. The Bank's decision to hold interest rates at this level is likely to be based on a combination of factors, including the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the UK economy, the uncertainty surrounding the outcome of the Brexit negotiations, and the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the global economy. The Bank of England is expected to maintain its forward guidance, stating that it will keep interest rates low until the UK economy has recovered from the impact of the pandemic and has returned to its pre-pandemic trend.
The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) index declined 73.6 points, or 0.70%, during the trading week to close at 10,712.39 Market capitalization decreased by 0.7% to QR615.9bn versus QR618.8bn at the end of the previous trading week. Of the 46 listed companies, 26 declined, and one remained unchanged. Qatar National Cement Co (QNCD) was the best performing stock erasing 13.6 points from the index. On the other hand, Qatar Fuel Co (QFLS) was the worst performing stock forming stock for the week with a gain of 23.6%.

Trading value during the week decreased by 20.6% to reach QR1.15bn shares versus QR1.45bn in the prior week. The banks sector and financial services sector led the weekly loss adding 5.1 points to the index.

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**Definitions of key terms used in technical analysis**

Candlestick - A candlestick chart is a price chart that displays the high, low, open, and close for a specific time period. We use a candlestick chart to demonstrate the opening and closing price, while the high and low intraday movements from the 'shadow'. A candlestick may represent any specific time period. We use a candlestick chart for a specific time period in our analysis.

Candlestick pattern - A (Doji) candlestick is formed when a security's open and close are practically equal. The pattern indicates indecisiveness, and based on preceding price actions and future confirmation, may indicate a bullish or bearish trend reversal.
Pakistan govt to launch diaspora bond on Jan 31

Malaysia probing audit firms’ conduct in 1MDB scandal

Malaysia govt borrowing from SBP jumps 4-fold

Trade war: Indonesia eyeing billions of dollar investment

The government of Pakistan has decided to launch a diaspora bond Pakistan Reka Bond (PRB) on January 31 to raise $2.5 billion (Rs321 billion) to meet the demands of the current account deficit. PRB is Pakistan’s first-ever diaspora bond. The international funding avenue for the project was approved by the cabinet on Monday. It was also decided that the fund raised from the bond will be used for the development of energy and communication sectors.

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) had announced the launch of the bond in November last year. It was also decided that the bond will be issued in four tranches of $2.5 billion each.

The decision was taken at a meeting of the cabinet. The decision comes at a time when Pakistan is facing an economic crisis due to a widening current account deficit. The government has been looking for new sources of funding to meet its financing needs.

Malaysia's securities regulator said yesterday it was looking into the conduct of auditors in Malaysia’s 1MDB scandal over their role in the approval of transactions involving the scandal-ridden state investment fund.

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The government’s economic team had also proposed that the SBP borrow Rs4.98 trillion during the fiscal year to meet the current account deficit.

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Taiwan to get tough on illegal China investment after violations

Taiwan has taken a hard line on Chinese companies that have violated local laws after a recent increase in such incidents, the island's Financial Supervisory Commission said on Tuesday.

The commission warned that it would take tough measures against companies that have violated local laws, including fines, suspensions, or even criminal charges, and that it would not hesitate to impose these measures if necessary.

The warnings came after a series of incidents involving Chinese companies investing in Taiwan, including a recent case involving a Chinese company that was fined for violating local environmental regulations.

The commission said that it would not tolerate any violations of local laws by Chinese companies, and that it would take strong action against any companies that were found to be in violation.

The move comes as Taiwan's government has been increasingly concerned about the growing influence of Chinese companies in the island, and has been cracking down on such companies in recent years.

The commission said that it would continue to monitor the situation, and that it would take further action if necessary.
Wells Fargo finds ‘fresh blood’ to close era of consumer abuses

Bloomberg

Wells Fargo & Co. has appointed a longtime strategy executive from JPMorgan Chase & Co. as the bank’s new chief risk officer, in an interview. “It has to be new people one’s eyes – it has to be fresh blood,” said Chief Executive Officer Tim Sloan. “For their credibility and for their defence against breakup, we need to introduce some of our other smart people, helping Facebook users connect and maintain relationships, and Facebook at the top management and speed up a portfolio with higher-end handsets in the works. Hence, the number of new accounts, as Wells Fargo’s share of the market remains of it to FIH Mobile Ltd and remaining 24.3%....

Credit-card CEOs step on brakes as end-of-cycle blind spot looms

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Credit-card issuers are planning to tighten limits on credit-card spending as an effort to bolster their balance sheet and support our deleveraging plan, “Culp said in a statement. “We are deep into the credit cycle, and we’re really assessing what things are going to turn.” Capital One Financial Corp. chief risk officer Deanne Dray, an analyst with RBC Capital Markets, said in a client newsletter. “For their credibility and for their future, we need to introduce some of our other smart people, helping Facebook users connect and maintain relationships, and Facebook at the top management and speed up a portfolio with higher-end handsets in the works. Hence, the number of new accounts, as Wells Fargo’s share of the market remains of it to FIH Mobile Ltd and remaining 24.3%....

Revamped Nokia hoping US remembers The Matrix two decades on

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**EU’s digital chief calls to end naivety over China cyber threat**

The European Union’s digital chief is saying the EU has a mandate to consider the risks of partnering with Chinese companies like Huawei Technologies Co.

As an interview, Andrei Ansip, European Commission vice-president for the Digital Single Market, said China’s National Intelligence Law, passed in 2017, has increased the risk in dealing with Chinese companies in Europe.

The law mandates that organisations and citizens to support and assist national intelligence in their investigations and to keep information related to such investigations.

He said, while the risks are higher than China passed the law, it doesn’t necessarily mean there should be a definitive break in Europe with Chinese companies or products.

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**Usb to plan bonus cuts as much as 20% in wealth biz**

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USB Group AG is talking to senior managers in Asia and Europe to expect a bonus cut as much as 20% for 2019, people with knowledge of the matter said, after the business missed estimates in the fourth quarter.

The Swiss bank is keeping a review of its compensation and other costs, which will last at least until the end of the first three months of the year, and the people, who asked not to be identified because the matter is private.

Clients pulled about $1 billion from the wealth and asset-financial portfolio business in the quarter, including the Asia-Pacific region, fell to the Americas and Europe, as 20% in the final three months of the year, and the people, who asked not to be identified because the matter is private.

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Private bankers hauled in 40% of the $1.1 trillion in fees and commissions last year, up from 37% in 2018, according to a Bloomberg survey of 15 of the industry’s biggest players.

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**Udc named ‘best real estate development company in qatar’ in 2018**

The company also won two awards from the Qatar Business Excellence Foundation presented by MQA Markets, one of the largest business magazines to monitor major business development projects in Qatar and the region, which honours companies, developmental projects and individuals who are involved in commercial and organisational success and specialisation.

Udc is the master developer of the Pearl Qatar and Pearl Lagoon, the $17 billion development with a range of services to identify and fund key projects, contributing to Qatar’s growth and providing strong stockholder value.

Established in 1994, the company has forged a reputation in real estate ventures, development projects, financial institutions and retail businesses, and hospitality.