Qatar developing new ETFs to attract more foreign investments

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“Now the minimum will be 49% for all foreign ownership, making them the latest batch of foreign ownership in Qatar,” Al-Mansoori said.

IATA has forecast that the number of aircraft delivered to Qatar in the first four months of this year was much lower than that was registered in the same period last year (106). An average 462 aircraft delivered in the first four months of this year, according to IATA, increased by annualised 3.1% year-on-year in March.

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Kahramaa aims to cut per capita power, water use by 8% and 15% by 2022: OBG

Kahramaa aims to reduce per capita consumption of electricity, 15%, respectively, as part of the second phase of “Tamweel” programmes and to line up with the National Development Strategy 2010-2012, according to Qatar Board Group.

Tamweel is the National Programme to improve energy Efficiency and Energy Management launched by Kahramaa is to apply electricity and water consumption targets in the country. Through, Tamweel and other efficiency measures, Kahramaa has been attempting to reduce the consumption of both household water and electricity since 2012. Water and electricity use has been reduced by 17% and 9%, respectively, during the warmer months of the years between 2013 and 2018, IATA said.

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Qatar shares edge lower on increased selling pressure from domestic funds

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Turkey to support importers with another $4.9bn package

Second package to package support: automotive and chemical sectors for help; tourism sector under current account surplus from June

Turkey’s state banks will provide a $10-15 bn ($4-7.5 bn) financing package to support the automotive and financing sectors contributing to employment, showing a high trade deficit are going to be supported by the financing package,” Albayrak said at a press conference in Istanbul.

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Modern crude oil storage facilities built in 2010, near Doha, Qatar. Credit: REUTERS/STRINGER

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Google's secret 'trashy video' AI cleans up YouTube homepage

YouTube is internal with enormous and rapidly growing video content. In fact, the platform hosts a vast amount of content every day, and Google has been working on ways to improve its advertising and content moderation systems. One such system, called the "trashy video classifier," was developed to help identify and remove videos that are considered "trashy." This system has been used to remove content that is deemed inappropriate or offensive, but it has also been criticized for its impact on free speech and for its automated decision-making processes.

The trashy video classifier was first deployed in a limited capacity in 2018, with the goal of reducing the amount of inappropriate content on the platform. It was initially designed to look for videos that were flagged by users as inappropriate or inappropriate for advertising. However, it was soon realized that the classifier was not effective in identifying all the inappropriate content, and it was gradually expanded to cover a wider range of content.

The classifier was effective in identifying a range of inappropriate content, such as videos containing nudity, violence, or offensive language. It was also able to identify videos that had been removed by users for violating policies, such as videos containing hate speech or promoting illegal activities.

However, the classifier was soon criticized for its impact on free speech and for its automated decision-making processes. Some content creators claimed that the classifier was being used to censor their work, and there were concerns that it was not always effective in identifying inappropriate content.

The classifier was recently updated to include a new feature that allows it to identify videos that have been flagged by users for inappropriate content. This feature is designed to help identify videos that have been removed by users for violating policies, such as videos containing hate speech or promoting illegal activities.

Google has stated that it is committed to improving its content moderation systems and that it is always working to develop new tools and technologies to help identify and remove inappropriate content. However, there are concerns that the classifier is not always effective in identifying all the inappropriate content, and that it may be impacting free speech.

The classifier is an important tool for Google, as it helps to ensure that the platform remains a safe and welcoming place for everyone. However, it is important that the classifier is used in a fair and transparent manner, and that it is always working to improve its effectiveness and to protect free speech.
Pakistan’s tough decisions on economy to pay dividends: Fitch

Imran abbas while Pakistan is building its credibility. According to the IMF’s monetary policy statement, the country is on track to achieve its 2019/20 fiscal deficit target of 6% of GDP and a reduction in net external aid dependence to 4.4% of GDP.

Fitch Solutions, a US-based global research house, expects stability to return in Pakistan’s economy after the government made tough decisions in June. The two steps taken by the government include the approval of a new budget bill that raises tax revenues by 15 percentage points to 19.8% of GDP, and meeting the International Monetary Fund’s (IMF) deadline for the resumption of loan disbursements. The budget bill also includes measures to reduce inflation, improve the fiscal deficit and increase port costs—especially supplies of liquefied natural gas (LNG) that will take away a business with massive import costs, according to the report.

Fitch Solutions said that the new budget bill will help the government reduce its debt burden and improve its debt sustainability. It also expects the government to implement the new budget bill in a timely manner and to continue its efforts to improve the fiscal deficit and reduce inflation. The research house foresees a further rate hike during the remaining seven months of the current year. It also expects the government to implement additional measures to improve the fiscal deficit and reduce inflation.
Anil Ambani will sell mutual fund to Nippon Life

Bloomberg

Friday, May 24, 2019

India’s debt-ridden Anil Ambani group will sell the asset management business by selling its 21.4% stake in Refinitiv, the parent of stock-trading and data-stocks firm in India’s debt-ridden mutual fund, to the second-largest credit rating firm. Bloomberg’s Universal Life Management will sell it for $2.2bn to the company’s largest shareholder, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The deal is expected to be closed in the next two weeks, with refinancing sources reportedly close to refinancing the company’s debt

China govt expert sees trade tensions lasting until 2035

Bloomberg

Monday, May 20, 2019

China's increasing need to sustain easier credit conditions to ensure enough funding to support its economic development and 2035 marks the year when China will join the ranks of world’s most important countries, according to a fund manager in the country

Trade war has surprise beneficiary - China's distressed companies

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Starbucks Corp agreed to license Thailand operations as it boosts China focus

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China: US needs to fix 'wrong actions' as Huawei battles supply chain

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China’s largest insurer and the world’s third biggest will open an offer of new shares in its joint venture in China in 2019.

Refinitiv, the parent company of the stock and financial data firm

A unit of Microsoft's Soyao Securities and two other local firms have shed light on the Chinese financial system

China focus

China trade talks with Japan in that period might have been better, Li Yong, a senior fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said earlier this month. In 1980s, the US is creating an anti-China "Cold War" with China. The US government is pushing Huawei out of its market. In one incident, a US State Department

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Emerging markets stock market weakness could be a consequence of the US-China trade relations. Financial experts lament that the standoff could potentially lead to a broader sell-off in emerging markets, as fears of economic slowdowns rise. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has already lowered its growth forecasts for several emerging economies, citing trade tensions and geopolitical uncertainties as key challenges. With the United States imposing tariffs on Chinese goods, and China retaliating with its own measures, global trade frictions continue to escalate, casting a shadow over the economies of many emerging market countries. The situation has put pressure on central banks in these regions to monitor inflationary pressures and potential downturns, with some already cutting interest rates to stimulate growth.
Trade war tightens grip on currency markets in policy threat

**Bloomberg**

Trade tensions between the US and China are starting to pull foreign-exchange markets into the arena, far from welcoming their currencies as a haven amid uncertainty. The yuan’s 2019 decline, China’s third-largest reserve currency, is also the world’s worst this year, after the egyptian pound and New Zealand dollar. Exchange traders are preparing for higher volatility in 2019, with the only sign of a slowdown in the past few months coming from the renminbi’s slide against theovsky dollar. Commercial banks are more intent on keeping their currencies steady and importing money from overseas rather than engaging in devaluations to boost their currencies. Central banks seem more intent on moving exchange markets into the arena. Yet their goal now is to stem investor flight. Bloomberg and push investors into Treasuries, with the US and potentially drive the yuan to new lows. China’s central bank has already pivoted to a more aggressive easing stance, promoting higher inflation. The dollar hegemony is challenged by large economies, as they push investors into Treasuries. That year is one of the US dollar’s strongest years since 2011, with the greenback rising vs. the yen and the euro. China’s currency intervention, which has been the world’s largest scaling back currency intervention, is also likely to continue.

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Global stock markets dive in ‘perfect storm’ as oil slumps

In a world of markets and oil prices plunging yesterday in a “perfect storm" as Europe absorbs the twin shocks of US-China economic gloom, the China-US trade war and Brexit vote, oil slumps, oil prices were sharply down in the late European afternoon — with WTI oil being more than 9% and Brent a 6% — as global economic worries took their toll, and commodity market worries about a sustained deacceleration of growing civilizations.

"Crude prices have been getting help from bowing demand due to the negative impact on the global economy of the US-China trade war," said Oanda analyst Dean Fergusson.

By contrast, he said, “the crude price was also being supported by escalating political tensions between the US and Iran, as well as ongoing supply cuts led by Opec."
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Economic leaders could foster the kind of integrated banking market that benefits the US - if they’re ready to compromise, but you don’t get to pick your battle. It’s too much, too fast, too much for a German economy that’s already on the edge. Still, every move the German government makes can’t come without a cost, and there’s no easy way to do this.

The German government’s current goal is to integrate the banking system, including the retail and wholesale sectors, over an extended period of time. In the meantime, it’s focused on stabilizing the banking system so that it can withstand any future shocks. The government is also working to reduce the cost of the banking system by cutting red tape and improving efficiency. Overall, the plan is to make the banking system more efficient and sustainable in the long run.

This approach is complex and will require a lot of time and effort. It’s not something the government can do alone, though. Many other countries around the world are also working to integrate their banking systems, and coordination with them will be crucial.

One step that the government has taken is to set up a new entity called the “Banking 2020 Initiative” to coordinate efforts across the country. The initiative will bring together relevant stakeholders, including financial regulators, banks, and other interested parties, to work towards a common goal.

This is just the beginning of a long process, though. It will take time to see the results of these efforts, and the government will need to continue working hard to make progress. But with a clear plan and a commitment to the task, the German government is well on its way to building a more integrated and sustainable banking system.
The Fed staff lose central bank will hit 2% inflation goal

Bloomberg

The Federal Reserve’s influential staff warned that inflation will continue to slide toward 2% over the next year, a forecast that was projected to tighten further. The warning comes after the central bank’s latest minutes and mark an about-face from the September meeting, when economists were projecting more rapid price gains.

Some economists have expressed concerns that longer-term inflation expectations will remain below target levels, which could make it difficult for the central bank to hit its price goal. The minutes include a section titled “Inflation Expectations,” in which several members of the policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) take turns discussing the topic. The minutes also include a section “Labor Markets,” in which one member notes that “there is reason to be cautiously optimistic about the labor market.”

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Amazon.com Inc is working on a device that can read human emotions, the company said on Wednesday, as it plans to make the device available to consumers.

Amazon’s project, code-named “Roman,” is still in the early stages, and the company is working with expert scientists in the field to develop the device.

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