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**KUFPEC eyes acquisitions as it boosts output: CEO**

Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Co (KUFPEC) is looking at acquisitions as it boosts output to meet growing demand and is also building new refineries and gas exploration in countries such as Malaysia, Indonesia, Pakistan and Australia.

One of the company's main projects is a $700mn joint venture in Australia, which produces condensate and natural gas. KUFPEC is also investing in a $2bn refinery in Italy, which is due to come online in 2020, the company's 150,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day (boed) production is expected to double to 260,000 boed by 2020.

Kufpec's domestic oil expansion strategy will focus on offshore exploration and KUFPEC will see the ability to provide the knowledge and expertise needed to achieve that target, he said.

KUFPEC is also planning to build another refinery in Duqm with a capacity of 400,000 boed. KPI plans to grow its retail business abroad and is currently looking at markets in Europe, where it has a 3% to 4% share of the retail market. After a 2014 agreement with Italy's ENI, KPI has an option to acquire a 29.9% stake in ENI's refinery in Duqm.

KPI is also a partner in an oil refinery in Oman with the Omani government. The refinery is due to come online in 2019 and is expected to produce 90,000 boed of product.

KPI's crude oil production capacity is 470,000 boed in 2019.

**NBK Capital Partners abandoned advances talks to buy Abu Dhabi's credit fund**

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As June 7, Turkish residents hold EHS, looking to lock in low interest rates and lower total bank deposits. That means lending, which makes up nearly 27% of total bank deposits, will need to swap short-term foreign-exchange liabilities into long-term Turkish lira denominated in dollars.

In the Turkish case, cross-currency swaps have been entered into a number of times. The measures aim to boost domestic spending, a key driver of Turkey's economy, at a time when consumption is weak and inflation is almost 9%.

**Turkey eases payment instalment rules to spur domestic spending**

Turkey's central bank on Friday showed consumer confidence remains close to an all-time low, and economists surveyed by Bloomberg expect the economy to contract 1.2% this year.

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Renault nears deal over board seat

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Renault SA welcomed a decision by China to grant a seat on its board to French carmaker Renault, a move that could signal its intentions to establish a stronger foothold in the world's largest auto market.

The Chinese government has agreed to give Renault a seat on the board of its joint venture with Dongfeng Motor Co., a key milestone in Renault's strategy to cement its position in China's rapidly growing auto industry.

The decision, announced on Friday, is seen as a major boost for Renault, which has been trying to deepen its presence in China in recent years. The move could help the Renault-Nissan-Mitsubishi Alliance, which is already the world's second-largest auto maker, to strengthen its position in the world's largest auto market.

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South Korea pushes sustainability bonds to prop up economy

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South Korea has become the world’s biggest issuer of so-called sustainability bonds this year as borrowers rush to sell bonds to fund projects to help the middle class and smaller firms, with sales of dollar globally for sustainability projects more than doubled this year to $62.3bn, according to data from the International Capital Markets Association (ICMA). Many independent economists believe the government’s policies for low-income families and small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and its efforts to reduce carbon emissions and improve other environmental goals as they fund either green or social projects.

The growing volume of new issuance by small and medium-sized enterprises and social ventures, sustainability bonds are expected to continue to rise as borrowers rush to sell bonds to help the middle class and smaller firms.

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The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) index increased by 12.79 points, or 0.64%, during the trading week to close at 19,687.67. Market capitalisation decreased by 2.1% to QR301.4bn versus QR307.8bn in the previous trading week. The trading volume of 161mn shares. On the other hand, the banks (QFBQ) was the worst performing stock for the week with a decline of 4.3% on 96.8mn shares traded only.

QNB Group (QNBK) and Nakilat (QGTS) were the primary contributors to the weekly index gain. QNB was the biggest contributor to the index’s weekly increase, adding 88.0 points to the index. Moreover, QGTS factored on 18.2 points to the index. Trading value during the week increased by 0.02% to QR1.69bn versus QR1.68bn in the prior week. The industrials sector was accounting for 47.2% of the total traded value of QR89.1bn.

Trading volume increased by 90.2% to reach 223mn shares versus 111.6mn shares in the prior week. The number of transactions fell by 17.3% to 33,961 transactions versus 41,041 transactions in the prior week. The consumer goods sector led the trading volume, accounting for 46.1%, followed by the consumer durables sector accounting for 29.6% of the overall trading volume.

Qatar First Bank (QFBC) was the top volume traded stock during the week with 46.5mn shares. Foreign institutions remained bullish with net buying of QR101.6mn versus net selling of QR91.2mn in the price week. Qatari institutions remained bearish with net selling of QR131.2mn versus net selling of QR132.2mn in the prior week. Qatari retail investors remained bullish with net buying of QR131.2mn versus net selling of QR101.6mn versus net selling of QR91.2mn for the week. Foreign institutions have bought (net basis) $1.13bn worth of Qatari equities in 2019.

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Top Five Gainers

1. Qatar National Bank (QNBK) - QR7.37 to QR7.50, 2.18% gain
2. Abu Dhabi Investments (ADIA) - QR1.27 to QR1.30, 2.38% gain
3. Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance (AKHI) - QR0.49 to QR0.60, 21.8% gain
4. Qurain Holding (QHOLD) - QR0.59 to QR0.70, 18.6% gain
5. Qatar Petroleum (QFQ) - QR0.75 to QR0.79, 5.33% gain

Top Five Decliners

1. Barzan Qatar (BQRM) - QR2.50 to QR2.42, 3.20% decline
2. Qatar First Bank (QFBC) - QR6.00 to QR5.75, 4.17% decline
3. Al Khaleej Takaful Insurance (AKHI) - QR0.70 to QR0.65, 7.14% decline
4. Qatar National Bank (QNBK) - QR7.50 to QR7.37, 2.40% decline
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The QE index closed 154% up from the week before, and closed at 19,687.67. The index has created a bullish continuation pattern, which is getting confirmed through the price action. We keep our next expected resistance level at 20,800 points and the 5,900 as our weekly support level.

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 price, while the high and low intraday movements form the 'shadow'. The candlestick may represent any time frame. We use a one-day candlestick chart in this report. Our candlestick representation is based on using our analysis.

Doji candlestick pattern – A Doji candlestick is a type of candlestick pattern that is formed when a security’s open and close price are practically equal. The pattern indicates indecisiveness, and based on previous price action, it may indicate a bullish or bearish reversal.

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By Andy Home

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QIB awarded ‘Islamic Finance Innovator 2019’ by Global Finance

Q IB, the largest Islamic bank in Qatar, has been named ‘Islamic Finance Innovator 2019’ by Global Finance, a leading financial publication based in New York. This is the sixth time QIB has won the award and is an international recognition which QIB received from Global Finance since 2014 in the category of Islamic Finance Innovator.

The award is given to financial institutions that have introduced new innovative solutions. QIB has been chosen as the winner for its introduction of new innovative solutions in the Islamic Finance sector. The award recognises the bank’s commitment to providing customers with a seamless digital experience.

QIB was awarded the ‘Islamic Finance Innovator 2019’ in recognition of its innovative solutions and services. The bank has been at the forefront of digital transformation in the Islamic banking sector, with a focus on efficiency, customer satisfaction, and enhanced security.

QIB has introduced several innovative solutions in recent years, including an enhanced mobile app, the launch of an e-banking platform, and the introduction of a digital banking solution for businesses. These initiatives have helped QIB remain at the forefront of the industry and continue to serve its customers.

QIB has been continuously improving its digital solutions, with a focus on providing a seamless and secure experience for customers. The bank has also been proactive in introducing new features and services, such as mobile banking and online account opening, to enhance the customer experience.

QIB’s commitment to innovation has allowed it to remain at the forefront of the Islamic banking sector. The bank has been successful in attracting customers with its innovative solutions and services, which have helped it maintain strong growth and profitability.

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Overall, QIB’s innovation has helped it remain a leader in the Islamic banking sector, with a focus on providing a seamless and secure experience for customers.

QNQ Bank receives ‘Best Trade Finance Bank in Qatar’ award by Global Trade Review

QNB Group recently received the ‘Best Trade Finance Bank in Qatar’ award by Global Trade Review, a leading trade publication. This recognition is based on the efficiency of its efforts during 2018 to enhance the banking experience of its corporate customers by launching a range of digital products and innovative services and expanding its international network in line with its goal to become a leading bank in the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia.

The award is a testament to QNB’s commitment to providing its corporate customers with exceptional service and innovative solutions. QNB has been at the forefront of digital transformation in the banking sector, with a focus on efficiency, customer satisfaction, and enhanced security.

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Seetharaman honoured with 'Best CEO of the Century for Peace and Humanity' award by WHD London

A top official of one of Qatar’s largest private commercial banks has recently received the ‘Best CEO of the Century for Peace and Humanity’ award by World Humanitarian Development (WHD) London. Dheeraj Seetharaman, CEO of Doha Bank, was named the recipient of the award for his outstanding contributions to the banking industry and for his efforts to promote peace and humanity.

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The award was presented to Seetharaman at a ceremony held in London, where he received the award for his contributions to the banking industry and for his efforts to promote peace and humanity.

Seetharaman has made significant contributions to the banking industry in Qatar and beyond. His leadership has helped Doha Bank become one of the leading banks in the Middle East, Africa, and Southeast Asia, and he has been recognized for his efforts to promote peace and humanity.

The ‘Best CEO of the Century for Peace and Humanity’ award is presented annually to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the banking industry and for promoting peace and humanity.

WHD London is a leading global think tank that focuses on promoting peace and humanity through the banking industry. The organization has recognized Seetharaman for his contributions to the banking industry and for his efforts to promote peace and humanity.

Seetharaman received the ‘Best CEO of the Century for Peace and Humanity’ award after a rigorous selection process, during which he was nominated by the banking industry and recognized for his contributions to the banking industry and for promoting peace and humanity.

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