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Qatar’s official foreign exchange reserves have “returned close to the pre-blockade levels” while the real economy in the country “remained largely shielded”, according to HE the QCB Governor Mouhammed Al Jadaan.

The recent review of Qatar’s economic situation by the QCB, the country’s central bank, found that the economic fundamentals in Qatar “remained largely shielded” from the challenges associated with the economic crisis that began with the announcement of the blockade by some Arab Gulf countries on June 5, 2017.

The review showed that the large influx of foreign currency to Qatar, driven by the large reserves of the Qatar National Reserve Fund (QRNF), has contributed to the resilience of the country’s financial sector, which has been able to maintain low interest rates and strong economic growth.

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**Hong Kong exports hit by trade friction**

Hong Kong’s total exports in June suffered their biggest annual fall in at least 10 years as China-US trade tensions and other unfavourable market factors dragged down the city’s performance, according to data from the government.

Of June’s total exports of HK$364.8bn, the seventh straight month of decline since February 2016, government data showed yesterday.

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US-Mainland trade tensions and other unfavourable market factors were also seen as the main drivers for the drop in June exports, according to HSBC’s economists.

“External trade conditions continued to be difficult in June. US-China trade tensions, weaker demand in key export markets and rising costs – is deepening at Japan’s No 2 auto maker in the wake of a financial misconduct…,” chief executive Martin Brudermueller added.

S Korea Q2 GDP bounces

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**Salesforce expands footprint into China with new HKM partnership**

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Salesforce's partnership with China is fast moving and the two companies are getting closer to full compliance with Chinese data laws, which require that all user data is stored in China. This is expected to boost demand for Chinese refiners such as Sinopec and CNOOC, who are increasingly looking for new markets outside of Asia.

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Asian markets tempered by doubts on US-China talks

Investors who missed out on the most profitable trades in China’s equity market will now have another chance at making a quick buck.

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Kenya Airways is planning to expand its fleet and routes, with a focus on Africa and the Middle East. The airline has ordered 34 MAX jets and is set to receive them in the coming months. The narrow-body jet — a fuel-efficient model — will be used to increase capacity and expand service to new destinations.

However, the airline is facing challenges due to the high cost of fuel and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Kenya Airways has been making efforts to reduce costs and improve efficiency. The airline has been working with partners such as the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC) to address these challenges.

In light of the global pandemic, Kenya Airways has implemented several safety measures to protect its passengers and employees. These include mandatory temperature screenings, social distancing protocols, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff.

The airline has been diversifying its revenue streams by exploring new business opportunities, such as cargo transport and travel insurance. It has also been expanding its online presence through digital marketing campaigns and partner programs.

Despite the challenges, Kenya Airways remains committed to the principle of safety and service excellence. The airline is dedicated to providing its passengers with a seamless and enjoyable travel experience. By leveraging its strong network and expertise, Kenya Airways is well-positioned to continue its growth and success in the years to come.
Euro touches two-year low as ECB signals stimulus and rate cut

The euro fell to a two-year low on Wednesday after the ECB revealed it could understand the stimulus measures and cut rates to boost flagging growth and inflation in Europe.

German government bond yields hit new lows on the prospect of the Euro-
zone Central banking purchasing programme (PSPI) that looks set to fall on discretionary comments by ECB chief Mario Draghi about the outlook for the eurozone economy.

Meanwhile, the pound rose after new UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he could delay Brexit to the end of March if the EU agreed. He was flanked by new Finance Minister Sajid Javid in front of the media.

The Euro lost 0.5% against the US dollar and touched its lowest level since March 2017.

In stocks, London’s FTSE 100 closed 0.5% down at 7,220.37, down at 3.6% in 10 years, while the DAX 30 fell 1.3% to 12,631.19.

The ECB, which has already cut its key interest rates to historic all-time lows and pumped unprecedented volumes of cash into the financial system via its so-called QE bond-buying scheme, had said mostly being trying to move to a strategy of “inflation-fighting” and growth both surging, as recent weeks reported that ECB officials would signal a change in the direction of monetary policy at their meeting later today.

While they left the rate as the heaviest benchmarking operation at -0.5%, in its inaugural meeting following a 95% net profit plunge in its net balance on Wednesday, he said that the ECB would hold it at 2.22%.

The euro has already hit its lowest level since March 2017.

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2. Limit Use of AC

3. Choose Eco-Friendly Products

4. Switch to Low Energy Lights

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**ECB pledges more easing, opens door to goal review**

**By John N Wilding**

We are now well over a year into the GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) regime and have seen the European Union (EU) in April last year in a news conference. This is not the time to do justice to the broad and complex problem of ensuring that European companies are compliant with the rules. Nor is it the time to talk about the much-discussed issue of whether there should be a 'two-country solution' to the GDPR. The focus should instead be on the current regulatory landscape, which is evolving rapidly.

However, it is clear that companies need to take the GDPR seriously and that they should not be complacent. As the GDPR matures, the challenges it poses will become more pronounced.

In this context, it is worth noting that the GDPR has already had a significant impact on the way businesses operate. The GDPR has forced businesses to review their data handling practices and to take steps to ensure that they comply with its requirements. This has been a significant change for many businesses, and it has required them to invest time and money in order to comply with the GDPR.

Furthermore, the GDPR has also had a significant impact on the way that data is handled and used by businesses. This has been a major change, and it has forced businesses to think about how they use data in order to comply with the GDPR.

Overall, the GDPR has had a significant impact on the way that businesses operate, and it is clear that this will continue to be the case in the future. Businesses will need to continue to invest time and money in order to ensure that they comply with the GDPR, and they will need to think carefully about how they use data in order to ensure that they comply with the GDPR.

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**EU, Japan agree on new guidelines for data sharing**

The European Union and Japan have agreed on new guidelines for data sharing, which include provisions for sharing data between the two countries.

The guidelines, which were agreed on in a meeting in Tokyo on Thursday, will allow for the sharing of data in a number of areas, including health, research, and security. The guidelines also include provisions for the sharing of data with other countries, such as the US and Canada.

The guidelines were welcomed by both sides, with the EU and Japan expressing the view that they would allow for more efficient and effective data sharing.

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**Oman seeks to draw yield-starved investors with dollar bond**

Oman is tapping the bond market with a dollar-denominated offering for the first time this year, seeking to increase its budget deficit after global borrowing costs increased.

The sovereign is seeking to sell $1 billion of 10-year notes, with a yield of 3.0% to 3.25%, according to a benchmark dollar bond sale. The sovereign is selling the notes through a bookrunner led by BNP Paribas, Société Générale and Rabobank.

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**Clariant suffers another joint venture setback with joint venture with Sabic**

Clariant, a Swiss chemical company, has suffered another setback in its efforts to negotiate a settlement with Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic), a major shareholder in a joint venture the company set up in 2005. The joint venture, called Advanced Materials, was set up to produce polymers for the electronics and automotive industries.

The venture has been beset by problems, and Clariant has been forced to write down its investment. The company has also been forced to seek a settlement with Sabic, its major shareholder, in order to avoid further losses.

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**Four major automakers yesterday postponed new US car sales milestones for 2020 as they looked to more carefully manage cash flow and avoid any further setbacks for the automotive industry.**

The move comes as the industry faces a significant downturn, with sales in the US falling by more than 10% in the first quarter of this year. The companies have been forced to re-evaluate their plans, and they have decided to delay the release of new models in an effort to avoid further losses.