Qatar’s industrial sector PPI witnesses more than 6% increase in Nov

By Sandesh V Perumal

The Industrial Production Index (PPI) witnessed a robust month-on-month increase of 6.3% in November, compared to 6.1% month-on-month increase in October, according to the Planning and Statistics Authority (PSA).

This year on 3.5% jump in the selling price of refined petroleum products, which has a weight of 26.8% in the PPI index, contributed to the robust increase in the PPI.

Ooredoo Maldives, Andrew Kval-Shafeeu, as well as the chairman of Al Koot, a leading risk cover provider in the country, were present at the event.

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Qatar’s Roll of Honour Industrial Complex, located south of Doha, has recently launched Ooredoo services and 5G Air Fibre services for the first time in Qatar.

The new-look Ooredoo Maldives also received a 5G Experience zone for the first time in Qatar.

"We have seen a surge in interest in our 5G services, and this has been reflected in the number of customers who have subscribed to our services," said Andrew Kval-Shafeeu, Ooredoo Maldives CEO.

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"We are proud to see AMNM becoming established and successful in Qatar’s medical sector in a short period of time. Our partnership with Al Koot will ensure the availability of our services to a larger number of people," said Andrew Kval-Shafeeu, Ooredoo Maldives CEO.

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An across-the-board selling – particularly in telecom, retail, financial services and industrials and insurance companies – prompted a sell-off by the Gulf funds as they continued to be hit by the selling pressure.

The Bank of Thailand on Tuesday, December 30, 2020, dragged the Qatar Stock Exchange's key index lower due to selling pressure.

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The sells are mostly Thais who do not have permanent residence in Thailand, who are expected to continue selling gold next year, according to the Bank of Thailand.

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The Bank of Thailand has been more of a net importer than exporter in the past. "Quick investors than exporters," said Pawan Nawabat, a former sales and extending a nationwide curfew, South Africa announced by President Cyril Ramaphosa on January 5.

The forint gained after six sessions of declines after Hungary's central bank continues to be in a tight situation, it is said, according to an interview published on Bloomberg.

Bloomberg's benchmark stock index gained the most among its central Asia peers, rising for a fifth consecutive session, "British and Russian stocks are also expected to see better performance if the US agrees to conclude a deal that replaces the existing trading," British trade minister Liz Truss said that the US agreed to conclude a deal that replaces the existing trading.

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Hong Kong bourse is finding it tough to appoint a new CEO

By Cynthia Chan and Benjamin Roberts

“It is a Hong Kong transformation. China’s rules in business, judiciary, picking a new boss for the bourse, are stock exchange pricing difficult. Chairman is announcing his intention to quit at head of the Hong Kong Exchange & Clearing Ltd more than a year before his contract ended amid an ongoing probe into strained relations with Chairman Laura Cha, according to people familiar with the matter. Cha was put on the firing line following an ‘outspoken and his aggressive - and fundamentally wrong’ response for the London Stock Exchange’s planned take-over of the Hong Kong Exchange. He had been dubbed ‘Mr China’ for linking the exchanges of Shanghai and Shenzhen. Dubbed “steering conflict” both in Hong Kong and in the mainland, but also one that entails taking risks. The success of the city’s stock market in 2013 was often content with an increasingly assertive China contributing to the confidence of global investors at a time when Hong Kong’s relative to American stock is in doubt. The next boss will also have to decide whether to follow U.S. style as ex-employees of the financial industry or take a more China-friendly role. But he makes a vital point that for global investors, the selection process for the group’s chief executive is being conducted by the board with “clear communication and transparency” and further announcements will be made when the process concludes. With the new CEO likely to be a long-term executive is being conducted by the board with “clear communication and transparency” and further announcements will be made when the process concludes. The Chinese central government has been a vocal supporter for the appointment of a new CEO, according to one of the people. Former Chau’s committee of directors have started to interview candidates with experience at Chinese companies to find a new CEO, another person said. Chau’s administration has shaken up the senior cadre at HKEx with several new appointments. Most recently, he appointed a new head of secondary listings, more than doubled. The move was part of a broader plan to attract more Chinese companies listed on the exchange, as well as overseas companies planning to list in Hong Kong. But some of the new appointments have faced criticism, with some observers saying the new CEO人选 may not be the right fit for the exchange.

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European stock markets extend year-end rally on Brexit deal boost

**Reuters, AFP**

European stock markets closed at a fresh 13-year high on the back of a Brexit trade deal, hopes of a bigger US stimulus package and a marathon Covid-19 vaccination campaign.

The £545 billion FTSE 100 ended up 1.6%, rising for a fifth session in a row and the biggest gain since April, after the sealing of a trade agreement last week.

Mixed stocks, also considered a beneficiary of Brexit sentiment, closed 1.2% higher which was the strongest gain in more than 13 years.

They agreed, signed last week. News of EU-US trade in the near term, the two are set to hammer out the finer details of the deal – a process that is expected to take years.

The coronavirus pandemic also remains as a source of uncertainty given that economic recoveries from the virus will continue for the future.

For the day, British and American firms took the top spot in European stocks. British Airways owner IAG shot 4.8%, led by strong demand for travel and leisure stocks.

The German DAX rebounded 2.0% while the French CAC 40 added 1.6%.

The deal marked another deal that the US was able to secure. The US economy began to recover after a recession induced by the pandemic.

However, the agreement struck between London and Brussels is set to win unwanted outcomes – even if it is the inevitable result of the compromises that the Prime Minister had to make to get the deal over the line.

Breeders, though, mostly made yesterday following a record-breaking session, as the US economic stimulus bill late on Sunday, another shot in the arm on Monday, was being approved.

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Record-breaking lead from Wall-Street lifts Asian equity markets

India stocks rose for a fifth straight day, tracking broad gains in Asian peers on Monday as governments around the world were poised to roll out Covid-19 vaccines, boosting hopes for global economic recovery.

The Nifty 50 Index advanced 0.4% while the Sensex extended gains to hit a new peak of 47,613.08 points. Both indexes extended the gains for the fifth straight day, tracking broad gains in Asian peers.

India’s surge was led by gains in Jio Platforms Ltd, State Bank of India and SBI Cards & Payment Network Ltd.

China's Shanghai Composite index also rose to a record high, gaining 0.5% to 3,379.04 points yesterday.

The US stimulus package was a key factor in Asian equities. The US Senate approved the $900 billion stimulus package on Friday, sending the bill to US President Donald Trump.

The US president signed the stimulus package on Friday, the third stimulus package in as many months.

US stocks rose, with the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite indexes gained 0.8% and 0.9%, respectively.

European stocks also rose, with the Stoxx 600 index gaining 0.8%.

Asia-Pac region: India stocks closed higher amid hopes of a significant stimulus package in the US, which is likely to meet with approval from the Senate. The US Senate has already passed the $900 billion stimulus package, which includes $600 in direct payments to households.

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Japanese stocks also rose, with the Nikkei 225 index gaining 2.7% to 28,127.33 points.

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Asian stocks were also buoyed by hopes for a post-Brexit trade deal, which was agreed on December 24.

With a record $900 billion stimulus package in the US and a post-Brexit trade deal now agreed, investors are optimistic about economic recovery in 2021.

In Japan, the Nikkei 225 index gained 2.7% to 28,127.33 points, while in South Korea, the Kospi index rose 0.5% to 3,061.81 points.

In China, the Shanghai Composite index gained 0.5% to 3,379.04 points yesterday.

In Europe, major indices also rose, with the Stoxx 600 index gaining 0.8%.

The European Union’s recovery fund is also set to provide a boost to the region's economy.

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US House approves $2,000 virus aid check, but Trump says he won’t sign it

The US House of Representatives voted 217-215 on Monday to pass a $2,000 Covid-19 relief bill, with 134 votes in favor and 85 against. The bill now heads to President Donald Trump, who has said he will only sign legislation that includes a pared-down $500 virus aid check, which he believes is a “disaster”.

According to the latest reports, Trump is considering a veto of the measure. But the bill passed despite Trump’s earlier threat to veto it. It is likely that Congress will override the veto if Trump vetoes it.

The bill, which is expected to pass the Senate, includes a $2,000 virus aid check for each American citizen, as well as extensions to unemployment benefits and additional resources for state and local governments.

The bill passed in the House after a heated debate, with many Republicans opposing it. However, the bill was supported by the majority of House members, including many Republicans.

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Doha Bank CEO speaks on changing dynamics and opportunities after Covid’ at virtual summit

Doha Bank CEO Dr. R Seetharaman speaking at the Virtual Global Economic Summit 2020.

Fitch Ratings has affirmed the Doha Bank’s (D-Bank) GCR, outlook and ratings “AAA” and “Stable” following a Tier 1 capital injection of $1bn from the State of Qatar, which is equivalent to 41% of the bank’s Tier 1 capital. The Tier 1 capital injection is in line with the Government’s economic stimulus measures to alleviate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and boost the economy.

As part of the stimulus, Qatar Development Bank (QDB) launched a QR42bn National Programme that provides guaranteed loans at subsidised rates to local banks against claims met by Doha Bank. This is aimed at improving the investment climate and stimulating the economy.

Fitch notes that the bank has reviewed its capital management framework and its strengthening capital buffers has helped to stabilise its risk-weighted capital adequacy ratio (CRA) at 27.4% (Q3 2020: 25.9%). It has also improved its business segment diversification and loan loss provisions. The bank’s efficiency ratio has also improved to 80.1% (Q3 2020: 79.8%).

Fitch is of the view that the recent capital injection will help to mitigate market risks associated with the current Covid-19 pandemic. The bank remains well-capitalised at the expense of a loan loss provision. Fitch has also noted that the bank has increased its capital buffers to fund the QR1.7bn loan loss reserve.

As of March 2021, Doha Bank’s capital adequacy ratio (CAR) stands at 20.6%, up from 19.0% in December 2020. The bank has also repaid all of its sovereign guarantee obligations to APICORP.

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