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China risk likely to overshadow EMs eyeing vaccine hopes

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By Preto John
Business Editor

Qatar ‘well-positioned’ as LNG major with low production costs, supply competence, reliability, says Dun & Bradstreet

The Qatargas subsidiaries are seeing good signs of a recovery in the LNG market, with several new projects and contracts being signed. The companies are also benefitting from the recent drop in oil prices, which has made LNG more competitive. The companies are also investing in new technologies and processes to improve their efficiency and reduce costs. Furthermore, the companies are working closely with their customers to meet their needs and ensure that they remain satisfied with the services they receive.
Boeing-Airbus trade dispute is a pointless relic

By Brooks Newmark

The long-running trade dispute between Boeing and Airbus, the two world’s largest plane makers, is的规定 that it has paid for. The White House has released its initial plan. A cornerstone of the plan for the US aid to Boeing is before the WTO, with an appeal expected as early as September to an allowable retaliation tariff. Airbus and its statements have attempted to avoid the issue of national security and trade, with a decision to maintain tariffs in an aircraft case. Boeing, in turn, will respond appropriately to defend its industry. The difference is that the Boeing-Airbus dispute has combined a number of national interests and has been a public affair. Thus, the grounding of the company’s October 25 joint MAX plan in the wake of new fatal crashes is now coming up on a week at a month. This has involved the restrictions on cancellations, making the plans for more than 100,000 planes in the US, and the FAA has lifted its ban.

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Holiday tours are a bad business in a pandemic

By Andrea Baldi

When COVID-19 began sweeping through the world in spring 2020, the airline industry was already suffering from a series of challenges. The pandemic hit the industry with full force, and the vast majority of the world’s airlines were forced to ground their fleets. The situation has improved in recent months, with a number of countries and regions lifting travel restrictions and allowing tourists to return. However, the industry remains under pressure, and many airlines continue to struggle to recover from the impact of the pandemic. This year, many airlines have had to cancel or suspend their operations, and the industry’s future remains uncertain. In this article, we will take a closer look at the current state of the airline industry and explore some of the challenges it faces. The current state of the airline industry

1. Financial challenges

2. Operational challenges

3. Safety concerns

4. Environmental concerns

5. Policy and regulatory issues

These challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic, and the industry will need to adapt and evolve to overcome them. In the coming years, airlines will need to focus on improving efficiency, reducing costs, and enhancing the customer experience.
China risk may overshadow EMs' vaccine hopes

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The final week of August may prove key for emerging-market traders as the region’s developing economies look to improve the vaccine rollout, according to Bank of America Corp. analysts.

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The region’s demand and delivery from the developed world will be key to the vaccine rollout, according to Bank of America Corp. analysts.

The bank’s analysts are looking for a few key elements to push the vaccine rollout, including a “vaccine truce,” a reduction in trade barriers, and improved vaccine delivery to emerging markets. They also suggest that the region could benefit from a “vaccine truce” with China, which has a large population and is looking for ways to improve vaccine access.

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India stocks advance; rupee closes at five-month high

India stocks advanced on Thursday, with the benchmark Sensex rising more than 1% on better-than-expected inflation data and strong corporate earnings, according to a Reuters poll.

The Sensex climbed as much as 1.8% to 49,400, while the Nifty gained 1.6%, its biggest one-day gain since May. Both indexes were well above the 48,000 mark.

The poll, which surveyed 15 economists, predicted a decline of 0.4% in consumer inflation this fiscal year, compared to 4.9% expected in the fiscal year ending March. The poll also forecast a 0.5% decline in wholesale inflation.

India’s economic growth is expected to recover to 11.9% this fiscal year, from 2.9% in the previous fiscal year, according to the poll.

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**Trump scrutiny stymies Chinese-focused funds**

*By Shengwen Zhang

The Trump administration is intensifying efforts to curtail cross-border investment by Chinese firms in cutting too much red tape for even the most closely watched deals. In response,收紧

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**Pakistan PM announces $424mn current account surplus for July**

*By Rana Sajid Hussain

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan reiterated that his government had made it a priority to boost economic growth and reduce the current account deficit (CAD) at all costs. He said that in July, the country registered a $424 million current account surplus, the highest in over a decade.

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**Inflation shock will hit hordes hardest in India, Russia, Mexico**

*By Scott McDonald

Inflation rates have jumped in several countries, pushing up the cost of living for millions. In India, Russia, Mexico, and other nations, central banks are raising interest rates to combat price increases.

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**Ken Griffin's Citadel to open Singapore office**

*By Yat Siu

According to sources, Ken Griffin, the CEO of Citadel, is planning to open a Singapore office in the latter part of this year. This move is expected to bring a wealth of new business to the city-state, further cementing its position as a global financial hub.

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**Inflation surprise pushes central banks to lower rates in July**

*By John Smith

Central banks across the world have been caught off guard by an unexpected inflation surge. As a result, many have decided to lower rates in July to try to curb rising prices. This has raised concerns about the sustainability of economic recovery.
Real estate investors skip paying loans while raising billions

Debutant soars, 2.93% on China's ChiNext board

A life insurance company topped its peers in the Chinese market as it listed on the ChiNext board, with a share price jump of 2.93%.

The insurer, which is one of the largest in China, announced its debut on the ChiNext board last month, with an initial public offering (IPO) price of 42 yuan (6.36 US dollars).

The insurer's shares opened at 47.1 yuan, more than 10% above the offering price, and closed at 58 yuan, giving the company a market value of about 100 billion yuan.

The insurer said it expects to raise about 25 billion yuan through the IPO, which will be used to expand its business and repay debts.

The insurer has operations in more than 20 Chinese provinces and has more than 200 million policyholders.

Real estate investors skip paying loans while raising billions

As China's property market continues to cool, some real estate companies are cutting back on borrowing.

A property listed on China's ChiNext board, a technology-focused stock exchange, announced last month that it would stop paying interest on some of its loans, raising billions of yuan to help fund its business.

The company, which is one of the largest in China's property sector, said it would suspend interest payments on loans totaling about 5 billion yuan, or about 740 million US dollars.

The move is seen as a response to the country's efforts to curb high levels of debt in the real estate sector.

China has been cracking down on the use of debt to fund property development, and some companies have been struggling to meet their loan obligations.

The company said it would use the funds raised through the loan suspension to support its business development and to repay some of its debts.

The company's move is the latest in a series of measures taken by Chinese real estate companies to reduce their financial burden.

Other companies have announced plans to cut back on spending or to sell assets to raise funds.

The credit crunch is expected to continue in the coming months, and some analysts predict that more companies will follow the lead of the company in suspending interest payments.
Cold fever in 2020 means exchange-traded funds

The 19th century philosopher John Stuart Mill once said: "When the world is full of gold, everybody wants to be a king."

This year, the world is indeed full of gold, but it is not the feverish fever that is sweeping the world of finance: It is the fever of exchange-traded funds (ETFs).

ETFs are like feverish ETFs, making it easy for investors to invest in a basket of stocks, bonds, or other financial instruments. They are becoming increasingly popular because they offer a low-cost way to gain exposure to a wide range of assets.

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Kotak-backed MCX plans more index futures after bullion

With the recent surge in gold prices, Kotak Mahindra Commodity Exchange (MCX) plans to launch a new index-based bullion futures contract to address the growing demand for gold derivatives.

The new contract will be linked to the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)金价格，旨在满足市场需求，特别是新兴市场和投资者对黄金衍生品的需求。

MCX, which is already the largest commodity exchange in Asia, is looking to leverage its expertise and vast customer base to capture a significant share of the global gold derivatives market.

The new product will offer a liquid and transparent avenue for investors to hedge against price volatility and protect against the risk of price movements in gold.

The move is in line with the broader trend of commoditization of financial instruments, as more and more exchanges are launching new derivatives contracts to meet the changing needs and preferences of investors.
European markets start the week strong on virus treatment hopes

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Bloomberg QuickTake Q&A

Where doxin came from and why it keeps popping up

By Polly Tan

It’s called doxing sometimes played out through the malicious posting of personal information about someone, such as an officials’ online activity — without your consent — for the purpose of putting some harm or embarrassment on them. It can take many forms, from posting someone’s home address to spreading rumors or even threatening them. This year, doxing has been a major issue in the workplace and on social media.

What is doxing?

The word comes from “dose,” the verb meaning “to cause someone to receive a dose of something.” It’s also the origin of “dose,” which means “to give someone a dose of something medically.”

Where does the term doxing come from?

The term “doxing” comes from the Japanese word “doxu,” which means “to give.” In English, it’s used to describe the act of giving someone something in a harmful or embarrassing way.

How does doxing happen?

Doxing typically involves posting someone’s personal information online, such as their home address or contact information, without their consent. This can be done through social media, forums, or other online platforms. The goal is usually to embarrass or humiliate the person whose information was posted.

What are some examples of doxing?

Examples of doxing include posting someone’s home address, phone number, or email address online, or spreading rumors about them on social media.

How can you protect yourself from doxing?

To protect yourself from doxing, you can take steps such as limiting the personal information you share online, being careful about what you post on social media, and being vigilant about any suspicious activity.

UK retail footfall jumps four-fold as rebound accelerates: Springboard

Retailers

Springboard numbers across all UK retail destinations rose by 6.2% last week as near 74% of stores reopened following the easing of lockdown restrictions. The group said it had seen a significant increase in activity across all non-food destinations, with footfall in clothing and footwear, furniture and DIY, and home-ware all rising strongly.

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**Robust demand for Islamic stocks lifts OSE to 9,900 level**

By South Gulf Times

Oman's bourse indices registered healthy gains on Wednesday on the back of robust demand for Islamic stocks, which lifted the market to a 20-month peak of 9,911.86 as of the 3:30 PM close. The benchmark S&P Oman General Index gained 18.16 points, or 0.18%, and the Omani All-Share Index (OSE) surged 19.70 points, or 0.20%. The Total Return Index, which includes all listed stocks, jumped 18.70 points, or 0.59%. The trades were valued at RO 21.7 million and the number of trades stood at 7,062.

Trade turnover and volumes were on the increase on the market, where the retail and institutional investors together accounted for about 50% of the total trading volume. The Gulf investors were the dominant traders, with a spike in demand for Islamic stocks. The total trades on Islamic stocks amounted to 60,622, which is 20% higher than the previous day. The total trades on equities were 9,216, which is a 15% increase from the previous day. The retail investors’ participation was strong, with a total of 15,750 trades, which is a 10% increase from the previous day. The total trades on debt instruments were 1,104, which is a 5% increase from the previous day.

**Norway’s new wealth fund chief gives up hedge fund stake**

Reuters

Norway’s new fund manager has been asked to sell off his hedge fund stake after it was revealed that he has a 76% share in a fund that makes investments in the mining and energy sectors.

The Norwegian fund manager, who was appointed earlier this year, has been asked to divest his stake in the fund, which is run by his own company, after it was revealed that he had invested in a number of mining and energy companies.

**EU trade chief fights to keep job after pandemic slump**

By Philip Hogan

The European Union’s chief trade negotiator, Phil Hogan, has been facing a tough battle to keep his job after the pandemic hit the EU’s trade sector hard. Hogan, who has been in the role since 2019, has been under pressure to resign amid criticism of his handling of the pandemic outbreak and the EU’s response to the crisis.

Hogan’s job is considered to be one of the most difficult in the EU, as it involves managing the bloc’s trade relations with other countries and finding ways to deal with the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic.

**EU trade talks stall as Brexit looms**

By Benoit Faucon

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