Non-energy growth in Qatar hits new survey peak in Nov

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China braces for Evergrande Group’s debt restructuring after months of tumult

The China Evergrande Centre in Hong Kong. Evergrande’s unsupervised debt restructuring from Friday will be a key test for Beijing’s government policy on the property sector, which accounts for nearly a quarter of China’s GDP.

The China Financial Markets Team

Saudi Arabia raises oil prices for Asia and US despite Omicron’s spread

Bloomberg

Saudi Arabia raised oil prices for buyers in Asia and the US, bucking the trend as the variant of concern sparks fears of stalling growth despite the recovery of the oil market.

The move comes as oil prices, which have surged by more than 30% since November due to a series of OPEC+ supply cuts, dip slightly, with the spread of Omicron raising thoughts about curtailing some countries’ travel.

While American oil producers are in a good position, with the spread of Omicron raising concerns about curtailing some countries’ travel, Saudi Arabia’s strategy is to maintain high prices and high demand.

Bloomberg

Italian billionaires’ challenge to Generali hinges on asset unit

Bloomberg

The two Italian billionaire families who are challenging Mediolanum SGR SpA for control over Generali Group S.p.A. have upped the ante, with a major lawsuit and a series of shareholder presentations, raising the stakes in the battle for control of Italy’s largest insurer.

The lawsuit, filed by Mediolanum and its principal shareholder, the Lombardini family, seeks to void a $2.1 billion share buyback plan that would dilute the family’s stake in the company.

Generali, the country’s largest insurer, has long complained about the company’s value and is expected to challenge the lawsuit in court.

Bloomberg
Didi departure from NYSE marks end of Wall Street ties with Chinese big tech

**SEF**

New York

The Chinese ride-hailing giant Didi’s departure from the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) this month is likely to add to a growing list of challenges facing Wall Street’s relationship with Chinese firms. Didi represents the end of its listing, which has been tied to the Chinese Communist Party, and could mean a significant loss for Wall Street firms.

Didi’s decision to exit the NYSE comes as part of a broader trend of Chinese companies leaving Wall Street. This move follows the delisting of TikTok’s parent company, ByteDance, from the Exchange in August.

The Chinese Communist Party’s influence in Didi’s operations has raised concerns about the company’s listing on Wall Street. The New York Times reported that Didi had been directed to remove the app from the Chinese market due to the company’s ties with the Chinese government.

A spokesperson for Didi did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

**China CSRQ downplays overseas delisting fear after stock plunge**

**Bloomberg**

Beijing

China’s CSRQ downplays overseas delisting fears after a sharp stock plunge.

China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRQ) spokesperson Wei Zhengyong said in a statement that overseas delisting fears were “overstated.” His comments came after the stock of CSRQ, a Chinese financial services company, fell 10% in Hong Kong.

CSRQ is the largest Chinese company listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. The company is one of the largest asset managers in the country and has a significant presence in overseas markets.

Wei said the delisting fears were based on “misunderstandings” and that the company was committed to maintaining its listings on overseas exchanges.

**Credit funds signal more record cash swaps as ETFs bloom**

ETFs bloom

A record $21.3 billion entered into exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in August, according to data from the ETF Market Share report.

ETFs now account for nearly 18% of total global assets under management. The growth in ETFs has been driven by a surge in corporate and institutional demand.

**Britain’s old housing stock emerges as key emissions target**

By John Kemp

Enfield, London

Britain will end court-ordered housing stock reform in emerging as a major problem for government efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The government has announced a plan to end the existing court-ordered housing reform, which has been widely criticized for being too slow and costly.

The plan, announced in a report by the Enfield Housing Board (EHB), will involve bringing in new housing stock to replace the existing stock.

The EHB report said that the existing housing stock was “outdated” and “unfit for purpose.” The report also called for a new, more “sustainable” housing stock.

The plan is expected to cost around £1 billion over the next decade.

**What’s the point of ‘green’ technology?**

What’s the point of ‘green’ technology? It seems like a fundamental question.

As the world tries to meet its climate goals, the development of new technologies is seen as crucial. But what exactly is the point of these technologies and how will they help us achieve our goals?

There are a few reasons why ‘green’ technology is important. Firstly, it can help us reduce our carbon emissions. Secondly, it can help us transition to a more sustainable economy. And finally, it can help us adapt to the impacts of climate change.

But there are also some challenges. For example, some technologies are still in their early stages of development and may not yet be ready for widespread use. Additionally, some technologies may be too expensive for people to adopt.

Overall, though, ‘green’ technology seems to be the only way we can meet our climate goals. But we need to make sure we get it right.
Deutsche Bank traders face ‘chopestimes’ in prime market

Bloomberg (1)

Bloomberg Ltd., the brain company backed by Blackstone Group LP and Silver Lake Management LLC, on Sunday won the auction for control of Bloomberg News, the media arm of the news财团, 13 years after it sought to acquire it. The purchase, at an estimated $25bn, is the latest in a string of major acquisitions that have helped Bloomberg News become a dominant force in the financial media market.

Fortress-backed rail gets nod to sell $8bn debt

Bloomberg (2)

Billionaire Stephen K. Ross, the chief executive of Blackstone Group LP, said on Thursday the company had received approval from the U.S. Federal Reserve to sell $8 billion of its debt securities to Fortress Investment Group LLC, completing its exit from the rail industry.

Hawkish Fed boosts value stocks’ appeal for some investors

Bloomberg (3)

Some investors are preparing for a bull market run that is just beginning to unfold, as the Federal Reserve is expected to continue raising interest rates.

Cautionary flags shun Europe debt deals in early wind-down

Bloomberg (4)

European banks’ corporate debt market is closing for the year after several investors have exited in a growing number of deals.

Business

Deutsche Bank traders face ‘chopestimes’ in prime market

Bloomberg (1)

Deutsche Bank AG traders face a tough market for prime brokerage, the bank said, adding that recent volatility and unexpected market developments have caused clients to pull away from the business.

Plan B

Deutsche Bank has started contingency planning for a possible exit from the prime brokerage business, according to a person familiar with the matter who asked not to be named. The bank is considering a range of options, including selling or shutting down the business, the person said.

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New ‘business journey report’ puts spotlight on Qatar’s SME ecosystem as oil fields run dry

The Business Journey Report is a platform for Qatargas to share updates on its current landscape and upcoming challenges in the US market. According to the report, Qatargas is facing challenges due to the expiration of the current LNG contract. The report calls for a strategic approach to address these challenges and ensure the smooth transition to a new LNG contract. The report highlights the importance of diversifying the customer base and increasing the market share. The report also emphasizes the need for collaboration with other companies and the government to support the LNG industry. The report concludes with the suggestion of developing a strategic plan to address the challenges and prepare for the future of the LNG industry.

MCIT to hold virtual forum on big data, benefits & best practices for SMEs

The Ministry of Communication and Information Technology (MCIT) will host a virtual forum on big data, benefits, and best practices for SMEs on December 23. The forum aims to increase the awareness of SMEs about the importance of big data and how it can be used to improve their operations. The forum will be held in collaboration with the National Center for Competiveness and Innovation (NCCI) and the Ministry of Investment and International Cooperation. The forum will include discussions on the benefits of big data, best practices for SMEs, and case studies from successful companies.

GCC countries should prepare for slow economic recovery, experts warn

GCC countries should be prepared for a slow economic recovery due to the pandemic and the resulting fall in oil prices. According to experts, the GCC should focus on diversifying its economy and investing in non-oil sectors to mitigate the impact of the pandemic. The experts also highlighted the need for GCC countries to invest in digital technologies and attract foreign investments to support the economic recovery. The experts concluded that GCC countries should be prepared for a slow economic recovery and take steps to diversify their economy and attract foreign investments.