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Qatar’s LNG export strategy charting successful course, says Sentyurin

By Tareq Al-Maktoum

Qatar’s LNG export strategy has been charting a successful course, overcoming the challenges posed by the pandemic and the international geopolitical tensions. According to Qatar Petroleum’s CEO, Sentyurin, the country has managed to maintain its market share and increase its exports despite the challenges.

Sentyurin pointed out that Qatar’s LNG exports have continued to grow, with the country exporting over 70 million tons of LNG in 2021, a significant increase from previous years. This growth has been driven by the country’s strong relationships with its key customers, particularly in Asia, where demand for LNG has remained strong.

Sentyurin also highlighted the role of Qatar’s strategic partnerships, particularly with its long-time partners like Japan and South Korea. These partnerships have helped sustain demand for Qatar’s LNG, even as other producers have struggled.

In terms of infrastructure, Qatar has continued to invest heavily in its LNG facilities, with several new trains coming online in recent years. This has helped the country to meet the growing demand for LNG, especially in Asia, where demand has been particularly strong.

Looking ahead, Sentyurin expressed confidence in the country’s ability to continue its successful export strategy. He noted that Qatar is well-positioned to continue to be a major player in the global LNG market, with its strong infrastructure and strategic partnerships.

“Qatar’s LNG export strategy has been a key driver of the country’s economic growth and diversification,” said Sentyurin. “We are confident that we will continue to be a leader in the global LNG market, and that our strategy will continue to be successful.”
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A Petronas National Bhd Petrochemical plant stands at the front of the Petronas Twin Towers, second right, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Malaysian state oil producer Petronas is among sellers of petrochemical units in a possible bid to gain new customers, following news that national oil company Oman completed a $10.8 billion private equity sale of its petrochemicals business on the same day.

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Oil trading hub Singapore stood out in the economic rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic, fueling optimism that the world’s largest financial center is set to lead a broader economic recovery.

**Moody’s Investors Service**

Tajudeen Jeyifous, Moody’s vice president and senior credit officer for emerging markets, said the recovery in Singapore is set to continue, with the central bank holding interest rates and fiscal stimulus in place.

**Investing in Singapore**

Investors looking to gain exposure to Singapore’s recovering real estate market may want to consider properties in the central business district or near the financial hub of Raffles Place.

**The National**

Singapore has been working on a new central business district, which is expected to be completed in 2023. The area is set to house offices, hotels, and residential units.

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Iraq cuts crude oil output for most Indian refiners in 2021

Iraq has reduced crude oil supplies to most Indian refiners in 2021, according to a source close to the Indian Oil Ministry. The source said the cuts were due to the coronavirus pandemic and the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. Iraq has reduced its oil exports to India by 10% in 2021 compared to 2020, according to the source. The cuts were applied to India's largest public sector oil companies, including Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC), and Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL). The cuts will affect the production of around 50% of India's crude oil requirements. The cuts are expected to continue until the end of the year, according to the source. The Indian Oil Ministry has stated that the cuts are not expected to impact India's fuel supply situation. The cuts are also expected to affect the production of some Indian steelmakers, who rely on crude oil as a raw material.
How Covid-19 has permanently changed the fitness industry

By Jacobson Domingo

After a year in which people spent months cooped up in tiny getting-very-small apartments, most of us are now desperate to get back into shape. It’s not just the desire to look good; it’s also the desire for socialization, mental health, and just getting out of the house.

Despite the commercial exuberance and hype around fitness, the industry has taken a hit. Gyms have been closed, and the pandemic has forced many to resort to outdoor activities, such as hiking and cycling.

But the fitness industry is not just about losing weight. It’s about meeting people and making friends. Many of us have realized that the social aspect of fitness is just as important as the physical aspect.

The future of fitness is going to be different. Gyms are going to be more focused on socializing and connecting people, rather than just exercising.

The article discusses how the fitness industry has changed due to the pandemic and what the future might look like.

Bloomberg QuickTake Q&A

What to know about allergies and allergies linked to vaccine

By Yolanda Lamoureux and Jaron Kols Hogston

Like many others, the vaccines that are being developed and released are aimed at people with allergies. Many people who have allergies are at risk of severe reactions to the vaccines.

The question is: What to know about allergies and allergies linked to vaccine?

The article explains that the vaccine is safe for most people with allergies, but it’s important to be aware of potential side effects.

The article also discusses how to prepare for the vaccine if you have allergies.

The article concludes that the vaccine is safe and effective for most people, but it’s important to be aware of potential side effects.
The QSE Index closed down this week by 1.63% from the previous week and plunged last at 107.36 points. The index reached just below the 11,000 points mentioned in the previous week's comment. However, the general sentiment may have started a corrective wave against the major upturn. Last week, a bearish reversal candlestick has been created, suggesting a expected healthy correction after the recent rally. We keep our level to the 10,200 level, and the resistance at the 11,000 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. It's a great tool to monitor the behavior of the market. We use a one-day candlestick chart (every candlestick represents one trading day) in our analysis.

Bearish pattern - A bearish pattern indicates a sell signal. When a security's open and close are practically equal, the pattern indicates indecisiveness, and based on preceding price actions and future confirmation, it may indicate a bullish or bearish trend reversal.
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US President Joe Biden is launching the third wave of his power to boost the US economy, with several executive actions expected to be announced later today. While public debate over Congress to pass another coronavirus stimulus package is still ongoing, Biden is using his authority to quickly implement measures to support economic activity and job creation.

With stimulus talks stalled in Congress, Biden is taking matters into his own hands. He announced earlier this week that he would issue a series of executive actions to address the pandemic and stimulate the economy. These actions are designed to provide immediate relief to American families and businesses affected by the pandemic.

Biden is expected to announce measures such as additional unemployment benefits, enhanced SNAP food assistance, and increased funding for vaccines and testing. His actions will be focused on the short term, aiming to provide immediate relief rather than a comprehensive legislative package.

Biden’s actions differ from those taken by his predecessor, who used executive orders primarily to manage the pandemic response. Biden’s approach is more focused on economic stimulation, with plans to stimulate job growth and boost the economy in the long term.

The move comes amid growing concerns about the economic impact of the pandemic. As businesses continue to reopen, the economy is expected to recover in the coming months. However, job losses and economic insecurity remain significant challenges for many Americans.

The US presidential’s decision to take action without the support of Congress is not unprecedented. Previous presidents have used executive orders to address economic issues, but Biden’s efforts are particularly notable due to the scale and scope of the measures he plans to undertake.

Biden’s actions, while welcomed by many, are likely to face challenges from Congress and the Republican Party. The two parties have differing views on the best approach to reopening the economy and providing relief to those affected by the pandemic.

Despite these challenges, Biden is determined to move forward with his plans. He believes that his actions are necessary to ensure the economic recovery of the United States and to provide relief to those who have been hardest hit by the pandemic.

Biden’s actions come as the US continues to grapple with the pandemic. The country has seen a surge in cases and hospitalizations, and the economic recovery remains uncertain.

As Biden announces his executive actions, the US economy and the global economy are watching closely to see how they will unfold. Biden’s approach is a reminder of the challenges that remain in the wake of the pandemic and the need for sustained effort to ensure a robust economic recovery.

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**UK economy faces another recession as virus curbs: Survey**

The UK economy is facing another recession as virus curbs continue to take a toll on businesses and households. According to a new survey, 65% of UK firms expect a decrease in demand for their products and services in the next three months.

The survey, conducted by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI), found that 69% of firms reported a decrease in orders and sales. This is the highest percentage since the survey began in 2009.

The CBI’s economic indicators, which measure business confidence and activity, have also fallen to record lows. The CBI’s survey found that 43% of firms expect a decrease in their sales over the next three months, while 33% expect a decrease in their profits.

The survey also found that 40% of firms expect to reduce their workforce, and 38% expect to reduce their investment in new equipment and technology.

The CBI’s Director General, Tony Danker, said: “The survey results are a stark reminder of the challenges faced by British businesses. The pandemic has hit us hard, and businesses are struggling to adapt to the new normal.

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**An auto CEO much of Detroit doesn’t own may takes over an new empire**

Captive Poseur has plans for a $3.6 billion new factory in Mexico, which will be the first major new factory in the US in more than 60 years. The factory is expected to create 2,500 jobs and will produce up to 600,000 electric vehicles per year.

The factory will be built by the Shanghai Automotive Industry Corporation (SAIC), which is a joint venture between the Chinese government and General Motors. The factory is expected to begin production in 2024.

The factory is part of Captive Poseur’s $5 billion plan to expand its production capacity and increase its market share in the US. The company plans to produce both electric and gasoline-powered vehicles at the new factory.

The factory will be located in the state of Michigan, which is known for its automotive industry. The state has a large pool of skilled workers and is home to several major car manufacturers.

The new factory is expected to have a significant impact on the Michigan economy, as well as the US automotive industry as a whole. It will create jobs, boost economic growth, and provide an opportunity for innovation in the field of electric vehicles.

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**Yield curve control nonsensical for euro area, says ECB’s Rehn**

ECB President Christine Lagarde has stated that yield curve control is not a viable option for the euro area. This is due to the different economic conditions faced by euro area countries.

“Yield curve control has been used in the past to achieve targeted monetary conditions in certain countries,” Lagarde said. “However, in the euro area, this approach would not be feasible due to the diversity of economies and inflation rates.

The ECB has been considering yield curve control as a potential tool to achieve its inflation target of close to, but below, 2%.

Lagarde’s comments come after the ECB announced a series of measures to support the euro area economy during the pandemic. These measures include the purchase of government bonds and the provision of cheap loans to banks.

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Joint EU-US carbon tax proposed as part of alliance relaunch

By Raymond Collin

European Union leaders have agreed to a carbon tax on all imports from non-EU countries to help reduce emissions and combat climate change. The proposal, which still needs to be approved by the European Parliament, is part of a wider package of measures to boost the continent's competitiveness and increase its attractiveness to foreign investors.

The carbon tax would apply to all products imported into the EU from non-EU member states. The tax would be calculated based on the carbon footprint of the product, with higher taxes for products with higher emissions. The tax revenue would be used to fund green initiatives, such as renewable energy projects, and to help offset the cost of the carbon tax on EU imports.

The proposal has been welcomed by environmentalists, who say it is long overdue. However, some countries have expressed concerns about the impact of the tax on their economies and the potential for retaliation from non-EU countries.

Cancled Keystone XL pipeline may yield 48,000 tonnes of scrap

By Joe Dachen

The scrapped Keystone XL pipeline, which would have carried oil from Canada to the US Gulf Coast, could yield up to 48,000 tonnes of scrap metal, according to a recent study.

The study, conducted by consulting firm Wood Mackenzie, found that the 1,700-mile pipeline would have required the extraction of about 60 million cubic feet of oil from Canada. The oil would have been transported to the US Gulf Coast, where it would have been refined into various products, including scrap metal.

The Keystone XL pipeline was approved by the US government in 2015, but was later canceled due to protests against its potential environmental impact. The study suggests that the pipeline's cancellation could have a positive impact on the US steel industry, which is already facing competition from imported steel.

Developer complains to EU over Apple and Google app rules after Covid game recserved

By Susan Brown

A developer has complained to the European Commission that Apple and Google are anti-competitive in their app store rules, which could harm small developers and innovation.

The developer, who develops games for mobile devices, said that Apple and Google are using their market power to force developers to use their own payment systems, which can take away up to 30% of the revenue from each sale.

The developer also said that Apple and Google are using their market power to block other companies from developing similar products, which is preventing innovation and competition in the mobile game industry.

Shippers saw a need for bigger vessels - they built them too big

By Joe McWhirter and Tracy Muldoon

Shippers have been building bigger vessels to meet rising demand for goods, but some are now realizing that they have built vessels that are too large and too expensive to operate.

According to a recent report by the International Chamber of Commerce, the average size of vessels worldwide has increased by 50% in the past decade, with many new vessels measuring over 100,000 deadweight tons.

However, the report also notes that many of these vessels are not being used to their full capacity, as demand for shipping has not kept pace with the increase in vessel size. This has led to increased costs for shippers and reduced profits for the shipping lines.

The report calls for a reevaluation of the shipping industry's size strategy and recommends that shippers work with shipping lines to ensure that vessel sizes are more closely aligned with market demand.
**Weekly Energy Market Review**

**Asian spot LNG prices fall as peak winter demand fades**

The industry is still struggling to find a level at which LNG prices will attract new buyers, especially in Asia where the market is saturated with LNG supplies. The recent drop in prices is attributed to a number of factors, including a decrease in demand due to milder winter weather in Asia, particularly in South Korea and Japan. This has led to an increase in LNG exports to Europe, where prices are higher. Additionally, the ongoing Russia-Ukraine crisis has disrupted gas supplies to Europe, putting upward pressure on LNG prices there.

**Benchmark Cude Oil Prices**

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QNB upgraded its growth forecast for China to 8.5% for 2023, attributing it to the global economic recovery and the strong performance of the Chinese economy. The bank said that the country’s strong growth performance is expected to continue in the coming years, with inflation and unemployment rates remaining low.

**Orange sells half of $3bn fibre unit to fund rural rollout**

Vodafone plans to sell half of its fibre unit to fund a major rural rollout...