Doha Bank gets nod for extension period for EMTN bond issuance

Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) of Doha Bank has approved the issuance of euro obligations in the form of Euro Medium-Term Notes (EMTN) bond, which was previously approved at an OGA meeting on December 1, 2016. The bank noted that it has received the approval of Qatar Central Bank, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and other relevant committees. Although the implementation of the EMTN bond issuance was subject to the approval of the General Assembly, the bank has now received the necessary approvals to proceed with the issuance.

Qatar Airways launches exclusive partnership with luxury fragrance brand diptyque

Qatar Airways has announced an exclusive partnership with luxury fragrance brand diptyque to offer customers a unique in-flight experience. The partnership, which is the first of its kind for the airline, will feature a special edition diptyque collection of perfumes and candles, exclusively available on board Qatar Airways flights. The partnership will also include a special inflight service, where customers can enjoy a personalized fragrance consultation with a diptyque expert.

NFE project sees Qatar's economic growth

By Fajal Al Ameen

The National Food Security (NFE) project, which aims to accelerate the establishment of the regional food industry and increase food production in Qatar, has seen significant progress. The project seeks to meet the country's food demand by focusing on the growth of the agricultural sector and encouraging private sector investment.

QBA holds meeting with UK's minister of state for trade

The Qatari-British Chamber of Commerce (QBCC) held a meeting with the UK’s minister of state for trade, Lord Zac Goldsmith, to discuss trade opportunities and strengthen ties between the two countries. The meeting was attended by members of the QBCC and included discussions on the latest trade developments, investment opportunities, and the role of the QBCC in promoting trade and investment between Qatar and the UK.

The minister said that the March 2021 World Trade Organization report on trade and investment in the UK and Qatar highlighted the significant potential for cooperation. The report noted that the UK and Qatar share a strong trading relationship, with UK imports from Qatar valued at $2.3 billion in 2019 and UK exports to Qatar valued at $2.4 billion in 2019. The minister emphasized the importance of building on these existing trade relationships and exploring new opportunities for collaboration.
Buyers return but Dubai realty faces a long road to recovery

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UAE listed firms told to add at least one woman to board

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DIVIDEND DISTRIBUTION

Doha Bank Announces Commencing The Distribution of Dividends Cheques
to its Esteemed Shareholders
For the Financial Year Ending 31 December 2020

Shareholders are kindly requested to contact the Shareholder Affairs
Department in the third floor at Doha Bank Tower - West Bay to collect their
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Required Documents:

- Shareholder id
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proxy and power of attorney.
- In case of corporate shareholders, the bank certificate and the original
personal id of the guardian or custodian.

For Corporates:
- Official Transcript of the Commercial Registration "CR" and the
Identity Card
- Letter of Authorization for the recipient and his original personal id.

Shareholders who have officially provided Qatar Central Securities Depository with their bank accounts to receive their cash dividends will be deposited in these accounts.

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QATAR GENERAL INSURANCE AND REINSURANCE Q.C.P.S.C.

For fiscal year ended 2019

Furnish to Company’s directors of post the special General meeting of General Assembly for year 2019 on 01 July 2020 in compliance with Qatar Central Bank regulations and upon the approval of Supervision and Administration Departments, Qatar General Insurance & Reinsurance Company is pleased to invite its shareholders to attend the ordinary General Assembly Meeting to be held on Wednesday, 13 March 2020 at City Corporate Doha – Al Dafna – West Bay – Conference Centre Street – Zone E – Floor No. 13 – Building No. 81.

Director General of the Company

Shareholders’ Meeting at the end of the year will provide a good opportunity for the Company to present its financial results for the year 2019. The meeting will also provide the shareholders with the opportunity to discuss the Company’s strategies and plans for the future.

The meeting will cover the following topics:

1. The financial statement of the Company for the year ended 30th June 2019
2. Approval of the management report for the year 2019
3. Approval of the internal control system for the year 2019
4. Approval of dividends for the year 2019
5. Election of new members to the Board of Directors
6. Approval of the audit report for the year 2019

We would like to thank all shareholders for their continuous support and look forward to your participation in the meeting.

President

Notes:

1. Shareholders entitled to attend the meeting are the shareholders listed as on Qatar Central Bank’s Register for the fiscal year 2019.
2. The meeting shall be held in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act.
3. In case of any dispute, the decision of the Company’s Board of Directors shall be final and binding.

Enoch Mohammed Ali
Chairman of the Board of Directors

China wants Alibaba to sell its media assets, including SCMP

Research Notes

The Chinese government wants Alibaba Group holding ltd. to divest its media assets in order to comply with the South China Morning Post (SCMP) and add more media to the company. The divestment is expected to take place within the next month.

Alibaba is already considering the possibility of selling its media assets to meet the demands of the Chinese government. The divestment is expected to take place within the next month.

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Rate-hike bets offer cushion after emerging market currency rout

**Thomson Reuters**

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Emerging market currency rout could offer cushion after a bullish following for their biggest four-week slide in more than a year or four times their five-month slide in the first quarter of the developing world.

The US Federal Reserve has recently released the report of its 17th FOMC meeting in March 2016, which showed that the US Federal Reserve may raise rates as early as June 2016, which could affect the emerging market currencies. The Russian ruble has fallen by 20% against the US dollar since the start of the year, while the Brazilian real has fallen by 10%. The Indian rupee has also fallen by 7% against the US dollar since the start of the year.

As emerging market currencies continue to depreciate, the US dollar has strengthened against a basket of currencies. This has led to a decrease in the value of emerging market currencies. The US dollar has strengthened due to the strong US economy, which has led to an increase in foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into the US, driving up the demand for US dollars. This has increased the supply of US dollars in the foreign exchange market, leading to a weaker demand for emerging market currencies.

The US Federal Reserve’s decision to raise interest rates in June 2016 could further worsen the situation for emerging market currencies. This would lead to a decrease in the demand for emerging market currencies, leading to a further depreciation of these currencies. This would put additional pressure on emerging market countries, which would have to resort to monetary policies to stabilize their economies. This could lead to a further increase in inflation, which would lead to a decrease in the value of emerging market currencies.

However, the US dollar is not the only factor that affects the value of emerging market currencies. Other factors, such as the global economy and political events, also play a role in determining the value of emerging market currencies. For example, the ongoing political turmoil in the Middle East and the decline in oil prices have led to a decrease in the value of emerging market currencies. This has led to a further depreciation of these currencies, which would have to resort to monetary policies to stabilize their economies.

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Russia mulls faster rate hikes this year as inflation spikes

Deliveroo to raise $1.4bn in IPO after lockdown surge

Bitcoin ATM stations are coming to a country near you

With no inflation in sight, why the debate?

by Ben Holland

It is a question that defines the financial world: is inflation really coming? Few economists agree that it must, even if most now believe it will. But the consensus is clear: most people think it will.

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Big Oil’s ‘problematic’ ESG claims alienate some investors

**Renewables**

As companies across virtually all sectors try to shake off the so-called ‘green premium’ in their share prices, one thing is clear: the management arm of Masdar, the Abu Dhabi-based clean-energy company, is in for a rough ride. Luke Valentine is the chief executive of Masdar’s management arm, Masdar Capital. He says the company’s renewable energy projects are not yielding the expected returns and, as a result, the firm is struggling to raise capital for future projects.

Valentine, who previously worked at BP’s renewable energy division, said in an interview, “The green premium is not as significant as it was a few years ago. We are at a point where the market has become more saturated.”

**Transiton products**

The company has experienced a decline in demand for its transiton products, which include solar panels and wind turbines. Valentine said, “We are seeing a shift in demand towards more mature technologies and away from emerging ones.”

**ESG claims**

Despite the company’s efforts to highlight its commitment to sustainability, investors have been critical of its ESG claims. Valentine acknowledged, “We have faced some challenges in communicating our ESG strategies to investors.”

**Future plans**

Valentine said Masdar is focusing on developing new technologies and projects that align with its ESG goals. He added, “We are looking to invest in emerging technologies that can help drive down costs and increase efficiency.”

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*Note: This is a fictional scenario for illustration purposes.*
European stocks dip as more countries halt AstraZeneca vaccine

European stocks extended punishing losses on Wednesday after more countries halted use of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, with US stocks damped from posting losses of the day. The dollar steadied ahead of tomorrow’s US PCE price index data.

European stocks have struggled throughout the day, and the selling accelerated in the afternoon after France and Italy became the latest European nations to halt use of the AstraZeneca-Oxford Covid-19 jab. Following market analyst, Capital Economics, warned that these risks make the relationship more problematic.

France and Italy have both halted the AstraZeneca vaccine last week, following concerns it may be linked to blood clots. The government of Germany continues to assess the vaccine's safety and has not made any decisions regarding the jab.

"If the AstraZeneca jab proves to come blood clots, and more countries join in, this will mean more uncertainty in the stock market," said Capital Economics. "This is likely to be a significant headwind for the European economy." The worry is that a strong recovery will be delayed and has been downgraded to 1.9% from 2.1%.

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Fed to hike rates in 2023, but dots won't show it, say economists

Hilversum

A strong recovery from the Covid-19 recession is likely to prompt Federal Reserve chair Jerome Powell to begin winding down asset purchases in 2022. He said the US economy is past the point where it needs “supportive” monetary policy, in a closely observed speech late last week. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is likely to cut the interest rate by 0.25% at its meeting on 22 March and raise rates by 0.5% at its next meeting on 24 June.

A growing number of FOMC members have voted to raise rates twice this month, so they are likely to vote to raise rates above zero this year.
Ezdan Holding Group reports 12.5% jump in yearly profit to QR347.94m

Overcoming crises in focus at 7th Doha Islamic Finance Conference

Qatar Airways launches exclusive partnership with luxury fragrance brand ‘diptyque’

Qatar Airways has introduced a new line of soaps that are inspired by the airline’s destinations and the flavours of the world. The collection, named “Qatar Airways Sky Soaps”, includes five different soaps that are scented with fragrances inspired by popular destinations. The soaps are made from plant-based ingredients and are said to be gentle on the skin.

IGU president Joe M Kang to deliver GEFC Gaseous Lecture on Wednesday

OQF Tread leaves flat course amid increased buying interests

By Farooq Ahmed Business Editor

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