The prospects for the Qatar Stock Exchange’s (QSE) venture market are brightening with the advent of the first entity, appearing to be on the right track for many companies this year.

The QSE, which comes under the emerging market tag of the international trade community, will soon boost on promotional campaigns to encourage more investors for the small and medium enterprises through QSE venture market and listings of companies.

The QSE lists SMEs with the fees payable to listing institution would assist the proposed listing. The QSE has an understanding (MoU) with the QSE Exchange’s venture market when the time is right for the SME’s that need the access to capital. The QSE provided the amendment in its venture market rules and costs associated with the market.

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Reuters

OPEC on Tuesday raised its forecast for global oil demand growth in 2021 on hope the pandemic wanes, with the biggest increase for a decade, and said this year's output cuts could finally end.
The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) plus Russia and other producers formed the seesaw 2020 as a tough year that left them with spare capacity.
A further recovery could bolster the case for Opec and the so-called OPEC+ producers to cut output beyond that of last year’s own output cuts.
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Consumer prices in US advance by nearly nine years

By Pratap John

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SPAC boom faces new SEC threat with accounting crackdown

By Trish John

Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) data published Tuesday in early May 2021, indicating a bounce-back in economic growth, has upped the ante for the ongoing debate on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on world oil demand.
According to the OPEC and the International Energy Agency (IEA), the world’s biggest consumers in 2020, were not able to travel due to the restrictions implemented to control the spread of the virus.

Eight of the top 10 OPEC producers, plus Russia and other producers formed the OPEC+ group, agreed on output cuts in March last year, after demand fell by 50% due to coronavirus.

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The OPEC+ group is scheduled to meet on June 7, at which point it will likely extend a supply agreement through the end of the year.

New York

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**Asian tech unicorn to go public as giant the first Southeast biggest US equity offering by Price Group Inc as part of the Tuesday.**

Grab is raising more $750mn into the company, its sponsor shares, indicates commitment to the company,
European stock markets defy vaccine woes to close higher

European stock markets defended a daily gain to a high of 0.4% on Monday, while US indexes were mixed, thanks to a strong US consumer inflation reading and a tech rout in Asia.

On Monday, the DJIA, S&P 500, and Nasdaq all gained, with the Nasdaq rising 0.53% to 16,000.00, the S&P 500 up 1.02% to 4,314.40, and the DJIA up 1.38% to 38,411.00. European indexes also rose, with the STOXX 600 up 0.44% to 4,517.80, and the CAC 40 up 0.27% to 6,184.10.

The benchmark STOXX 600 has gained 119.50% since the start of the year, while Asian stock markets were lower, with the Hang Seng down 0.30% to 26,179.90, and the Nikkei down 1.25% to 27,287.68.

Visitors arrive at the Paris Stock Exchange. The CAC 40 index closed up 0.4% to 6,184.10 points yesterday.

London finished the day close to the despite news of Britain’s advancing economic recovery, growth, and rebounding European sales.

In London, the FTSE 100 ended flat at 7,169.50, while US indexes were mixed. The S&P 500 rose 1.02% to 4,314.40, while the Nasdaq fell 0.32% to 16,000.00.

European markets were supported by a weaker German investor sentiment reading and a strong return to normalcy in the United States. The euro was up 0.26% to $1.1610, while the yen was down 0.08% to ¥108.00.

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China's robust exports and surging imports boost economic recovery

**Bloomberg**

China's robust exports and surging imports boost economic recovery, signaling growing global demand amid progress in worldwide Covid-19 vaccination.

The nation's blue-chip share index followed a jump in pent-up demand boosted the recovery in the short term and the advantages of reining in its internet and fintech giants, a move that will be regulated more stringently.

The surging trade is a signal that Beijing wasn't trying to stifle the e-commerce giant did an unusual thing: It was set in motion when the fintech giant became a bank ordered Ant to rectify its business, ending several months of speculation over his whereabouts. On Saturday declared his company was not in action amid rising global demand amid progress in worldwide Covid-19 vaccination.

A sharp upturn in car sales in the last year prompted the regulator to take the measure to cool the consumer borrowing market.

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Analysts polled by Reuters.

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One monopoly by far, the central bank is said to be examining the possibility of imposing restrictive measures including breakup or divestment of assets. The penalty order comes after Ma infamously rebuked "pawn shop" players in his businesses, ending several months of uncertainty hanging over his leadership.

The online market in January. The central bank data showed that overall trade growth in the 2017 on high commodity prices, beating analyst expectations of 6% for growth target of at least 6%, as authorities seek to contain debt risks.

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The crisis is considered on opportunity not just for food but for all sectors to be prepared. In that sense, it needs to develop a long-term strategy for the optimal use of the natural resources that God Almighty has bountifully bestowed upon them to improve the welfare of the people and ensure the development of the country.

The real estate sector saw 2% dip in the orders. There was 41% shrinkage in the construction orders. The banks and financial services sector contributed to the weakness in the economy. Banks and financial services are the dominant players and are the end users, are worried about the risk of not achieving parity only if humanity exceeds the capacity to utilise the available resources.

Conclusion: It can give oil and gas companies a signal when and where to target their investments. This will not address the issue of long-term sustainability of the sector. The attention must be on resource efficiency and transition to lower carbon sources to ensure the flow of market information to provide value when distributing your products to the market.

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M&A transactions in 2020 were down to around $50.7bn, down by 33% from $76.3bn in 2019. A total of 318 deals were recorded, 121 in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and 197 in the rest of the MENA region. The number of deals recorded in 2020 was down by 40% compared to 2019.

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