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HIA Phase A expansion to boost annual passenger capacity to 58mn prior to FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, says al-Meer

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HIA chief operating officer Bush Mohamed al-Meer in an interview with Gulf Times

PHASE A: A Regional Interna
tional Airport (HIA) of large
capacity is formed to meet the
capacity gap to 58mn, and chief operat- ing officer Bush Mohamed al-Meer in an interview with Gulf Times. The expansion is expected to be completed by the end of 2022.

Qatar Science & Technology Park in Doha, part of Qatar Foundation, Development and Technology, has been awarded a special contract with the Qatar Tube Group to conduct an independent review of large-scale projects to identify the best industry practices and to develop guidelines for the future.

QSTP and Microsoft announce major partnership to boost productivity of Qatar-based startups

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QFZA, WOLF, Mohamed Properties sign deal to launch digitalisation hub

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**Dish Network's moment arrives with Boost Mobile relaunch, new 5G service**

Big Ambitions
Dish Network's Boost division aims to be a major wireless player

- **Subscribers**

**Sources:** Company reports, Bloomberg data

**Notes:** Includes pre- and post-paid customers for the three largest carriers

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**Dish Network Corp., which has played a key role in challenging the large cable companies, has quietly made its first move into the 5G era.** The company has been testing its 5G network for the past year and is now ready to roll it out nationwide.

**Dish Network's Boost division, which is aimed at low-income customers, will now offer 5G service** as part of a broader effort to attract more customers and boost revenue. The move comes as the company continues to struggle to compete with larger rivals like T-Mobile and AT&T.

**Dish's 5G network** is expected to be available in more than 200 markets by the end of the year, with coverage extending to cities, towns, and rural areas.

**Key points for Dish**
- **100 MHz of spectrum:** Dish has secured 100 MHz of spectrum across three bands, including 26 GHz and 700 MHz, which is expected to provide a strong foundation for 5G services.
- **Dish's network:** The company claims its network will be as fast as T-Mobile and AT&T's, even though it doesn’t have the same size customer base.
- **Dish's reach:** With its network, Dish can offer 5G service to customers in more than 100 markets across the country.

**Dish's 5G services**
- **Network:** The company has invested heavily in building out its 5G network, and it claims it will be as fast as T-Mobile and AT&T's.
- **Coverage:** Dish's network is expected to cover more than 100 markets by the end of the year.
- **Technology:** Dish is using a combination of mmWave and sub-6 GHz technologies to provide strong coverage.

**Dish's strategy:**
- **Increased competition:** Dish's move into 5G is part of a broader strategy to increase competition in the wireless market, which has been dominated by T-Mobile and AT&T.
- **Affordable options:** Dish's low-income focus will allow it to offer affordable 5G plans to customers who may not otherwise have access to high-speed mobile internet.
- **Network investments:** The company has invested heavily in building out its 5G network, which is expected to provide strong coverage and fast speeds.

**Dish's future plans:**
- **Expansion:** Dish plans to continue expanding its 5G coverage and adding more customers to its network.
- **Innovation:** The company is also looking to innovate and improve its network, with plans to use AI and other technologies to improve performance.
- **Partnerships:** Dish is also exploring partnerships with other companies, including carriers and content providers, to offer more services and options to its customers.

**Dish's competitors:**
- **T-Mobile and AT&T:** Dish's move into 5G is a direct challenge to T-Mobile and AT&T, which are already offering 5G services.
- **Other carriers:** Other carriers, including Sprint and Verizon, are also expected to offer 5G services in the near future.

**Conclusion:**
Dish Network's move into 5G is a significant step forward for the company and could help it attract more customers and boost revenue. However, it remains to be seen whether Dish can compete effectively with larger rivals in the market.
Didi weighs giving up control of its most valuable data

Didi Global Inc. is weighing giving up control of its most valuable data as part of efforts to appease Beijing, according to people familiar with the matter.

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The Qatar Stock Exchange (QSE) include 146 companies and the market capitalization moved up by 161% to Q97 billion compared to Q192 billion at the end of the second quarter. Of the 148 traded companies, 35 ended the week higher, 10 lower and 11 remained unchanged. Investment Holding Group (IHG) was the best performing stock for the week, with a gain of 20.5%. On the other hand, Doha Bank (QNB) was the worst performing stock with a decline of 47%. Masdar Al Salam (MAS), Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing Company (QAMCO) and Commercial Bank of Qatar (CIB) were the primary contributors to the weekly increase. MAQF and QMNC added 15.6% and 12.9% points to the index, respectively. Moreover, CIB added an additional 16.4 points to the index. Trading volume during the week increased by 6.5% to Q92.67 million Q4 compared to 93.76 million in the prior trading week. Salam International Investment Limited (GIB) was the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded value of Q92.7 million. Trading volume moved up by 10.7% to 9.04 million trades vs 4.4 million in the prior trading week. The number of transactions increased by 20.4% to 38,467 transactions versus 31,917 transactions in the prior week. Salam International Investment Limited (GIB) was the top volume traded stock during the week with total traded volume of 2.67 million trades. Foreign institutional remained bullish ending the week with net buying of Q4.04 million vs net buying of Q0.90 million in the prior week. Qatar institutions remained negative with net selling of Q0.10 million vs net selling of Q3.0 million in the week before. Foreign retail investors ended the week with net selling of Q4.04 million vs net selling of Q0.90 million in the prior week. Qatar retail investors remained bearish with net selling of Q0.04 million vs net selling of Q3.0 million the week before. So far for the year (as of Wednesday closing), foreigners were net buyers of Q170 million.

Weekly Market Report

| Source: QNB Financial Services
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| Weekly Index Performance |

| Source: Bloomberg |

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T he QE Index closed higher by 1.44% versus the week before, it printed last at the 10,904.1 level. Our technical analysis remains positive on the general direction of the Index, as the index remains in a bullish trend above Q8, giving a positive indication. The retrace is the indication for a minor flat trend. Candlestick chart - A candlestick chart, a price chart that depicts the high, low, open and close for a security. The ‘body’ of the bar is the close minus open and is the price movement from the shadow. The candlestick may represent any timeframe. We use a monthly candlestick chart (monthly candlestick), which represents one trading day per month in our analysis. Dow indicator - A 3-day candlestick chart, which depicts one trading day per month in our analysis. Dow indicator - A 3-day candlestick chart, which depicts one trading day per month in our analysis.
Hot US jobs market eases sting of expiring pandemic relief

Bloomberg

The strengthening US economy is raising pressures on Treasury yields as the jobs market improves and the bond market remains relatively calm. As the US Federal Reserve maintains its policy stance, it is likely to focus on inflation risks and the possibility of a faster pace of rate hikes.

Apple sinks 'submarine patent,' escapes $368.5m verdict

Bloomberg

Apple was on the wrong end of a federal jury's unrestrained verdict that it had infringed a crucial wireless networking patent of Intellectual Ventures LLC.

Bloomberg QuickTake

How ‘active’ ETFs are shaking up passive investing

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ETFs have become a major force in the investing world. But how do they differ from index funds? And how can investors use them to their advantage?
Alibaba Group warns of higher taxes as China crackdown widens

China exports robust in July as port capacity rebounds

SE Asia assets go from bad to worse as Delta hurts region
Nasdaq wins SEC’s support for plan to diversify boards

**Brooklyn, New York**

Nasdaq’s move to convince the Securities and Exchange Commission’s support in help big and small companies by improving boards to help stabilize the stock exchanges. The SEC’s move opens the door for Nasdaq to directly address its concern over diversity, which has been a topic of interest among business leaders. The SEC believes that diversity can be achieved through a variety of means, including ensuring that women and minorities are represented on corporate boards. The SEC’s approval is a significant step forward in the effort to increase diversity on corporate boards. The approval is expected to have a significant impact on the corporate governance landscape, as companies seek to achieve greater diversity in their leadership and decision-making processes.
**WEEKLY ENERGY MARKET REVIEW**

**Oil falls in biggest weekly loss in months on demand worries**

**Bloomberg**

Oil prices fell about 2% on Friday, pushing prices lowest since 2020, as investors grew more cautious about a possible recession and the global economic outlook, despite calls from major oil producers to limit output.

**Bloomberg**

Oil closed about 2% lower at $73.46 a barrel as of 0830 GMT, with Brent down about 2% to $77.56 a barrel as of 0830 GMT. Both benchmarks fell more than 5% last week, one of the steepest declines in recent months.

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The drop comes on the heels of a sharp rally that took oil prices to $115 a barrel earlier this month, fuelled by concerns about oil supply disruptions from Russia and Iran. But the rally has faltered as demand fears have grown, especially with the ECB's decision to raise interest rates, which could slow global economic growth.

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The cuts from OPEC+ to boost prices and support oil prices have been offset by the supply side, where Brent is at its lowest level since late September. The US is also expected to report higher inventories in this week's data, adding to the bearish sentiment.

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Market participants are watching closely for any signs of a recovery in demand, especially in China, where economic data has shown signs of weakness. The Chinese government has announced new measures to support economic growth, but their impact on demand remains to be seen.

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Despite the recent declines, oil prices remain significantly higher than at the start of the year, reflecting the ongoing supply disruptions and the global economic rebound. But the outlook remains uncertain, with investors remain vigilant to any new developments that could affect the oil market.