

GCC Markets Monthly Report

June-2021

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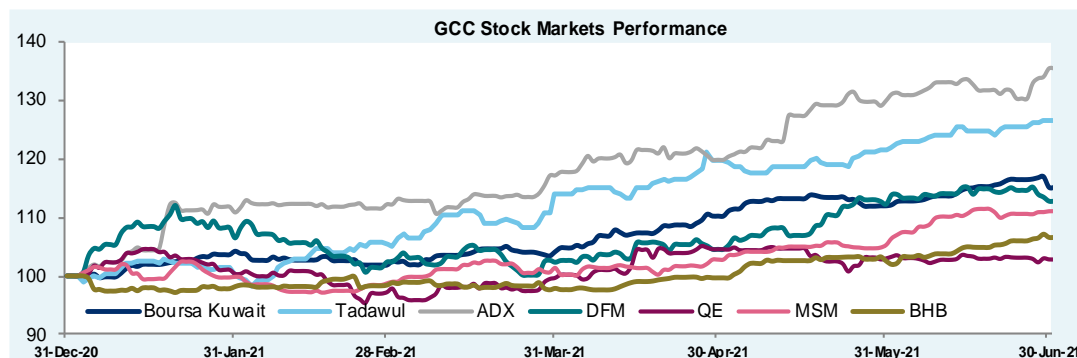
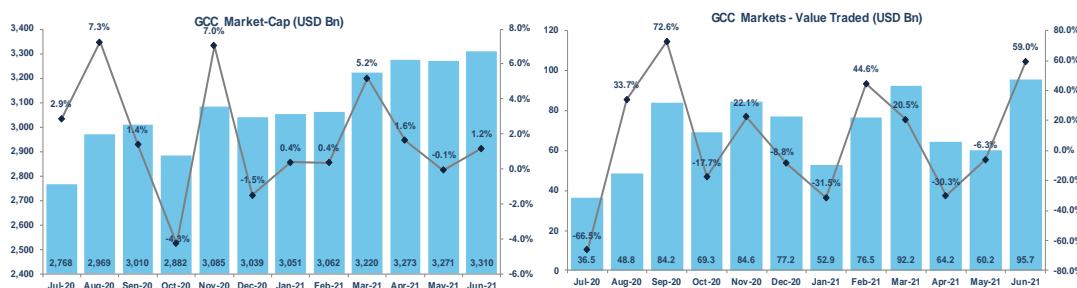
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Equity markets in the GCC were up for the eighth consecutive month during June-2021, in a rally that started since November-2020. Gains were broad-based with only the Qatari index reporting a marginal decline of 0.2% during the month, whereas the rest of the GCC markets reported low to mid-single digit gains. As a result, the MSCI GCC total return index recorded the best 1H performance since the index started tracking regional markets in 2005 with a return of 25.0% during 1H-2021. Abu Dhabi continued to lead with the highest 1H-2021 returns in the region as well as globally at 35.5% followed by Saudi Arabia with a gain of 26.4%. All the markets in the GCC were in the green this year with a majority of the indices reporting double digit gains.

Sector performance also showed a broad-based rally during the month with only the Food & Drug Retail and Transportation sectors reporting declines of 3.2% and 0.1%, respectively, while the rest of the 15 sectors showed gains. The Pharma & Biotech index topped performance during June-2021 and in 1H-2021 with returns of 24.3% and 50.4%, respectively. All the sectors were in the green in terms of 1H-2021 returns with gains for 13 sectors in double digits. Large-cap sectors like Banks, Material and Telecom reported gains of more than 20%, whereas for the Energy sector, gains were at 6.7%.

Performance for global equity markets were mixed during June-2021 but the aggregate MSCI World Index closed in the green with a gain of 1.4%. China's benchmark declined by 0.7% during the month that affected EM performance, whereas Europe and US markets reported low single digit monthly returns. In terms of 1H-2021 returns, all the key markets were in the green, with US market reporting a gain of 14.4% whereas European markets were up 13.5%. Gains were mainly led by resumption of economic activity as vaccinations picked up in most countries.

GCC Equity Markets	Index Closing	MTD Chg%	YTD Chg%	M-Cap (USD Bn)	Monthly Val Traded (USD M n)	P/E (x) TTM	P/B (x) TTM	Div. Yield
Kuwait - Premier Market Ind	6,936.1	2.9%	14.6%	124.9	4,706.6	37.1	1.6	1.9%
Kuwait - Main 50 Index	5,540.8	2.4%	19.5%					
Kuwait - Main Market Index	5,316.9	2.6%	16.8%					
Kuwait - All Share Index	6,386.8	2.8%	15.2%					
Saudi Arabia	10,984.2	4.1%	26.4%	2,592.1	78,543.6	36.2	2.4	1.9%
Abu Dhabi	6,835.4	4.2%	35.5%	273.5	8,478.5	23.2	1.9	3.6%
Dubai	2,810.6	0.5%	12.8%	103.5	1,267.0	21.3	1.0	2.8%
Qatar	10,730.7	(0.2%)	2.8%	170.9	2,381.0	18.1	1.6	2.7%
Bahrain	1,588.0	4.0%	6.6%	26.5	58.6	27.3	1.1	2.1%
Oman	4,063.4	5.5%	11.1%	18.2	235.5	14.3	0.8	3.9%
Total GCC				3,309.7	95,670.9	32.2	2.1	2.1%



Source: GCC Stock Exchanges, Kamco Invest Research

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Monthly Indicators	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
Premier Market Index	5,415.3	5,854.6	6,020.8	6,004.0	6,008.6	6,051.1	6,307.9	6,157.5	6,324.4	6,623.2	6,740.0	6,936.1
Monthly % Change	(3.4%)	8.1%	2.8%	(0.3%)	0.1%	0.7%	4.2%	(2.4%)	2.7%	4.7%	1.8%	2.9%
Main 50 Index	4,047.6	4,182.2	4,319.6	4,384.4	4,445.7	4,636.4	4,878.3	4,820.8	4,874.5	5,303.4	5,408.5	5,540.8
Monthly % Change	(3.3%)	3.3%	3.3%	1.5%	1.4%	4.3%	5.2%	(1.2%)	1.1%	8.8%	2.0%	2.4%
Main Market Index	4,086.0	4,184.8	4,303.5	4,331.9	4,373.2	4,552.4	4,741.4	4,650.5	4,687.2	5,127.5	5,182.2	5,316.9
Monthly % Change	(2.5%)	2.4%	2.8%	0.7%	1.0%	4.1%	4.2%	(1.9%)	0.8%	9.4%	1.1%	2.6%
All Share Market Index	4,968.2	5,294.3	5,445.2	5,443.0	5,459.5	5,546.0	5,780.0	5,649.2	5,775.9	6,113.6	6,210.9	6,386.8
Monthly % Change	(3.2%)	6.6%	2.9%	(0.0%)	0.3%	1.6%	4.2%	(2.3%)	2.2%	5.8%	1.6%	2.8%
Market Cap (KWD Mn)	29,021	31,338	32,467	32,386	32,475	32,999	34,395	33,542	34,320	36,096	36,734	37,734
P/E (X) - TTM	14.20	15.20	27.51	27.40	36.18	35.43	33.60	32.90	45.72	47.37	39.45	37.10
P/BV (X) - TTM	1.17	1.26	1.41	1.41	1.34	1.37	1.48	1.44	1.41	1.54	1.59	1.62
Dividend Yield (%)	4.24%	4.02%	3.56%	3.57%	3.58%	3.55%	3.54%	3.63%	2.97%	2.49%	2.26%	1.87%
Volume (Mn Shares)	2,572.7	3,772.5	8,286.7	6,225.1	5,521.6	4,877.7	6,051.4	6,047.3	4,723.3	7,531.6	9,116.3	8,274.3
Value (KD Mn)	528.7	690.8	1,076.2	1,145.5	2,174.2	922.3	845.3	835.0	907.6	1,083.1	1,377.2	1,421.9
Trades ('000)	135.0	163.4	277.6	258.7	288.3	211.4	216.4	206.9	210.1	262.3	302.4	296.1

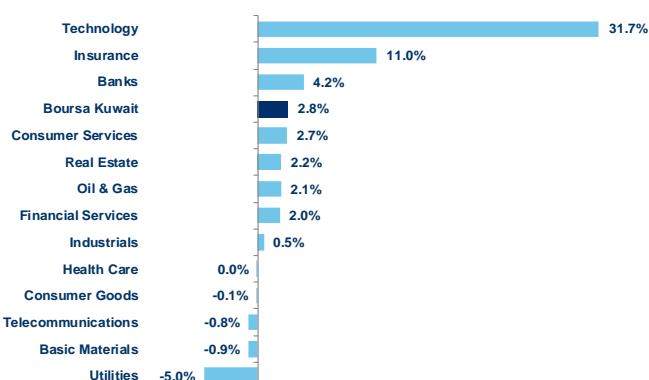
Source: Boursa Kuwait, Kamco Invest Research

Kuwaiti equity market was up for the fourth consecutive month during June-2021 with almost similar performance across market segments. After underperforming over the previous two months, the Premier Market index reported marginally better performance during the month with a return of 2.9% followed by the Main Market Index which was up 2.6%. The Main 50 index, meanwhile, reported a gain of 2.4% that resulted in a 2.8% return for the All Share index. In terms of 1H-2021 performance, Kuwait recorded the third best performance in the GCC with the All Share index up by 15.2%. These gains came mainly on the back of the 19.5% return for the Main 50 index which was also reflected in the 16.8% gain for the Main Market index, whereas the Premier Market index witnessed gains of 14.6%. Out of the 25 stocks in the Premier Market index, merely 4 reported declines during 1H-2021 while most of the other constituents reported double digit gains.

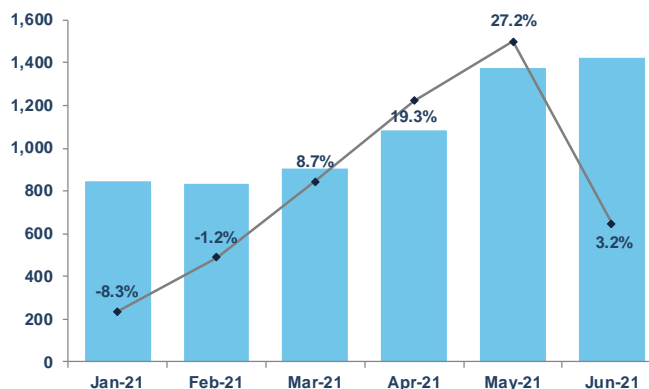
Trading activity remained elevated but mixed during June-2021. Total volume of shares traded during the month declined by 9.2% to 8.3 Bn shares as compared to 9.1 Bn shares traded during May-2021 but remained elevated as compared to the trades seen earlier this year as well as last year. Monthly value traded, on the other hand, increased marginally m-o-m by 3.2% to KWD 1.42 Bn in June-2021 as compared to KWD 1.38 Bn in May-2021. Trading activity during 1H-2021 was one of highest ever recorded on the exchange with volumes more than doubling to 41.7 Bn shares in 1H-2021 as compared to 20.8 Bn in 1H-2020. Value traded during 1H-2021 was up 53% to reach KWD 6.5 Bn as compared to KWD 4.2 Bn during 1H-2020. AUB Bahrain topped the monthly volume and value charts for June-2021 with 637.2 Mn traded shares worth KWD 147.4 Mn. Mazaya and National Real Estate followed on the volume chart with 509.2 Mn and 460.7 Mn shares, respectively. On the value chart, KFH was next with KWD 95.9 Mn worth of shares traded during the month followed by NBK and National Real Estate at KWD 91.2 Mn and KWD 90.6 Mn traded shares, respectively.

The sector performance chart for June-2021 was mixed but the bulk of the indices were in the green. The Technology index topped the chart with a gain of 31.7% followed by Insurance and Banking indices with gains of 11.0% and 4.2%, respectively. On the decliners side, the Utilities index witnessed the biggest decline of 5.0% during the month followed by marginal declines for Basic Materials and Telecom indices at -0.9% and -0.8%, respectively. In terms of 1H-2021 returns, 10 out of 13 indices reported gains during the month with the Technology index once again topping the chart with a return of 63.5% followed by Industrials and Financial Services indices with gains of 27.0% and 24.4%, respectively. The Banking index also reported strong gains of 14.7% this year. On the decliners side, the Utilities index reported the biggest decline of 17.7% followed by Healthcare and Telecom with much smaller declines of 4.4% and 2.0%, respectively.

Boursa Kuwait Monthly Sector Performance



Monthly Value Traded (KWD Mn)



Source: Kuwait Stock Exchange, Kamco Invest Research

Saudi Arabia (Tadawul)

Monthly Indicators	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
Tadawul All Share Index	7,459.2	7,940.7	8,299.1	7,907.7	8,747.1	8,689.5	8,702.6	9,145.0	9,907.8	10,419.0	10,551.2	10,984.2
Monthly % Change	3.3%	6.5%	4.5%	(4.7%)	10.6%	(0.7%)	0.1%	5.1%	8.3%	5.2%	1.3%	4.1%
Market Cap (SAR Bn)	8,346.9	8,976.5	9,100.8	8,634.7	9,301.3	9,101.6	9,050.1	9,116.3	9,629.8	9,732.5	9,654.8	9,720.8
P/E (X) - TTM	23.50	28.96	30.21	28.33	33.05	34.85	34.72	35.70	37.61	31.43	34.57	36.24
P/BV (X) - TTM	1.80	1.94	2.02	1.91	2.09	2.08	2.08	2.17	2.32	2.33	2.33	2.43
Dividend Yield (%)	3.45%	3.34%	2.40%	2.50%	2.37%	2.44%	2.42%	2.31%	2.44%	2.35%	2.01%	1.91%
Volume (Mn Shares)	5,662.9	6,698.6	11,187.8	9,344.2	9,389.6	8,377.3	4,748.3	6,903.5	10,405.2	6,508.1	5,501.2	8,648.3
Value (SAR Mn)	111,338.6	150,325.2	267,453.0	221,299.0	258,644.2	252,691.6	159,509.1	245,753.2	293,293.8	186,448.8	158,174.2	294,552.7
Trades ('000)	5,423	6,234	9,856	9,188	10,375	9,963	6,685	9,412	11,537	7,280	6,437	10,783

Source: Tadawul, Kamco Invest Research. Note: Trading data includes stocks in the Main Market.

Saudi Stock Exchange reported its sixth consecutive month of gains during June-2021 led by positive investor sentiments that was also reflected in announcements of new IPOs and listings on the exchange. The TASI index reported a gain of 4.1% during the month, third highest in the GCC, to close little short of the 11,000 points mark at 10,984.2 mark. The month saw the index reaching the pre-oil crisis levels of September-2014. In terms of 1H-2021 performance, the index reported gains of 26.4%, second highest in the GCC after Abu Dhabi.

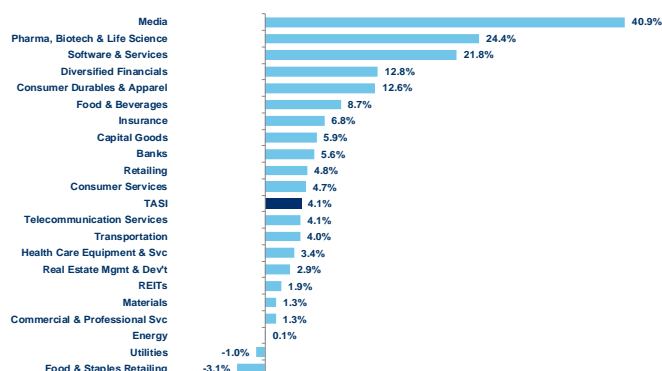
The monthly sector performance chart showed declines only for two sectors, i.e. Food & Staples Retailing and Utilities at -3.1% and -1.0%, respectively, whereas the rest of the sectoral indices reported gains. The Media index topped during the month with a gain of 40.9% followed by Pharma & Biotech and Software & Services indices with gains of 24.4% and 21.8%, respectively. Gains for the Banking index came in at 5.6% whereas large-cap sectors like Materials and Energy witnessed much smaller gains of 1.3% and 0.1%, respectively. The Media index also topped in terms of 1H-2021 returns that came in at 111.2% followed by Diversified Financials and Software & Services indices with gains of 75.1% and 57.6%, respectively. All the sectoral indices were in the green in terms of 1H-2021 returns.

Trading activity on the exchange witnessed strong monthly gains during June-2021 reaching multi-month highs. Monthly volume of shares traded witnessed a m-o-m increase of 57.2% in June-2021 to reach the highest since November-2020 at 8.6 Bn shares. Monthly value of shares traded increased at a much bigger pace of 86.2% to reach SAR 294.6 Bn, the highest monthly trading since June-2020. Value traded during 1H-2021 reached SAR 1.34 Trillion, an increase of 6.0% as compared to SAR 1.26 Trillion traded during 1H-2020.

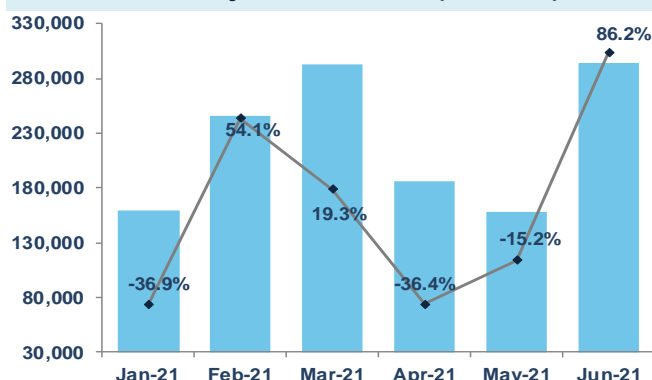
There were several announcements on the economic front during the month. At the start of the month, the Kingdom's Finance Minister said they plan to raise USD 55 Bn from a privatization plan that would include 160 projects in 16 sectors, including asset sales and PPP. As per the plan, around USD 16.5 Bn would be raised through PPP. The Kingdom also launched a National Transport and Logistics Strategy aimed at positioning the Kingdom as a global logistics hub. The program has four main goals, that includes transforming Saudi Arabia into a logistics hub, boosting the quality of life across the country, enhance fiscal sustainability and improve the performance of public entities. On the pandemic front, the Saudi Central Bank extended the loan deferral program by another three months until the end of September-2021. According to an official statement, the program has affected payments to the tune of SAR 167 Bn since its inception in March-2020.

There were a number of announcements on the equity market space during the month. It was reported that Berain Water is exploring IPO of a 30% stake. There were also reports that the Kingdom may sell part of its desalination plants at the Ras Al Khair facility. Meanwhile, the Saudi CMA approved the listing 30% stake of Tanmiah Food and a 20% offering from Arabian Internet and Communications Services Co, also known as Solutions by STC, a unit of Saudi Telecom Company. Furthermore, the Kingdom granted digital banking licenses to two firms, STC Pay and a unit of ARTAR.

Tadawul Monthly Sector Performance



Monthly Value Traded (SAR Mn)



Source: Tadawul, Kamco Invest Research

Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange

Monthly Indicators	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
ADX General Index	4,304.7	4,519.3	4,518.1	4,660.0	4,964.9	5,045.3	5,593.5	5,663.6	5,912.6	6,046.8	6,558.7	6,835.4
Monthly % Change	0.4%	5.0%	(0.0%)	3.1%	6.5%	1.6%	10.9%	1.3%	4.4%	2.3%	8.5%	4.2%
Market Cap (AED Bn)	657.0	698.0	691.6	710.3	744.8	749.8	814.1	820.4	868.0	904.1	947.4	1,004.6
P/E (X) - TTM	15.04	16.49	16.39	17.52	19.21	20.60	22.04	22.70	22.91	22.92	22.26	23.21
P/BV (X) - TTM	1.25	1.30	1.30	1.31	1.40	1.42	1.54	1.55	1.61	1.71	1.87	1.95
Dividend Yield (%)	5.65%	5.40%	5.44%	5.25%	4.92%	4.85%	4.37%	4.32%	4.57%	4.29%	3.97%	3.57%
Volume (Mn Shares)	1,165.4	2,008.5	3,423.0	2,320.4	2,822.5	2,104.0	2,184.2	3,265.8	4,346.2	3,091.4	5,149.4	4,475.0
Value (AED Mn)	2,574.9	6,113.0	11,830.7	9,719.4	13,066.9	8,255.1	9,954.9	17,759.7	23,891.8	23,392.3	35,006.1	31,142.2
Trades	29,854	46,775	40,026	38,777	68,924	48,563	62,461	59,231	62,765	45,663	73,749	90,180

Source: Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, Kamco Invest Research

The performance of the Abu Dhabi Exchange remained upbeat during June-2021 recording gains for the ninth consecutive month. The index gained 4.2% during the month, the second biggest monthly gain in the GCC after Oman, to close at 6,835.43 points, a new record high for the benchmark. Performance during the month reflected double digit gains for the Investment & Financial Services and Industrial indices, whereas Consumer Staples and Banks were the only two sectors that reported declines during June-2021. Gains during June-2021 further added to the exchange's performance since the start of the year. The ADX index was the best performing market in the GCC as well as globally with a 1H-2021 gain of 35.5%. The Investment & Financial Services once again showed the biggest returns of 160.7% during 1H-2021 followed by Industrial and Consumer Staples indices with gains of 41.0% and 35.2%, respectively. Banking sector also showed healthy gains of 23.4% whereas the Insurance sector was the only gauge that reported a decline in 1H-2021 at -6.3%.

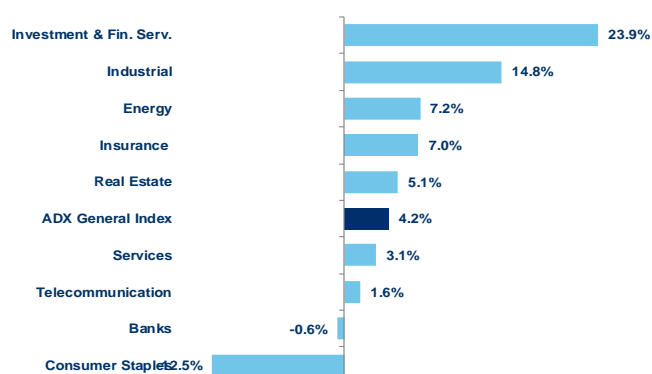
The 12.5% decline in the Consumer Staples sector during the month came mainly on the back of 13.7% decline in shares of Agthia and 4.8% decline in shares of Foodco Holding. A gain of 1.7% in shares of RAK Poultry partially offset the overall decline in the sector. The performance of the Banking sector remained with five decliners and four gainers during the month. NBQ was the biggest decliner during the month at -10.9% whereas shares of FAB declined by 1%. During the month, NBQ signed an MoU with The Emirates Development Bank (EDB) to facilitate strategic financing options for SMEs in the UAE. As per the MoU, NBQ would offer up to AED 10 Mn financing to SMEs and 50% of the facility amount would be either guaranteed or co-lent by EDB.

On the other hand, the gain in the Investment & Financial Services sector were mainly led by 25.3% gain in shares of IHC after the company announced the listing of its unit, Alpha Dhabi on the Abu Dhabi Exchange. With the gains, IHC became the most valuable company on the exchange with a market cap of AED 216.7 Bn. Gains were also reported by other constituents in the index. In the Industrial sector, 8 out of 10 constituents reported gains during the month. Shares of RAK Cement more than doubled during the month, although there were no apparent catalysts for the gains. In the Energy sector, all the three constituents reported gains during the month. Shares of TAQA gained 3% after news reports suggested that China Southern Power Grid Co. is in talks to acquire about 10% stake in the company worth USD 4.3 Bn.

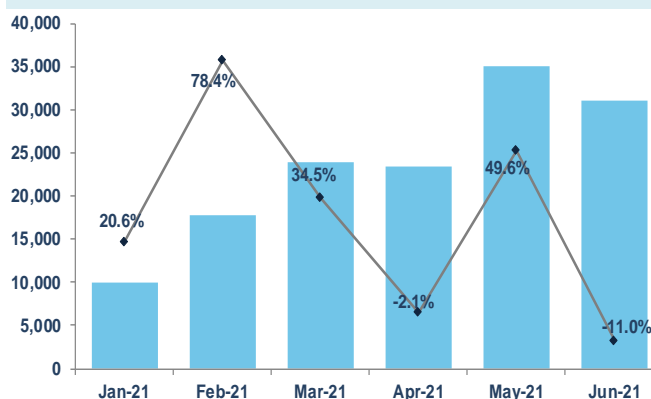
Trading activity on the exchange remained elevated but declined as compared to last month's multi-year high levels. Volume traded on the exchange stood at 4.5 Bn shares vs. 5.1 bn shares last month. Value traded declined by 11% to AED 31.1 Bn vs. AED 35.0 Bn recorded in May-2021.

On the economic front, Abu Dhabi recently pledged USD 6 Bn to be invested in cultural and creative industries as an effort to diversify from dependence on oil revenues. According to an FT report, the government has already spent USD 2.3 Bn on projects in the sector and the additional USD 6 Bn would be allocated over the next five years to build museums and invest in sectors like media, gaming, music and related sectors.

ADX Monthly Sector Performance



Monthly Value Traded (AED Mn)



Source: Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange, Kamco Invest Research

Dubai Financial Market

Monthly Indicators	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
DFM General Index	2,050.8	2,245.3	2,273.5	2,187.9	2,419.6	2,492.0	2,654.1	2,551.5	2,550.2	2,605.4	2,797.5	2,810.6
Monthly % Change	(0.7%)	9.5%	1.3%	(3.8%)	10.6%	3.0%	6.5%	(3.9%)	(0.1%)	2.2%	7.4%	0.5%
Market Cap (AED Bn)	289.6	310.6	314.4	306.5	333.9	337.2	354.2	345.6	348.8	356.5	377.9	380.2
P/E (X) - TTM	7.06	8.49	8.57	9.03	11.31	11.62	13.04	20.87	20.89	20.51	21.00	21.35
P/BV (X) - TTM	0.73	0.79	0.80	0.77	0.85	0.87	0.92	0.89	0.89	0.91	0.98	0.98
Dividend Yield (%)	4.67%	4.30%	4.26%	4.44%	4.02%	3.90%	3.66%	3.81%	3.23%	3.24%	2.90%	2.85%
Volume (Mn Shares)	5,347.4	6,749.9	8,646.0	3,963.6	4,652.0	5,400.1	5,554.2	2,686.5	2,810.0	2,182.7	3,672.2	2,921.6
Value (AED Mn)	4,538.3	7,146.0	7,598.4	3,226.4	5,878.2	5,629.5	7,187.1	3,921.9	4,203.7	3,151.4	5,186.5	4,653.8
Trades	75,977	96,664	115,004	58,014	79,788	78,293	88,808	53,263	58,082	41,873	67,557	56,042

Source: Dubai Financial Market, Kamco Invest Research

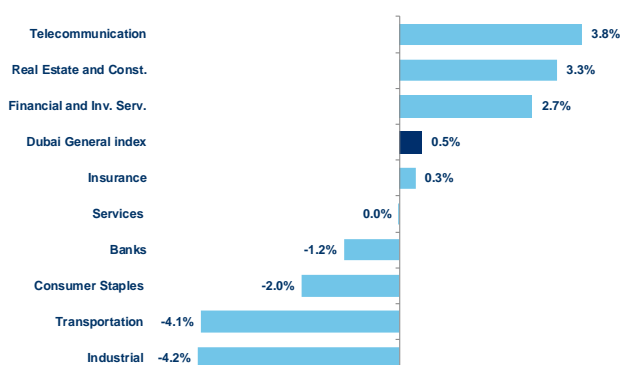
The DFM index witnessed gains for the third consecutive month during June-2021 to close at 2,810.56 points, recording a gain of 0.5%. The index closed at a 22-month high level of 2,870.69 points on 27-June-2021 but declined during the last three trading sessions of June-2021. The gains during June-2021 further strengthened the benchmark's performance since the start of the year, reaching 12.8%, the fourth highest in the GCC. The sector performance chart showed gainers and losers were equally split during the month. The Telecom index witnessed the highest monthly returns of 3.8% followed by Real Estate and Financial & Investment Services indices with gains of 3.3% and 2.7%, respectively.

In the Real Estate sector, shares of Emaar Properties, Emaar Malls Group and Emaar Development witnessed mid-single digit gains that more than offset decline in shares of Damac Properties, Union Properties and Deyaar Development. Dubai continued to record increase in real estate transactions over the last few months that supported the shares of real estate companies on the exchange. Recently, Emaar Properties announced a 250% y-o-y increase in sales that reached AED 10.5 Bn during the first five months of the year. Data from Dubai Land Department showed a 197% y-o-y increase in real estate transactions during May-2021 at AED 21.8 Bn. Total transactions reached 6,021 during the month. According to the data, total real estate investments in Dubai stood at AED 36.0 Bn during the first five months of 2021, an increase of 44% as compared to the corresponding period last year. The month also saw the largest shareholder of Damac Properties make an offer to take the company private, although the plan is reportedly said to have been deferred pending regulator's review of the proposed offer.

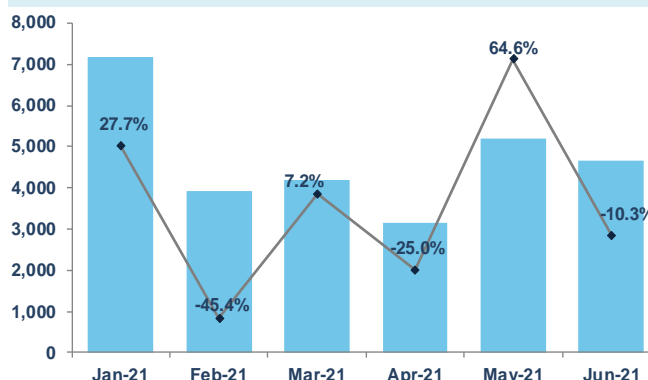
On the decliner's side, The industrial index reported the biggest monthly fall of 4.2% followed by Transportation and Consumer Staples indices with declines of 4.1% and 2.0%, respectively. The Telecom index also topped in terms of 1H-2021 returns that stood at 19.7% followed by Financial & Investment Services and Banking indices that reported gains of 17.6% and 14.8%, respectively. The Real Estate gauge also reported double digit gains of 14.4%. On the decliner's side, the Consumer Staples index reported the biggest fall in 1H-2021 at 9.7% followed by Transportation index that declined by 5.5%.

Trading activity on the exchange declined as compared to previous month. Total volume of shares traded declined by 20.4% to reach 2.9 Bn shares in June-2021 as compared to 3.7 Bn shares during May-2021. Total value traded on the exchange declined by 10.3% to reach AED 4.7 Bn in June-2021 as compared to AED 5.2 Bn during the previous month. GFH topped the monthly volume chart with 416.9 Mn shares traded on the exchange followed by Emaar Properties and Deyaar Development at 302.5 Mn shares and 274.6 Mn shares, respectively. On the monthly value traded chart, Emaar Properties topped with AED 1.3 Bn worth of shares changing hands during the month, followed by Dubai Islamic Bank and Emaar Malls at AED 562.9 Mn and AED 364.4 Mn, respectively. The monthly stock performance chart was topped by International Financial Advisors with a gain of 19.5% followed by GFH and Takaful Emarat Insurance with gains of 14.5% and 12.3%, respectively. On the decliners side, Emirates Refreshments topped with a decline of 27.7% followed by Gulf Navigation Holding and Oman Insurance Co. with declines of 8.4% and 8.0%, respectively.

DFM Monthly Sector Performance



Monthly Value Traded (AED Mn)



Source: Dubai Financial Market, Kamco Invest Research

Qatar Exchange

Monthly Indicators	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
QE 20 Index	9,368.2	9,845.2	9,990.4	9,691.0	10,262.1	10,436.0	10,473.5	10,146.0	10,401.5	10,911.4	10,748.3	10,730.7
Monthly % Change	4.1%	5.1%	1.5%	(3.0%)	5.9%	1.7%	0.4%	(3.1%)	2.5%	4.9%	(1.5%)	(0.2%)
Market Cap (QAR Bn)	547.7	570.0	588.6	565.1	590.5	602.2	608.4	588.1	605.8	630.9	624.4	622.4
P/E (X) - TTM	15.27	16.02	16.15	16.46	17.44	17.75	18.12	18.66	19.35	18.50	18.21	18.14
P/BV (X) - TTM	1.41	1.48	1.50	1.42	1.50	1.52	1.51	1.45	1.48	1.64	1.61	1.61
Dividend Yield (%)	4.27%	4.06%	3.94%	4.07%	3.84%	3.78%	3.76%	3.66%	2.84%	2.70%	2.73%	2.73%
Volume (Mn Shares)	6,677.6	5,759.6	8,124.1	5,649.9	5,420.2	4,643.7	3,969.7	3,184.5	5,849.8	6,740.5	3,680.1	3,453.9
Value (QAR Mn)	10,948.0	9,781.4	14,265.8	10,305.3	11,493.5	10,455.5	10,181.8	7,830.4	11,150.9	12,710.8	8,465.4	8,669.1
Trades	203,617	201,934	251,351	196,883	237,916	215,144	201,594	180,142	247,202	229,563	177,424	199,697

Source: Qatar Exchange, Kamco Invest Research

The Qatar Stock Exchange reported declines for the second consecutive month during June-2021, albeit marginally, and was the only market in the GCC that reported decline during the month. The QE 20 index closed the month at 10,730.7 points witnessing a decline of 0.2%, in-line with the performance of the Qatar All Share Index that reported a similar monthly decline to close at 3,407.53 points. The sector performance chart for June-2021 showed gains for Telecoms and Industrial indices at 1.5% and 1.3%, respectively, and marginal gains of 0.3% for the Banks and Financial Services index. These gains were more than offset by declines mainly reported by Real Estate Index at 7.4% followed by Insurance and Consumer Goods & Services indices at -2.6% and -1.4%, respectively.

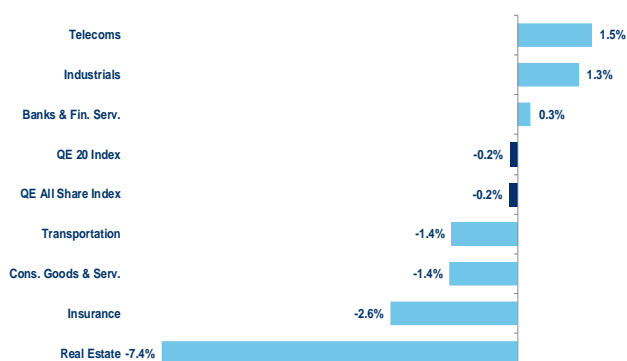
The decline during June-2021 further affected the market's performance during 1H-2021 that reached 2.8%, the smallest in the GCC. In terms of sector performance, the Industrials reported the biggest gains during 1H-2021 at 15.8% followed by Insurance and Telecoms at 8.8% and 6.5%, respectively. These gains were partially offset by 9.0% decline reported by Real Estate index and marginal decline of 0.5% reported by the Consumer Goods & Services index.

Trading activity on the exchange remained mixed but higher trades in large-cap stocks resulted in an increase in value traded. Total volume traded on the exchange declined by 6.1% to 3.5 Bn shares in June-2021 as compared to 3.7 Bn shares during May-2021. Total value traded increased by 2.4% to QAR 8.7 Bn as compared to QAR 8.5 Bn during May-2021. Salam International Investment topped the monthly volume chart with 541 Mn traded shares followed by Qatar Aluminum Manufacturing and Investment Holding Group at 321.8 Mn shares and 283.1 Mn shares, respectively. On the monthly value traded chart, Industries Qatar topped with QAR 882.7 Mn traded shares followed by QNB and Salam International Investments at QAR 874.7 Mn and QAR 536.2 Mn, respectively.

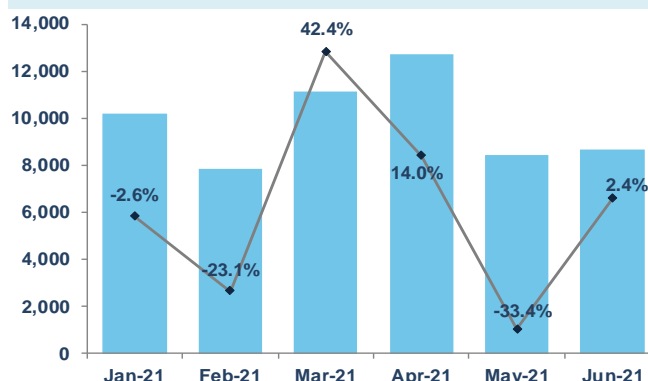
Ooredoo was the best performing stock during the month with a gain of 5.7%. Gains came despite the CRA imposing a QAR 3.5 Mn sanction on the telco for violating instruction issued by the authority. Mannai Corp. was next on the gainers chart with a gain of 5.0% followed by Qatar Electricity and Water and Industries Qatar with gains of 3.9% and 2.6%, respectively. Shares of Mannai Corp. gained after reports showed that the company is considering a sale of French IT services provider Inetum SA that could result in proceeds of around USD 2.4 Bn. On the decliners side, Qatar General Insurance and Reinsurance reported the biggest monthly decline of 9.4% followed by United Development Co. and Medicare Group with declines of 9.0% and 8.0%, respectively. During the month, Commercial Bank of Qatar (-1.5%) offered to acquire 49.43 million shares of National Bank of Oman to raise its stake in the company from 15.2% to 50.1% in a deal valued at OMR 49.43 Mn.

In terms of economic news, Qatar's acting Finance Minister and the Minister of Commerce and Industry said that Qatar may not need to return to the debt market soon given the current rise in oil and gas prices. The minister said that if they tap the market, it would be to improve the financial position of the country by financing at better rates. The country generated a QAR 200 Mn surplus during Q1-2021 as compared to expected quarterly deficits.

QE Monthly Sector Performance



Monthly Value Traded (QAR Mn)



Source: Qatar Exchange, Kamco Invest Research

Bahrain Bourse

Monthly Indicators	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
Bahrain All Share Index	1,290.57	1,380.89	1,434.49	1,427.18	1,477.51	1,489.78	1,462.61	1,466.43	1,458.03	1,484.85	1,527.62	1,587.97
Monthly % Change	1.0%	7.0%	3.9%	(0.5%)	3.5%	0.8%	(1.8%)	0.3%	(0.6%)	1.8%	2.9%	4.0%
Market Cap (BHD Mn)	8,134	8,690	9,029	8,983	9,295	9,379	8,390	9,227	9,230	9,398	9,664	9,985
P/E (X) - TTM	9.77	12.86	13.34	13.86	14.35	14.47	14.20	30.93	37.30	38.12	26.23	27.26
P/BV (X) - TTM	0.79	0.86	0.89	0.91	0.98	0.99	0.97	0.95	0.95	0.98	1.02	1.06
Dividend Yield (%)	5.46%	5.18%	4.69%	4.71%	4.55%	4.51%	4.59%	4.58%	4.14%	2.36%	2.18%	2.10%
Volume (Mn Shares)	109.5	96.2	151.2	107.2	83.9	79.4	122.7	87.7	81.4	39.2	51.0	178.7
Value (BHD Mn)	12.3	16.6	21.6	20.0	21.6	14.0	16.6	17.8	23.8	8.8	11.5	22.1
Trades	1,075	1,293	2,267	1,372	2,267	1,336	1,339	1,702	1,254	918	1,171	1,184

Source: Bahrain Bourse, Kamco Invest Research

The Bahrain Bourse continued to report gains for the third consecutive month during June-2021. The Bahrain All Share Index closed the month at 1,587.97 points after touching a 14-month high level on 29-Jun-2021 at 1,596.05 points, registering a gain of 4.0%, the biggest monthly gain in ten months. The sector performance chart remained mixed during the month with gains for Commercial Banks at 6.8% followed by Insurance and Investment indices with gains of 2.8% and 2.4%. These gains were partially offset by declines reported by Hotels & Tourism and Services index by 6.6% and 0.5%, respectively. In the Commercial Banking sector, four out of five banks reported gains during the month while shares of BISB remained flat. AUB Bahrain reported the best monthly gain in the sector at 11.1% while rest of the banks witnessed only marginal gains. Shares of AUB have been on an upswing since the start of the month.

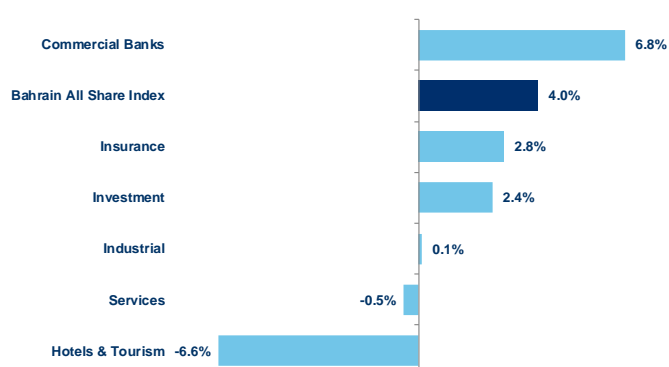
The monthly gain further supported 1H-2021 performance and lifted the benchmark deeper into the green with a 1H-2021 gain of 6.6%. The Industrial index reported the highest returns in 1H-2021 at 24.8% followed by Insurance and Commercial Banks at 12.3% and 8.7%. On the other hand, the Hotels & Tourism index reported the biggest decline of 12.8% followed by Services sector that declined by 3.2% during 1H-2021.

The monthly gainers chart was topped by Khaleeji Commercial Bank with a gain of 34.0% that came after Shuaa Capital announced that it has sold its 3.8% stake in the bank to GFH. Another fund managed by Shuaa Capital, Goldilocks Fund, also sold its 9.76% stake in the bank to GFH. With the acquisition of these stakes, GFH's stake in Khaleeji Commercial Bank increased from 55.41% to 69.05%, according to a report from Reuters. Other gainers on the exchange included Takaful International Co. with its shares up 15.5% followed by GFH Financial Group and AUB with gains of 12.0% and 11.1%, respectively. On the decliners side, Bahrain Cinema witnessed the biggest fall of 15.7% followed by Traftco and Nass Corp with declines of 5.1% and 4.4%, respectively.

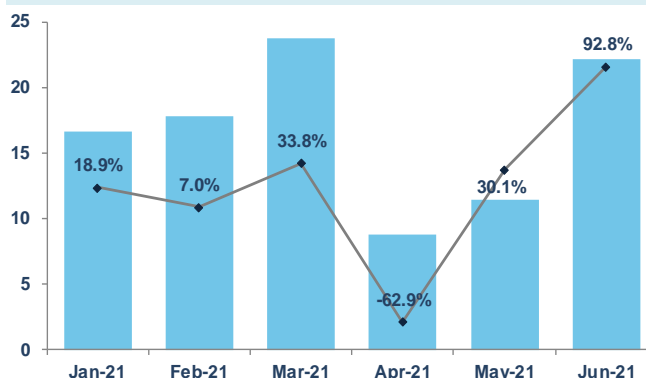
During the month, Investcorp announced that it's plan to delist from the Bahrain Bourse and become a closed share company was approved by its shareholders at an EGM. The delisting is now subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to be completed during Q3-2021. The company also recently acquired CloudCare, an Italian tech-enabled digital sales and marketing solutions platform active in energy, telecom and insurance markets. On the other hand, reports said that Batelco is said to be planning to have its share dual listed on Saudi Exchange. It would be the first Bahrain company to have a dual listing in Saudi Arabia, but according to the report, the company has not made any decision yet.

Trading activity on the exchange remained upbeat with a sharp m-o-m increase during June-2021. Monthly volume of shares traded reached the highest in 30 months at 178.7 Mn shares as compared to 51.0 Mn shares during May-2021. Monthly value traded reached a 3-month high level and almost doubled to BHD 22.1 Mn in June-2021 as compared to BHD 11.5 Mn during May-2021. Khaleeji Commercial Bank topped the monthly trades with BHD 9.1 Mn worth of shares traded during the month followed by AUB and GFH at BHD 5.5 Mn and BHD 3.4 Mn, respectively.

BSE Monthly Sector Performance



Monthly Value Traded (BHD Mn)



Source: Bahrain Bourse, Kamco Invest Research

Muscat Securities Market

Monthly Indicators	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21
MSM 30 Index	3,568.1	3,771.9	3,614.6	3,557.8	3,643.5	3,658.8	3,653.2	3,612.4	3,708.7	3,761.0	3,852.6	4,063.4
Monthly % Change	1.5%	5.7%	(4.2%)	(1.6%)	2.4%	0.4%	(0.2%)	(1.1%)	2.7%	1.4%	2.4%	5.5%
Market Cap (OMR Mn)	6,232	6,548	6,256	6,181	6,347	6,431	6,307	6,229	6,415	6,416	6,497	7,020
P/E (X) - TTM	10.35	11.20	10.74	10.43	10.96	11.01	13.18	11.26	12.13	11.32	11.47	14.27
P/BV (X) - TTM	0.77	0.76	0.73	0.71	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.66	0.68	0.69	0.72	0.82
Dividend Yield (%)	6.72%	6.52%	6.77%	6.96%	6.93%	6.90%	6.86%	7.55%	5.71%	4.81%	4.70%	3.85%
Volume (Mn Shares)	190.8	202.5	108.6	191.6	125.7	202.0	178.5	253.3	654.3	430.9	315.3	667.3
Value (OMR Mn)	30.1	29.0	16.9	29.9	29.2	33.2	27.0	35.0	82.6	68.1	50.3	90.7
Trades	8,205	7,278	7,014	7,098	6,040	9,835	2,394	9,412	12,723	18,290	15,411	23,517

Source: Muscat Securities Market, Kamco Invest Research.

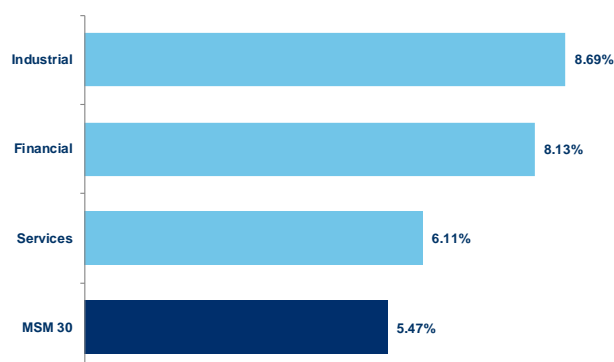
The Omani stock market witnessed gains for the fourth consecutive month during June-2021 and was the best performing market in the GCC during the month with a gain of 5.5% for the MSX 30 Index. The index touched a 14-month high level by mid-month at 4,077.87 points but receded marginally during the second half of the month to close slightly lower at 4,063.4 points. Gains for the MSX Total Return index were similar at 5.5%, whereas the MSX Shariah index reported slightly higher gains of 7.03% during June-2021. In terms of sector performance, all three sectoral indices closed the month in the green with the Industry index reporting the biggest gains of 8.7% followed by Financial and Services indices with monthly gains of 8.1% and 6.1%, respectively. Gains during June-2021 pushed 1H-2021 gains into double digits for the MSX 30 index at 11.1%. The Industrial index was up 40.4% in 1H-2021 followed by Financial and Services indices with gains of 14.4% and 8.2%, respectively.

Galfar Engineering topped the monthly gainers chart with its shares up 72.9% followed by Oman Qatar Insurance and Oman & Emirates Investment Holding with gains of 70.4% and 47.1%, respectively. On the decliner's side, Oman Chlorine topped with a fall of 15.5% followed by Dhofar Generating Co. and Dhofar International with declines of 12.7% and 10.5%, respectively. The monthly market breadth strongly favored gainers that included 53 stocks as compared to 18 decliners.

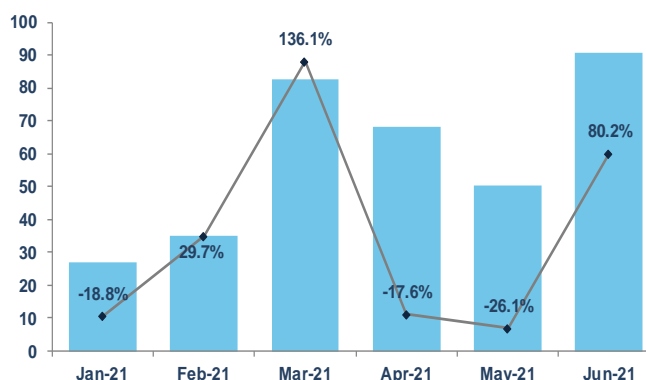
Trading activity remained upbeat during the month reaching multi-year highs. Total volume of shares traded during the month reached the highest in 37 months at 667.3 Mn shares as compared to 315.3 Mn shares traded during May-2021. Monthly value traded was also at a 21-month high after reaching OMR 90.7 Mn in June-2021 as compared to OMR 50.3 Mn in May-2021. Bank Nizwa topped in terms of monthly volumes with 92.5 Mn traded shares followed by United Finance and Al Anwar Investment with 86.1 Mn shares and 60.2 Mn traded shares, respectively. In terms of value traded, Bank Muscat topped with OMR 11.2 Mn worth of shares changing hands during the month followed by Bank Nizwa and Al Anwar Investment at OMR 8.9 Mn and OMR 6.3 Mn, respectively. The share of Omanis in the monthly trading activity witnessed a steep decline from last month. Omanis accounted for 64.5% of the total value of buy trades during June-2021 as compared to 85.4% in May-2021. In terms of value of sell trades, Omani's share increased to 83.4% in June-2021 from 82.1% in May-2021, indicating they net sellers during the month.

On the economic front, the government recently hired banks for its second international bond sale this year. According to the document, the Sultanate issued USD 1.75 Bn in 9-year USD denominated sukuk to support its budgeted expenditure. Total issuance this year stood at around USD 7.2 Bn amid a non-investment grade rating for the country. The prospectus for the sukuk showed that the Oman forecasts a deficit of OMR 2.23 Bn this year or 8.6% of GDP. Deficits are expected to decline to OMR 1.66 Bn in 2022 or 5.9% of GDP and further lower to OMR 605 Mn and OMR 165 Mn in 2023 and 2024, respectively, resulting in a deficit of 2.0% and 0.5% of GDP. The country is following a diversified and comprehensive funding plan that includes privatizations, monetization of government assets and limited use of domestic bonds and sukuks.

MSM Monthly Sector Performance



Monthly Value Traded (OMR Mn)



Source: Muscat Securities Market, Kamco Invest Research

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