

## ISLAMIC BANKING NEWS

*. Gulf Islamic Investments Group, a Shariah-compliant alternative investment company in Dubai, acquired a minority stake in Saudi Arabia's Abeer Medical Company for $\$ 160$ million.
7. Abu Dhabi's Lunate Capital launch Shariah- compliant India EIF that will list on ADX. The Chimera S\&P India Shariah ETF will track Shariah-compliant Indian equities listed on the BSE.

## GCC NEWS

. Bank Muscat reported a full year net profit for 2023 of OMR 212.5 million ( $\$ 552$ million), 6\% higher versus OMR200.75 million reported in 2022, on higher net interest income (NII).
*. Qatar launches National Development Strategy 2024-2030. Qatar would also focus on increasing workforce productivity by $2 \%$ annually to enhance economic growth and create jobs.

## COMMODITIES

- Gold prices edged up on Monday, holding above the $\$ 2,050$ level on safe-haven appeal from elevated tensions in the M.E. and on renewed bets for an early rate cut by Federal Reserve.
.7. Oil prices edged up on Monday as traders watched for supply disruption risks in the Middle East following strikes by U.S. and British forces.


## FOREX NEWS

-7 AUD rangebound in thin liquidity as traders await the next catalyst for the global interest rate outlook, while shrugging off China's surprise decision to leave a key policy rate unchanged.
4. USD ebbed on Monday on renewed expectations of a rate cut by the Federal Reserve in March. GBP slipped though remained not too far from its two- week peak hit last week.

| FOREX RATES |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Prev. High | Prev. Low | AED |  |  |  | Prev. High | Prev. Low | AED |
| EUR | $\downarrow$ | 10966 | 10986 | 10934 | 4.0278 | J PY | $\downarrow$ | 145.230 | 145.5600 | 144.3400 | 0.02529 |
| GBP | $\downarrow$ | 12756 | 12785 | 12716 | 4.6853 | CAD | $\downarrow$ | \# N/ A Stale | 13411 | 13341 | \# VALUE! |
| AUD | $\downarrow$ | 0.6689 | 0.6728 | 0.6675 | 2.4569 | INR | $\downarrow$ | 82.834 | 83.1000 | 82.7540 | 0.04434 |
| CHF | $\downarrow$ | 0.8524 | 0.8550 | 0.8486 | 4.3090 | PKR | 1 | 279.840 | 281500 | 274.7500 | 0.01313 |





| COMMODITIES |  | LAST PRICE |  | NET CHANGE |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Gold |  | 2,055.59 | \$/ ounce | +6.87 |
| Silver |  | 23.26 | \$/ ounce | +0.07 |
| Brent Crude |  | 78.43 | \$/ barrel | +0.4 |
| WTI Crude |  | 72.74 | \$/ barrel | +0.06 |
| CRYPTO CURRENCIES |  |  |  |  |
| IN US\$ | ETHER | - 2,515.40 | BITCOIN | 42,659.44 |

## FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC INDICATORS

$15-01-2024$ - EUR - Full Year GDP Growth
$15-01-2024$ - EUR - Balance of Trade
$15-01-2024$ - CAD - BoC Business Outlook Survey
16-01 2024 - GBP - Employment Change (Oct)
16-01-2024 - EUR - ZEW Economic Sentiment Index (Jan)
16-01-2024 - CAD - Core Inflation Rate MoM (Dec)

## FINANCIALTERM OF THE DAY

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