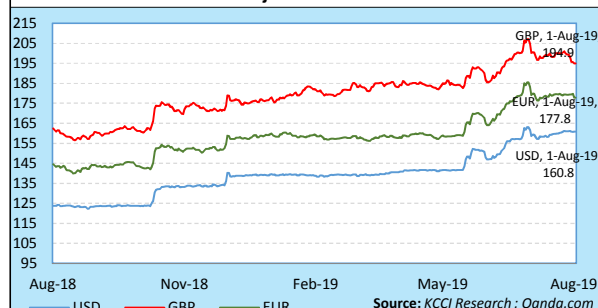


Economic Indicators

List of Indicators	Date / Period	Unit	Value	Change Daily
USD-Interbank	1-Aug	PKR	159.42	-0.11%
USD-Open MKT	1-Aug	PKR	159.50	0.16%
KSE-100 index	1-Aug	Pts.	31,839	-0.31%
FIPI	1-Aug	\$ Mn	-0.19	NM**
Crude (AP'19)	1-Aug	\$/bbl	54.48	-5.96%
Gold (MA'19)	1-Aug	\$/oz	1,448.5	2.18%
Gold (10g) Local	1-Aug	PKR	71,245	-1.07%
Silver (MA'19)	1-Aug	\$/oz	16.35	0.31%
Cotton(KHI)-40 kg	1-Aug	PKR	9,002	0.00%
Kibor-6M	1-Aug	%	14.02	0.01%
Forex Reserves	26-Jul	\$ Bn	15.06	-1.23%
	FY19			YoY
Remittances	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	21.84	9.68%
Exports*	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	22.98	-1.00%
Imports*	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	54.80	-9.86%
Trade Balance*	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	-31.82	15.33%
Current Account	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	-13.59	31.71%
Foreign Direct Inv.	Jul-Jun 19	\$ Bn	1.74	-49.96%
LSM Growth*	Jul-May 19	%	-3.50	
Avg. CPI	Jul-19	%	10.34	
Discount Rate	Jul-19	%	13.25	

Sources: KCCI Research, PMEX, NCCPL, KSE, SBP, PBS*
 ** Not Meaningful on week;

Major Currencies

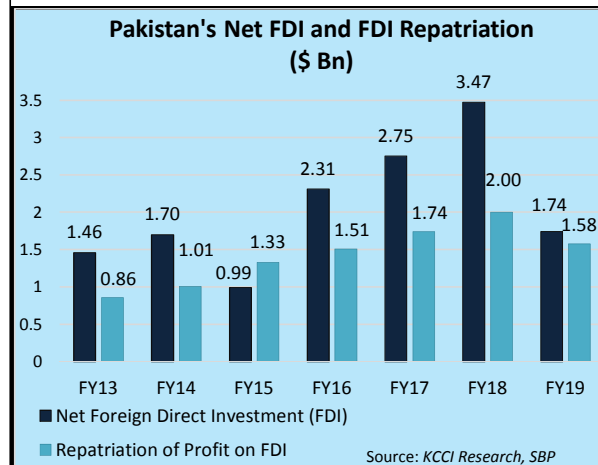


Quote of the Day

"It's far better to buy a wonderful company at a fair price, than a fair company at a wonderful price."

Warren Buffett

Chart of the Day



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In the aftermath of rains: KCCI assures support to Centre for resolving city's lingering issues

President KCCI, Junaid Esmail Makda, has stressed that it is high time that Karachi gets special attention from the federal govt. otherwise innocent citizens will continue to lose their lives whenever torrential rains or any other natural calamity occurs. While referring to the remarks by Federal Minister for Maritime Affairs Ali Haider Zaidi who pledged to clean up Karachi from trash in two weeks' time, Makda said that the cleanliness condition in Karachi has become unbearable which was seen by everyone as soon as the first rainfall of monsoon season struck the city. Chairman BMG Siraj Kassam Teli, said the business and industrial community of Karachi stands side-by-side with the federal govt. and will join hands with it in all the initiatives focusing on improving the standard of living in Karachi. He said that due to sheer negligence since last more than a decade, the miseries and hardships for Karachiites have intensified and the same was witnessed during the first monsoon rainfall in Karachi where the citizens suffered badly due to prolong power failures, inundated streets, poor sewerage and sanitation conditions in almost all the areas of the city. He said that it was a matter of grave concern and really worrisome that Karachi city, which is even bigger than around 80 countries around the world in terms of area and population, has never received the kind of attention that it actually deserves. A mere number of development projects were currently under way but the work on all these projects was going on at snail's pace. Chairman BMG categorically said that the Karachi Chamber was not a politically-affiliated organization and it always supports all politicians who raise voice for the rights of Karachi. *BR.*

Draft of scheme released: Small shop owners can opt for fixed tax regime: FBR

FBR has issued a simplified "Small Shopkeepers Scheme", allowing small shop owners to opt for fixed tax regime based on location and size of shop with no audit/examination of such shopkeepers. After public review, the scheme will be put before the federal cabinet for final approval. It is expected that this reformed simplified procedure will be a new beginning on this subject. Shopkeeper means an individual where the business is carried out at a premises having covered area less than 300 square feet but is excluded under various listed activities. *BR.*

FBR issues simplified tax regime for traders

FBR has issued simplified tax regime for the traders addressing all their major concerns with the objective to document traders without creating any kind of harassment. In this regard, the FBR has released the draft automated non-judicial simplified tax regime for traders. FBR has said that one of the unique features of the simplified tax scheme for traders are that they would not be required to work as withholding agent. The scheme is so simple that there is a simplified procedure for maintenance of records by the traders. The cash and bank book maintained shall be the only "Books of Accounts" required to be kept by traders. Tax officials of the field formations have been barred from visiting shops. Traders are also not required to deduct the tax and deposit into the national kitty. *BR.*

Unregistered sellers can't recover GST from buyers: FBR

To stop practice of charging sales tax from costumers by un-registered outlets, the FBR has asked the general public in sales tax circular number 2 to check whether the sellers/suppliers of goods, collecting sales tax from customers on purchases, are registered with the sales tax department. FBR has said that the customer is not required to pay 17% sales tax to seller/supplier who fails to show his sales tax registration number on invoices/receipts. It is further clarified that buyer is not required to provide his CNIC in case of purchases from a person not registered for sales tax. *BR.*

Small Shopkeepers Scheme: FBR releases draft with fixed tax rates

The FBR has released the draft for Small Shopkeepers Scheme for four different categories with fixed tax rates ranging from PKR 20,000 to PKR 50,000 per annum on the basis of their size and locations. Under the scheme, if a shop is located in area specified as category-A and the shop premises in which the business activity is carried out does not exceed 150 sq. ft., the rate of tax will be PKR 35,000 for TY19 and PKR 40,000 for TY20. This scheme will grant an opportunity to opt for fixed tax regime based on location and size of the shop having no audit or examination of such shopkeepers. The FBR has issued the draft for views and comments and will put it before the federal cabinet for approval. *The News.*

No plan to shut down exchange companies: SBP

SBP while meeting with a delegation of Exchange companies has reiterated that there is not plan to shut down Exchange Companies. There were rumors in the market that SBP has decided to close the exchange companies and banks will be allowed to conduct exchange business. In this regard, SBP has said that, no change has been made in instruction on purchase of foreign currency notes by banks as they are already permitted to deal in foreign currency notes, coins, deposits, credits, drafts and traveler's cheque. Talking about the proposed amendment in foreign exchange act, SBP added that there will be no restrictions on exchange companies for carrying cash, however individual will be required to take prior permission from SBP for carrying over \$ 10,000 or other currencies equivalent to it. *BR.*

SBP updates indices of effective exchange rates

The SBP has revised indices of effective exchange rates, leading to an increase in the basket of currencies included in the new calculation to 37 which were previously 25 based on FY12 trade data. Using the updated trade weights and new countries, provided by the IMF to its member countries, the SBP has revised the NEER (nominal) and REER (real effective rates) series accordingly. The new weights are calculated by the IMF on the basis of FY15 trade patterns in the global economy. *The News.*

Inflation hits 68 months high of 10.3% in July

Consumer price inflation (CPI) rose in Jul'19 at its fastest pace in over 5.5 years, driven by energy and food prices, highlighting the challenge facing the SBP and reinforcing expectations of a further rise in interest rates in coming months. CPI accelerated to a high of 10.3% in Jul'19 from 8.9% in Jun'19 and 5.8% in Jul'18. The SBP is projecting consumer inflation to average 11-12% in FY20 compared with an average of 7.34% in FY19. *The News.*

3,000 containers stuck inside KICT as workers go on strike

Around 3,000 containers are stuck at Karachi International Containers Terminal, following workers' 2-day strike (30th & 31st Jul'19), putting excessive financial burden of detention charges on the trade. This led to the piling up its backlog as the terminal has a capacity to handle 1,500 to 2,000 containers per day. *BR.*

Forex reserves touch \$ 15.06Bn

The liquid forex reserves of Pakistan have increased by \$ 200Mn to \$ 15.06Bn during the week ended 26th Jul'19 as compared with \$ 14.86Bn a week ago. SBP's forex reserves rose to \$ 7.77Bn during the week from \$ 7.61Bn last week. Forex reserves maintained by commercial banks also grew \$ 45Mn to \$ 7.3Bn from \$ 7.25Bn last week. *The News.*