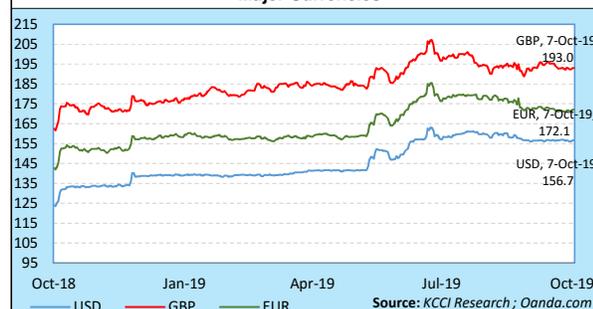


#### Economic Indicators

| List of Indicators  | Date / Period | Unit   | Value   | Change Daily |
|---------------------|---------------|--------|---------|--------------|
| USD-Interbank       | 7-Oct         | PKR    | 156.41  | -0.08%       |
| USD-Open MKT        | 7-Oct         | PKR    | 156.30  | -0.03%       |
| KSE-100 index       | 7-Oct         | Pts.   | 33,637  | 1.83%        |
| FIPI                | 7-Oct         | \$ Mn  | -2.11   | NM**         |
| Crude (AP'19)       | 7-Oct         | \$/bbl | 52.90   | -0.09%       |
| Gold (MA'19)        | 7-Oct         | \$/oz  | 1,494.4 | -0.76%       |
| Gold (10g) Local    | 7-Oct         | PKR    | 74,760  | 0.93%        |
| Silver (MA'19)      | 7-Oct         | \$/oz  | 17.42   | -0.65%       |
| Cotton(KHI) -40 kg  | 7-Oct         | PKR    | 9,324   | 0.00%        |
| Kibor-6M            | 7-Oct         | %      | 13.90   | 0.00%        |
| Forex Reserves      | 27-Sep        | \$ Bn  | 15.00   | -4.87%       |
|                     | FY20          |        |         | YoY          |
| Remittances         | Jul-Aug 19    | \$ Bn  | 3.73    | -8.35%       |
| Exports*            | Jul-Aug 19    | \$ Bn  | 3.75    | 10.06%       |
| Imports*            | Jul-Aug 19    | \$ Bn  | 7.68    | -21.56%      |
| Trade Balance*      | Jul-Aug 19    | \$ Bn  | -3.92   | 38.47%       |
| Current Account     | Jul-Aug 19    | \$ Bn  | -1.29   | 54.67%       |
| Foreign Direct Inv. | Jul-Aug 19    | \$ Bn  | 0.16    | -58.42%      |
| LSM Growth*         | Jul-19        | %      | -3.28   |              |
| Avg. CPI            | Jul-Sep 19    | %      | 10.08   |              |
| Discount Rate       | Jul-19        | %      | 13.25   |              |

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

#### Major Currencies

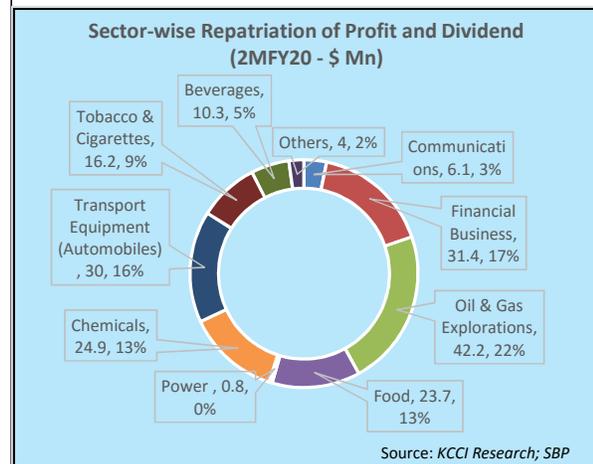


#### Quote of the Day

*"Try not to become a man of success. Rather become a man of value."*

**Albert Einstein**

#### Chart of the Day



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#### Govt sets up CPEC Authority, grants tax relief to Gwadar port

President Dr Arif Alvi has promulgated two ordinances (CPEC Authority Ordinance 2019 and Tax Laws (Amendment) Ordinance 2019) to set up the CPEC Authority and grant tax concessions to the Gwadar port and its free zone, sending a strong signal to Beijing that Islamabad is serious in implementing the multi-Billion dollar strategic initiative. The ordinances were promulgated on the eve of PM Imran Khan's visit to China where he is scheduled to discuss economic and political matters of mutual interests with the friendly country's leadership. The Tax Laws Amendment Ordinance 2019 is aimed at granting concessions to Gwadar port operators and businesses to be set up at the Gwadar free zone. A CPEC Business Council will also be set up under the CPEC Authority. *The Nation*.

#### Imran to discuss Kashmir situation, CPEC with Xi

PM Imran Khan is expected to meet President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Keqiang in Beijing to discuss the security situation in disputed region of Kashmir as well as economic ties. Mr Khan's visit will include talks on the progress of CPEC, ML-1 of Railways from Karachi to Lahore that had been in the cold storage for the past 5 years. Pakistan is also offering 7,000MW Bunji hydropower project, which would be followed by other projects on the Indus cascade. *Dawn*.

#### Sindh Assembly opposes Centre's plan to prefer ML-1 over KCR

The Sindh Assembly has passed a resolution against the federal govt.'s plans to prefer the Karachi-Peshawar railway track (ML-1 project) over revival of KCR, demanding PM Imran Khan make the KCR his top priority during his visit to China. It demanded that the KCR project be designed like Lahore's Orange Line project. *Dawn*.

#### Sindh govt. approves \$ 1.6Bn program to overhaul KWSB

Sindh govt. has approved the launch of Karachi Water and Sewerage Improvement Program in a bid to make the water board a viable utility. The \$ 1.6Bn project is being financed by the World Bank and Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, with each having a share of 40% in the total funding. Meanwhile, the provincial govt. will provide the remaining 20% share. *Tribune*.

#### Sindh govt proposes third landfill site

The Sindh govt. has decided to set up another landfill site for the disposal of garbage accumulated in the city. The proposed site will be on around 3,000 acres of land in Dhabeji. There are currently two landfill sites, namely Jam Chakro and Gond Pass, for the garbage collected in Karachi. *Tribune*.

#### Centre earmarks PKR 16Bn for 44 Karachi uplift projects

The centre has earmarked just PKR 16Bn for 44 ongoing and new development projects executed through federal PSDP during FY20. It also included PM Package for Karachi but development of the city had remained neglected owing to political cum administrative lapses and lack of capacities. PM's Karachi package included 5 projects with estimated cost of PKR 35,20Bn, out of which incurred cost stood at PKR 25.83Bn. Now the required funding is PKR 9.36Bn to complete ongoing projects. The govt. has just allocated PKR 5.931Bn for ongoing projects under PM's Package for Karachi. *The News*.

#### KCCI President urges CM, Heads of LEAs to take stringent measures for maintenance of peace

KCCI President Agha Shahab Ahmed Khan has expressed his deep concerns over abrupt rise in law & order incidents, particularly the target killings and rising street crimes, and urged Sindh CM Murad Ali Shah and heads of LEAs to take strict actions and adopt stringent measures to maintain peace in every nook and corner of the megalopolis.

#### Finance Division refuses guarantee to LNG

The Finance Division has turned down a request of state-run Pakistan LNG Limited (PLL) for additional guarantees worth \$ 150Mn in the wake of fiscal constraints and to avoid violation of loan terms agreed with the IMF under the Extended Fund Facility. PLL is facing a default-like situation due to the piling up of circular debt due to revenue shortfall as SNGPL has to pay dues amounting to over PKR 55Bn while SSGC owes PKR 11Bn. *Tribune*.

#### Pakistan asks FATF to take notice of India's smear campaign

Pakistan has urged the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) to take notice of New Delhi's smear campaign against Islamabad, and strongly rejected Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's comments that FATF can any time blacklist Pakistan. Foreign Office has said that the incessant smear against Pakistan and blatant partisanship also calls into question India's credentials to be co-chair of the Asia-Pacific Joint Group that reviews Pakistan's progress to implement the FATF Action Plan. *The Nation*.

#### Pakistan, Japan agree to sign MoU on manpower export

Pakistan and Japan have agreed to further negotiate on signing of MoU for export of skilled labor from Pakistan to Japan. The MoU could be signed during Nov'19. Japan has decided to open the labor market in 14 different sectors, including construction, nursing care, agriculture, manufacturing and light engineering and other sectors. It intends to attract up to 500,000 blue-collar workers from all over the world by 2025. *The Nation*.

#### PM launches 'Ehsaas Langar Scheme'

PM Imran Khan has said that the govt. is striving to help businesses and industry so they may make money and pay taxes, which the govt. would spend on the poor to make the country a welfare state. Speaking at the launch of 'Ehsaas Langar Scheme', PM stated that under an agreement with the Saylani Welfare Trust, Ehsaas will open 112 Langar (free meal centers) in the 1st phase and these would be gradually expanded to all the vulnerable areas across the country. *BR*.

#### World Bank sees Pakistan's digital finance potential at \$ 36Bn

The WB is bullish on Pakistan's cashless economy potential, estimating it at significant \$ 36Bn and projecting a straight 7% boost to GDP with a real-time retail payments gateway, but all, it says depends on a widespread use of online financial transactions. Widespread use of digital payments in Pakistan can create 4Mn jobs, mobilize over \$ 250Bn in deposits and formalize large parts of the cash economy, it added. *The News*.

#### SBP allows Foree payment services

SBP has granted permission to Foree to provide payment services in Pakistan. Foree is a mobile payment platform, enabling users to pay anyone using QR Code, mobile number, CNIC number, email address, twitter handle, Facebook or Foree address (a virtual payment address), it added. It is a universal, low-cost digital payment platform for businesses, enabling even the smallest merchant to start accepting digital payments in a cost effective manner without the need for any expensive POS machines. *The News*.

#### Number of return filers up 43% to 2.63Mn in tax year 2018

Number of returns filing for TY18 has risen 43% year-on-year to 2.63Mn, compared with 1.84Mn in TY17, as higher withholding tax on non-filers compelled them to appear in the active taxpayers list (ATL). The current ATL (for TY18) would remain applicable till 29th Feb'20 and new ATL on the basis of return filed for TY19 would be issued in Mar'20. *The News*.