

Xerox cans Fujifilm deal

US photocopier and printer maker Xerox on Sunday announced it was terminating a merger with Fujifilm and appointing a new chief executive after entering into a settlement with activist shareholders who had contested the takeover. In a statement on its website, Xerox cited "material deviations" in the audited financials of an existing joint venture known as Fuji Xerox that is controlled by Fujifilm. The move follows a lawsuit by powerful shareholders Carl Icahn and Darwin Deason, who together owned more than 15 percent of the group and had vigorously opposed the merger announced in January. (AFP)

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Bloomberg ticker	Today's value as of	Today's closing value	Prev closing value	% change	1-week change	3-month change	YTD change	12-month change	24-month change
AMIC	May 14, 2018	169.91	160.99	-0.67%	-1.30%	-6.21%	-4.49%	-7.19%	4.80%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	154.89	155.91	-0.65%	-1.37%	-6.00%	-4.33%	-5.75%	4.59%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	67.66	67.42	0.36%	-1.93%	-10.31%	-9.01%	-21.69%	-4.37%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	282.94	284.99	-0.72%	-1.13%	-1.97%	1.73%	10.27%	14.66%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	43.37	43.38	-0.02%	0.56%	-6.87%	-9.31%	-16.56%	-6.89%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	14.31	14.37	-0.44%	-7.73%	-25.99%	-34.08%	-33.91%	0.29%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	46.16	46.46	-0.65%	-0.02%	-9.92%	-2.89%	-7.38%	-2.31%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	154.52	156.10	-1.01%	2.52%	2.69%	6.08%	8.28%	26.39%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	192.90	193.89	-0.51%	-3.16%	-10.36%	-11.91%	-10.23%	10.04%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	130.99	130.58	0.31%	-2.16%	-21.56%	-23.57%	-63.56%	-62.98%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	134.37	135.20	-0.61%	-0.75%	-4.08%	-0.08%	3.93%	15.65%
AMIC	May 14, 2018	335.43	339.22	-1.12%	0.42%	-11.59%	-12.38%	-32.30%	12.75%
SPX	May 13, 2018	2,727.72	2,727.72	0.00%	2.41%	2.70%	1.50%	14.09%	32.15%
DJIM	May 13, 2018	3,731.46	3,726.05	0.15%	2.43%	3.89%	2.60%	15.38%	32.84%

Echoes Macron call for end to German fiscal conservatism

IMF presses Germany to invest more to cut TS

BERLIN, May 14, (RTRS): The International Monetary Fund on Monday stepped up pressure on Chancellor Angela Merkel's government to help reduce Germany's high trade surplus by further increasing its public investment.

dress some of these challenges," the IMF said in its annual policy recommendations.

"Yet the current favourable economic environment provides an opportunity for the new government to take more forceful policy actions," the IMF added.

French President Emmanuel Macron gave a speech in Germany last week in which he urged it to wean itself off the "fetish" of fiscal conservatism if it wants to become a leading force for European renewal.

In January, IMF chief Christine Lagarde warned that ballooning current account surpluses in countries such as Germany were partly responsible for the rise of protectionism elsewhere.

In its recommendations, the IMF said Germany should use the "ample available space within the fiscal rules" to further increase public investment in infrastructure and education.

Asked if Finance Minister Olaf Scholz should ditch his predecessor's goal of a "black zero" budget that incurs no new debt and instead issue at least some new bonds to boost investment, IMF economist Julie Kozack said prudent fiscal policy was important.

Germany should also consider pension reforms to lengthen working lives, mitigating the need for workers to save so much for retirement and lower the risks of old-age poverty, the Fund said.

The IMF and the European Commission have long urged Germany to boost domestic demand by lifting wages and investment to reduce what they call global economic imbalances. Since his election, US President Donald Trump has also repeatedly criticised Germany's export strength.

The IMF said boosting productivity growth and investment would raise Germany's long-term growth potential and reduce its "persistently large current account surplus" - the broadest measure of goods, services and investment flowing into and out of the country.

"The new government's coalition agreement contains several welcome measures which will continue to ad-

Trump's pledge to help Chinese co spurs backlash in Washington

Move could weaken US hand in trade talks with Beijing: lawmakers

WASHINGTON, May 14, (RTRS): President Donald Trump's pledge to help a Chinese telecommunication company that broke US sanctions law sparked a backlash from lawmakers who said the move could weaken the US hand in upcoming trade talks with Beijing.

The Commerce Department last month banned US companies from selling to ZTE Corp for seven years after it illegally shipped goods made with US parts to Iran and North Korea, prompting the company to shut its main business operations last week.

Trump said on Sunday that he was working with Chinese President Xi Jinping to help ZTE revive jobs.

In exchange for easing that ban, Beijing would back away from threats to slap tariffs on US farm goods, the Wall Street Journal re-

ported on Monday, citing people in both countries briefed on the emerging deal.

"Too many jobs in China lost. Commerce Department has been instructed to get it done!" Trump wrote on Twitter. The White House said later that Trump expected Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to make an independent decision.

Ross is slated to make public remarks on Monday at an event with journalists at 1 pm ET (1700 GMT).

Trump's olive branch angered lawmakers from both parties, who said it looked like he was backing down ahead of high-stakes trade talks this week in Washington between the United States and China.

"Shocked. I think it shocked a lot of people in the president's own cabinet," said Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer, speaking to reporters.

"Maybe he'll back off - let's hope. He's done that before too," said Schumer, who said getting tough on China was one of the few areas where he agrees with Trump.

Republican Senator Marco Rubio cited concerns about Beijing using telecom companies like ZTE, China's second-largest maker of telecommunications equipment, for espionage.

"I hope this isn't the beginning of

backing down to China," Rubio said on Twitter, saying Chinese competition had "ruined" many US companies.

"We are crazy to allow them to operate in US without tighter restrictions," Rubio said.

Trump has long railed against Chinese trade practices he blames for losing US jobs, and has turned up the pressure by threatening \$150 billion in tariffs on imports of Chinese goods.

China has threatened to retaliate against US exports, including soybeans and aircraft.

Two sources, who declined to be identified given the sensitivity of the matter, told Reuters on Sunday that China was willing in principle to import more US agriculture products in return for Washington smoothing out penalties against ZTE, but they did not offer details.

Last week, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, Ross and other top Trump officials traveled to Beijing with a list of demands, including slashing the US trade deficit with China by \$200 billion, cutting tariffs and eliminating subsidies for advanced technology, according to people familiar with the demands.

Chinese Vice Premier Liu is expected to visit Washington from Tuesday to Saturday to continue the

talks. Sources briefed on the matter said Beijing had demanded the ZTE issue be resolved as a prerequisite for broader trade negotiations.

Since the ban went into effect last month, US suppliers have been seeking guidance from the Commerce Department about inventory with ZTE.

The companies would like to withdraw the inventory so they can sell the components elsewhere. But in a possible indication that the government is considering easing the ban, the suppliers are now being told to wait a week or so before taking further action, a source familiar with the situation said.

ZTE, whose shares remain suspended, has not commented on Trump's statement.

Democratic Senator Ron Wyden questioned the timing of Trump's remark. "Unilateral concessions before an upcoming trade negotiation. This may be the art of the deal for China but it's a big loser for American workers, companies, and national security," he said.

US concessions over ZTE could smooth the way for US chipmaker Qualcomm Inc's \$44 billion takeover of NXP Semiconductors, which has been delayed by a lengthy antitrust review by China's Ministry of Commerce.

High volatility cited

Banks must 'segregate' bitcoin activities — ECB

FRANKFURT AM MAIN, May 14, (AFP): Banks wanting to trade in digital currencies should make sure those activities are clearly "segregated" from their other operations, a top ECB official cautioned Monday, as ever more financial institutions mull jumping on the bitcoin bandwagon.

"Due to the high volatility of VCs (virtual currencies) it might seem appropriate to require any VC trading to be backed by adequate levels of capital, and segregated from other trading and investment activities," European Central Bank board member Yves Mersch said in a speech in Turkey.

The warning comes as regulators worldwide grapple with how to respond to the boom in so-called cryptocurrencies like bitcoin, which lure investors with the promise of high returns but are not backed by any central banks and can fall prey to scams.

Virtual currencies "are not money" and their influence on the real economy remains limited, Mersch insisted.

"But this can change," he admitted.

US banking giant Goldman

Sachs announced plans in March to start trading bitcoin futures, in what could be a step towards giving the notoriously opaque cryptocurrency market more legitimacy.

Several smaller financial players have already taken the plunge.

In Switzerland, Falcon Private Bank offers asset management services for a range of cryptocurrencies, including bitcoin and ethereum, while financial and trading services group Swissquote offers trading in five virtual currencies.

Underscoring the high risk that comes with betting on virtual currencies, Mersch noted that the price of bitcoin had plunged from almost \$20,000 (16,700 euros) to below \$7,000 between December and February.

Bitcoin trading is still in its infancy, Mersch said, with some 200,000 bitcoin transactions carried out globally each day compared with 330 million retail payments in the euro area.

But if the use of cryptocurrencies spreads, "a crash could affect the stability of the wider financial system if big banks were to hold huge unhedged exposures to VCs", he warned.

Trump admin prepares to reimpose sanctions on OPEC member nation

'Global oil supplies robust enough to cut Iran's exports'

WASHINGTON, May 14, (RTRS): Global oil supplies are plentiful enough to withstand a "significant reduction" in petroleum exports from Iran, according to a White House memo issued on Monday as the Trump administration prepares to reimpose sanctions on the OPEC member nation.

The memo, sent by the White House to the US State Department, paves the way for US efforts to curb Iranian oil exports after Washington's decision to pull out of the 2015 deal between Iran and six world powers curbing Tehran's nuclear

program.

It said there is a "sufficient supply of petroleum and petroleum products from countries other than Iran to permit a significant reduction in the volume of petroleum and petroleum products purchased from Iran by or through foreign financial institutions."

Prices for oil traded in London jumped to multi-year highs above \$78 a barrel on Monday after US President Donald Trump announced last week that Washington would reimpose the sanctions on Iran.

The sanctions are aimed at forcing

companies and countries around the world to reduce oil imports from the Islamic Republic.

The Trump administration has not specified how much oil it expected importers to cut, but in 2012 the administration of former president Barack Obama pushed countries to reduce imports about 18 percent to 20 percent.

Sanctions on Iran's oil exports are due to take effect after Nov 4, allowing companies to wind down their purchases.

Under the sanctions law passed in 2011, the US Energy Information

Administration, the independent statistics arm of the Department of Energy, must issue reports to Congress on global oil production in countries other than Iran every two months.

The most recent EIA study, included in the agency's short-term energy outlook, showed that global production of oil outside Iran averaged 92.4 million barrels per day from February to March, compared to 91.0 million bpd from 2015 to 2017. Consumption of oil outside Iran was higher, however, averaging 96.4 million bpd compared to 93 million bpd from 2015 to 2017.

investment funds

Funds	Fund Manager	Valuation	Valued date	Currency	Net Asset Value (NAV)	Prev NAV	Prev NAV Dated
National Bank of Kuwait							
Money Market Funds	Watani KD Money Market Fund II	NBK Capital	Weekly	May 8, 2018	KD	1.041	1.040
	Watani USD Money Market Fund	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	May 8, 2018	USD	10.330	10.327
	Watani KD Money Market Fund (Acc to Islamic Shariah principles) II	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	May 8, 2018	KD	1.040	1.039
	Watani USD Money Market Fund (Acc to Islamic Shariah principles) II	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	May 8, 2018	USD	10.172	10.166
	NBK Kuwait Equity Fund	Watani Investment Co.	Weekly	May 3, 2018	KD	0.659	0.664
	Gulf Equity Investment Fund	Watani Investment Co.	Weekly	May 3, 2018	USD	12.317	12.574
	Regional Bond and Sukuk Investment Fund	NBK Capital	Weekly	May 3, 2018	USD	9.767	9.767
Gulf Bank							
	Al Basha'er GCC Equity Fund	Knt. Fin. & Inv. Co. & Gulf Fin. House	Monthly	April 30, 2018	USD	7.215	7.179
	Coast Fund	Coast Investment & Dev. Co.	Monthly	Jan 31, 2018	KD	0.661	0.646
	Markaz Real Estate Fund		Bi-annual	March 31, 2018	KD	1.375	1.374
Al Ahli Bank							
	Al Ahli Gulf Fund	Al Ahli Bank	Monthly	April 4, 2018	KD	0.858	0.854
	Al Ahli Kuwaiti Fund	Al Ahli Bank	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.964	0.849
Burgan Bank							
	Burgan Equity Fund	Burgan Bank	Monthly	April 30, 2018	KD	1.859	1.889
Boubyan Bank							
	Boubyan KD Money Market Fund	Boubyan Bank	Weekly	April 17, 2018	KD	1.074	1.074
	Boubyan KD Money Market Fund II	Boubyan Bank	Weekly	May 1, 2018	KD	1.024	1.022
Boubyan Capital Investment Co.							
	Boubyan USD Liquidity Fund	Boubyan Capital Investment Co		May 1, 2018	USD	10.324	10.313
	Boubyan Multi-Asset Holding Fund	Boubyan Bank		Jan 30, 2018	USD	10.975	10.980
Kuwait Investment Co.							
Local Fund	Al Raed Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	May 10, 2018	KD	20.520	1.057
	Kuwait Investment Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	April 30, 2018	KD	0.759	0.764
	Al Hilal Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Monthly	May 7, 2018	KD	0.727	0.727
	Al Aheer Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	April 30, 2018	KD	1.021	1.057
International	Global Bond Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	March 31, 2018	USD	26.270	26.350
	Diversified Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	May 2, 2018	USD	20.520	20.540
	European Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	March 29, 2018	Euro	20.720	21.060
	Pacific Equity Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	March 21, 2018	USD	33.440	33.210
	North American Equity Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Tw. Monthly	March 29, 2018	USD	19.300	19.540
National Investment Co. (NIC)							
	Al-Wataniya Fund	NIC	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.640	0.635
	Al-Darji Fund	NIC	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.358	0.356
	Mawardi Fund	NIC	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.492	0.463
	Zajli Fund	NIC	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.771	0.754
	Al Mada Investment Fund	NIC	Weekly	March 31, 2018	USD	0.812	0.785
Kuwait Financial Centre (Markaz)							
	Mumtaz Fund	Kuwait Financial Center	Weekly	April 26, 2018	KD	4.209	4.187
	MIDAF	Kuwait Financial Center	Weekly	April 26, 2018	KD	3.241	3.222
	Islamic Fund	Kuwait Financial Center	Weekly	April 26, 2018	KD	1.568	1.565
	FORSA Financial Fund	Kuwait Financial Center	Monthly	Dec 31, 2017	KD	0.987	0.996
	Real Estate Fund	Kuwait Financial Center	Monthly	Dec 31, 2017	KD	1.375	1.388
	Markaz Fixed Income Fund	Kuwait Financial Center	Monthly	April 26, 2018	USD	11.590	11.610
	Mawazzen International Center	Kuwait Financial Center	Weekly	March 26, 2018	USD	9.050	9.140
	Markaz MENA Islamic Fund	Kuwait Financial Center	Weekly	April 12, 2018	USD	11.280	11.280

Funds	Fund Manager	Valuation	Valued date	Currency	Net Asset Value (NAV)	Prev NAV	Prev NAV Dated
Kuwait & Middle East Financial & Inv. Co.							
	Al Rouyah Fund	KMEFIC	Monthly	Nov 30, 2017	KD	1.359	1.487
Global Investment House							
Index Funds	GCC Large Cap Index Fund	Global	Weekly	April 26, 2018	KD	1.271	1.248
Equity Funds	Al-Mamoun Fund A	Global	Weekly	April 26, 2018	KD	0.679	0.666
	Al-Mamoun Fund B	Global	Weekly	April 26, 2018	KD	0.679	0.666
	GCC Large Cap Fund	Global	Bi-weekly	April 24, 2018	USD	161.950	153.480
	Global Saudi Equity Fund	Global	Bi-weekly	April 24, 2018	SAR	264.000	244.700
Sectoral Funds	EPADI Fund	Global	Weekly	April 24, 2018	USD	112.250	106.060
Islamic Funds	Global GCC Islamic Fund	Global	Weekly	April 24, 2018	USD	105.950	102.030
	Al-Durra Islamic Fund	Global	Monthly	April 26, 2018	KD	1.264	1.246
Kuwait Finance & Investment Co (KFIC)							
	Al Wasm Fund	KFIC	Weekly	May 2, 2018	KD	0.422	0.417
	Al Basha'er GCC Equity Fund	KFIC	Monthly	April 30, 2018	USD	7.215	7.179
KAMCO							
	KAMCO Investment Fund	KAMCO	Monthly	Feb 28, 2018	KD	1.143	1.120
	KAMCO Real Estate Yield Fund	KAMCO	Monthly	March 31, 2018	USD	10.100	10.060
Wafra International Investment Co.							
	Wafra Equity Fund	Wafra Co.	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.945	0.929
	Wafra Bond Fund	Wafra Co.	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	1.085	1.082
	Masaref Investment Fund	ISKAN	Weekly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.948	0.906
	Fajir Islamic Fund	Wafra Co.	Monthly	March 31, 2018	KD	0.708	0.705