

INVESTORS SEE CAUSE FOR WORRY IN TURKEY'S DIVIDED ECONOMIC TEAM

AK PARTY LEGACY BUILT ON ECONOMIC GROWTH

ANKARA: The Turkish government's eleventh-hour rescheduling of a meeting of its economic team to include the president last month was another stark reminder for investors: When it comes to policy, Tayyip Erdogan likes to call the shots. Erdogan's drive for lower interest rates has rattled financial markets and, along with alarm about the crackdown after the July coup and a stronger dollar, contributed to the lira currency losing a fifth of its value this year. Officials say this has widened a rift in the economic team between reformists who want more to be done to appease international investors - such as Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek and Finance Minister Naci Agbal - and populists such as Deputy Prime Minister Nurettin Canikli and Economy Minister Nihat Zeybekci.

Adding to the confusion is the central bank, which raised rates for the first time in nearly three years last month, despite Erdogan's appeals. "There isn't complete harmony among the economic leadership. On one side, there are those who are attuned to the needs of the global economy and act as anchors for the markets. On the other, there are those who want more national economic policies," a senior official from the ruling AK Party said. "It seems Simsek and Agbal are anchors in the eyes of the markets, and they are crucial for the Turkish economy to be understood internationally."

The party has relied on the economy's strong growth as the pillar of its success. Divisions among its top ranks could not come at a more inopportune time, both for Turkey's economic stability, and the party itself, as slowing growth and stubborn inflation risk undermine its achievements in the eyes of voters. Officials at Simsek and Agbal's offices were not immediately available for comment. "The policy setting is not transparent," said Dan Raghoonundon, an emerging markets portfolio manager at Janus Capital. "It's very hard to know who is in charge and when

markets don't have transparency or visibility they tend to assume the worst."

Last-minute change

When Prime Minister Binali Yildirim, an Erdogan stalwart who is generally seen as being aligned with the populists, last month abruptly rescheduled a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (EKK), sources in his office cited a scheduling conflict. However, some analysts saw the last-minute change as a move by Erdogan to stamp his authority on a meeting where weakness in the lira was due to be discussed. Erdogan, who as president is supposed to be above party politics, does not normally attend meetings of the EKK. An official at the presidency said there was nothing unusual in his attendance at the rescheduled meeting. "The economy is very important and President Erdogan just wanted to discuss the latest developments and measures. Such a meeting is not an exceptional issue for the government, officials, or President Erdogan himself," the official said.

In the past, the AKP was seen as being able to balance populist rhetoric with the needs of financial markets - delivering hospitals, roads and airports, and ensuring growth and jobs, while remaining sensitive to the needs of markets. Lately, investors aren't so sure. "Until now, they could always come to a compromise of some sort, and resolve their differences. But now, there are concerns they cannot find middle ground and that the divisions could continue to get worse. This is the risk that has markets worried," a local banker said.

Who's in charge?

Yildirim, who replaced Ahmet Davutoglu as prime minister in May after widespread reports of divisions between Davutoglu and Erdogan over the economy, has gone to lengths to say he is in charge of the economic team. Officials say

he has recently shown some sympathy with the reformist camp, although he maintains his allegiance to Erdogan.

"I am the current chairman of the EKK, and the person who will speak about the economy after me is... Deputy Prime Minister Mehmet Simsek," Yildirim said in a recent interview with state broadcaster TRT. "In situations when I am not present, he is the one who has all the say and responsibility regarding the economy." All the while, Erdogan has been unrelenting in calling on the central bank to lower interest rates. "Those in the financial sector can sit comfortably... but the real investor is unfortunately experiencing hardship. So I say: 'Drop these rates, brother,'" he said a speech on Saturday to mark the opening of a new shopping centre in Istanbul.

Investors are still trying to figure out the position of the central bank under Murat Cetinkaya, who was only appointed in April. Policy is decided by the seven-member monetary policy committee which includes the governor, four deputy governors and two other appointees. Erdogan, who has described himself as an "enemy" of interest rates, says the central bank is independent but he has a right to criticize it. The bank initially cut rates following Cetinkaya's appointment, in line with Erdogan's demands. Last month's rate hike, however, was seen as appeasing the markets.

As the lira has hit a series of record lows, Erdogan has responded by urging Turks to cash out their foreign currency holdings and buy either lira or gold. For the time being, that may be the only boost to the lira. "This kind of dissonance between the president's concept of interest rate policy and that of the market is creating a huge obstacle for the central bank to intervene and stabilize the currency," said Phoenix Kalen, director of emerging markets strategy at Societe Generale. There was likely to be "much more pain" for the lira ahead, Kalen said. —Reuters



Representatives from Etihad Aviation Group (EAG) and The Health Authority - Abu Dhabi (HAAD) take group photo after the press conference.

ETIHAD AVIATION GROUP MAKES MAJOR COMMITMENT TO HEALTH OF ITS STAFF

KUWAIT: Etihad Aviation Group (EAG) will introduce healthier Weqaya-approved meal options to its staff restaurants after signing an agreement with The Health Authority - Abu Dhabi (HAAD). The agreement represents a significant commitment by EAG to the wellbeing of its employees, while contributing to a healthier community in its home of Abu Dhabi. The "Weqaya" logo, the official mark of healthy eating in Abu Dhabi, is only permitted on foods and at food outlets that meet strict requirements on preparation and ingredients, as governed by HAAD. Weqaya labelling can be displayed when food items, such as a salad or sandwich, contain less than 750 calories, are low in fat, saturated fat, salt and sugar, and high in fibre, among other specifications.

Dr Nadia Bastaki, Etihad Aviation Group Vice President Medical Services, said: "We have been working closely with HAAD for many months to understand the Weqaya requirements and incorporate them into our business so that our staff restaurants offer food of the highest nutritional quality and employees can quickly identify what choices are best for their health." Speaking at SIAL

Middle East 2016 in Abu Dhabi, Dr Bastaki added: "This is a major undertaking by EAG and demonstrates our commitment to a healthier workforce and to the reduction of health conditions in the community linked to a poor diet. We would like to thank HAAD for their guidance and support."

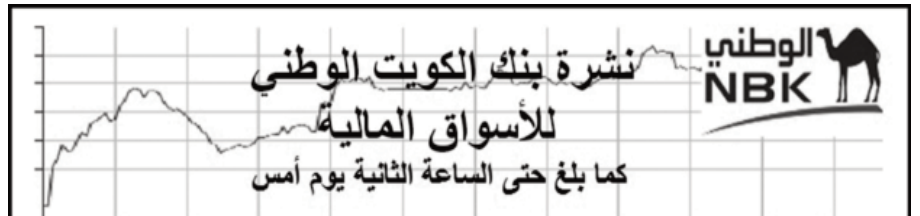
Dr Omniyat Al Hajeri, Director of Public Health and Research at HAAD, said: "HAAD is ramping up its efforts to fulfil its vision for 'a healthier Abu Dhabi' by promoting a healthy food culture in our community and ultimately increasing demand for it. In parallel to its awareness-raising efforts to increase demand, HAAD is also ensuring the availability of healthy food options across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and making them easier to identify through the "Weqaya" logo.

We will continue to stress that besides regular physical activity, healthy eating habits are a critical component of leading a healthier lifestyle." Etihad Aviation Group, in collaboration with HAAD, held training sessions for Etihad food handlers on how to prepare healthy food, according to Weqaya food specifications. So far, more than 50 chefs and food and beverage staff have gone

through special training ahead of EAG's launch of nine Weqaya menu options across six staff restaurants this month.

Dr Al Hajeri added: "Our collaboration with EAG today, is an important milestone in promoting the Weqaya Nutrition Program, and encouraging its adoption across the Emirate of Abu Dhabi. We will continue to work diligently with all our partners in both the public and private sector to ensure a smooth implementation and adoption of healthy food specifications at food supply companies, cafes, restaurants and market stores."

The Weqaya Nutrition Program was launched in September 2013 to raise awareness about healthy food items available at food outlets in the Emirate, while encouraging outlets to increase their healthy offerings. HAAD collaborated with the Quality Conformity Council (QCC) and Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority (ADFCA) to update the standards. The program will help contribute to the effective reduction of risk factors associated with major non-communicable diseases, such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure.



المؤشر	آخر اقل	الحالي	التغير	أداء اليوم %	أداء السنة %
داو جونز	19,216.24	19,251.78	35.54	▲	10.48
لندساك المركب	5,308.89	5,333.00	24.11	▲	6.50
S&P 500	2,204.71	2,212.23	7.52	▲	8.23
فنيشال تايمز	6,779.84	6,877.65	97.81	▲	10.18
داكس	10,775.32	10,937.92	162.60	▲	1.81
40 كيه	4,631.94	4,676.25	44.31	▲	0.85
السويسري	7,912.39	7,951.65	39.26	▲	-9.83
نيكاي 225	18,360.54	18,496.69	136.15	▲	-2.82
تويكس	1,477.20	1,490.62	13.42	▲	-3.66
هونغ كونغ سينغ	22,675.15	22,800.92	125.77	▲	4.05
ستريت تايمز	2,949.12	2,959.84	10.72	▲	2.67

المؤشر	آخر اقل	الحالي	التغير	أداء اليوم %	أداء السنة %
الكويت	5,564.73	5,589.16	24.43	▲	-0.91
السعودية	7,155.20	7,147.78	-7.42	▼	3.52
لبيي	3,452.41	3,495.73	43.32	▲	9.57
أبوظبي	4,355.83	4,433.74	77.91	▲	1.13
البحرين	1,181.67	1,181.47	-0.21	▼	-2.81
قطر	9,977.76	9,989.29	11.53	▲	-4.33
عمان	5,654.74	5,656.35	1.61	▲	4.80
لبنان	1,217.65	1,226.12	8.47	▲	4.12
الأردن	2,165.73	2,162.22	-3.51	▼	1.38
مصر	11,502.51	11,422.38	-80.13	▼	64.18
المغرب	10,667.53	10,711.04	43.52	▲	19.51
تونس	5,490.39	5,482.96	-7.43	▼	8.89

العملة	الدولار الأمريكي	الدولار البريطاني	اليورو	الين	الفرنك السويسري	الدولار الأسترالي
الدولار الكويتي	3.2642	3.2642	3.0453	372.52	3.2979	4.3839
الريال السعودي	0.2677	0.2677	0.2497	30.55	0.2704	0.3595
الدولار الأمريكي	3.7360	3.7360	0.9329	114.12	1.0103	1.3430
اليورو	4.0046	4.0046	1.0719	122.36	1.0833	1.4401
الجنبة الأسترالي	4.7074	4.7074	1.1755	143.81	1.2734	1.69
الفرنك السويسري	3.6979	3.6979	0.9898	112.98	0.7853	1.3293
الدين الهولندي	0.0327	0.0327	0.0088	0.0118	0.0089	0.0118
الدولار الأسترالي	2.7818	2.7818	0.6944	84.97	0.7523	0.0118

العملة	الدولار الأمريكي	الدينار الكويتي	الريال السعودي	الدينار البحريني	الدينار القطري	الدينار العماني	الدرهم الإماراتي	الدينار المصري
الدولار الأمريكي	3.0635	3.0635	3.7360	0.3740	3.6266	3.6573	3.6573	18.1400
الدينار الكويتي	3.2642	3.2642	12.1952	1.2209	11.8381	11.9383	11.9383	59.2133
الريال السعودي	0.2677	0.2677	0.0820	0.1001	0.9707	0.9789	0.9789	4.8555
الدينار البحريني	2.6737	2.6737	0.8191	9.9888	9.6963	9.7784	9.7784	48.5001
الدينار القطري	2.757	2.757	0.0845	1.0302	1.0131	1.0085	1.0085	5.0019
الدينار العماني	2.6096	2.6096	0.7995	9.7495	9.4640	9.5441	9.5441	47.3382
الدرهم الإماراتي	0.2734	0.2734	0.0838	1.0215	0.9916	1.0148	1.0148	4.9599
الدينار المصري	0.0551	0.0551	0.0169	0.2060	0.0206	0.0211	0.0211	0.2016

العملة	أسبوع	شهر	ثلاثة أشهر	سنة
الدينار الكويتي	0.00	1.19	1.44	1.94
الدولار الأمريكي	0.47	0.64	0.95	1.64
اليورو	-0.39	-0.38	-0.33	-0.08
الجنبة الأسترالي	0.24	0.26	0.38	0.78
الفرنك السويسري	-0.78	-0.81	-0.74	-0.50
الدولار الأسترالي	1.57	1.63	1.61	1.60
الدين الهولندي	-0.04	-0.11	-0.06	0.11

البلد	سنتان	5 سنوات	10 سنوات	30 سنة
الولايات المتحدة	1.12	1.83	2.38	3.06
أوروبا	-0.71	-0.36	0.35	1.02
بريطانيا	0.11	0.58	1.39	2.03

المؤشر	آخر اقل	الحالي	التغير	أداء اليوم %	أداء السنة %
النفط الكويتي	50.96	50.19	-0.77	▼	-1.51
برنت	51.89	51.86	-0.03	▼	-0.06
غرب تكساس المتوسط	51.00	50.90	-0.10	▼	-0.20
الذهب	1169.64	1170.71	1.07	▲	0.09
الفضة	16.71	16.75	0.04	▲	0.23

EXCHANGE RATES

AL-MUZAINI EXCHANGE CO.

ASIAN COUNTRIES	
Japanese Yen	2.680
Indian Rupees	4.515
Pakistani Rupees	2.920
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.062
Nepali Rupees	2.812
Singapore Dollar	215.700
Hongkong Dollar	39.408
Bangladesh Taka	3.835
Philippine Peso	6.157
Thai Baht	8.604

GCC COUNTRIES	
Saudi Riyal	81.561
Qatari Riyal	84.004
Qatari Riyal	795.309
Bahraini Dinar	812.140
UAE Dirham	83.261

ARAB COUNTRIES	
Egyptian Pound - Cash	23.000
Egyptian Pound - Transfer	17.180
Yemen Riyal/for 1000	1.228
Tunisian Dinar	133.760
Jordanian Dinar	430.710
Lebanese Lira/for 1000	2.038
Syrian Lira	2.179
Morocco Dirham	31.030

EUROPEAN & AMERICAN COUNTRIES	
US Dollar Transfer	305.650
Euro	329.340

Sterling Pound	388.630
Canadian dollar	231.120
Turkish lira	89.110
Swiss Franc	304.740
Australian Dollar	228.930
US Dollar Buying	304.450

GOLD	
20 Gram	239.11
10 Gram	122.48
5 Gram	62.08

DOLLARCO EXCHANGE CO. LTD	
Rate for Transfer	Selling Rate
US Dollar	305.100
Canadian Dolla	230.445
Sterling Pound	390.340
Euro	330.010
Swiss Frank	285.180
Bahrain Dinar	808.795
UAE Dirhams	83.460
Qatari Riyals	84.680
Saudi Riyals	82.285
Jordanian Dinar	431.490
Egyptian Pound	17.561
Sri Lankan Rupees	2.058
Indian Rupees	4.487
Pakistani Rupees	2.910
Bangladesh Taka	3.871
Philippines Pessso	6.148
Cyprus pound	167.550
Japanese Yen	3.680
Syrian Pound	2.430

Nepalese Rupees	3.800
Malaysian Ringgit	69.630
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	41.235
Thai Bhat	9.555
Turkish Lira	87.065

BAHRAIN EXCHANGE COMPANY				
CURRENCY	BUY	SELL		
Europe	British Pound	0.380067	0.390067	
	Czech Korune	0.004093	0.016093	
	Danish Krone	0.039950	0.044950	
	Euro	0.321998	0.330998	
	Norwegian Krone	0.032262	0.037462	
	Romanian Leu	0.072657	0.072657	
	Slovakia	0.009157	0.019157	
	Swedish Krona	0.029383	0.034383	
	Swiss Franc	0.296080	0.307080	
	Turkish Lira	0.083891	0.094191	
	Australasia	Australian Dollar	0.218700	0.230700
		New Zealand Dollar	0.21155	0.220655
	America	Canadaian Dollar	0.224493	0.233493
		Georgina Lari	0.138049	0.138049
US Dollars		0.301550	0.306250	
US Dollars Mint		0.302050	0.306250	
Asia		Bangladesh Taka	0.003373	0.003957
	Chinese Yuan	0.042953	0.046453	

Hong Kong Dollar	0.037316	0.040066	
Indian Rupee	0.000244	0.005500	
Indonesian Rupiah	0.000018	0.000024	
Japanese Yen	0.002589	0.002769	
Kenyan Shilling	0.002990	0.002990	
Korean Won	0.000251	0.000266	
Malaysian Ringgit	0.064993	0.070993	
Nepalese Rupee	0.002837	0.003007	
Pakistan Rupee	0.002659	0.002949	
Philippine Peso	0.006097	0.006397	
Sierra Leone	0.000052	0.000058	
Singapore Dollar	0.209376	0.219376	
South African Rand	0.016313	0.024813	
Sri Lankan Rupee	0.001640	0.002220	
Taiwan	0.009453	0.009633	
Thai Baht	0.008245	0.008795	
Arab	Bahraini Dinar	0.804171	0.812671
	Egyptian Pound	0.015613	0.024866
	Iranian Riyal	0.000085	0.000086
	Iraqi Dinar	0.000180	0.000240
	Jordanian Dinar	0.426047	0.435047
	Kuwaiti Dinar	1.000000	1.000000
	Lebanese Pound	0.000152	0.000252
	Moroccan Dirhams	0.020100	0.044100
	Nigerian Naira	0.000400	0.001035
	Omani Riyal	0.787475	0.793155
	Qatar Riyal	0.083143	0.084593
Other	Saudi Riyal	0.080420	0.081720
	Syrian Pound	0.001296	0.001516
	Tunisian Dinar	0.130383	0.138383
	Turkish Lira	0.083891	0.094191
	UAE Dirhams	0	