

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA region ended on a positive note for the second consecutive session as investors are turning their focus on testimony from the Fed on tightening of rates going forward and second quarter earnings from leading banks. Oil prices rising again is also helping regional investors, who are buying into blue chips, driving regional indexes to the positive territory for the past three sessions. For the day, Saudi Arabia was the best performing index as it was up by 1.5%, extending the weekly performance to + 2.4%, which helped in turning the monthly losses into gains. UAE markets ended on a positive note as Dubai and Abu Dhabi were both up by 0.6% and 0.2% respectively for the day. Saudi Arabia closed marginally higher by 0.1% for the day, extending the gains to 0.6% for the past three days. The index witnessed selling pressure during the last one hour, which minimized the gains recorded during the session. Kuwait closed on a positive note as it was up by 0.4%, third consecutive session of gains. The index has appreciated by 1.5% in the past three sessions, which has helped in recovering the monthly losses into gains and extended the annual gains. Qatar closed higher by 0.4% for the day, adding to the gains of 1.0% recorded on the previous day. The index rose by 1.2% in the past three sessions, however the performance for the year remains negative due to the ongoing diplomatic crisis. Bahrain and Oman closed higher by 0.3% and 0.2% respectively for the day, in line with the sentiments seen in the broader regional peers.

International Markets: US markets closed on a mixed note as DJIA was flat, while Nasdaq was up by 0.3% and S&P was down by 0.1%. European markets closed in red as FTSE, DAX and CAC were down by 0.6%, 0.1% and 0.5% respectively. At the time of writing this report, Asian markets have opened on a negative note as Nikkei and Shanghai are down by 0.6% and 0.2% respectively, while Hang Seng is up by 0.8%.

Headlines

(WW) US Banking Group Anticipates Modest Growth in Economy in 2018
(WW) Muted inflation, wages keep Fed policymakers cautious
(WW) Robots set to displace millions of US jobs
(WW) China sets sights on oil benchmark after years of delays
(WW) UK shoppers spend more on essentials as inflation rises
(WW) British banks' optimism slumps on Brexit uncertainty
(WW) Japan current account surplus down 5.9%
(WW) As India's new tax kicks in, concerns about core inflation rise
(WW) Global energy investment in 2016 fell 12% to USD 1.7trn
(CMD) Oil Prices Rise Ahead of US Stockpile Data
(CMD) Gold inches lower as market awaits rate hike cues
(FX) Dollar's rise slows as rise in sovereign yields pauses
(FX) Pound near two-week low as weak data casts doubt over interest rate hikes

(GCC) GCC GDP on a growth path despite oil price decline
(GCC) GCC retail sector expected to rebound in 2018
(GCC) GCC hotels report performance decline in Ramadan
(ME) Middle East investment banking fees shrink 15% in the first half of 2017
(AE) Dubai office rent spirals down in secondary commercial clusters
(AE) UAE tops Arab countries for FDIs in 2016
(AE) UAE exempts VAT on residential real estate, passenger transport
(SA) Deflationary trend continues in Saudi Arabia
(SA) Saudi Arabia Exceeds Oil-Production Cap for First Time
(SA) Strong 2Q boosts Saudi stocks
(QA) Qatar National Bank Q2 net profit up 3.6%, flags strong funding
(EG) Egypt's inflation rises again; expected to keep going up
(Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

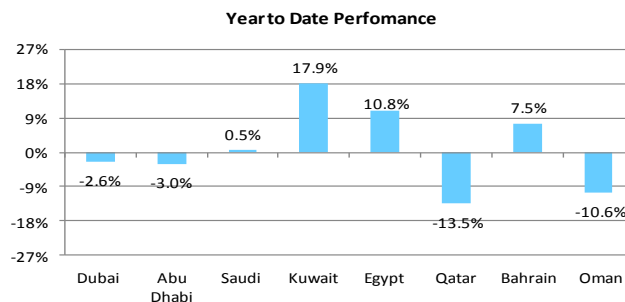
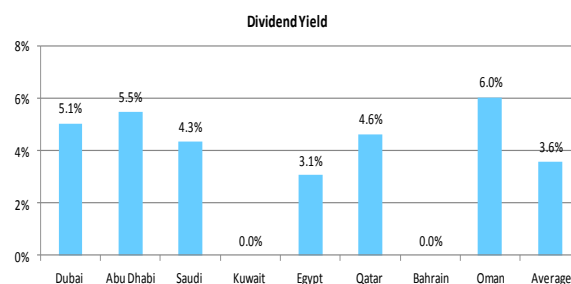
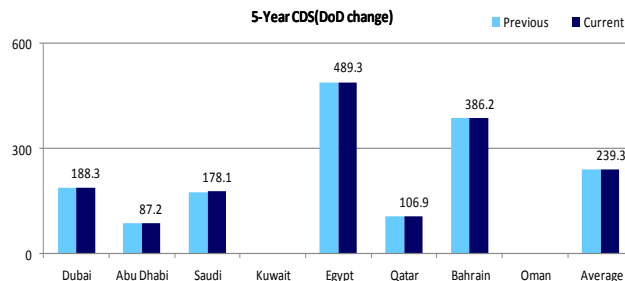
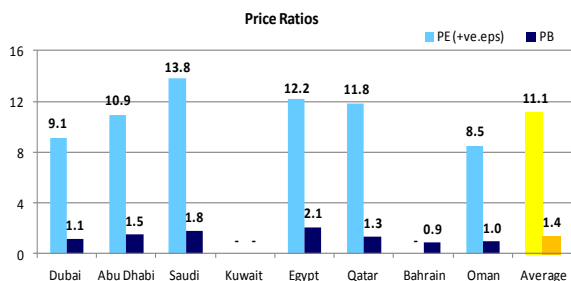
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,439.88	0.6%	1.1%	1.4%	-2.6%	▲	▼	▼
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,408.66	0.2%	0.3%	-0.4%	-3.0%	▼	▼	▲
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,245.39	0.1%	0.6%	-2.4%	0.5%	▲	▲	▲
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,778.62	0.4%	1.5%	0.2%	17.9%	▼	▼	▲
Egypt (EGX30)	13,684.27	1.5%	2.4%	2.2%	10.8%	▼	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	9,030.16	0.4%	1.2%	-0.0%	-13.5%	▼	▼	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,311.82	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	7.5%	▼	▼	▲
Oman (MSM30)	5,171.19	0.2%	1.0%	1.0%	-10.6%	▼	▼	▼

MENA Market Statistics

Index	Volume (mln)	3M Avg. Volume (mln)	6M Avg. Volume (mln)	Value (USD mln)	3M Avg. Value (USD mln)	6M Avg. Value (USD mln)	Market Cap (USD mln)
Dubai (DFMGI)	215	294	372	66	95	138	79,963
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	30	107	130	17	46	59	131,029
Saudi (SASEIDX)	181	179	184	797	827	896	456,921
Kuwait (KWSE)	100	112	311	52	47	96	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	0	279	296	0	76	84	20,606
Qatar (DSM)	6	11	11	45	78	90	106,161
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	3	4	4	2	2	2	20,195
Oman (MSM30)	9	14	17	6	6	9	14,238

Valuation and Performance Comparisons



Top Performers by Country (* indicates native currency; Latest data)

	Top Gainers	Close *	DoD %	Volume ('000)	Value (AED '000)	Top Losers	Close *	DoD %	Volume ('000)	Value (AED '000)
Dubai	DAR AL TAKAFUL PJSC	1.12	7.14%	0	15,602	SHUAA CAPITAL PSC	1.19	-1.68%	2,294	2,753
	AJMAN BANK PJSC	1.11	3.60%	0	1,828	AL SALAM BANK SUDAN PLC	1.85	-1.62%	19	36
	COMMERCIAL BANK OF DUBAI PSC	4.25	2.35%	42	176	ARAMEX PJSC	5.36	-1.31%	19	104
	EMIRATES INTEGRATED TELECOMM	5.25	1.71%	108	564	AIR ARABIA PJSC	1.04	-0.96%	2,839	2,967
	DUBAI INVESTMENTS PJSC	2.10	1.43%	3,817	7,960	DUBAI FINANCIAL MARKET PJSC	1.16	-0.86%	2,420	2,820
Abu Dhabi	FINANCE HOUSE PJSC	1.60	15.00%	2	2	UNION CEMENT CO PSC	1.35	-6.67%	4	6
	RAS AL KHAIMAH CEMENT CO PSC	0.77	3.90%	103	77	INVEST BANK PSC	2.54	-5.51%	43	112
	ABU DHABI NATIONAL HOTELS CO	3.10	3.23%	200	610	RAK PROPERTIES PJSC	0.65	-1.54%	3,496	2,290
	METHAQ TAKAFUL INSURANCE PSC	0.84	2.38%	1,212	1,007	GULF CEMENT CO PSC	0.91	-1.10%	50	46
	NATIONAL MARINE DREDGING PSC	4.50	2.22%	5	22	WAHA CAPITAL PJSC	1.69	-0.59%	1,039	1,761
Saudi Arabia	SAUDI RESEARCH AND MARKETING	44.70	9.96%	1,045	44,588	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEVELOP	6.10	-4.92%	79,320	496,367
	ARAB SEA INFORMATION SYSTEMS CO	12.04	9.63%	16	186	SOUTHERN PROVINCE CEMENT CO	54.00	-4.81%	176	9,747
	SAUDI STEEL PIPES CO SJSC	15.42	8.30%	1,238	18,358	SAUDI CERAMIC CO SJSC	29.00	-3.45%	338	9,976
	UNITED ELECTRONICS COMPANY JSC	36.90	8.13%	1,638	58,177	AL SAMAANI FACTORY METAL INDUST	66.50	-3.16%	7	453
	BAAZEEM TRADING COMPANY CJSC	23.58	7.29%	66	1,512	SAUDI INDUSTRIAL EXPORT CO SJSC	30.55	-3.11%	285	8,842
Kuwait	WARBA INSURANCE COMPANY KSCP	72.00	20.00%	4	0	ENERGY HOUSE HOLDING COMPANY	38.90	-8.48%	47	2
	AJWAN GULF REAL ESTATE CO KSCP	73.60	19.57%	0	0	METAL AND RECYCLING CO KSCP	87.00	-8.05%	1	0
	GULF FRANCHISING HOLDING CO KSCP	60.00	16.67%	9	1	BURGAN FOR WELL DRILLING TRADIN	89.00	-7.87%	5	0
	YIACO MEDICAL COMPANY KPSC	161.00	12.42%	0	0	INTERNATIONAL RESORTS COMPANY	32.50	-5.54%	1,460	49
	HAYAT COMMUNICATIONS CO KSCP	81.00	9.88%	335	26	AL-ENMAA REAL ESTATE COMPANY	43.00	-4.65%	2,829	125
Egypt	SAUDI EGYPTIAN INVESTMENT	51.30	9.90%	48	2,371	CAIRO NATIONAL CO	4.84	-9.71%	2	13
	SOUTH CAIRO AND GIZA MILLS	49.19	9.58%	4	183	RAYA CONTACT CENTER CO	14.99	-6.60%	80	1,241
	SHOROUK FOR MODERN PRINTING	10.36	9.17%	1	10	RUBEX FOR PLASTIC MANUFACT	6.39	-5.95%	5	34
	NASR CO FOR CIVIL WORKS SAE	17.93	9.04%	70	1,197	INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING CO	10.46	-4.49%	63	679
	ASEC CO FOR MINING SAE	8.85	7.34%	700	5,981	ALEXANDRIA PORTLAND CEMENT CO	10.16	-4.43%	4	42
Qatar	QATAR OMAN INVESTMENT CO QSC	8.10	2.47%	69	550	QATAR INSURANCE CO SAQ	68.10	-1.32%	180	12,362
	WIDAM FOOD CO QSC	55.70	2.15%	32	1,785	ISLAMIC HOLDING GROUP QSC	51.40	-0.97%	1	68
	QATAR INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING	41.55	1.68%	0	18	UNITED DEVELOPMENT CO PSC	17.07	-0.59%	303	5,181
	QATAR FUEL QSC	108.60	1.47%	40	4,321	DLALA BROKERAGE AND INVESTMENT	18.96	-0.47%	21	393
	BARWA REAL ESTATE CO QSC	32.45	1.23%	105	3,395	AL KHALIJ COMMERCIAL BANK QSC	13.25	-0.38%	8	110

Top 30 MENA Stocks by Market Capitalization (* indicates native currency; Latest data)

	Company Name	Country	Market Cap (USD mln)	Close *	DoD %	YTD %	Volume ('000)	Value (USD '000)	52w High *	52w Low *	P/E	P/B	Div. Yield (T12M)
1	Saudi Basic Industries Corporation SJSC	SA	80,956	101.20	-0.2%	10.6%	4,136	111,617	105.40	76.00	15	1.9	5.9%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	41,559	17.55	0.6%	-6.6%	709	3,387	20.20	17.10	17	3.4	4.6%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	39,358	73.80	1.0%	0.0%	108	2,133	78.90	51.00	0	0.0	0.0%
4	Qatar National Bank SAQ	QA	32,197	128.50	1.2%	-13.2%	239	8,351	157.27	121.70	9	1.7	2.5%
5	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	30,266	10.20	0.0%	2.1%	1,169	3,247	11.55	8.30	10	1.2	4.4%
6	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp	SA	28,122	64.90	0.5%	3.0%	2,261	39,137	71.70	48.60	13	2.1	3.5%
7	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	27,305	51.20	0.2%	20.2%	615	8,397	58.00	32.00	11	1.7	3.1%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	26,531	23.88	1.5%	6.6%	1,747	11,127	26.05	14.30	12	1.4	2.9%
9	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	18,175	85.20	1.2%	24.4%	177	4,013	98.30	51.50	34	5.3	1.1%
10	DP World Ltd	AE	17,513	21.10	0.0%	20.5%	234	1,344	23.85	15.53	18	2.0	1.8%
11	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	17,348	70.00	-0.4%	-6.4%	280	5,219	76.00	46.00	75	6.3	0.0%
12	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	15,735	50.50	0.0%	29.5%	788	10,608	53.80	27.80	836	2.3	0.0%
13	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	15,723	95.80	0.8%	-18.5%	113	2,955	122.00	91.10	18	1.8	4.2%
14	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	15,167	7.78	0.5%	9.1%	1,906	4,037	8.08	6.37	10	1.3	1.9%
15	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	13,407	686.00	0.1%	10.8%	2,102	4,771	723.81	523.81	14	1.3	4.2%
16	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	13,173	24.70	-0.7%	1.4%	389	2,562	27.10	15.90	10	1.1	3.8%
17	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,258	8.10	1.3%	-4.6%	150	331	9.00	7.60	7	0.8	4.9%
18	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	10,299	25.75	0.4%	3.0%	40	276	28.40	16.40	10	1.2	2.7%
19	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	10,009	31.15	-0.2%	0.0%	320	2,662	32.10	18.00	11	1.2	3.4%
20	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	10,007	7.07	1.6%	2.5%	1,645	3,167	7.68	5.66	9	1.2	5.7%
21	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	9,872	9.99	0.4%	-16.4%	68	182	12.95	9.80	69	1.3	5.0%
22	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	9,388	493.00	1.2%	0.4%	3,088	5,037	572.73	400.00	13	1.6	0.0%
23	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	8,743	12.15	0.7%	-19.6%	278	917	20.24	10.72	15	1.0	4.1%
24	Emaar Malls Group PJSC	AE	8,717	2.46	0.4%	-6.1%	2,482	1,662	3.00	2.38	17	1.9	4.1%
25	Riyad Bank SJSC	SA	8,640	10.80	-0.6%	0.0%	920	2,651	11.80	8.55	10	0.9	0.0%
26	Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,576	5.80	0.0%	0.0%	1	1	11.95	1.57	106	4.6	0.0%
27	Masraf Al Rayan QSC	QA	8,138	40.00	0.4%	6.4%	223	2,422	45.40	33.05	15	2.6	5.0%
28	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	8,130	54.20	1.1%	0.4%	285	4,126	61.75	39.90	12	1.9	5.5%
29	Ooredoo QSC	QA	7,890	90.80	-0.2%	-10.8%	66	1,635	116.10	88.20	15	1.3	3.9%
30	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	7,670	5.70	1.4%	2.3%	5,473	8,494	6.29	5.01	9	1.2	7.9%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			560,871										3.3%

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