

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA markets continued to remain subdued as investors are cautious due to the ongoing geopolitical environment. The stability seen in the oil prices during the past two to three months has not helped the regional markets much, however, it is an appropriate time for investors to accumulate stocks with strong fundamentals. The month of November witnessed mixed sentiments as Dubai was the worst performer with losses of 5.9%, followed by 5.5% in Qatar and 4.9% in Kuwait, while Oman was the best performer with gains of 2.0%, followed by 1.7% in Egypt. The start of December has been good for the regional markets as four out of the eight indexes closed in green, while one in red and three were closed for the day. Saudi Arabia was the best performing index as it was up by 1.2% for the day, which was supported by hopes raised by Yemen that the war of the past three years is likely to end soon. The index was supported by broad based buying as there were 170 gainers and 7 decliners for the day. Egypt also continued its positive trend as the index appreciated by 0.9% for the day, extending the annual gains to 18.1%, the best in the region. Qatar also closed higher by 0.6% for the day, which was helped by the positive sentiments seen in the region. Kuwait closed higher by 0.3%, while Bahrain was down by 0.3% for the day.

International Markets: US markets closed on a negative note as DJIA, Nasdaq and S&P were all down by 0.2%, 0.4% and 0.2% respectively for the day. European markets closed on a negative note as FTSE, DAX and CAC were all down by 0.4%, 1.3% and 1.0% respectively. At the time of writing this report, Asian markets have opened on a slightly positive note as Hang Seng and Shanghai are up by 0.8% and 0.1% respectively, while Nikkei is down by 0.1%.

Headlines

- (WW) U.S. formally opposes China market economy status at WTO
- (WW) China Nov factory growth slows to 5-month low, confidence sags
- (WW) Creative sectors worth GBP 92bn to UK economy
- (WW) ECB to shut the door on easy money by end-2018
- (WW) Eurogroup head warns of complacency as euro zone economy grows
- (WW) Japan Nov factory activity growth fastest in over 3 -1/2 years on exports boom
- (WW) India sees growth rebound as businesses adjust to new tax
- (WW) Irish manufacturing growth surges to 18-year high
- (CMD) Oil prices gain after OPEC extension of production cut
- (CMD) Gold dips 1% as strong global markets weigh
- (FX) Dollar set for biggest monthly drop since July
- (FX) Sterling tops USD 1.35 on Brexit deal hopes
- (FI) Euro, bond yields slip on tepid European inflation data
- (ME) Mideast funds positive on Saudi Arabia after corruption crackdown
- (ME) MENA M&A deal value up 23% in Q3 2017
- (GCC) GCC summit to go ahead despite Qatar row
- (SA) Saudi foreign reserves rise in October as budget deficit outlook improves
- (SA) Exports between UAE and Saudi Arabia will be subject to VAT at 5% rate
- (SA) Consumer spending boosting KSA economy, analysts say
- (SA) Saudi Arabia posts greatest gains in prosperity in MENA
- (AE) Increased lending activity improves profitability of UAE banks
- (AE) UAE, Mexico advancing investment relations
- (AE) UAE construction market exceeds USD 818.2bn
- (QA) Qatar GDP to scale up to USD 208bn in 2022
- (OM) Oman faces risks to economic, financial stability

(Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

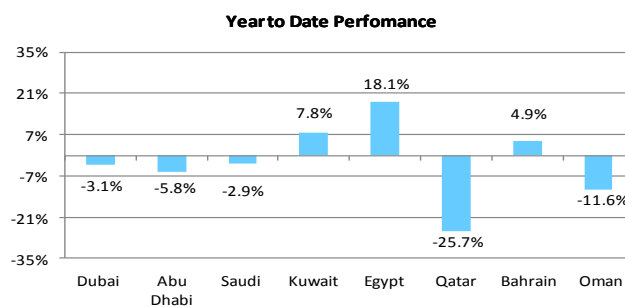
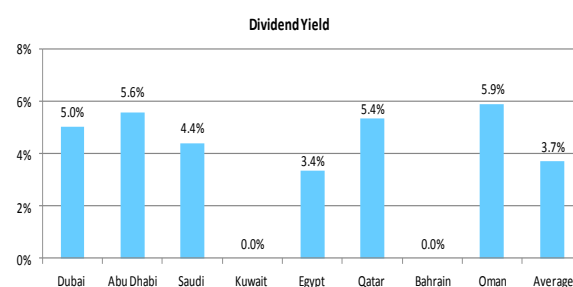
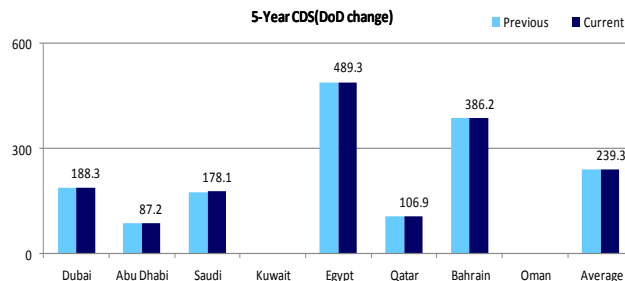
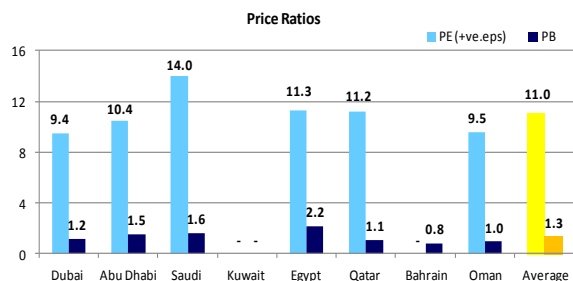
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	Closed	Closed	n.a.	n.a.	-3.1%	▼	▼	▲
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	Closed	Closed	n.a.	n.a.	-5.8%	▼	▼	▼
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,089.33	1.2%	1.2%	1.2%	-2.9%	▲	▼	▼
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,214.13	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	7.8%	▼	▼	▼
Egypt (EGX30)	14,713.63	0.9%	0.9%	0.9%	18.1%	▲	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	7,756.55	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	-25.7%	▼	▼	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,280.21	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.3%	7.4%	▲	▼	▼
Oman (MSM30)	Closed	Closed	n.a.	n.a.	-11.6%	▲	▲	▼

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)	Closed	241	240	Closed	102	95	80,072
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	Closed	107	107	Closed	50	46	127,833
Saudi (SASEIDX)	237	147	148	1,176	806	803	442,850
Kuwait (KWSE)	64	101	85	40	69	63	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	305	416	342	53	79	66	22,084
Qatar (DSM)	8	9	9	34	63	72	87,651
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1	4	3	1	3	2	20,394
Oman (MSM30)	Closed	20	17	Closed	13	10	14,350

Valuation and Performance Comparisons



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

	Top Gainers					Top Losers				
		Close	DoD %	Volume	Value		Close	DoD %	Volume	Value
Dubai	Market Remained Closed					Market Remained Closed				
Abu Dhabi	Market Remained Closed					Market Remained Closed				
Saudi Arabia	Market Remained Closed					Market Remained Closed				
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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	80,638	100.80	0.2%	10.2%	4,633	124,537	105.40	90.50	16	1.9	6.0%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	38,833	16.40	0.9%	-12.8%	3,321	14,831	19.00	15.75	16	3.4	4.9%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	36,692	68.80	0.0%	-5.1%	69	1,269	78.90	64.50	14	2.2	5.8%
4	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	29,968	10.10	-1.0%	1.1%	4,852	13,344	11.55	9.21	11	1.1	4.5%
5	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	29,690	117.02	0.0%	-21.0%	84	2,690	157.27	115.01	8	1.4	2.7%
6	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp	SA	27,733	64.00	0.6%	1.6%	3,919	66,882	71.70	61.00	12	1.9	3.5%
7	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	27,093	50.80	0.2%	19.2%	337	4,566	58.00	37.00	11	1.6	3.1%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	26,710	24.04	-0.2%	7.3%	903	5,789	26.05	19.05	10	1.3	2.9%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	19,962	24.05	-2.8%	37.4%	381	2,493	24.90	15.53	19	2.0	1.6%
10	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	16,981	54.50	-0.4%	39.7%	208	3,020	57.00	37.50	190	2.4	0.0%
11	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	14,826	55.60	-0.9%	1.5%	361	5,349	78.64	51.80	27	4.0	1.3%
12	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	14,726	88.61	-0.2%	-24.6%	121	2,937	122.00	85.00	21	1.6	4.5%
13	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	14,718	7.55	-1.2%	5.9%	8,783	18,056	8.95	6.65	9	1.2	2.0%
14	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	14,672	59.20	-0.5%	-20.8%	523	8,264	76.00	58.90	409	5.4	0.0%
15	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	14,161	721.00	0.0%	16.5%	1,085	2,596	800.00	600.00	14	1.3	4.0%
16	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,333	8.15	0.0%	-4.0%	574	1,274	9.00	7.81	6	0.8	4.9%
17	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	12,053	22.60	0.0%	-7.2%	558	3,362	27.10	19.80	9	1.0	4.2%
18	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	10,793	564.00	1.6%	14.9%	6,180	11,570	650.00	454.55	17	1.7	2.7%
19	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	10,780	26.95	-0.2%	7.8%	635	4,564	28.55	20.05	10	1.2	2.6%
20	Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	10,350	7.00	0.0%	0.0%	1	2	11.95	1.57	76	5.3	0.0%
21	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	9,978	7.05	-0.1%	2.2%	2,886	5,541	7.68	6.00	9	1.2	5.7%
22	Riyad Bank SJSC	SA	9,504	11.88	-0.5%	2.9%	479	1,518	12.20	10.10	11	0.9	5.5%
23	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,289	28.90	0.2%	10.7%	586	4,520	33.40	22.10	10	1.1	3.6%
24	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	9,060	60.40	2.7%	11.9%	492	7,931	61.75	49.70	15	2.1	5.0%
25	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,114	6.03	-0.3%	0.0%	9,927	16,299	6.29	5.10	8	1.2	0.0%
26	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	8,113	8.21	-0.5%	-31.3%	553	1,210	12.95	7.90	48	1.0	6.1%
27	Emaar Malls PJSC	AE	7,618	2.15	-0.9%	-17.9%	5,254	3,076	2.80	2.13	14	1.7	4.7%
28	Alinma Bank SJSC	SA	7,208	18.02	-0.2%	19.3%	37,319	179,320	18.46	13.95	15	1.3	2.8%
29	Saudi Arabia Fertilizers Co SJSC	SA	7,089	63.80	2.1%	-14.9%	282	4,806	82.00	57.00	25	3.9	3.9%
30	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	7,044	34.19	0.7%	-9.1%	137	1,287	45.40	33.32	12	2.0	5.8%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			546,727										3.8%

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