

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA markets closed on a weak note as five out of the eight indexes ended in red, while three managed to close in green for the day. Oil prices and expansionary budgets are pointing towards improved economic activity in 2018 but the regional overhang seems to be weighing on investors' sentiments. Given that only two trading sessions are remaining for the year 2017, the markets are likely to remain subdued as managers would like to hold on to the cash positions, at least for now. For the day, UAE markets ended on a negative note as Dubai and Abu Dhabi were both down by 0.7% and 0.4% respectively during the session. Both Dubai and Abu Dhabi have remained sluggish during the week, which led to losses of 1.0% and 0.7% respectively in the past three trading sessions. Saudi Arabia managed to close on a positive note, as the index was up by 0.4% for the day. The day's performance was mostly supported by 1.1% rise in energy sector stocks coupled with 0.4% increase in the banks index. The index has been struggling to recover the annual losses and move into the positive territory for the year, which might be an important boost for the markets as they enter 2018. Egypt was another index that managed to close higher by 0.5% for the day, extending the weekly gains to 1.7% and monthly to 2.3%. Kuwait closed in green as the index was up by 0.4% for the day, recovering part of the losses incurred during the start of the week. Bahrain and Oman were both down by 0.6% and 0.3% respectively for the day, which was in line with the sentiments seen across the region.

International Markets: US closed lower as DJIA, Nasdaq and S&P were down by 0.03%, 0.3% and 0.1% respectively for the day. European markets closed on a negative note as FTSE, DAX and CAC were all down by 0.2%, 0.3% and 0.4% respectively for the day. At the time of writing this report, Asian markets have opened on a mixed note as Nikkei and Hang Seng are up by 0.1% and 0.03% respectively, while Shanghai is down by 0.1%.

Headlines

(WW) US tax law may spur cuts by other nations, fuelling trade tensions
 (WW) China, Pakistan look at including Afghanistan in USD 57bn economic corridor
 (WW) China steering economy through mountain of debt
 (WW) UK inflation hurts retailers this Christmas
 (WW) Britain falls another place in world economic rankings
 (WW) Australia seeks 80% free trade coverage by 2020
 (WW) Japan jobless rate lowest since 1993
 (WW) Solid growth seen for South Korea December exports, aided by memory chips
 (CMD) Oil holds gains above USD 58 as US drillers pause rig expansion
 (CMD) Gold Prices Advance to 3-Week High
 (FX) Dollar steady in light trade; yen little changed after Japan inflation data
 (FX) China's yuan strengthens to more than 3-month high
 (FI) Surging bond yields indicate rates unlikely to fall further in new year

(SA) Saudi inflation to rise above 5%
 (SA) Turkish PM to visit Saudi Arabia in bid to boost ties
 (SA) Saudi Arabia said to expect oil revenue to increase 80% by 2023
 (AE) UAE non-oil foreign trade reaches USD 213bn in first half of 2017
 (AE) Dubai property buyers to target secondary market in 2018
 (AE) New trade licences to regulate e-commerce in Abu Dhabi
 (AE) Ajman Free Zone focuses on new economy, global expansion
 (EG) Egypt's exchange remains top Arab performer in 2017
 (QA) Business opportunities prevail between Qatar and Sri Lanka
 (QA) Direct imports of strategic goods increase to 97%
 (KW) Morocco to strengthen bilateral ties with Kuwait
 (OM) Oman Forum 2017 calls for nurturing SMEs and enabling job creation
 (Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

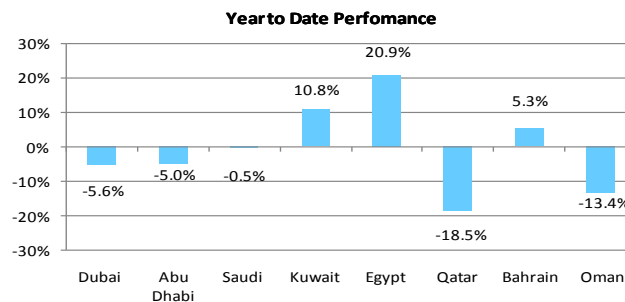
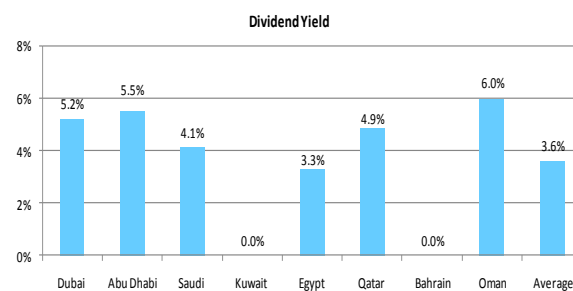
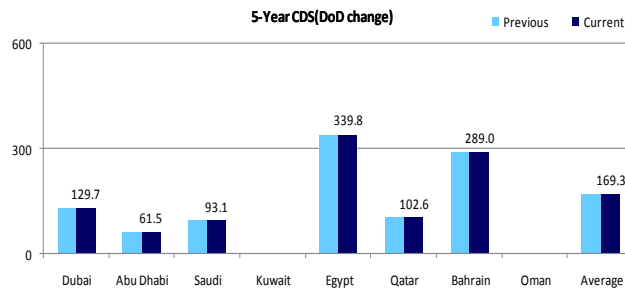
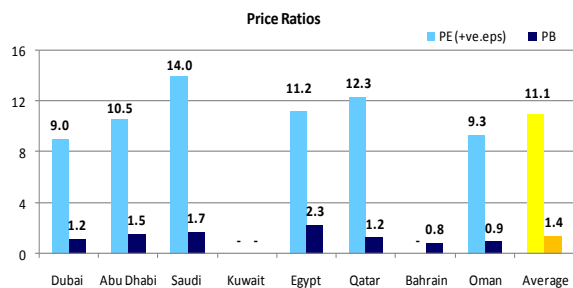
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,332.21	-0.7%	-1.0%	-2.6%	-5.6%	▼	▼	▼
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,319.81	-0.4%	-0.7%	0.9%	-5.0%	▲	▼	▼
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,177.55	0.4%	-0.4%	2.5%	-0.5%	▲	▼	▼
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,369.43	0.4%	-0.7%	2.8%	10.8%	▲	▼	▼
Egypt (EGX30)	14,922.85	0.5%	1.7%	2.3%	20.9%	▲	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	8,501.03	-0.8%	-1.4%	10.2%	-18.5%	▲	▼	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,285.34	-0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	5.3%	▲	▼	▼
Oman (MSM30)	5,006.69	-0.3%	-1.1%	-2.0%	-13.4%	▼	▲	▼

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)	217	264	222	102	117	95	78,246
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	75	87	92	25	43	43	128,962
Saudi (SASEIDX)	188	176	154	925	902	820	447,105
Kuwait (KWSE)	69	85	88	27	56	63	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	146	370	336	60	81	67	22,374
Qatar (DSM)	14	9	9	51	68	67	98,859
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	10	4	3	3	2	2	21,357
Oman (MSM30)	2	18	17	1	13	10	14,089

Valuation and Performance Comparisons



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

	Top Gainers					Top Losers				
	Close *	DoD %	Volume ('000)	Value (AED '000)	Company	Close *	DoD %	Volume ('000)	Value (AED '000)	
Dubai	1.83	1.10%	0	2,882	NATIONAL CENTRAL COOLING CO PJSC	1.28	-6.57%	0	6,252	
	0.94	0.97%	0	51,009	UNION PROPERTIES PJSC	1.40	-4.11%	0	1,030	
	1.40	0.72%	4,157	5,800	AMANAT HOLDINGS PJSC	1.17	-3.31%	3,411	4,059	
	2.06	0.49%	1,560	3,206	EMAAR MALLS PJSC	1.00	-2.91%	2,654	2,693	
	0.38	0.27%	1,060	399	GULF GENERAL INVESTMENT CO PSC	0.86	-2.38%	490	427	
Abu Dhabi	1.10	14.58%	22	23	RAS AL KHAIMAH FOR WHITE CEMENT	2.25	-10.00%	2	5	
	2.41	6.64%	1	2	GULF PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRIES	1.80	-6.25%	4	7	
	1.29	5.74%	978	1,228	AL QUDRA HOLDING PJSC	0.62	-4.62%	422	268	
	1.23	4.24%	2	3	BANK OF SHARJAH PJSC	0.55	-1.79%	7,497	4,161	
	0.61	3.39%	8,126	4,876	SUDATEL TELECOM GROUP LTD	0.71	-1.39%	10,210	7,300	
Saudi Arabia	22.98	14.90%	76	1,624	AL KATHIRI HOLDING CO	32.55	-3.13%	147	4,849	
	60.00	13.21%	11	614	AL SAMAANI FACTORY METAL IND	45.95	-2.23%	252	11,731	
	14.14	7.61%	58,037	791,628	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEV	20.54	-2.10%	707	14,672	
	29.40	6.52%	1,294	36,882	AL JOUF AGRICULTURAL DEV	27.15	-1.99%	243	6,676	
	17.46	5.82%	59	996	RAYDAN COMPANY CJSC	28.25	-1.91%	102	2,911	
Kuwait	271.00	17.32%	0	0	SHUAIBA INDUSTRIAL COMPANY KPSC	60.00	-16.08%	0	0	
	43.50	8.48%	0	0	UNICAP INVESTMENT AND FINANCE	52.00	-4.59%	1,101	59	
	32.00	7.02%	113	3	KUWAIT REAL ESTATE HOLDING CO	230.00	-4.56%	75	18	
	230.00	6.98%	31	7	KUWAIT HOTELS CO KPSC	16.10	-3.59%	457	7	
	24.00	6.67%	20	0	KUWAIT CABLE VISION COMPANY	27.30	-3.53%	174	5	
Egypt	23.91	9.98%	0	14	ORANGE EGYPT FOR TELECO	31.37	-9.99%	2	82	
	13.01	8.15%	118	1,482	MOHANDES INSURANCE CO SAE	9.31	-6.05%	2	15	
	728.76	7.07%	2	1,096	AL EZZ DEKHEILA STEEL COMPANY	0.74	-5.13%	51	39	
	12.10	6.98%	2	21	INTNL CO FOR INVESTMENT & DEV	40.00	-4.12%	27	1,098	
	11.19	6.27%	21	223	GULF CANADIAN CO FOR ARAB RE	39.54	-3.56%	4	156	
Qatar	29.72	9.99%	9	266	AHLI BANK QSC	7.98	-3.04%	1,521	12,327	
	50.90	3.92%	19	953	QATAR GENERAL INSURANCE & REINS	61.75	-2.45%	20	1,246	
	6.62	3.44%	4,223	27,495	QATAR FIRST BANK LLC	10.85	-2.43%	463	5,084	
	63.20	1.84%	17	1,082	WIDAM FOOD CO QSC	42.30	-2.31%	0	2	
	12.50	1.63%	312	3,868	AL KHALEEJ TAKAFUL GROUP QPSC	8.72	-2.24%	456	4,020	

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	81,118	101.40	0.0%	10.8%	3,243	87,690	105.40	90.75	16	1.9	5.9%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	39,905	16.85	-0.9%	-10.4%	487	2,233	18.95	15.75	17	3.5	4.7%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	36,586	68.60	-0.3%	-5.4%	321	5,879	78.90	64.50	14	2.2	5.8%
4	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	32,529	128.21	0.1%	-13.4%	132	4,642	157.27	115.01	9	1.6	2.5%
5	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	30,121	10.15	-0.5%	1.6%	1,534	4,239	11.55	9.72	11	1.1	4.4%
6	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	27,946	52.40	0.4%	23.0%	1,043	14,571	58.00	37.00	11	1.7	3.1%
7	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp	SA	27,863	64.30	0.5%	2.1%	2,390	40,987	71.70	61.00	12	2.0	3.5%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	22,443	20.20	1.5%	-9.8%	3,682	19,834	26.05	19.65	8	1.1	3.5%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	19,547	23.55	0.0%	34.5%	13	82	24.90	17.14	19	2.0	1.6%
10	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	16,205	97.51	-0.8%	-17.0%	33	894	122.00	85.00	23	1.8	4.1%
11	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	16,047	51.50	0.6%	32.1%	232	3,185	57.00	38.50	179	2.3	0.0%
12	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	14,746	59.50	0.0%	-20.4%	170	2,696	75.60	58.90	411	5.4	0.0%
13	Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	14,492	9.80	0.0%	0.0%	1	2	11.95	1.57	107	7.4	0.0%
14	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	14,346	53.80	0.2%	-1.8%	251	3,598	78.64	51.80	26	3.8	1.3%
15	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	14,281	728.00	-0.1%	17.6%	1,114	2,687	800.00	609.52	14	1.3	3.9%
16	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	13,336	6.84	-2.0%	-4.1%	15,246	28,399	8.95	6.78	8	1.1	2.2%
17	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,698	8.39	0.0%	-1.2%	25	57	9.00	7.95	6	0.8	4.8%
18	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	12,426	23.30	0.5%	-4.3%	1,102	6,845	27.10	19.80	10	1.1	4.1%
19	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	11,000	27.50	0.4%	10.0%	56	412	28.55	20.05	11	1.3	2.5%
20	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	10,990	575.00	-0.7%	17.1%	2,478	4,723	650.00	467.00	17	1.8	2.7%
21	Riyadh Bank SJSC	SA	10,080	12.60	-0.5%	9.1%	404	1,357	12.74	10.10	12	1.0	5.2%
22	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	9,442	6.67	-0.7%	-3.3%	922	1,674	7.68	6.55	9	1.1	6.0%
23	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,080	28.25	-1.9%	8.2%	102	769	33.40	22.10	10	1.1	3.7%
24	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	8,795	8.90	0.7%	-25.5%	232	550	12.40	7.90	52	1.1	5.6%
25	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	8,758	12.02	-1.2%	0.0%	95	313	16.58	6.19	17	1.1	0.0%
26	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	8,745	58.30	0.3%	8.0%	132	2,048	61.90	52.00	15	2.1	5.1%
27	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,290	6.16	-0.5%	10.6%	1,282	2,151	6.29	5.36	8	1.2	7.3%
28	Ooredoo QSC	QA	8,227	93.50	-1.2%	-8.2%	47	1,218	116.10	78.00	16	1.3	3.7%
29	Alinma Bank SJSC	SA	7,832	19.58	3.2%	29.7%	28,144	146,947	19.72	13.95	16	1.5	2.6%
30	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	7,606	36.92	-1.4%	-1.8%	218	2,211	45.40	33.32	13	2.2	5.4%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			555,479										3.8%

Data Source: Thomson Reuters

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