

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA markets closed the session on a positive note as sentiments were boosted by higher oil prices seen in the past few sessions. For the regional markets, five out of the eight indexes closed in green, while one in red and two remained unchanged for the day. UAE markets ended on a positive note as Dubai and Abu Dhabi were both up by 0.4% and 1.1% respectively for the day. The Abu Dhabi index was supported by a broad based buying activity, especially in index heavy weights. The market breadth in Abu Dhabi was skewed towards gainers as advancers were 19 compared to 4 decliners, while 3 stocks remained unchanged for the day. Dubai was also supported by broad based buying but the gains were restricted due to 0.9% decline in Emaar and 2.3% in Emirates NBD during the session. Saudi Arabia closed on a positive note as the index was up by 0.3% for the day, which helped in recovering most of the losses incurred during earlier sessions of the week. The index was mainly supported by 0.6% rise in SABIC, while the energy and banking sector stocks witnessed downward pressure during the session. Kuwait closed unchanged for the day, after rising by 0.4% in the previous session. The index remains under pressure during the week as it is down by 0.7% at the end of yesterday's session. Egypt closed marginally lower as it was down by 0.1% for the day, however the index is expected to end the last week of the year on a positive note. Qatar closed flat, while Bahrain and Oman were up by 0.8% and 0.7% respectively for the day.

International Markets: US closed on a marginally positive note as DJIA, Nasdaq and S&P were up by 0.1%, 0.04% and 0.1% respectively for the day. European markets closed on a positive note as FTSE and CAC were up by 0.4% and 0.1% respectively, while DAX was flat for the day. At the time of writing this report, Asian markets have opened on a positive note as Hang Seng and Shanghai are up by 0.6% and 0.5% respectively, while Nikkei is flat.

Headlines

(WW) US economy ready for an investment boom and strong growth

(WW) Fixing tax code benefits US, helps economy

(WW) China to overtake US economy by 2032

(WW) China, Japan ruling parties hold meeting on promoting ties

(WW) China exerting its dominance over EU freight network

(WW) Record number of tourists set to deliver GBP 27bn boost to UK economy in 2018

(WW) Japan economy raises hopes for recovery

(WW) Japan industrial production to surge 0.9% MoM in November

(CMD) Oil soars, US crude hits USD 60/bbl for first time since mid-2015

(CMD) Gold eases from 3-week top as dollar holds steady

(FX) Dollar edges lower as oil price gain boosts commodity currencies

(FX) British Pound Vs Euro to Rise in 2018

(FI) Short-dated German yields rise as US curve flattens further

(GCC) Saudi Arabia and UAE prepare to introduce taxes to boost revenues

(SA) Saudis to expect oil revenue rising 80% by 2023

(SA) The dependents fee may have a negative economic impact

(SA) Saudi Arabia's reform drive is bold, yet fraught with risk

(AE) UAE inflation rate at 1.7% in November

(EG) Egypt to become third country to have space station

(QA) Qatar-India trade ties in focus

(QA) Qatar's low-cost base gives it competitive edge over other LNG suppliers

(QA) Qatar trade surplus surges

(KW) Kuwait and Oman would have been wise not to delay VAT

(OM) Oman's banks credit to grow by average 6% in the coming years

(BH) Bahrain announces excise tax on cigarettes, energy drinks from Dec 30

(Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

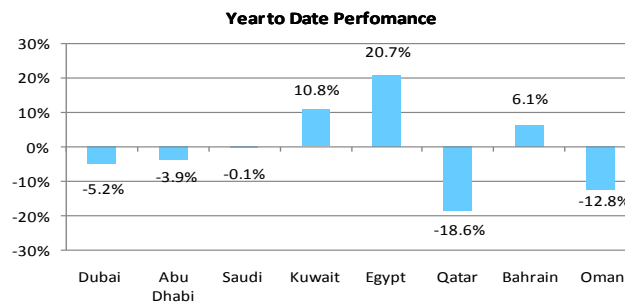
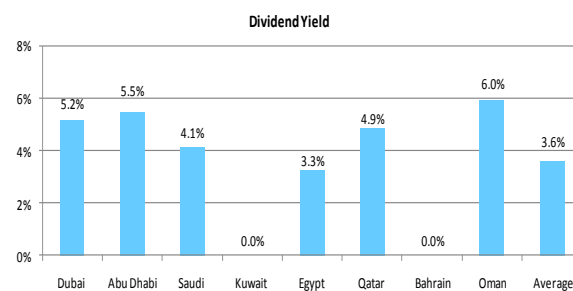
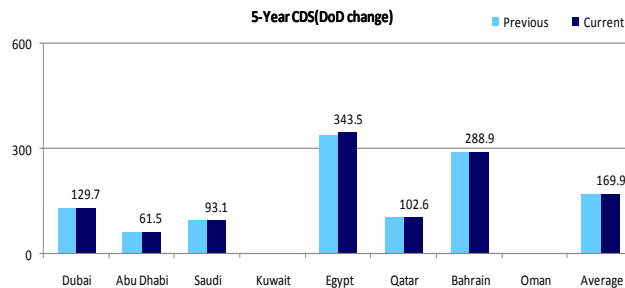
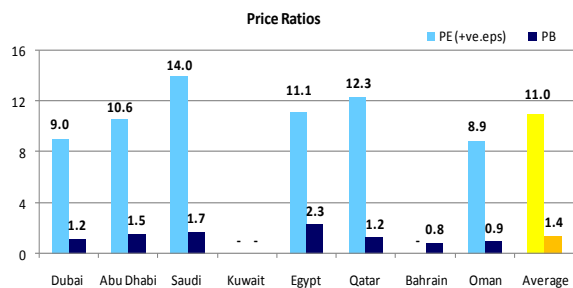
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,345.66	0.4%	-0.6%	-2.2%	-5.2%	▼	▼	▼
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,369.40	1.1%	0.5%	2.0%	-3.9%	▲	▼	▼
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,201.21	0.3%	-0.1%	2.8%	-0.1%	▲	▼	▼
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,371.29	0.0%	-0.7%	2.8%	10.8%	▲	▼	▼
Egypt (EGX30)	14,904.82	-0.1%	1.6%	2.2%	20.7%	▲	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	8,500.08	-0.0%	-1.4%	10.2%	-18.6%	▲	▼	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,295.01	0.8%	1.1%	0.9%	6.1%	▲	▼	▼
Oman (MSM30)	5,040.43	0.7%	-0.5%	-1.4%	-12.8%	▼	▲	▼

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)	446	269	225	163	119	95	78,350
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	99	88	92	69	43	43	130,181
Saudi (SASEIDX)	238	178	154	1,215	908	823	449,180
Kuwait (KWSE)	50	85	88	24	56	63	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	152	359	335	46	81	67	22,571
Qatar (DSM)	11	9	9	50	68	67	98,686
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	5	4	3	2	2	2	21,515
Oman (MSM30)	12	18	17	8	13	10	14,164

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	SHUAA CAPITAL PSC	1.23	5.13%	0	6,301	AL SAFWA MUBASHER FINANCIAL SER	1.00	-10.00%	0	282,385
	AMANAT HOLDINGS PJSC	1.46	4.29%	0	16,726	EMIRATES NBD BANK PJSC	8.20	-2.26%	0	567
	EMAAR MALLS PJSC	2.12	2.91%	3,482	7,278	AL RAMZ CORPORATION INVESTMENT	1.38	-1.43%	63	87
	UNION PROPERTIES PJSC	0.96	2.13%	51,513	48,886	EMAAR PROPERTIES PJSC	6.78	-0.88%	11,231	76,486
	DXB ENTERTAINMENTS PJSC	0.64	2.06%	4,415	2,810	GULF GENERAL INVESTMENT CO PSC	0.38	-0.53%	859	323
Abu Dhabi	ABU DHABI NATIONAL FOR BUILDING	0.42	5.00%	62	26	GULF MEDICAL PROJECTS CO PSC	2.03	-9.78%	1	2
	AGTHIA GROUP PJSC	4.97	3.54%	342	1,673	METHAQ TAKAFUL INSURANCE CO	0.74	-3.90%	3,218	2,429
	RAS AL KHAIMAH CEMENT CO PSC	0.64	3.23%	79	50	AL QUDRA HOLDING PJSC	1.25	-3.10%	147	187
	WAHA CAPITAL PJSC	1.85	2.78%	2,901	5,294	ARKAN BUILDING MATERIALS CO PJSC	0.65	-2.99%	27	18
	DANA GAS PJSC	0.79	2.60%	37,191	29,009					
Saudi Arabia	SAUDI RE FOR COOPERATIVE REINS	8.00	8.25%	6,749	51,931	BAAZEEM TRADING COMPANY CJSC	26.05	-4.93%	4	101
	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEV	14.76	4.38%	87,755	1,268,059	DEVELOPMENT WORKS FOOD CO	63.80	-3.48%	4	259
	SAUDI ELECTRICITY COMPANY SJSC	21.00	3.96%	4,796	98,793	SAUDI INDUSTRIAL EXPORT CO SJSC	148.00	-3.39%	79	11,959
	SAUDI INDIAN COMPANY FOR CO-OP	21.06	3.54%	2,045	42,329	ALINMA BANK SJSC	19.06	-2.66%	30,456	588,408
	SAUDI REAL ESTATE CO SJSC	21.48	3.17%	487	10,296	ABDULLAH SAAD MOHAMMED ABO	12.70	-2.16%	17	214
Kuwait	AWJ HOLDING COMPANY KSCP	68.00	13.33%	90	6	GULF FRANCHISING HOLDING CO KSCP	60.40	-13.71%	0	0
	KUWAIT TELECOMMUNICATIONS	840.00	9.66%	394	316	OSOS HOLDING GROUP CO KSCP	82.40	-13.26%	212	19
	KUWAIT FOUNDRY COMPANY KPSC	248.00	7.83%	14	3	KUWAIT CABLE VISION COMPANY	21.00	-12.50%	120	3
	UNITED REAL ESTATE COMPANY SAKP	77.00	7.69%	412	31	NATIONAL CLEANING CO KSCP	48.00	-10.28%	2	0
	KAMCO INVESTMENT CO KSCP	73.00	7.35%	0	0	SHUAIBA INDUSTRIAL COMPANY KPSC	250.00	-7.75%	3	1
Egypt	AL TAWFEEK CO FOR FINANCIAL	6.60	164.00%	0	-	SUEZ BAGS CO SAE	28.38	-9.53%	4	122
	ORANGE EGYPT FOR TELECO	26.30	10.00%	15	379	SUEZ CANAL COMPANY FOR TECH	13.10	-8.96%	7	93
	ARAB MOLTAQA INVESTMENTS CO	32.14	8.91%	166	5,115	MISR HOTELS CO SAE	50.50	-7.85%	1	59
	EDITA FOOD INDUSTRIES SAE	15.98	5.83%	1,558	24,216	EL EBOUR COMPANY FOR RE	5.80	-7.50%	10	61
	EGYPT ALUMINUM CO SAE	132.94	4.33%	351	45,752	ARAB ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES SAE	5.00	-7.24%	8	42
Qatar	ZAD HOLDING CO SAQ	76.98	9.97%	1	44	QATAR ISLAMIC INSURANCE CO QPSC	55.12	-4.14%	1	45
	AHLI BANK QSC	32.60	9.69%	1	35	QATAR INSURANCE CO SAQ	53.00	-3.07%	243	13,078
	AL KHALEEJ TAKAFUL GROUP QPSC	12.99	3.92%	366	4,662	OOREDOO QSC	90.64	-3.06%	32	2,926
	QATAR INDUSTRIAL MANUFACTURING	43.89	3.76%	7	298	QATAR FIRST BANK LLC	6.47	-2.27%	5,100	33,381
	GULF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES QSC	17.60	2.33%	159	2,773	ISLAMIC HOLDING GROUP QPSC	34.80	-2.22%	16	557

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	81,598	102.00	0.6%	11.5%	5,924	161,112	105.40	90.75	16	1.9	5.9%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	40,379	17.05	1.2%	-9.3%	860	3,994	18.95	15.75	17	3.5	4.7%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	36,639	68.70	0.1%	-5.2%	267	4,892	78.90	64.50	14	2.2	5.8%
4	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	32,454	127.90	-0.2%	-13.6%	236	8,280	157.27	115.01	9	1.5	2.5%
5	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	30,566	10.30	1.5%	3.1%	11,368	31,878	11.55	9.72	12	1.1	4.4%
6	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	28,213	52.90	1.0%	24.2%	1,528	21,561	58.00	37.00	11	1.7	3.0%
7	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp	SA	27,819	64.20	-0.2%	1.9%	2,917	49,943	71.70	61.00	12	2.0	3.5%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	23,332	21.00	4.0%	-6.2%	4,796	26,855	26.05	19.65	9	1.1	3.3%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	20,335	24.50	4.0%	39.9%	99	662	24.90	17.33	20	2.1	1.6%
10	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	16,197	97.45	-0.1%	-17.1%	105	2,812	122.00	85.00	23	1.8	4.1%
11	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	16,109	51.70	0.4%	32.6%	462	6,369	57.00	38.50	180	2.3	0.0%
12	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	14,771	59.60	0.2%	-20.3%	182	2,894	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	0.0%	-1.8%	243	3,483	78.64	51.80	26	3.8	1.3%
15	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	14,279	728.00	0.0%	17.6%	878	2,118	800.00	609.52	14	1.3	3.9%
16	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	13,219	6.78	-0.9%	-4.9%	11,231	20,733	8.95	6.75	8	1.1	2.2%
17	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	12,437	23.32	0.1%	-4.2%	527	3,277	27.10	19.80	10	1.1	4.1%
18	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,410	8.20	-2.3%	-3.4%	68	153	9.00	7.95	6	0.8	4.9%
19	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	10,970	574.00	-0.2%	16.9%	1,959	3,725	650.00	467.00	17	1.8	2.7%
20	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	10,920	27.30	-0.7%	9.2%	173	1,260	28.55	20.05	11	1.3	2.6%
21	Riyad Bank SJSC	SA	10,080	12.60	0.0%	9.1%	438	1,473	12.74	10.10	12	1.0	5.2%
22	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	9,612	6.79	1.8%	-1.6%	2,806	5,188	7.68	6.55	9	1.1	5.9%
23	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,064	28.20	-0.2%	8.0%	56	422	33.40	22.10	10	1.1	3.7%
24	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	8,815	8.92	0.2%	-25.4%	423	1,005	12.40	7.90	52	1.1	5.6%
25	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	8,760	58.40	0.2%	0.0%	209	3,257	61.90	52.00	15	2.1	0.0%
26	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	8,708	11.95	-0.6%	-20.9%	606	1,989	16.58	6.19	16	1.1	4.2%
27	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,317	6.18	0.3%	11.0%	2,947	4,958	6.29	5.36	8	1.2	7.3%
28	Ooredoo QSC	QA	7,976	90.64	-3.1%	-11.0%	32	791	116.10	78.00	15	1.3	3.9%
29	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	7,642	37.09	0.5%	-1.4%	512	5,217	45.40	33.32	13	2.2	5.4%
30	Alinma Bank SJSC	SA	7,624	19.06	-2.7%	26.2%	30,456	154,789	19.72	13.95	15	1.4	2.6%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			558,083										3.8%

Data Source: Thomson Reuters

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