

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA markets ended the session on a positive note, supported by the sentiments seen in the global markets on the back of renewed optimism over global growth prospects for the year. Further the return of investors from the New Year holidays coupled with oil prices rising to two and half high have also boosted sentiments of regional markets. Rise in oil prices is huge positive for the region as it will help the region in increasing public spending, which is in line with the recent budget announcements by the regional governments. For the day, five out of the eight indexes ended in green, while only two closed lower during the session. UAE markets continued the positive momentum as both Dubai and Abu Dhabi rose by 1.4% and 0.9% respectively for the day. The market breadth of Dubai bourse was positive with 27 advancers compared to only 6 decliners, while 5 remained unchanged for the day. The index was mostly supported by Emaar, which advanced by 2.9% for the day. Saudi Arabia closed on a positive note as the index was up by 0.7% for the day, which was mostly supported by buying interest in banking sector stocks, while the energy sector stocks were subdued during the session. Kuwait also closed on a strong note as it advanced by 1.4% for the day, which helped in recovering almost all the losses incurred during earlier sessions. Egypt was the worst performer as the index was down by 1.3% for the day, dragging the index into negative territory at the start of the year. Qatar and Oman closed marginally lower by 0.1% each, while Bahrain closed higher by 0.3%, which helped in extending the gains to 1.5% during the week.

International Markets: US markets closed on a positive note as DJIA, Nasdaq and S&P were all up by 0.4%, 0.8% and 0.6% respectively for the day. European markets closed the session on a positive note as FTSE, DAX and CAC were all up by 0.3%, 0.8% and 0.8% respectively. At the time of writing this report, Asian markets have opened on a positive note as Nikkei, Hang Seng and Shanghai are up by 2.6%, 0.5% and 0.4% respectively.

Headlines

(WW) US can benefit from fair and reciprocal trade in a growing world economy
 (WW) China central bank injects more funds in December via liquidity tools
 (WW) China factory growth quickens to 4 month high but confidence subdued
 (WW) China services sector grows at fastest pace in 3 years in December
 (WW) China is boosting ties with Latin America
 (WW) UK growth to sink further
 (WW) UK looks to join Pacific trade group after Brexit
 (WW) Over 80% of major Japanese companies expect economy to grow in 2018
 (CMD) Crude at 31-month high, oil marketing companies likely to be under pressure
 (CMD) Gold edges down after hitting 3-1/2-month high
 (FX) Dollar hits 3-month low to start 2018
 (FX) Sterling appears stable despite UK manufacturing slowdown
 (FI) Yields rise ahead of new benchmark's launch

(ME) STC begins constructing "largest network operation centre in MENA"
 (SA) Saudi Arabia and EU experts to discuss cooperation on energy efficiency in Jeddah
 (SA) Saudi announced its largest budget ever in a major effort to reshape its economy
 (AE) Trade, Tourism main drivers of UAE's growth over next 5 years
 (AE) Moody's rating to boost investments into Sharjah
 (AE) Salary hikes, lower UAE rents to take sting out of VAT
 (AE) Dubai's private sector puts in a solid November performance
 (AE) Dubai Duty Free sales hit record USD 1.9 billion in 2017
 (EG) Egypt says foreign reserves rise to USD 37.02 billion at end-Dec
 (EG) IFC plans to launch new credit line for banks to finance SMEs in Egypt
 (QA) Qatar economy to pick up to 3.5% in '18
 (BH) Bahrain's finance ministry pledges to roll out VAT this year
 (Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

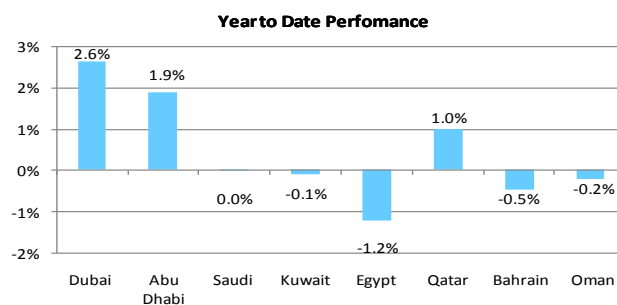
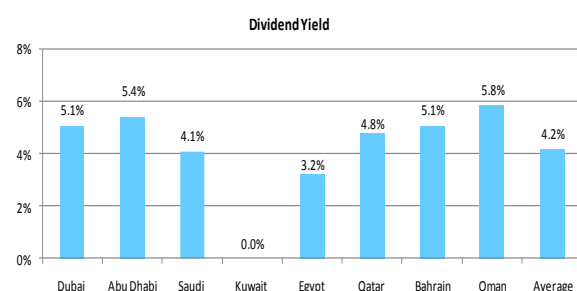
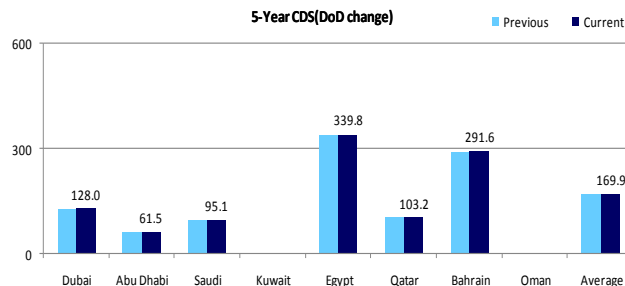
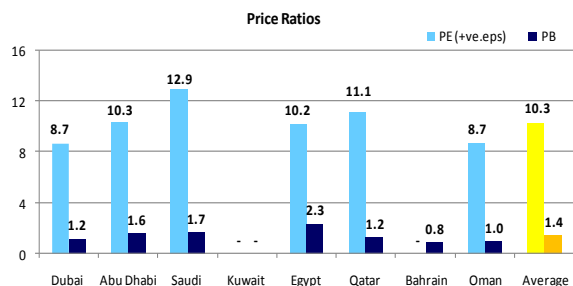
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,458.79	1.4%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	▼	▼	▼
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,481.30	0.9%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%	▲	▼	▼
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,224.29	0.7%	-0.1%	-0.0%	-0.0%	▲	▲	▼
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,401.08	1.4%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	▲	▼	▼
Egypt (EGX30)	14,833.73	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.2%	▲	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	8,608.31	-0.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	▲	▼	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,325.43	0.3%	1.5%	-0.5%	-0.5%	▲	▼	▼
Oman (MSM30)	5,088.72	-0.1%	0.8%	-0.2%	-0.2%	▲	▲	▼

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)	323	277	226	120	122	95	79,770
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	56	88	90	42	44	43	133,115
Saudi (SASEIDX)	245	184	156	1,180	925	827	447,083
Kuwait (KWSE)	117	80	90	65	53	64	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	207	354	337	51	80	68	22,805
Qatar (DSM)	9	9	9	55	69	66	99,438
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	9	4	3	4	2	2	22,019
Oman (MSM30)	20	19	17	9	13	11	14,303

Valuation and Performance Comparisons



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

	Top Gainers					Top Losers				
	Close	DoD %	Volume	Value	Close *	DoD %	Volume ('000)	Value (AED '000)		
Dubai	DXB ENTERTAINMENTS PJSC	0.67	4.99%	0	36,726	ARAB INSURANCE GROUP BSC	1.35	-10.00%	0	8
	MARKA PJSC	0.59	4.06%	0	8,719	AL SALAM BANK SUDAN PLC	1.88	-1.05%	0	691
	EMAAR DEVELOPMENT PJSC	5.49	3.78%	5,055	27,248	AMANAT HOLDINGS PJSC	1.45	-0.68%	2,763	4,020
	DEYAAR DEVELOPMENT PJSC	0.53	3.55%	48,335	24,941	DAMAC PROPERTIES DUBAI CO PSC	3.32	-0.30%	1,873	6,229
	EMAAR PROPERTIES PJSC	7.40	2.92%	6,463	47,148	ARAMEX PJSC	4.28	-0.23%	502	2,151
Abu Dhabi	SUDATEL TELECOM GROUP LTD	0.63	3.28%	821	509	AXA GREEN CRESCENT INSURANCE CO	0.86	-9.47%	5	5
	RAS AL KHAIMAH CEMENT CO PSC	0.63	3.28%	5	3	GULF CEMENT CO PSC	1.02	-5.56%	293	308
	ESHRAQ PROPERTIES COMPANY PJSC	0.74	2.78%	5,070	3,701	AL QUDRA HOLDING PJSC	1.25	-3.10%	695	883
	FIRST ABU DHABI BANK PJSC	10.65	1.91%	2,847	30,033	NATIONAL BANK OF RAS AL KHAIMAH	4.65	-1.90%	160	752
	ABU DHABI COMMERCIAL BANK PJSC	7.10	1.72%	3,848	27,090	MANAZEL REAL ESTATE PJSC	0.59	-1.67%	14,118	8,400
Saudi Arabia	NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK SJSC	56.90	3.27%	430	24,054	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEV	10.60	-9.25%	109,396	1,218,668
	BANQUE SAUDI FRANSI SJSC	29.80	2.94%	150	4,413	DEVELOPMENT WORKS FOOD CO	64.10	-8.30%	1	74
	EMAAR THE ECONOMIC CITY SJSC	13.54	2.73%	932	12,453	RAYDAN COMPANY CJSC	16.00	-6.98%	24	395
	BATIC INVESTMENTS AND LOGISTICS	57.30	2.69%	317	17,906	BAAZEEM TRADING COMPANY CJSC	25.50	-5.20%	4	113
	UNITED INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT	27.10	2.65%	329	8,790	ABDULLAH SAAD MOHAMMED ABO	12.14	-4.41%	4	54
Kuwait	NAFAIS HOLDING COMPANY KSCP	844.00	19.89%	0	0	WETHAQ TAKAFUL INSURANCE CO	36.00	-20.00%	3	0
	AWJ HOLDING COMPANY KSCP	69.50	12.10%	0	0	SALBOOKH TRADING CO KSCP	47.30	-14.00%	0	0
	CREDIT RATING AND COLLECTION	28.00	12.00%	8	0	AJWAN GULF REAL ESTATE CO KSCP	26.80	-10.67%	14,364	408
	ABYAAR REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	22.10	7.80%	9,260	197	NATIONAL CLEANING CO KSCP	49.00	-8.41%	281	14
	KUWAIT AND GULF LINK TRANSPORT	63.50	5.83%	36	2	ARABI GROUP HOLDINGS KSCP	80.00	-5.88%	35	3
Egypt	GLAXOSMITHKLINE SAE	18.81	10.00%	0	90	NATIONAL BANK OF KUWAIT EGYPT	35.16	-8.08%	1	33
	ORANGE EGYPT FOR TELECO	37.79	9.98%	11	412	SAUDI EGYPTIAN INVESTMENT	55.50	-5.68%	3	148
	EL NASR FOR MANUFACTURING AGRI	9.06	9.95%	16	140	EL NILE COMPANY FOR PHARMA	16.68	-4.36%	8	137
	AJWA FOR FOOD INDUSTRIES CO	2.90	4.69%	1,305	3,700	DEVELOPMENT AND ENGINEERING CO	11.34	-3.98%	86	999
	EGYPT ALUMINUM CO SAE	135.29	4.63%	304	40,274	KAHIRA PHARMACEUTICALS	37.46	-3.95%	4	145
Qatar	AHLI BANK QSC	44.49	7.23%	0	12	QATAR GENERAL INSURANCE & REINS	47.49	-3.08%	32	1,538
	MESAEED PETROCHEMICAL HOLDING	12.90	2.30%	183	2,330	MEDICARE GROUP QSC	75.14	-2.20%	141	10,740
	ISLAMIC HOLDING GROUP QPSC	38.00	2.18%	116	4,369	QATAR ISLAMIC INSURANCE CO QPSC	55.22	-1.92%	6	359
	MAZAYA QATAR REAL ESTATE DEV	9.14	2.12%	2,054	18,577	COMMERCIAL BANK PSQC	28.30	-1.63%	148	4,225
	DOHA BANK QPSC	29.29	1.98%	101	2,941	AAMAL CO QPSC	8.76	-1.57%	209	1,848

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	81,280	101.60	0.6%	-0.2%	7,414	200,861	105.40	91.25	16	1.9	5.9%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	41,555	17.55	0.3%	0.3%	882	4,216	18.90	15.75	17	3.6	4.6%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	36,000	67.50	0.6%	-1.6%	165	2,962	78.90	64.50	14	2.2	5.9%
4	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	32,479	128.00	0.7%	1.6%	124	4,354	157.27	115.01	9	1.5	2.5%
5	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	31,599	10.65	1.9%	3.9%	2,847	8,255	11.55	9.72	12	1.2	4.2%
6	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	30,347	56.90	3.3%	3.3%	430	6,517	58.00	37.00	12	1.8	2.8%
7	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp Ltd	SA	28,600	66.00	2.2%	2.2%	3,992	70,262	71.70	61.00	12	2.0	3.4%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	23,022	20.72	0.9%	-1.6%	608	3,358	26.05	19.65	9	1.1	3.4%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	20,543	24.75	0.0%	-1.0%	32	217	25.00	18.30	20	2.1	1.5%
10	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	16,203	52.00	0.6%	-0.2%	416	5,765	57.00	38.50	181	2.3	0.0%
11	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	16,055	96.60	-1.2%	-0.4%	138	3,658	122.00	85.00	23	1.8	4.1%
12	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	14,647	59.10	1.0%	0.0%	127	1,998	75.60	58.00	408	5.4	0.0%
13	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	14,545	740.00	2.4%	1.6%	4,096	10,069	800.00	619.05	15	1.4	3.9%
14	Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	14,489	9.80	0.0%	0.0%	1	2	11.95	1.57	107	7.4	0.0%
15	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	14,425	7.40	2.9%	6.6%	6,463	13,022	8.95	6.75	9	1.2	2.0%
16	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	14,320	53.70	1.7%	-0.2%	265	3,788	78.64	51.80	26	3.8	1.3%
17	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	12,800	24.00	2.1%	2.0%	731	4,677	27.10	19.80	10	1.1	4.0%
18	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,408	8.20	0.0%	0.0%	2,096	4,680	9.00	7.95	6	0.8	4.9%
19	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	11,338	592.00	2.2%	2.8%	4,456	8,764	650.00	467.00	17	1.8	2.6%
20	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	10,880	27.20	-0.2%	0.7%	175	1,270	28.55	20.05	11	1.2	2.6%
21	Riyadh Bank SJSC	SA	10,112	12.64	1.0%	0.5%	544	1,834	12.74	10.10	12	1.0	5.1%
22	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	10,049	7.10	1.7%	4.4%	3,848	7,439	7.68	6.55	9	1.2	5.6%
23	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,579	29.80	2.9%	4.6%	150	1,194	33.40	22.10	10	1.1	3.5%
24	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	8,880	59.20	0.3%	0.3%	152	2,403	61.90	52.00	15	2.1	5.1%
25	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	8,832	12.12	-1.4%	0.0%	173	577	16.58	6.19	17	1.1	0.0%
26	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	8,529	8.63	0.3%	-3.0%	186	428	12.05	7.90	51	1.0	5.8%
27	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,464	6.29	0.8%	1.6%	4,760	8,153	6.29	5.36	9	1.2	7.2%
28	Ooredoo QSC	QA	8,075	91.76	-0.0%	1.1%	45	1,130	116.10	78.00	15	1.3	3.8%
29	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	7,955	38.61	-0.1%	2.3%	216	2,292	45.40	33.32	14	2.3	5.2%
30	Emaar Malls PJSC	AE	7,902	2.23	1.8%	4.7%	3,084	1,873	2.77	2.00	15	1.8	4.5%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			565,909										3.8%

Data Source: Thomson Reuters

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