

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA markets started the week on a positive note, continuing the upward trend from the previous week. The regional markets are riding high on the expected recovery in the economy activity coupled with government efforts to stimulate the economy by increasing the spending program outlined in their budgets for 2018. Further, the oil prices above \$65 is also positive for the regional economies as it will further help the government in maintaining their spending if not increase during the course of the year. For the day, all the regional indexes ended in green, while Egypt was closed during the session. UAE markets closed on a positive note as Dubai and Abu Dhabi were both up by 0.2% each for the day. The market breadth in Dubai was skewed towards gainers as advancers were 25 compared to 8 decliners, while 5 remained unchanged for the day. Both Dubai and Abu Dhabi have appreciated by 3.0% and 3.6% respectively for the year as the sentiments have improved across the region, which is resulting in rising investment from regional investors. Saudi Arabia closed higher by 0.6% for the day, supported by broad based buying activity, especially in energy and banking sector stocks. Kuwait also advanced by 0.8% for the day, in line with the sentiments seen in the broader regional markets. Qatar closed on a positive note as it was up by 1.4% for the day. Bahrain and Oman also closed on a positive note as it was up by 0.5% and 0.3% respectively for the day.

International Markets: At the time of writing this report, Asian markets have opened on a positive note as Nikkei and Shanghai are up by 0.9% and 0.4%, while Hang Seng is flat.

Headlines

(WW) Fed says US economy firm, inflation to rebound
(WW) Positive momentum in US economy continues in 2018 after strong 2017
(WW) China's money rates fall after year end
(WW) China sidelining US in Asia with growing economic clout
(WW) UK productivity growth hits six-year high after weakest decade since 1820s
(WW) BOJ's 2% inflation target unrealistic in 2018
(WW) African-American unemployment hit record low in December
(WW) India plans to boost tourism, travel in annual budget
(CMD) Oil retreats on US output after hitting near two-year high
(CMD) Gold prices set for fourth week of gains
(FX) US dollar slips after December job creation misses Street forecasts
(FX) Sterling trades sideways as investors look to Brexit talks for cues
(FI) Upbeat private hiring data lift US bond yields

(SA) Restructuring Saudi power market to generate SAR15 billion in economic surplus
(SA) SA supports economy diversification by boosting investment of govt resources
(SA) Saudi Arabia increases salaries and allowances to offset VAT impact
(SA) Nigeria's bilateral relations with Saudi Arabia of economic importance
(AE) UAE becomes largest investor in Egypt with USD6.2 billion
(AE) UAE's openness contributes to greater capital flows
(AE) VAT in UAE offers new opportunity for banks
(QA) Qatar non-oil growth likely to slide in 2018
(KW) Kuwait studying tax alternative to VAT
(OM) Oman signs OMR81 million pact for funding Duqm projects
(OM) Oman ratchets up its spending plans
(BH) Renewable energy projects hailed
(Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

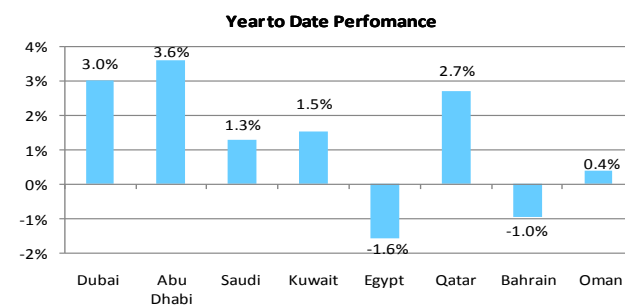
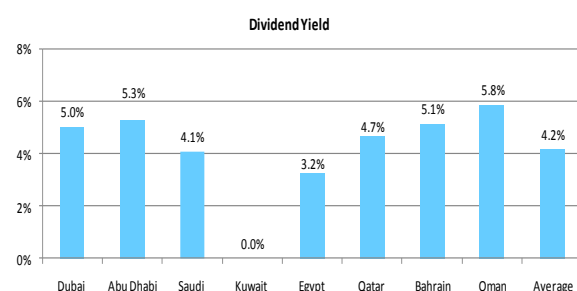
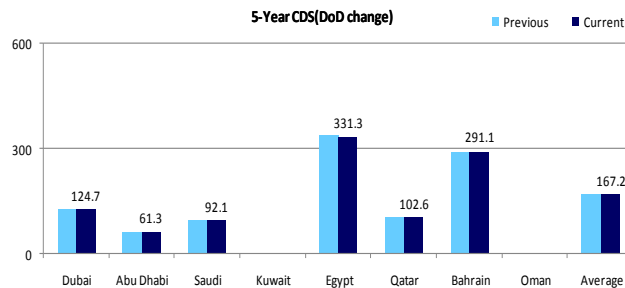
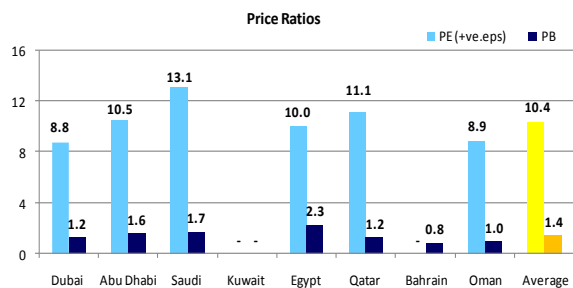
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,471.09	0.2%	0.2%	3.0%	3.0%	▲	▼	▼
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,556.41	0.2%	0.2%	3.6%	3.6%	▲	▼	▼
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,317.65	0.6%	0.6%	1.3%	1.3%	▲	▲	▼
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,504.97	0.8%	0.8%	1.5%	1.5%	▲	▼	▼
Egypt (EGX30)	Closed	Closed	-1.6%	-1.6%	-1.6%	▲	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	8,751.20	1.4%	1.4%	2.7%	2.7%	▲	▼	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,318.76	0.5%	0.5%	-1.0%	-1.0%	▲	▼	▼
Oman (MSM30)	5,119.18	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	▲	▲	▼

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)	345	280	229	133	123	97	80,700
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	111	85	91	37	37	43	134,882
Saudi (SASEIDX)	179	187	157	901	934	832	452,690
Kuwait (KWSE)	131	78	91	58	51	64	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	Closed	350	337	Closed	80	68	22,477
Qatar (DSM)	8	9	9	56	69	66	99,496
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	9	4	4	3	2	2	21,807
Oman (MSM30)	16	16	17	6	12	11	14,326

Valuation and Performance Comparisons



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

	Top Gainers					Top Losers				
	Close *	DoD %	Volume ('000)	Value (AED '000)	Close *	DoD %	Volume ('000)	Value (AED '000)		
Dubai	ARABTEC HOLDING PJSC	2.45	6.53%	0	48,067	AL RAMZ CORPORATION INVESTMENT	1.48	-5.41%	0	761
	AMANAT HOLDINGS PJSC	1.43	2.80%	0	8,527	MARKA PJSC	0.60	-2.52%	0	4,929
	DAMAC PROPERTIES DUBAI CO PSC	3.31	2.11%	6,859	22,469	DRAKE AND SCULL INTERNATIONAL	2.35	-2.13%	14,985	35,597
	DUBAI ISLAMIC INSURANCE	0.83	2.04%	1,020	841	EMAAR PROPERTIES PJSC	7.41	-1.48%	5,464	40,795
	UNION PROPERTIES PJSC	1.00	2.00%	44,682	44,244	EMAAR MALLS PJSC	2.18	-0.92%	1,835	4,019
Abu Dhabi	ARKAN BUILDING MATERIALS CO PJSC	0.70	12.86%	4,200	2,773	NATIONAL INVESTOR PJSC	0.51	-9.80%	30	16
	RAK PROPERTIES PJSC	0.77	3.90%	34,901	26,370	AGTHIA GROUP PJSC	4.78	-3.77%	52	252
	ESHRAQ PROPERTIES COMPANY PJSC	0.76	2.63%	16,216	12,166	GULF CEMENT CO PSC	1.07	-3.74%	35	38
	ABU DHABI NATIONAL FOR BUILDING	0.42	2.38%	167	70	SUDATEL TELECOM GROUP LTD	0.62	-1.61%	528	330
	INTERNATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY	1.45	1.38%	268	386	WAHA CAPITAL PJSC	1.97	-1.52%	243	482
Saudi Arabia	BAAZEEM TRADING COMPANY CJSC	25.50	9.41%	9	210	AL KATHIRI HOLDING CO	23.50	-3.91%	9	218
	AL SAMAANI FACTORY METAL IND	61.00	4.59%	5	282	EMAAR THE ECONOMIC CITY SJSC	13.70	-2.19%	1,279	17,721
	AL ANDALUS PROPERTY CO SJSC	19.94	4.01%	566	11,074	SAUDI KAYAN PETROCHEMICAL CO	11.10	-2.16%	16,847	189,064
	AL ASEEL CO LTD	62.00	3.71%	2	134	SAUDI REAL ESTATE CO SJSC	23.18	-1.55%	798	18,643
	MAKKAH CONSTRUCTION AND DEV	78.30	3.45%	1,014	78,106	SAUDI RE FOR COOPERATIVE REINS	9.00	-1.33%	1,089	9,863
Kuwait	KUWAIT CABLE VISION COMPANY	18.00	20.00%	0	0	AMAR FINANCE AND LEASING CO	55.00	-16.36%	25	2
	REAL ESTATE ASSET MANAGEMENT	496.00	18.95%	0	0	GULF INSURANCE GROUP KSCP	824.00	-12.74%	2	2
	TAMKEEN HOLDING CO	18.00	16.67%	125	2	BURGAN FOR WELL DRILLING TRAD	80.00	-12.38%	10	1
	AL MUDON INTERNATIONAL RE	33.00	12.12%	452	14	REAL ESTATE TRADE CENTERS CO	32.50	-10.77%	1,795	62
	WETHAQ TAKAFUL INSURANCE CO	43.20	8.80%	0	0	NATIONAL INDUSTRIES COMPANY	209.00	-6.70%	0	0
Egypt	Market Remained Closed					Market Remained Closed				
Qatar	MANNAI CORPORATION QPSC	57.65	4.84%	29	1,635	AHLI BANK QSC	44.43	-9.97%	20	950
	MASRAF AL RAYAN QPSC	38.93	4.29%	665	25,357	DOHA INSURANCE CO QSC	15.00	-3.33%	1	15
	QATAR OMAN INVESTMENT CO QSC	7.80	3.85%	3	22	AL KHALIJ COMMERCIAL BANK PQSC	13.90	-2.16%	109	1,525
	GULF WAREHOUSING CO QPSC	48.65	3.80%	134	6,409	QATAR INSURANCE CO SAQ	53.00	-1.57%	51	2,741
	QATAR ISLAMIC INSURANCE CO QPSC	55.22	3.24%	13	690	AL KHALEEJ TAKAFUL GROUP QPSC	14.25	-1.40%	15	218

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%	-0.4%	4,148	112,151	105.40	91.25	16	1.9	5.9%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	42,029	17.75	-0.3%	1.4%	250	1,209	18.90	15.75	17	3.6	4.5%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	36,266	68.00	0.4%	-0.9%	128	2,323	78.90	64.50	14	2.2	5.9%
4	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	32,489	10.95	0.5%	6.8%	3,159	9,419	11.55	9.72	12	1.2	4.1%
5	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	32,429	127.80	0.6%	1.4%	165	5,800	157.27	115.01	9	1.5	2.5%
6	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	30,453	57.10	0.4%	3.6%	541	8,234	58.00	37.00	12	1.9	2.8%
7	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp Ltd	SA	29,336	67.70	1.0%	4.8%	2,604	47,013	71.70	61.00	13	2.1	3.3%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	23,355	21.02	1.7%	-0.2%	1,726	9,677	26.05	19.65	9	1.1	3.3%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	20,742	24.99	0.0%	-0.0%	56	384	25.01	18.30	20	2.1	1.5%
10	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	16,421	52.70	1.0%	1.2%	281	3,955	57.00	38.50	183	2.4	0.0%
11	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	16,320	98.19	0.7%	1.2%	62	1,664	122.00	85.00	23	1.8	4.1%
12	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	14,721	59.40	-0.2%	0.5%	105	1,663	75.60	58.00	410	5.4	0.0%
13	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	14,625	744.00	0.7%	2.2%	2,235	5,524	800.00	628.57	15	1.4	3.8%
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	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	14,346	53.80	0.6%	0.0%	385	5,526	78.64	51.80	26	3.8	1.3%
16	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	14,230	7.30	-1.5%	5.2%	5,464	10,860	8.95	6.75	9	1.2	2.1%
17	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	13,162	24.68	0.3%	4.9%	617	4,061	27.10	19.80	10	1.1	3.8%
18	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,272	8.11	-0.1%	-1.1%	20	43	9.00	7.95	6	0.8	4.9%
19	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	11,472	599.00	0.7%	4.0%	6,852	13,633	650.00	467.00	18	1.9	2.6%
20	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	10,920	27.30	-1.1%	1.1%	466	3,390	28.55	20.05	11	1.3	2.6%
21	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	10,261	7.25	-0.7%	6.6%	1,244	2,455	7.68	6.55	9	1.2	5.5%
22	Riyad Bank SJSC	SA	10,256	12.82	0.9%	1.9%	577	1,974	12.82	10.10	12	1.0	5.1%
23	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,610	29.90	0.7%	4.9%	200	1,596	33.40	22.10	10	1.1	3.5%
24	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	9,030	60.20	0.8%	2.0%	276	4,432	61.90	52.00	15	2.1	5.0%
25	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	8,817	12.10	2.5%	0.0%	234	779	16.58	6.19	17	1.1	0.0%
26	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,571	6.37	0.6%	2.9%	2,356	4,086	6.37	5.36	9	1.3	7.1%
27	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	8,558	8.66	0.9%	-2.7%	267	617	12.05	7.90	51	1.0	5.8%
28	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	8,365	40.60	4.3%	7.5%	665	7,417	45.40	33.32	15	2.4	4.9%
29	Ooredoo QSC	QA	8,184	93.00	1.1%	2.5%	43	1,108	116.10	78.00	16	1.3	3.8%
30	Alinma Bank SJSC	SA	7,776	19.44	0.5%	1.5%	18,411	95,439	19.72	13.95	16	1.5	2.6%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			570,622										3.7%

Data Source: Thomson Reuters

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