

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA markets continued the positive momentum as five out of the eight indexes closed in green, while only three ended marginally lower during the session. Oil prices reaching three year high on the back of tighter US market is supporting the sentiments in the regional markets as it will help the regional governments in continuing the spending programme to support the broader economies. For the day, Saudi Arabia closed marginally higher as it was up by 0.1% for the day, extending the weekly gains to 0.3%. The rise was supported by energy and banking sector stocks, which was on the back of higher oil prices coupled with positive developments. UAE markets ended on a slightly lower note as both Dubai and Abu Dhabi were down by 0.1% and 0.3% respectively for the day. However, the trend continues to be positive for both indexes on the back of improved economic outlook as the economies recover from the period of consolidation in the past two years. Qatar closed higher by 0.5% for the day, extending the weekly gains to 4.8%. Kuwait closed marginally higher by 0.1% for the day, in line with the sentiments seen across the region. Egypt also closed higher by 0.2% for the day, extending the weekly gains to 2.8%. Bahrain closed higher by 0.2%, while Oman was marginally lower by 0.1% for the day.

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

Headlines

(WW) World Bank forecast broad-based recovery for global economy

(WW) Goldman Sachs says US wages will really start to rise this year

(WW) US import prices post smallest gain in five months

(WW) Building boom helps power US economy

(WW) China's producer price inflation slows to 13-month low

(WW) China is ready to turn its green opportunity into a major industrial advantage

(WW) Euro zone unemployment falls to nine-year low as economy powers ahead

(WW) India's GDP to pick up from this year, says WB as it pegs 7.3% growth in 2018

(CMD) US oil prices hit highest since 2014, but analysts warn of overheated market

(CMD) Global gold prices inch down on higher US treasury yields

(FX) Dollar Hits 6-Week Lows vs. Yen on BoJ Taper Speculation

(FX) Sterling snaps three-day climb, but Brexit hopes support

(FI) Germany's 10-year bond yield at highest since Oct ECB meeting

(ME) World Bank warns of risks against economic growth in MENA in 2018

(GCC) Lenders in GCC set to breathe easier in 2018

(GCC) GCC's spending to lift bond issuance in 2018

(AE) UAE leveraging private sector growth to shape country's future

(AE) New jobs push Dubai private sector growth

(AE) Public Policy Forum to focus on challenges in public-private partnerships

(AE) Dubai's non-oil economy index dips in December

(EG) Egypt's economy to grow by 4.5% in FY 2017/18

(EG) Egypt's president urges to solve structural problems in economic development

(EG) Egypt's inflation drops as economic reforms take effect

(QA) Qatar's investment in Turkey exceeds USD 19bn

(KW) Gulf Bank driving new era of growth in Kuwait

(Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

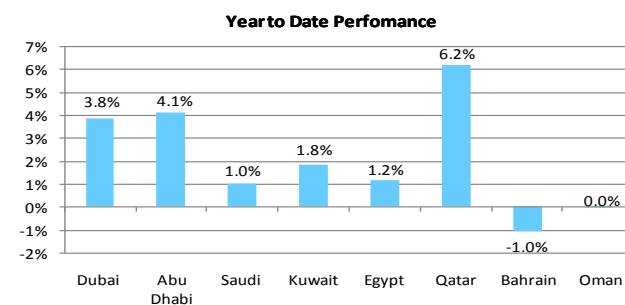
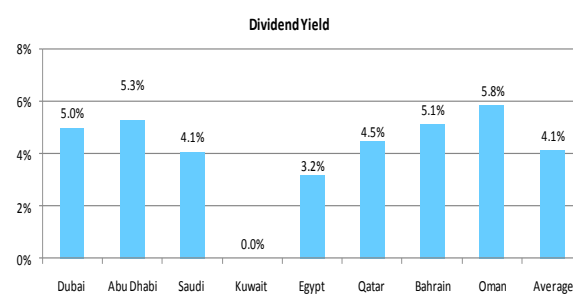
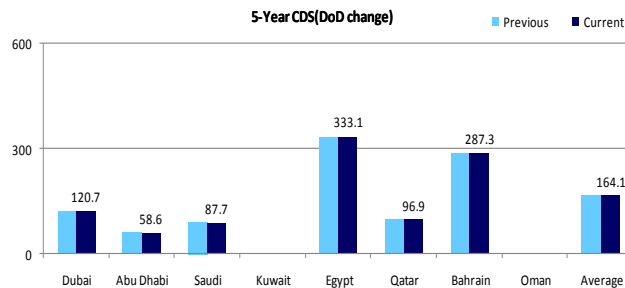
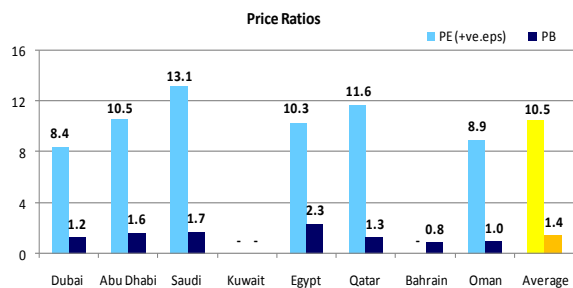
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,499.36	-0.1%	1.0%	3.8%	3.8%	▲	▼	▼
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,579.74	-0.3%	0.7%	4.1%	4.1%	▲	▼	▼
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,300.37	0.1%	0.3%	1.0%	1.0%	▲	▲	▼
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,525.23	0.1%	1.1%	1.8%	1.8%	▲	▼	▼
Egypt (EGX30)	15,192.55	0.2%	2.8%	1.2%	1.2%	▲	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	9,048.17	0.5%	4.8%	6.2%	6.2%	▲	▲	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,317.81	0.2%	0.4%	-1.0%	-1.0%	▲	▲	▼
Oman (MSM30)	5,099.53	-0.1%	-0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	▲	▲	▼

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)	431	281	233	137	123	98	87,536
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	94	80	92	72	36	44	134,623
Saudi (SASEIDX)	159	189	157	771	935	834	453,196
Kuwait (KWSE)	105	76	92	40	52	66	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	250	340	335	136	81	69	23,010
Qatar (DSM)	16	9	9	161	73	67	103,413
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	6	4	4	2	2	2	21,898
Oman (MSM30)	8	15	17	3	12	11	14,328

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	AL RAMZ CORPORATION INVESTMENT	1.50	7.14%	0	225	DUBAI ISLAMIC INSURANCE & REINS	0.86	-1.94%	0	774
	DEYAAR DEVELOPMENT PJSC	0.56	3.51%	0	96,531	ARAMEX PJSC	4.32	-1.14%	0	6,028
	ARABTEC HOLDING PJSC	2.75	3.00%	13,394	36,298	EMAAR PROPERTIES PJSC	7.23	-1.09%	6,852	49,816
	GULF GENERAL INVESTMENT CO PSC	0.41	2.53%	5,310	2,124	UNION PROPERTIES PJSC	1.00	-0.99%	54,769	55,043
	GULF NAVIGATION HOLDING PJSC	1.20	1.69%	581	691	AJMAN BANK PJSC	1.15	-0.86%	929	1,073
Abu Dhabi	ABU DHABI SHIP BUILDING PJSC	2.12	11.58%	5	10	UNITED ARAB BANK PJSC	1.77	-8.76%	2,318	4,300
	RAS AL KHAIMAH CEMENT CO PSC	0.79	6.76%	1,968	1,506	SHARJAH ISLAMIC BANK PJSC	1.42	-6.58%	139	204
	ABU DHABI NATIONAL FOR BUILDING	0.44	2.33%	389	169	GULF CEMENT CO PSC	1.02	-4.67%	14	14
	UNION NATIONAL BANK PJSC	3.90	1.30%	3,431	13,295	INTERNATIONAL HOLDING COMPANY	1.45	-3.33%	1,050	1,549
	SHARJAH CEMENT AND INDUSTRIAL	1.10	0.92%	21	23	BANK OF SHARJAH PJSC	1.20	-3.23%	300	366
Saudi Arabia	RABIGH REFINING AND PETROCHEMIC	18.64	5.43%	6,767	122,896	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEV	9.97	-3.58%	63,565	645,499
	ETIHAD ATHEEB TELECO	6.91	3.75%	1,366	9,268	NORTHERN REGION CEMENT CO SJSC	10.12	-2.69%	564	5,785
	BAAZEEM TRADING COMPANY CJSC	26.70	3.49%	3	82	ABDULMOHSEN AL HOKAIR GROUP	23.60	-2.40%	153	3,654
	ANAAM INTERNATIONAL HOLDING	15.08	3.15%	597	8,863	BUPA ARABIA FOR COOPERATIVE INS	89.70	-2.29%	181	16,456
	NATIONAL PETROCHEMICAL CO SJSC	18.98	2.93%	351	6,565	NAJRAH CEMENT CO SJSC	9.92	-1.98%	1,210	12,126
Kuwait	AMWAL INTERNATIONAL INVEST	38.10	17.59%	7,071	249	WETHAQ TAKAFUL INSURANCE CO	41.50	-17.00%	66	3
	REAL ESTATE TRADE CENTERS CO	31.50	8.25%	47	1	ARABI GROUP HOLDINGS KSCP	68.30	-14.63%	1,457	108
	METAL AND RECYCLING CO KSCP	74.90	7.00%	0	0	AMAR FINANCE AND LEASING CO	43.00	-12.24%	412	19
	WARBA INSURANCE COMPANY KSCP	60.00	6.95%	2	0	IFA HOTELS AND RESORTS CO KSCP	169.00	-8.65%	8	1
	AL-ENMAA REAL ESTATE COMPANY	36.00	5.88%	946	33	KUWAIT AND MIDDLE EAST FINANCIAL	22.00	-7.95%	0	0
Egypt	EL NASR TRANSFORMERS AND ELEC	14.82	7.70%	0	5,746	ORANGE EGYPT FOR TELECO	42.88	-11.00%	20	918
	EGYPTIAN TRANSPORT AND COMMER	13.92	6.02%	1,530	20,691	EL NASR FOR MANUFACTURING AGRI	9.05	-4.23%	6	53
	EGYPTIAN TOURAH PORTLAND CEM	22.72	5.87%	440	9,727	MISR BENI SUEF CEMENT CO SAE	18.68	-3.71%	7	132
	ABU QIR FERTILIZERS & CHEMICAL IND	24.42	5.71%	840	19,960	EGYPTIAN INTERNATIONAL PHARMA	139.00	-3.57%	4	512
	EL NASR CLOTHING AND TEXTILES CO	1.53	4.79%	4,300	6,429	AJWA FOR FOOD INDUSTRIES CO	2.92	-3.31%	285	848
Qatar	UNITED DEVELOPMENT COMPANY	16.20	5.19%	2,002	31,638	AHLI BANK QSC	35.03	-7.82%	3	94
	QATAR CINEMA AND FILM DIST	26.00	4.00%	0	1	QATAR NAVIGATION QPSC	59.50	-2.65%	278	16,773
	AAMAL CO QPSC	9.14	3.75%	2,839	25,480	COMMERCIAL BANK PSQC	28.90	-2.30%	180	5,263
	QATAR GENERAL INSURANCE & REINS	48.48	3.15%	2	86	ALIJARAH HOLDING CO QPSC	11.39	-1.73%	171	1,967
	QATARI INVESTORS GROUP QSC	40.05	2.67%	335	13,259	QATAR ISLAMIC BANK QPSC	97.81	-1.69%	102	10,112

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	81,273	101.60	0.4%	-0.2%	4,014	108,749	105.40	92.00	16	1.9	5.9%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	42,390	17.90	-0.6%	2.3%	667	3,249	18.90	15.75	18	3.7	4.5%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	36,050	67.60	-0.4%	-1.5%	77	1,382	78.90	64.50	14	2.2	5.9%
4	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	33,241	131.00	0.2%	4.0%	294	10,581	157.27	115.01	9	1.6	2.4%
5	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	32,642	11.00	0.0%	7.3%	11,442	34,267	11.55	9.72	12	1.2	4.1%
6	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	29,864	56.00	0.0%	1.6%	404	6,034	58.00	37.00	12	1.8	2.9%
7	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp	SA	29,594	68.30	0.6%	5.7%	2,425	44,171	71.70	61.00	13	2.1	3.3%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	22,820	20.54	-0.3%	-2.5%	949	5,196	26.05	19.65	8	1.1	3.4%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	22,161	26.70	0.8%	6.8%	514	3,735	26.70	18.52	22	2.2	1.4%
10	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	17,287	104.01	2.0%	7.2%	91	2,606	121.60	85.00	24	1.9	3.8%
11	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	16,482	52.90	0.0%	1.5%	324	4,573	57.00	38.50	184	2.4	0.0%
12	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	14,921	760.00	1.2%	4.4%	1,982	5,002	800.00	628.57	15	1.4	3.8%
13	Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	14,491	9.80	0.0%	0.0%	1	2	11.95	1.57	107	7.4	0.0%
14	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	14,448	58.30	-0.7%	-1.4%	353	5,488	75.60	58.00	402	5.3	0.0%
15	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	14,096	7.23	-1.1%	4.2%	6,852	13,489	8.95	6.75	9	1.2	2.1%
16	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	14,026	52.60	-0.6%	-2.2%	695	9,752	78.64	51.80	25	3.7	1.4%
17	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	13,204	24.76	0.7%	5.3%	96	634	27.10	19.80	10	1.1	3.8%
18	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,410	8.20	0.6%	0.0%	208	464	9.00	7.95	6	0.8	4.9%
19	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	11,478	600.00	-0.2%	4.2%	1,706	3,400	650.00	467.00	18	1.9	2.6%
20	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	11,119	27.80	0.7%	3.0%	27	198	28.55	20.05	11	1.3	2.5%
21	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	10,460	7.39	0.8%	8.7%	2,427	4,883	7.68	6.55	9	1.2	5.4%
22	Riyad Bank SJSC	SA	10,287	12.86	0.3%	2.2%	180	618	12.88	10.10	12	1.0	5.1%
23	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,514	29.60	-1.3%	3.9%	158	1,247	33.40	22.10	10	1.1	3.5%
24	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	9,233	12.67	-0.6%	4.9%	361	1,255	16.58	6.19	17	1.1	3.9%
25	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	9,059	60.40	0.8%	0.0%	234	3,773	61.90	52.00	15	2.1	0.0%
26	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,747	6.50	0.2%	5.0%	5,269	9,325	6.56	5.36	9	1.3	6.9%
27	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	8,695	42.20	1.0%	11.8%	790	9,157	45.40	33.32	15	2.5	4.7%
28	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	8,568	8.67	0.7%	-2.6%	188	434	12.05	7.90	51	1.0	5.8%
29	Ooredoo QSC	QA	8,448	96.00	0.5%	5.8%	36	939	116.10	78.00	16	1.4	3.6%
30	Emaar Malls PJSC	AE	7,832	2.21	0.5%	3.8%	1,718	1,033	2.70	2.00	15	1.8	4.5%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			574,841										3.7%

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