

Overview

Regional Markets: MENA markets started the week on a negative note as five out of the eight indexes closed in red, while the remaining two closed in green and one remained unchanged for the day. Although the markets were subdued, sentiments continue to remain upbeat as investors are hopeful about a recovery in the regional markets on the back of an improved economic outlook for the year 2018. The earnings releases for the year 2017 is also something the investors are closely monitoring to gauge the performance and accordingly position themselves in the current market. For the day, UAE markets ended on a negative note, continuing the weakness from the previous week as Dubai and Abu Dhabi were both down by 0.1% and 0.3% respectively during the session. The market breadth in Dubai was skewed toward losers as 19 stocks declined compared to 10 advancers, while 9 remained unchanged for the day. Saudi Arabia closed on a positive note as the index rebounded during the second half of the trading session to close in green. Qatar closed on a negative note as it was down by 0.5% for the day, giving away the gains recorded in the previous week. Kuwait ended lower as the index was down by 0.3% for the day, a marginal pull back after rising in the previous week. Egypt was the best performing as it was up by 0.9% for the day, recovering the losses recorded in the previous week. Bahrain remained unchanged, while Oman was down by 0.3% for the day.

International Markets: At the time of writing this report, Asian markets have opened on a marginally negative note as Nikkei, Hang Seng and Shanghai are down by 0.03%, 0.04% and 0.5% respectively.

Headlines

(WW) Robust imports slow US economic growth in fourth quarter

(WW) US economy grew at solid 2.6% rate in Q4

(WW) China's urban-registered jobless rate falls to 15-year low in 2017

(WW) China's 2017 industrial profits post fastest growth in 6 years

(WW) UK economy unexpectedly picks up speed but Brexit effect felt

(WW) Japan's central bank in uneasy spot as inflation lags robust economy

(WW) Canada annual inflation cools in Dec as gasoline prices drop

(WW) Moody's lifts Russian sovereign outlook to positive from stable

(CMD) Oil settles higher, posts weekly gain as weak dollar underpins

(CMD) Gold inches back towards 17-month peak as dollar moves lower

(FX) Dollar slips, on track for worst weekly fall since June

(FX) Sterling climbs, records best run versus dollar since 2012

(FI) US yields rise on GDP data, BoJ inflation comments

(GCC) Some GCC states may double VAT rate to 10% to boost revenue

(GCC) GCC banks improve profits on lower costs and provisions

(GCC) UAE, Saudi business confidence dips

(SA) Saudi Arabia's economy depends more on policy than oil

(SA) Saudi corruption purge winds down but scars will linger

(SA) Saudi reform has construction sector deeply interested

(SA) Saudi foreign reserves rise for third straight month

(AE) Ministry of economy supports innovation, entrepreneurship, future economies

(EG) Egypt's food industry capable of doubling exports

(EG) Egypt to pour new housing into seemingly sated market

(QA) Qatar emerges as a key trading partner of Oman

(QA) Qatar trade surplus jumps by 39%

(Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

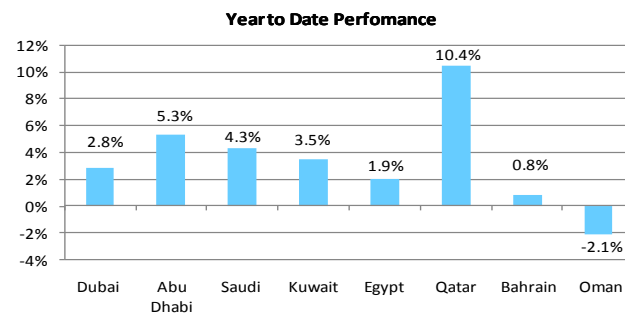
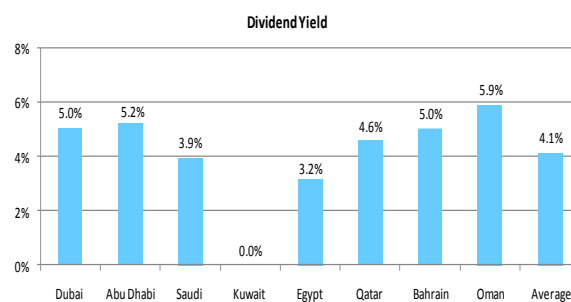
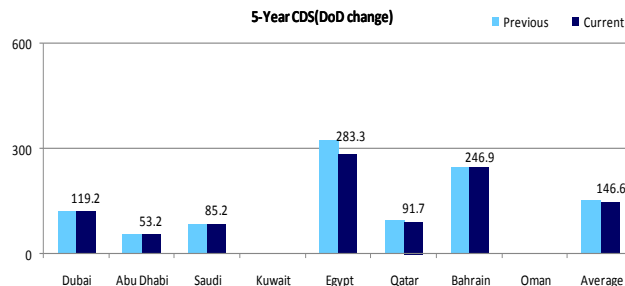
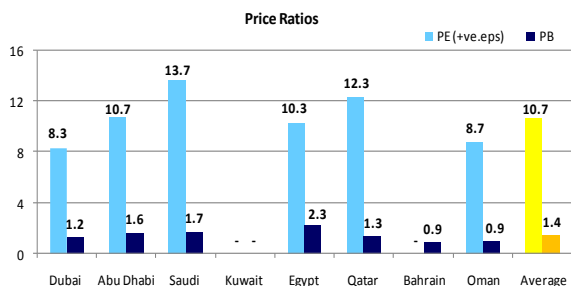
MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,464.14	-0.1%	-0.1%	2.8%	2.8%	^	v	v
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,631.86	-0.3%	-0.3%	5.3%	5.3%	^	^	v
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,538.38	0.2%	0.2%	4.3%	4.3%	^	^	^
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,629.11	-0.3%	-0.3%	3.5%	3.5%	^	^	v
Egypt (EGX30)	15,311.15	0.9%	0.9%	1.9%	1.9%	^	^	^
Qatar (DSM)	9,411.53	-0.5%	-0.5%	10.4%	10.4%	^	^	v
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,342.32	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	^	^	v
Oman (MSM30)	4,991.38	-0.3%	-0.3%	-2.1%	-2.1%	v	v	v

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)	113	251	233	46	115	98	87,543
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	47	78	92	20	38	43	135,965
Saudi (SASEIDX)	182	198	163	902	964	851	471,371
Kuwait (KWSE)	106	87	94	47	51	60	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	258	313	332	97	83	73	23,239
Qatar (DSM)	9	11	10	55	88	69	109,648
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	29	5	4	15	2	2	22,288
Oman (MSM30)	11	15	17	5	12	10	14,052

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	TAKAFUL EMARAT INSURANCE PJSC	1.88	3.72%	0	17	AL SALAM BANK SUDAN PLC	1.90	-3.16%	0	97
	DAMAC PROPERTIES DUBAI CO PSC	3.32	1.81%	0	1,424	NATIONAL CENTRAL COOLING CO PJSC	1.90	-2.11%	0	2,629
	EMAAR DEVELOPMENT PJSC	5.66	1.59%	328	1,842	ARABTEC HOLDING PJSC	2.66	-1.88%	906	2,434
	DEYAAR DEVELOPMENT PJSC	0.57	0.70%	8,367	4,761	GULF NAVIGATION HOLDING PJSC	1.07	-1.87%	678	732
	AMANAT HOLDINGS PJSC	1.50	0.67%	16,536	24,721	DXB ENTERTAINMENTS PJSC	0.65	-1.84%	10,710	7,049
Abu Dhabi	NATIONAL BANK OF UMM AL QAIWAI	2.70	10.00%	40	103	RAS AL KHAIMAH CEMENT CO PSC	0.77	-3.90%	8	6
	ABU DHABI NATIONAL ENERGY CO	0.55	3.64%	7	4	RAS AL KHAIMAH FOR WHITE CEMENT	0.91	-2.20%	100	92
	GULF CEMENT CO PSC	1.07	1.87%	90	95	WAHA CAPITAL PJSC	2.17	-1.84%	1,106	2,422
	SHARIAH CEMENT AND INDUSTRIAL	1.08	1.85%	8	8	AGTHIA GROUP PJSC	4.45	-1.12%	41	185
	MANAZEL REAL ESTATE PJSC	0.59	1.69%	23,324	13,646	UNION NATIONAL BANK PJSC	4.09	-0.98%	479	1,970
Saudi Arabia	KINGDOM HOLDING CO	9.13	9.97%	1,942	16,931	METLIFE AIG ANB COOPERATIVE INS	14.36	-9.89%	975	14,770
	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEV	9.43	9.65%	77,705	700,512	AL KATHIRI HOLDING CO	21.90	-4.11%	7	164
	FAWAZ ABDULAZIZ ALHOKAIR CO SJSC	28.75	6.78%	1,540	42,856	MOUWASAT MEDICAL SERVICES CO	169.80	-3.77%	8	1,344
	ARABIAN SHIELD COOPERATIVE INS	43.80	5.02%	446	19,058	SAUDI BASIC INDUSTRIES CORP	108.80	-2.76%	5,143	567,488
	BAWAN CO SJSC	17.54	3.65%	890	15,331	ABDULLAH SAAD MOHAMMED ABO M	12.12	-1.82%	30	369
Kuwait	FIRST TAKAFUL INSURANCE CO KPSC	57.50	12.87%	10	1	JIYAD HOLDING CO KSCP	127.00	-19.69%	5,715	815
	UNITED REAL ESTATE COMPANY SAKP	71.00	9.86%	2	0	CREDIT RATING AND COLLECTION CO	29.00	-13.79%	0	0
	AL SALAM GROUP HOLDING CO KSCP	40.30	8.68%	4,541	176	KUWAIT AND GULF LINK TRANSPORT	129.00	-9.30%	4,516	612
	INJAZZAT REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT	86.00	8.14%	85	7	MUNSHAAT REAL ESTATE PROJECTS	92.00	-6.30%	756	72
	YIACO MEDICAL COMPANY KPSC	150.00	6.67%	0	0	OSOUL INVESTMENT CO KSCP	53.00	-5.66%	30	2
Egypt	CAIRO NATIONAL CO FOR INVEST	4.25	9.88%	0	85	AL ARAFA FOR INVESTMENT AND CON	0.22	-4.55%	10	2
	DELTA CO FOR PRINTING AND PACK	8.51	9.87%	5	41	CAIRO FOR HOUSING AND DEVELOPM	18.85	-4.51%	2	39
	AL EZZ DEKHEILA STEEL COMPANY	803.83	9.86%	7	5,554	PRIME HOLDING FOR FINANCIAL INVS	4.70	-4.04%	8	39
	EL AHRAH CO FOR PRINTING	5.03	7.36%	641	3,115	GB AUTO SAE	5.23	-4.02%	971	5,183
	REMCO TOURISM VILLAGES CONST	4.08	6.62%	7,693	30,414	EZZ STEEL CO SAE	24.15	-3.60%	545	13,406
Qatar	ZAD HOLDING CO SAQ	73.00	9.51%	1	79	QATARI INVESTORS GROUP QSC	37.05	-3.91%	200	7,568
	QATAR NATIONAL CEMENT CO QSC	66.00	4.86%	87	5,592	QATAR NATIONAL BANK QPSC	139.89	-2.57%	58	8,195
	GULF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES QSC	19.80	3.64%	1,408	27,380	ISLAMIC HOLDING GROUP QPSC	32.50	-1.54%	45	1,478
	DOHA INSURANCE CO QSC	13.02	3.53%	5	62	QATARI GERMAN COMPANY FOR MED	6.49	-1.39%	29	186
	QATAR FUEL CO QSC	115.00	2.61%	81	9,236	SALAM INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT	7.30	-1.37%	115	842

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	84,640	105.80	-2.8%	3.9%	5,143	145,093	109.00	94.25	17	2.0	5.7%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	42,621	18.00	0.0%	2.9%	292	1,429	18.85	15.75	18	3.7	4.4%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	38,987	73.10	2.0%	6.6%	1,034	20,163	78.90	64.50	15	2.4	5.5%
4	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	34,586	136.30	-2.6%	8.2%	58	2,165	157.10	115.01	10	1.6	4.4%
5	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	33,082	11.15	-0.9%	8.8%	2,397	7,276	11.55	9.72	13	1.2	4.0%
6	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp Ltd	SA	30,983	71.50	1.1%	10.7%	2,772	52,841	71.70	61.00	13	2.2	3.1%
7	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	30,933	58.00	-0.2%	5.3%	546	8,451	58.40	37.00	12	1.9	2.8%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	23,088	20.78	0.7%	-1.3%	755	4,181	26.05	19.76	9	1.1	3.4%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	22,344	26.92	-0.3%	7.7%	41	301	27.00	18.80	22	2.3	1.4%
10	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	18,939	113.95	0.4%	17.5%	36	1,128	121.60	85.00	27	2.1	3.5%
11	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	17,356	55.70	-0.5%	6.9%	164	2,431	57.00	39.00	194	2.5	0.0%
12	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	15,144	767.00	-0.6%	5.4%	677	1,734	800.00	640.00	15	1.4	3.9%
13	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	14,771	59.60	-0.5%	0.8%	224	3,557	75.60	58.00	411	5.4	0.0%
14	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	14,080	52.80	0.2%	-1.9%	364	5,131	78.64	51.80	25	3.6	1.4%
15	Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	14,046	9.50	0.0%	-3.1%	1	1	11.95	3.13	73	7.1	0.0%
16	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	13,760	25.80	0.2%	9.7%	470	3,231	27.10	19.80	11	1.2	3.7%
17	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	13,334	6.84	-0.4%	4.6%	826	1,539	8.43	6.36	8	1.1	2.2%
18	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,862	8.50	-0.2%	3.7%	184	425	8.88	7.95	6	0.8	4.7%
19	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	11,601	603.00	-1.3%	4.7%	6,458	13,008	650.00	467.00	18	1.9	2.6%
20	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	11,500	28.75	-0.7%	6.5%	174	1,334	31.00	20.05	11	1.3	2.4%
21	Riyad Bank SJSC	SA	10,912	13.64	0.1%	8.4%	376	1,367	14.18	10.10	13	1.1	4.8%
22	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	10,615	7.50	0.0%	10.3%	1,948	3,978	7.60	6.55	10	1.2	5.3%
23	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	9,922	10.04	10.0%	12.8%	1,942	5,200	12.05	7.90	59	1.2	5.0%
24	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,643	30.00	0.3%	5.3%	141	1,131	33.40	22.75	10	1.1	3.5%
25	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	9,600	64.00	0.2%	0.0%	651	11,117	65.30	52.00	16	2.3	0.0%
26	Ooredoo QSC	QA	8,841	100.47	0.5%	10.7%	9	254	116.10	78.00	17	1.4	3.5%
27	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,733	6.49	0.0%	4.8%	3,479	6,148	6.63	5.36	8	1.2	6.9%
28	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	8,629	41.88	-0.1%	10.9%	131	1,505	45.40	33.32	15	2.4	4.8%
29	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	8,395	11.52	-1.1%	-4.6%	256	811	16.30	6.19	18	1.0	0.0%
30	Emaar Malls PJSC	AE	8,362	2.36	-0.8%	10.8%	3,024	1,943	2.70	2.00	16	1.9	4.2%
Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield			592,309										3.7%

Data Source: Thomson Reuters

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