

## Overview

**Regional Markets:** MENA markets ended the trading session on a positive note as six out of the eight indexes ended in green, while two ended in red for the day. The sentiments within the region remains positive as investors are continuing to buy into quality stocks with strong and sustainable business models, which will be further supported by expansionary budgets and expected recovery in the regional economies. Further, the stability in oil prices is also boosting the sentiments across the region as it will help in fiscal consolidation, which remains a key criteria for the region. For the day, Kuwait was the best performing index as it was up by 0.7%, which helped the index in recovering the losses of 0.3% recorded in the previous session. Saudi Arabia also ended in green as it was up by 0.4% for the day, the second consecutive sessions of gains during the week. The index was supported by buying interest in energy and banking sector stocks as they were up by 0.4% and 0.6% respectively for the day. UAE markets continued the downward pressure as both Dubai and Abu Dhabi were down by 0.3% and 0.1% respectively for the day. UAE markets have extended the losses during the past two sessions, continuing the weakness from the previous week. Egypt closed on a positive note as it was up by 0.4% for the day, extending the gains to 1.3% in the past two sessions. Qatar also closed in green as it was up by 0.4% for the day. Bahrain and Oman were up by 0.2% each for the day, in line with the sentiments seen in the regional peers.

**International Markets:** US markets were under pressure as DJIA, Nasdaq and S&P were all down by 0.7%, 0.5% and 0.7% respectively for the day. European markets closed lower as DAX and CAC were down by 0.1% each, while FTSE was up by 0.1% 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 1.5%, 0.8% and 0.7% respectively.

## Headlines

(WW) US economy seen to generate more consistent momentum going into 2018  
 (WW) US lawmakers at NAFTA talks express optimism about modernizing trade pact  
 (WW) China's economy starts 2018 on solid trajectory  
 (WW) China to consider shadow banking in macro-prudential review  
 (WW) UK risks higher energy prices, supply shortages from Brexit  
 (WW) UK economy unexpectedly picks up speed but Brexit effect felt  
 (WW) Japan spending slips in December  
 (WW) India expects to regain pole position as fastest-growing major economy  
 (CMD) Oil dips as North American output soars; overall market remains strong  
 (CMD) Gold dips as US dollar, equities strengthen  
 (FX) Dollar rises after six weeks of losses  
 (FX) Sterling falls slightly as investors cash in on strong gains last week  
 (FI) US treasury yields rise to multi-year highs

(SA) Saudi banks provide USD 381bn funding to private sector  
 (SA) Saudi short-term economic prospects do not look brilliant  
 (SA) Saudi leading job, salary growth in the region  
 (SA) Saudi Arabia investment authority streamlines business licensing process  
 (AE) UAE MoE organizes high-level delegation to Malaysia and Singapore  
 (AE) Dubai to bring in new fees related to innovation, govt services  
 (EG) Egypt sees growth for FY 2018-19 at 5.8%  
 (EG) Egypt's parliament passes bankruptcy law to spur investment  
 (EG) Egypt signs 3rd tranche of budget support loan with African Development Bank  
 (KW) Kuwait cabinet approves budget with huge shortfall  
 (KW) USD 1.3bn drop in remittances seen once permanent ban to Kuwait takes effect  
 (OM) Temporary employment ban on expats to lift consumption, lower unemployment  
 (Source: Thomson Reuters, Bloomberg)

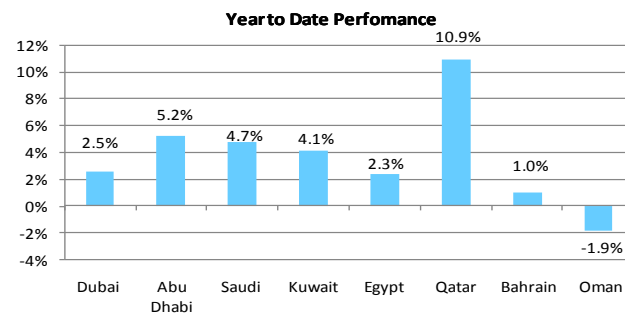
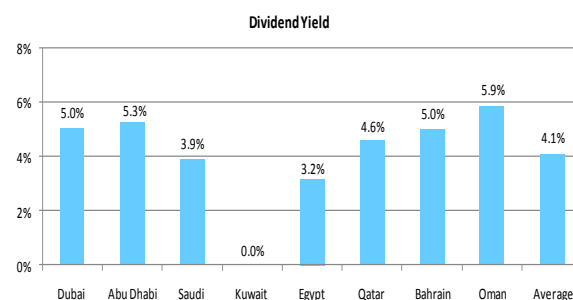
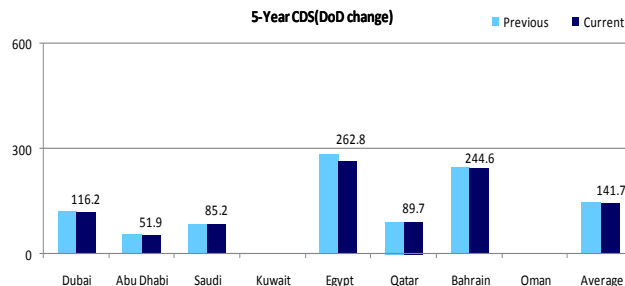
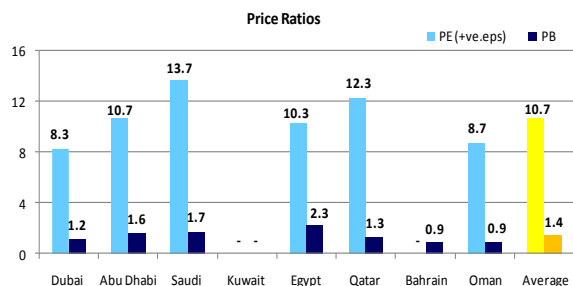
## MENA Markets

Index	Last	DoD (%)	WTD (%)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	ST Trend *	MT Trend *	LT Trend *
Dubai (DFMGI)	3,455.24	-0.3%	-0.4%	2.5%	2.5%	▲	▼	▼
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	4,626.42	-0.1%	-0.4%	5.2%	5.2%	▲	▲	▼
Saudi (SASEIDX)	7,568.36	0.4%	0.6%	4.7%	4.7%	▲	▲	▲
Kuwait (KWSE)	6,672.95	0.7%	0.3%	4.1%	4.1%	▲	▲	▼
Egypt (EGX30)	15,369.13	0.4%	1.3%	2.3%	2.3%	▲	▲	▲
Qatar (DSM)	9,450.07	0.4%	-0.1%	10.9%	10.9%	▲	▲	▼
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	1,344.54	0.2%	0.2%	1.0%	1.0%	▲	▲	▼
Oman (MSM30)	5,002.69	0.2%	-0.1%	-1.9%	-1.9%	▼	▼	▼

## 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)	232	253	233	87	115	98	87,264
Abu Dhabi (ADSMI)	70	79	91	35	38	43	135,627
Saudi (SASEIDX)	274	200	164	1,265	970	855	473,407
Kuwait (KWSE)	135	88	94	61	51	60	75,578
Egypt (EGX30)	273	309	331	155	84	74	23,239
Qatar (DSM)	6	11	10	47	88	69	109,560
Bahrain (BHSEIDX)	9	5	4	3	2	2	22,327
Oman (MSM30)	12	15	17	5	11	10	14,024

## 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	DUBAI FINANCIAL MARKET PJSC	1.13	1.80%	0	4,123	DRAKE AND SCULL INTERNATIONAL	2.11	-3.21%	0	9,007
	DXB ENTERTAINMENTS PJSC	0.65	1.25%	0	7,933	DUBAI ISLAMIC INSURANCE & REINS	0.81	-2.41%	0	1,035
	AJMAN BANK PJSC	1.13	0.89%	1,147	1,290	DAR AL TAKAFUL PJSC	0.92	-1.92%	320	297
	EMAAR MALLS PJSC	2.38	0.85%	2,535	6,007	SHUAA CAPITAL PSC	1.14	-1.72%	974	1,121
	ARABTEC HOLDING PJSC	2.63	0.77%	1,902	4,984	AL SALAM BANK SUDAN PLC	1.81	-1.63%	51	93
Abu Dhabi	RAS AL KHAIMAH CERAMICS PSC	2.85	3.64%	1	2	AL QUDRA HOLDING PJSC	1.10	-8.33%	1,886	2,168
	RAS AL KHAIMAH CEMENT CO PSC	0.75	1.35%	249	185	UNION CEMENT CO PSC	1.51	-5.03%	103	160
	ARKAN BUILDING MATERIALS CO PJSC	0.79	1.28%	857	672	GULF CEMENT CO PSC	1.05	-3.67%	125	134
	BANK OF SHARJAH PJSC	1.19	0.85%	247	292	ABU DHABI NATIONAL FOR BUILDING	0.53	-3.64%	50	27
	NATIONAL BANK OF UMM AL QAIWAI	2.99	0.67%	25	75	AL KHAZNA INSURANCE COMPANY	0.27	-3.57%	55	15
Saudi Arabia	TOURISM ENTERPRISES CO SJSC	30.55	7.95%	1,326	39,017	METLIFE AIG ANB COOPERATIVE INS	11.66	-9.89%	1,913	23,529
	SALAMA COOPERATIVE INSURANCE	29.90	4.55%	679	19,861	SOLIDARITY SAUDI TAKAFUL CO JSC	22.96	-6.29%	2,334	55,397
	SAUDI KAYAN PETROCHEMICAL CO	12.20	3.04%	21,654	260,287	ALLIANZ SAUDI FRANSI COOPERATIVE	34.25	-4.99%	607	21,326
	SAUDI REAL ESTATE CO SJSC	23.46	2.99%	125	2,896	ALINMA TOKIO MARINE CO SJSC	22.82	-4.12%	342	7,977
	NATIONAL AGRICULTURE MARKETING	30.10	2.56%	1,318	39,189	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEVELOP	9.97	-3.58%	128,608	1,306,018
Kuwait	YIACO MEDICAL COMPANY KPSC	192.00	20.00%	2	0	HILAL CEMENT CO KSCP	100.00	-20.00%	19	2
	REAL ESTATE ASSET MANAGEMENT	714.00	20.00%	0	0	WARBA INSURANCE COMPANY KSCP	57.00	-18.34%	1	0
	KUWAIT CABLE VISION COMPANY	29.50	18.00%	5	0	SANAM REAL ESTATE COMPANY KSCP	30.00	-14.29%	5	0
	CREDIT RATING AND COLLECTION CO	28.00	12.00%	0	0	KUWAIT BAHRAIN INTERNATIONAL EX	90.00	-10.00%	0	0
	AMWAL INTERNATIONAL INVESTMEN	61.50	10.81%	2,023	118	JIYAD HOLDING CO KSCP	93.00	-8.82%	7,437	725
Egypt	ALEXANDRIA MEDICAL SERVICES CO	18.33	9.04%	0	883	EL NASR TRANSFORMERS AND ELECT	15.82	-9.03%	164	2,723
	INTERNATIONAL CO FOR AGRICULTUR	2.51	7.73%	2,098	5,077	SABAA INTERNATIONAL COMPANY	5.48	-8.67%	413	2,369
	ABU QIR FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICAL	28.16	7.03%	879	23,934	GRAND CAPITAL FOR FINANCIAL INVST	3.98	-6.79%	9	38
	HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT BANK	51.77	5.07%	260	13,154	RAYA CONTACT CENTER CO	13.55	-6.55%	36	498
	EGYPT ALUMINUM CO SAE	68.57	4.96%	828	55,453	SOUHAG NATIONAL COMPANY FOOD	46.51	-6.36%	35	1,678
Qatar	QATAR OMAN INVESTMENT CO QSC	8.10	4.25%	2	18	ZAD HOLDING CO SAQ	77.00	-3.68%	0	16
	QATAR GENERAL INSURANCE & REINS	47.50	3.94%	0	14	GULF INTERNATIONAL SERVICES QSC	20.00	-2.53%	465	9,430
	QATAR GAS TRANSPORT CO LTD	18.83	3.75%	382	7,066	VODAFONE QATAR QSC	7.15	-2.05%	707	5,111
	EZDAN HOLDING GROUP QSC	11.89	3.21%	475	5,557	QATARI INVESTORS GROUP QSC	34.90	-1.97%	36	1,279
	QATAR NATIONAL BANK QPSC	139.50	2.35%	182	25,082	WIDAM FOOD CO QSC	73.00	-1.88%	77	5,707

## 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	85,115	106.40	0.6%	4.5%	5,946	168,701	109.00	94.25	17	2.0	5.6%
2	Emirates Telecommunications Group Co	AE	42,621	18.00	0.0%	2.9%	919	4,502	18.85	15.75	18	3.7	4.4%
3	Saudi Telecom Company SJSC	SA	38,878	72.90	-0.3%	6.3%	217	4,221	78.90	64.50	15	2.4	5.5%
4	Qatar National Bank QPSC	QA	35,398	139.50	2.3%	10.7%	182	6,970	157.10	115.01	10	1.7	4.3%
5	First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	AE	33,082	11.15	0.0%	8.8%	1,149	3,488	11.55	9.72	13	1.2	4.0%
6	Al Rajhi Banking & Investment Corp Ltd	SA	31,285	72.20	1.0%	11.8%	2,945	56,694	72.30	61.00	13	2.2	3.1%
7	National Commercial Bank SJSC	SA	30,878	57.90	-0.2%	5.1%	426	6,570	58.40	37.00	12	1.9	2.8%
8	Saudi Electricity Company SJSC	SA	23,087	20.78	0.0%	-1.3%	492	2,724	26.05	19.76	9	1.1	3.4%
9	DP World Ltd	AE	22,418	27.01	0.3%	8.0%	427	3,142	27.01	18.80	22	2.3	1.4%
10	Industries Qatar QSC	QA	18,948	114.00	0.0%	17.5%	95	2,969	121.60	85.00	27	2.1	3.5%
11	Saudi Arabian Mining Co SJSC	SA	17,355	55.70	0.0%	6.9%	116	1,730	57.00	39.00	194	2.5	0.0%
12	National Bank of Kuwait SAKP	KW	15,023	760.00	-0.9%	4.4%	2,170	5,507	800.00	640.00	14	1.4	3.9%
13	Jabal Omar Development Co SJSC	SA	15,018	60.60	1.7%	2.5%	607	9,808	75.60	58.00	418	5.5	0.0%
14	Almarai Co SJSC	SA	14,133	53.00	0.4%	-1.5%	403	5,698	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	3.34	73	7.1	0.0%
16	Samba Financial Group SJSC	SA	13,786	25.85	0.2%	9.9%	389	2,684	27.10	19.80	11	1.2	3.7%
17	Emaar Properties PJSC	AE	13,139	6.74	-1.5%	3.1%	8,450	15,509	8.43	6.36	8	1.1	2.2%
18	Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	AE	12,786	8.45	-0.6%	3.0%	286	658	8.88	7.95	6	0.8	4.7%
19	Saudi British Bank SJSC	SA	11,599	29.00	0.9%	7.4%	698	5,398	31.00	20.05	11	1.3	2.4%
20	Kuwait Finance House KSCP	KW	11,576	601.00	-0.3%	4.3%	8,420	16,900	650.00	467.00	18	1.9	2.6%
21	Riyad Bank SJSC	SA	11,007	13.76	0.9%	9.4%	190	696	14.18	10.10	13	1.1	4.7%
22	Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJSC	AE	10,601	7.49	-0.1%	10.1%	4,958	10,111	7.60	6.55	10	1.2	0.0%
23	Kingdom Holding Co	SA	10,159	10.28	2.4%	15.5%	3,053	8,369	12.05	7.90	60	1.2	4.9%
24	Yanbu National Petrochemicals Co SJSC	SA	9,659	64.40	0.6%	9.2%	431	7,397	65.30	52.00	16	2.3	4.7%
25	Banque Saudi Fransi SJSC	SA	9,642	30.00	0.0%	0.0%	497	3,978	33.40	22.75	10	1.1	0.0%
26	Ooredoo QSC	QA	8,791	99.90	-0.6%	10.1%	71	1,955	116.10	78.00	17	1.4	3.5%
27	Dubai Islamic Bank PJSC	AE	8,787	6.53	0.6%	5.5%	4,855	8,633	6.63	5.36	8	1.2	6.9%
28	Ezdan Holding Group QSC	QA	8,664	11.89	3.2%	-1.6%	475	1,551	16.30	6.19	19	1.0	0.0%
29	Masraf Al Rayan QPSC	QA	8,613	41.80	-0.2%	10.7%	313	3,598	45.40	33.32	15	2.4	4.8%
30	Emaar Malls PJSC	AE	8,433	2.38	0.8%	11.7%	2,535	1,643	2.70	2.00	16	1.9	4.2%
<b>Total M-Cap; W. Avg Yield</b>			<b>594,528</b>										<b>3.6%</b>

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