

US Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
DJIA	16,204.97	-261.33	-1.59%	-7.00%
S&P 500	1,880.05	-60.19	-3.10%	-8.02%
NASDAQ Composite	4,363.14	-250.81	-5.44%	-12.87%

Europe Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
UK - FTSE 100	5,848.06	-235.73	-3.87%	-6.32%
Eurozone - STOXX 50	2,749.00	-153.41	-5.29%	-11.33%
France - CAC 40	4,200.67	-216.35	-4.90%	-9.41%
Germany - DAX	9,286.23	-511.88	-5.22%	-13.56%
Netherlands - AEX	413.94	-17.34	-4.02%	-6.31%
Switzerland - SMI	7,960.13	-359.68	-4.32%	-9.73%

BRICS Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Brazil - Ibovespa	40,592.09	+186.10	0.46%	-6.36%
Russia - MICEX	1,780.59	-4.33	-0.24%	1.09%
India - SENSEX	24,616.97	-253.72	-1.02%	-5.75%
China - Shanghai	2,763.49	+25.89	0.95%	-21.92%
South Africa - JSE Africa	49,753.29	+611.35	1.24%	-1.86%

Asia-Pacific Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Japan - Nikkei 225	16,819.59	-698.71	-3.99%	-11.63%
Hong Kong - Hang Seng	19,288.17	-394.94	-2.01%	-11.98%
South Korea - KOSPI	1,917.79	+5.73	0.30%	-2.22%
Australia - ASX 200	4,976.18	-29.35	-0.59%	-6.04%

Commodities	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Gold Spot	1,173.40	+55.19	4.94%	10.58%
Silver Spot	15.01	0.75	5.26%	8.39%
Platinum Spot	911.60	40.15	4.61%	2.25%
Palladium Spot	501.85	2.40	0.48%	-10.86%
Crude Oil (WTI)	30.89	-2.73	-8.12%	-16.60%
Crude Oil (Brent)	34.06	-.68	-1.96%	-8.64%
Baltic Dry Ind	297.00	-20.00	-6.31%	-37.87%

Money Markets	Closing	Net Change (5-D)	Net Change (6-M)	Net Change (YTD)
3M Libor	0.620	0.007	0.309	0.007
12M Libor	1.136	(0.004)	0.304	(0.043)
3M Euribor	(0.167)	(0.005)	(0.143)	(0.036)
12M Euribor	(0.002)	(0.017)	(0.165)	(0.062)
10Y US	1.836	(0.085)	(0.434)	(0.434)
10Y UK	1.559	(0.001)	(0.417)	(0.401)
10Y Germany	0.296	(0.029)	(0.458)	(0.333)
10Y Japan	0.027	(0.073)	(0.374)	(0.238)
10Y India	7.821	0.038	(0.016)	0.060

Currencies	Closing	Closing
GBP/USD	1.450	EUR/USD 1.116
USD/JPY	116.870	AUD/USD 0.707
USD/CHF	0.991	EUR/AED 4.098
USD/INR	67.654	EUR/INR 75.771
USD/CNY	6.574	EUR/CHF 1.105
USD/RUB	77.537	AED/INR 18.475

Source: Bloomberg

International Market News Update

The unemployment rate in the US touched 4.9% during January 2016. This is the lowest rate of unemployment for the country since February 2008. This has rekindled expectations that the US Federal Reserve might be raising benchmark interest rates in 2016. Stock markets in the US fell sharply last week as investors remained confused about the direction that the US Federal Reserve intends to take in 2016. The NASDAQ Composite last week fell to 4350.375, which is its lowest level since 20th October 2014. The yield on the country's 10-year government bond fell to 1.7916% last week, which is its lowest level since 6th February 2015. The yield on the country's 2-year government bond fell to 0.6747% last week, which is its lowest level since 29th October 2015. The spread between the 2-year and 10-year government bonds is at its lowest level since January 2008. Data released last week showed that services industries, which represent over 90% of the country's economy, have begun to show signs of slowing growth due to the strong USD and poor global demand.

Stock markets in Europe fell sharply last week as earnings reported by companies based in the 19-member Eurozone region for the October – December 2015 quarter were lower than expected. The European Commission last week cut its prediction of economic growth for 2016. The euro strengthened to 1.1246 against the USD last week, which is its strongest level since 22nd October 2015. The yield on Germany's 2-year government bond fell to an all-time low of -0.502% last week. Unemployment in the Eurozone fell by 0.1% during January 2016 to 10.4%. This is the 15th consecutive monthly decline in the unemployment rate.

China's foreign-exchange reserves fell to USD 3.23 trillion in January 2016. The reserves are now at their lowest level since August 2012 and have been falling as the Chinese central bank has been defending the Chinese yuan. The Indian rupee touched USD 68.26 against the USD last week, which is its lowest level since 5th September 2013.

Commodity in Focus

The price of gold touched USD 1174.69 last week, which is its highest level since 29th October 2015. The price of gold had touched USD 1046.44 in December 2015 as the US Federal Reserve had been planning further interest rate hikes in 2016. Since then, the price of gold has risen by around 12.26%, as investors now anticipate no further interest rate hikes in the US in 2016 as economic growth slows down in the country.

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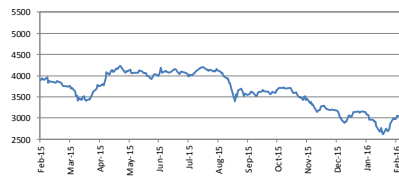
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Key Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Dubai - DFM	3,037.33	+39.56	1.32%	-3.61%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	4,103.27	+48.90	1.21%	-4.74%
Saudi Arabia - TASI	5,895.79	-100.78	-1.68%	-14.70%
Qatar - QE	9,620.57	+139.27	1.47%	-7.75%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,176.82	-10.28	-0.87%	-3.21%
Oman - MSM 30	5,298.60	+119.24	2.30%	-1.99%
Kuwait	5,206.83	+92.31	1.80%	-7.27%

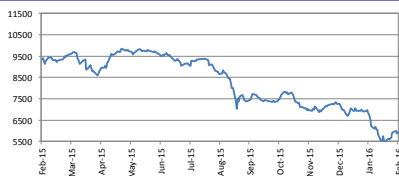
Dubai - DFM 52-Week Performance



Abu Dhabi - ADX 52-Week Performance



Saudi - TASI 52-Week Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Middle East Market News Update

Stock markets in the UAE, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar rose last week as Brent crude oil had risen to touch USD 36.25, which is its highest level since 7th January 2016. But sentiments over the price of crude oil still remain poor. Investors though remain on a cautious hunt for buying stocks in the region that have attractive valuations and give dividend yield.

En Bref..... Biggest Market News

Iran begins export of pistachio nuts. Will it be able to shake the existing market?

The 2nd largest export from Iran is currently pistachio nuts. When sanctions that have been imposed by Europe and the US end completely, Iran will become the world's largest pistachio nuts grower; just ahead of the US. In the US, the state of California is the biggest producer of pistachio nuts. Pistachio production in California hit over 550 million pounds in 2015, which is more than triple the production in 2005. Once Iran is able to grow at its maximum capacity, it would be strong enough to be able to disrupt the dynamics of the existing market. The exports of these nuts are expected to bring in revenue of USD 1.3 billion in 2016 for Iran.

The biggest exports of pistachio nuts will take place through Dubai and so, existing trading firms based in the city intend to benefit most from the increased exports. The largest direct buyers of pistachio nuts are currently India, China and Turkey. The biggest challenge still remains that a lot of land that is growing pistachio nuts currently in Iran is affected by aflatoxin, a toxic chemical caused by fungus.

Events in the week ahead

- 9 February – Germany industrial production and trade data is released.
- 10 February - UK industrial production and trade data is released.
- 12 February – European Union GDP data is released.

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Bond maturing in 2020 with a coupon of 8.75% per annum, paid semi-annually.

Facts and Figures

Issuer Name: Novelis Inc.

(Novelis Inc. is an industrial aluminum company, headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, United States. The company was acquired by India's Hindalco Industries in 2007.)

Industry: Containers and Packaging

Maturity Date: 15th December 2020

Current indicative yield: 11.5%

Currency: USD

12-month Performance

