

US Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
DJIA	17,137.36	+57.79	0.34%	3.38%
S&P 500	2,007.71	+10.97	0.55%	8.62%
NASDAQ	4,582.90	+25.21	0.55%	9.73%

Europe Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
STOXX 50	3,094.15	+49.66	1.63%	5.99%
FTSE 100	6,855.10	+35.35	0.52%	1.57%
CAC 40	4,486.49	+105.45	2.41%	4.44%
DAX	9,747.02	+276.85	2.92%	2.04%

BRICS Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Ibovespa	60,681.98	-606.17	-0.99%	17.81%
MICEX	1,474.71	+74.00	5.28%	-1.95%
SENSEX	27,026.70	+388.59	1.46%	27.66%
Shanghai	2,326.43	+109.23	4.93%	9.95%
JSE Africa	51,789.40	+830.38	1.63%	11.96%

Asia Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Nikkei 225	15,668.68	+244.09	1.58%	-3.82%
Hang Seng	25,240.15	+498.09	2.01%	8.30%
KOSPI	2,049.41	-19.13	-0.92%	1.89%

Commodities				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Baltic Dry Ind	1,155.00	+8.00	0.70%	-49.28%
Gold Spot	1,268.81	-18.51	-1.44%	5.59%
Silver Spot	19.20	-.27	-1.38%	-1.41%
WTI Oil	93.29	-2.67	-2.78%	-5.21%

Money Market				
	Closing	Net Change (5-D)	Net Change (6-M)	Net Change (YTD)
3M Libor	0.23	0.00	0.00	-0.01
12M Libor	0.57	0.00	0.02	-0.01
3M Euribor	0.10	-0.06	-0.18	-0.18
12M Euribor	0.37	-0.06	-0.18	-0.18
10Y Bund	0.93	-0.37	-0.68	-1.00
10Y US	2.46	-1.01	-0.25	-0.57
10Y JPY	0.53	-0.40	-0.07	-0.20

Currencies			
	Closing		Closing
USD/JPY	105.0900	CNY/USD	6.1411
EUR/USD	1.2951	EUR/AED	4.7573
EUR/CHF	1.2061	INR/USD	60.4063
GBP/USD	1.6327	AUD/USD	1.0666

\* Source: Bloomberg

## International Market News Update

In the US, the S&P 500 continued its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive weekly rise amid lower-than-estimated jobs data prompting expectations that the Federal Reserve would not be in a hurry to raise interest rates. Only 142,000 jobs were added by employers in August, which is the lowest monthly figure this year, bringing a pause in the sharp US labor market growth seen each month. The S&P 500 currently trades at over 17 times its projected earnings, which is its highest valuation since the end of 2009.

In the Eurozone, **as suggested in last week's Nouvelles**, the Europe Central Bank did indeed announce further policy easing mechanisms by cutting its main refinancing rate to 0.05%, a new record low in the Eurozone's 15-year history. The deposit rate was slashed to -0.20%, which should prompt banks to supply cash back into the economy instead of paying the penalty of storing excess cash at the ECB. The ECB also announced plans to buy up to €500 billion in asset-backed securities and covered bonds. The German industrial production grew by 1.9%, the fastest pace in more than two years.

Indian equity benchmarks continued making new all-time highs during the week. The Nifty 50, which along with the Sensex, represents the two most popular Indian benchmarks broke past and closed above 8000 for the first time in its history. Wages in Japan rose at their fastest pace in more than 17 years at 2.6%, with the fifth straight monthly increase. The Japanese GDP data for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is expected this week with most indications pointing to an extremely sharp contraction of the economy, due to the government's recent increase of sales tax.

## Country in Focus

Industrial-activity data of Brazil released this week heightened concerns that Brazil's economy, which is already in recession, is in worse shape than most had expected. After suffering two consecutive quarters of falling GDP, Brazil is expected to see its industrial sector shrink by 1.7% when compared to 2013. The Brazilian Central Bank continued its benchmark policy rate at 11% this week, which has been adding to the poor growth potential in Brazil.

## Currency in Focus

The GBP had its biggest weekly drop against the USD since July 2013 as demand dampened on news that most polls suggest that September 18th's referendum in Scotland could find many voters willing to seek independence from UK. The GBP is at its lowest level versus the US dollar since February, dropping close to 2% during the week.

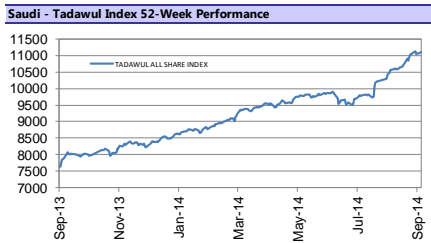
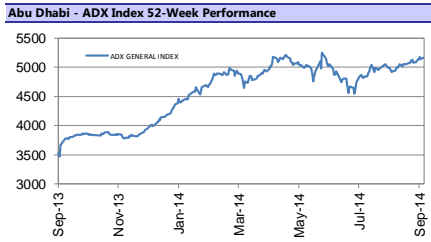
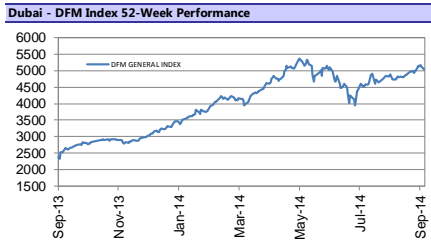
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Key Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Dubai - DFM	5,034.95	-28.01	-0.55%	49.41%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	5,160.92	+78.20	1.54%	20.29%
Saudi - Tadawul	11,124.04	+9.73	0.09%	30.30%
Kuwait	7,472.92	+42.41	0.57%	-1.01%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,471.47	-.69	-0.05%	17.82%
Qatar - DSM QE	13,882.49	+285.83	2.10%	33.75%
Oman - MSM 30	7,496.65	+129.49	1.76%	9.69%
Turkey - ISEN 100	82,193.10	+1,880.16	2.34%	21.23%



\* Source: Bloomberg

## Middle East Market News Update

The Dubai Financial Market General Index saw a massive surge last week backed by real estate and construction stocks particularly after Emaar's announcement that it would launch an initial public offer for its shopping mall and retailing unit by early October. The DFM index has risen by 30% since end-June, maintaining its level above 5000 last week; comparatively the ADX is up over 12% during the same period. This is the first time the Dubai benchmark index has maintained the 5000 mark, after hitting a 6 year-high in April.

## Middle East Stock in Focus

Dubai real estate developer Emaar Properties announced last week that it intends to sell at least 15% of its stake in Emaar Malls Group via an IPO on the DFM. This would help it pay a dividend of nearly 2.45 billion USD to its current shareholders. The IPO will be one of the biggest equity sales in the emirate since 2008, when Dubai faced a serious credit crisis that forced property developers to stall ongoing projects. The stock hit a 52-week high during the week following this news.

## En Bref..... Biggest Market News

### Chinese e-commerce giant plans biggest ever debut...

Last week, Alibaba disclosed the price range at 60 to 66 USD per share for its initial public offering expected this month. About 320 million American Depositary Shares are on offer, taking the whole size of the IPO to around 20 billion USD, which would make it the largest IPO in US history. The IPO would also mean the arrival of a new big player in online retail in the US and further trump e-commerce competitors like Amazon and eBay. Based on the IPO's price range, Alibaba would have a market value of over 150 billion USD, roughly the same as Amazon (160 billion USD) and more than twice the value of eBay (66 billion USD).

Under the IPO plan, Yahoo will reduce its stake of Alibaba from the current level of 22.4% to 16.3%. For the quarter ended June 30, Alibaba saw its net profits touch 2 billion USD, triple the net profits made in the same period last year. Its revenue grew by 46% to 2.5 billion USD. The company decided to list in the NYSE because Hong Kong Stock Exchange's rules prevented its senior management from retaining control over the board of directors.

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