

US Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
DJIA	15,988.08	-358.27	-2.19%	-8.25%
S&P 500	1,880.33	-41.70	-2.17%	-8.00%
NASDAQ Composite	4,488.42	-155.21	-3.34%	-10.36%

Europe Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
UK - FTSE 100	5,804.10	-108.34	-1.83%	-7.02%
Eurozone - STOXX 50	2,801.43	-66.41	-2.99%	-9.64%
France - CAC 40	4,210.16	-123.60	-2.85%	-9.21%
Germany - DAX	9,545.27	-304.07	-3.09%	-11.15%
Netherlands - AEX	403.57	-7.25	-1.76%	-8.66%
Switzerland - SMI	8,107.13	-150.15	-1.82%	-8.06%

BRICS Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Brazil - Ibovespa	38,569.13	-2,043.08	-5.03%	-11.03%
Russia - MICEX	1,608.36	-140.21	-8.02%	-8.69%
India - SENSEX	24,455.04	-479.29	-1.92%	-6.37%
China - Shanghai	2,900.97	-285.44	-8.96%	-18.03%
South Africa - JSE Africa	46,960.37	-1,144.31	-2.38%	-7.36%

Asia-Pacific Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Japan - Nikkei 225	17,147.11	-620.23	-3.49%	-9.91%
Hong Kong - Hang Seng	19,520.77	-932.94	-4.56%	-10.92%
South Korea - KOSPI	1,878.87	-38.75	-2.02%	-4.20%
Australia - ASX 200	4,892.80	-98.04	-1.96%	-7.61%

Commodities				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Gold Spot	1,088.88	-15.27	-1.38%	2.62%
Silver Spot	13.93	-0.01	-0.07%	0.58%
Platinum Spot	829.35	-49.70	-5.65%	-6.98%
Palladium Spot	494.75	-0.13	-0.03%	-12.12%
Crude Oil (WTI)	29.42	-3.74	-11.28%	-20.57%
Crude Oil (Brent)	28.94	-4.61	-13.74%	-22.37%
Baltic Dry Ind	373.00	-56.00	-13.05%	-21.97%

Money Markets				
	Closing	Net Change (5-D)	Net Change (6-M)	Net Change (YTD)
3M Libor	0.620	(0.002)	0.331	0.007
12M Libor	1.145	(0.010)	0.372	(0.033)
3M Euribor	(0.142)	0.001	(0.123)	(0.011)
12M Euribor	0.049	(0.002)	(0.120)	(0.011)
10Y US	2.035	(0.081)	(0.317)	(0.235)
10Y UK	1.662	(0.108)	(0.454)	(0.298)
10Y Germany	0.540	0.026	(0.288)	(0.089)
10Y Japan	0.221	(0.008)	(0.235)	(0.044)
10Y India	7.812	0.068	(0.029)	0.051

Currencies			
	Closing		Closing
GBP/USD	1.426	EUR/USD	1.092
USD/JPY	116.980	AUD/USD	0.686
USD/CHF	1.001	EUR/AED	4.010
USD/INR	67.605	EUR/INR	73.693
USD/CNY	6.585	EUR/CHF	1.092
USD/RUB	77.705	AED/INR	18.453

Source: Bloomberg

International Market News Update

The S&P 500 fell last week to 1820.66, which is its lowest level since 17th October 2014. This stock market index has now fallen by around 13% from the all-time high that it had touched in May 2015. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell last week to 15842.11, which is its lowest level since 27th August 2015. This stock market index has now fallen by over 13.67% from the all-time high that it had touched in May 2015. Data released last week showed that retail sales in the US grew by only 2.1% during 2015, which is the slowest annual growth since 2009. During December 2015, retail sales in the country fell by 0.1%. Industrial production in the country fell by 0.4% during December 2015. The yields on the country's 10-year government bonds continued to fall last week as investors anticipate that the US Federal Reserve would have to go slow on raising interest rates in 2016.

Stock markets in Europe continued to fall last week as concerns grew over global growth. The minutes of the European Central Bank's December 2015 meeting showed that policymakers remain divided about the need of further stimulus for the countries within the 19-member Eurozone. Many policymakers had proposed much stronger stimulus measures during this meeting than those that were finally announced. The CAC 40 in France fell to 4178.87 last week, which is its lowest level since 15th January 2015. This stock market index has now fallen by over 20.91% since the high that it had touched in April 2015.

India's wholesale price inflation fell by 0.73% on an annualised basis in December 2015. The Indian rupee touched 67.71 against the USD last week, which is its lowest level since 5th September 2013. The Shanghai Composite continued to fall last week and touched 2868.308, which is its lowest level since 27th August 2015. This stock market index has now fallen by nearly 44.61% since the high that it had touched in June 2015.

Commodity in Focus

WTI crude oil fell last week to USD 29.13, which is its lowest level since 6th November 2003. Brent crude oil fell last week to USD 28.82, which is its lowest level since 10th February 2004. The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed last week that Iran had complied with the terms of an international agreement that had been designed to restrict its nuclear development program. This announcement now allows for sanctions currently imposed on Iran to be removed and for the country to now be able to freely export its crude oil.

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Key Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Dubai - DFM	2,684.92	-278.87	-9.41%	-14.79%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	3,787.40	-354.09	-8.55%	-12.07%
Saudi Arabia - TASI	5,509.63	-581.23	-9.54%	-20.29%
Qatar - QE	8,527.75	-1,146.15	-11.85%	-18.23%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,195.86	+3.13	0.26%	-1.65%
Oman - MSM 30	4,948.48	-416.68	-7.77%	-8.47%
Kuwait	5,098.42	-320.11	-5.91%	-9.20%

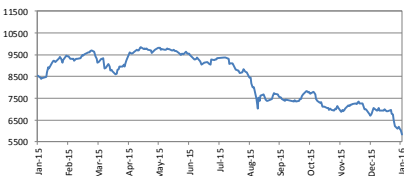
Dubai - DFM 52-Week Performance



Abu Dhabi - ADX 52-Week Performance



Saudi - TASI 52-Week Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Middle East Market News Update

Stock markets in the GCC region continued to crash last week as crude oil prices continued their fall. Saudi Arabia's Tadawul stock market exchange fell to 5397.14 last week, which is its lowest level since 14th July 2009. The Dubai Financial Market fell to 2641.38 last week, which is its lowest level since 22nd September 2013. The Abu Dhabi Securities Market fell to 3772.44 last week, which is its lowest level since 14th November 2013.

En Bref..... Biggest Market News

US Federal Reserve pays all-time high annual net income to the country's exchequer in 2015.

As per data released last week, the US Federal Reserve paid an all-time high USD 98.7 billion to the US Treasury in 2015, out of its annual net income for 2014. This was part of the dividend it pays annually. This contributed significantly to the US Treasury's net income in 2014. A majority of the US Federal Reserve's net income in 2014 came from over USD 116 billion of interest income that it earned on securities that it had held during the year.

The US Federal Reserve has increased its balance sheet from 2008 by more than 4 times to USD 4.5 trillion through large scale asset-purchases, particularly of mortgage-backed securities and US government bonds. Asset-purchases have now stopped but the US Federal Reserve will continue to still run a huge carry trade where-in it pays extremely low interest rates on its liabilities and still earns interest on its assets.

Events in the week ahead

January 19 – China GDP and industrial production data is released.

January 19 – European Union consumer price inflation data is released.

January 20 – US consumer price inflation data is released.

January 21 – European Central Bank meeting on policy decisions.

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