

US Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
DJIA	15,794.08	+95.23	0.61%	-4.72%
S&P 500	1,797.02	+14.43	0.81%	-2.78%
NASDAQ	4,125.86	+21.98	0.54%	-1.21%

Europe Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
DJ STOXX 50	2,859.82	+6.49	0.23%	-2.04%
FTSE 100	6,571.68	+61.24	0.94%	-2.63%
CAC 40	4,228.18	+62.46	1.50%	-1.58%
DAX	9,301.92	-4.56	-0.05%	-2.62%

BRICS Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Bovespa	48,073.60	+434.61	0.91%	-6.67%
Russia TS	1,340.50	+47.30	3.66%	-7.09%
Sensex	20,376.56	-137.29	-0.67%	-3.75%
Shanghai	2,044.50	-9.90	-0.48%	-3.38%
JSE Africa	45,340.76	+208.66	0.46%	-1.98%

Asia & Japan Indices				
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
TOPIX	1,189.14	-31.50	-2.58%	-8.69%
NIKKEI 225	14,462.41	-452.12	-3.03%	-11.23%
Hang Seng	21,636.85	-504.76	-2.28%	-7.16%
HSCEI	9,645.39	-252.63	-2.55%	-10.82%
KOSPI	1,922.50	-18.65	-0.96%	-4.42%

Commodities / Money Market / Currencies				
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	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Baltic Dry Ind	1,091.00	-19.00	-1.71%	-52.09%
Gold Spot	1,267.27	22.72	1.83%	5.46%
Silver Spot	20.02	0.83	4.34%	2.84%
WTI Oil	99.88	2.39	2.45%	1.48%
Money Market				
	Closing	Net Change (5-D)	Net Change (6-M)	Net Change (YTD)
3M Libor	0.23	0.00	-0.03	-0.01
12M Libor	0.56	-0.01	-0.11	-0.02
3M Euribor	0.29	-0.01	0.06	0.00
12M Euribor	0.55	-0.01	0.02	0.00
10Y Bund	1.66	-0.02	-0.03	-0.27
10Y US	2.68	-0.33	0.08	-0.35
10Y JPY	0.61	0.02	-0.14	-0.12
Currencies				
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USD/JPY	102.3000	-	CNY/USD	6.0639
EUR/USD	1.3635	-	EUR/AED	5.0080
EUR/CHF	1.2243	-	INR/USD	62.2900
GBP/USD	1.6411	-	AUD/USD	1.1163

* Source: Bloomberg

International Market Update

US stocks end choppy week with gains as weak jobs data is seen slowing Federal Reserve stimulus reduction. The Dow soared 160 points Friday, while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq also rose even though the government said that only 113,000 jobs were created in January. Economists surveyed expected the U.S. economy to have added 178,000 jobs. The unemployment rate ticked down to 6.6%, its lowest level in five years. It was the second straight day of gains in what's been a choppy week for the market. Stocks did wind up finishing the week in positive territory. But the Dow is still down almost 5% this year. While some economists warned that a weak jobs report could be expected due to unusually cold weather in January, Friday's number follows a weak December report in which the economy added a paltry 75,000 jobs.

European stocks rebounded this week from their worst start to a year since 2010 as European Central Bank President Mario Draghi pledged action if money-market turbulence resumes and investors weighed a U.S. jobs report. The Stoxx 600 rose 0.8% this week, the most since Dec. 19, after the ECB kept its key interest rate at 0.25% and Draghi reiterated that the bank will take action if the outlook for inflation worsens or money-market turbulence resumes. National benchmark indexes increased in all 18 western-European markets except Germany this week.

Asian stocks fell this week, as investors shunned risk in a global rout that wiped \$1.7 trillion from equities this year. The MSCI Asia Pacific Index lost 1.1% this week, its sixth week of declines and its longest consecutive drop since the seven-week rout through June 2011. The measure fell 4.6% in January for its worst start to a year since 2009 as economic data from China missed estimates and emerging-market currencies slumped.

Indian stocks markets also witnessed a bout of volatility due to lack of directional cues. Recently, rupee recouped losses against the dollar on the consistent inflow of dollars from Foreign Institutional Investors. The Indian government seems successful in raising funds from the auction of telecom airwaves, which will help in reducing the fiscal deficit that has already reached 95% of the budgeted limit.

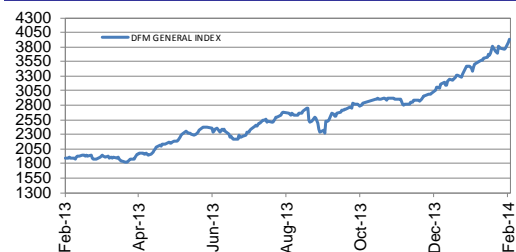
Gold held gains after climbing to the highest level in more than a week as speculation that the U.S. economic recovery may be stalling boosted haven demand. For the week, gold was up almost 2%, its largest weekly gain in five weeks, boosted by safe-haven demand driven by tumbling currencies and assets in emerging markets. **As mentioned two weeks back (cf. Nouvelle of 26.01.2014), we are positive on Gold.**

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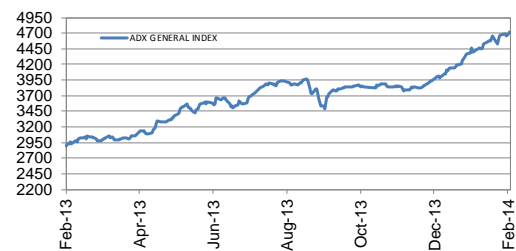
Key Indices

	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Dubai - DFM	3,931.44	+161.06	4.27%	16.67%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	4,721.72	+48.65	1.04%	10.06%
Saudi - Tadawul	8,819.31	+58.69	0.67%	3.32%
Kuwait	7,832.00	+76.20	0.98%	3.74%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,304.18	+9.85	0.76%	4.43%
Qatar - DSM QE	11,192.21	+36.48	0.33%	7.83%
Oman - MSM 30	7,106.50	+19.18	0.27%	3.98%
Turkey - ISEN 100	64,614.34	+2,756.13	4.46%	-4.70%

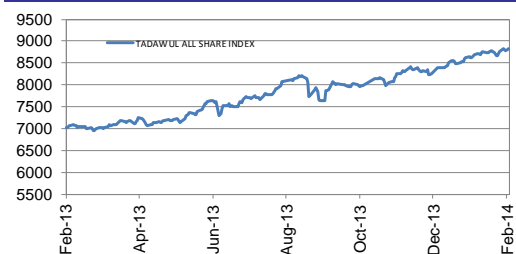
Dubai - DFM Index 52-Week Performance



Abu Dhabi - ADX Index 52-Week Performance



Saudi - Tadawul Index 52-Week Performance



* Source: Bloomberg

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Middle East

All GCC financial markets traded on a positive note late week with Dubai being the top gainer, increasing 4.3%.

UAE stocks markets ended weeks on an up note, bolstered by blue-chips stocks. Emaar was the main boost to Dubai market this week. The Dubai-based developer got an investment grade rating for the first time in four years at Standard & Poor's. The rating was raised to BBB-, the lowest investment grade, with a stable outlook from BB+. In the capital, the Abu Dhabi index, received boost from First Gulf Bank, which announced its financial results last week. The bank posted a net profit of AED1.37bn in Q4 2013, up 19% YoY, and up 15% QoQ compared to a net profit of AED1.19bn in Q3 2013, beating market consensus of AED1.16bn by 18%.

Abu Dhabi and Dubai completed due diligence on a potential merger of the two stock markets in the UAE, bringing the combination a step closer. Valuation and structuring work was completed in December, with the deal now requiring approval from the governments of the two emirates.

We expect the UAE index to go up following Emaar's rating upgrade but as previously mentioned, investors should stay cautious; the risk of a correction is higher than the chance for a continued advance.

En Bref Biggest market news

Global stock markets largely traded with negative bias during the week, but some amount of strength came in at the later part of the week on the back of weakness in the Yen, fall in jobless claims in U.S., better corporate earnings.

Initially, investors got nervous on the back of weak economic data out of U.S. and China and also as a result of further tapering of bond purchases by U.S. Fed by \$10 billion to \$65 billion a month. The selloff was witnessed in the US market due to unexpected fall in the Institute for Supply Management's index, which indicates future manufacturing activity to 51.3, in January due to the very cold winter weather in the US, which refrain many of the workers to confine at home.

The fact of the matter is that as per EPFR global, global investors pulled out nearly \$6.3 billion from developing markets last week. In the monetary policy review meeting, the ECB left its main interest rate at 0.25% and surprised the markets by not signaling a near-term rate cut despite deflation worries in the euro zone.

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