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OUR WEEKLY CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE

US & Europe Market News

US Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
DJIA	23,434.19	+105.56	0.45%	18.58%
S&P 500	2,581.07	+5.86	0.23%	15.29%
NASDAQ Composite	6,701.26	+72.21	1.09%	24.49%
TSX Composite Index	15,953.51	+96.29	0.61%	4.36%

Europe Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
UK - FTSE 100	7,505.03	-18.20	-0.24%	5.07%
Eurozone - STOXX 50	3,209.67	+24.21	0.76%	6.61%
France - CAC 40	5,494.13	+121.75	2.27%	12.99%
Germany - DAX	13,217.54	+226.26	1.74%	15.12%
Netherlands - AEX	549.44	+4.81	0.88%	13.72%
Switzerland - SMI	9,183.42	-53.71	-0.58%	11.72%

- ❖ U.S. markets hit record highs on Friday after blow-out tech earnings during the week. Leading the markets higher were shares of Amazon, Microsoft and Google-parent Alphabet; their stocks rose 13.2 percent, 6.4 percent and 4.3 percent, respectively.
- ❖ Third-quarter GDP showed the U.S. economy grew by 3 percent, above an estimate of 2.5 percent.
- ❖ Equities have reached record highs recently in part because of improving economic data. Consumer sentiment hit 100.7 in October, just below the expected 100.8.
- ❖ The pan-European Stoxx 600 closed provisionally higher, with most sectors and major bourses in positive territory. The French CAC and German DAX reached record highs after dovish comments from the ECB.
- ❖ Spain's IBEX tumbled 1% after news emerged that Catalonia had declared independence from the country.
- ❖ From January 2018, the ECB is poised to reduce the amount of bonds it purchases every month to 30 billion euros (\$35 billion) from the current level of 60 billion euros.

BRICS & Asia Market News

BRICS Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Brazil - Ibovespa	75,975.71	-414.81	-0.54%	26.15%
Russia - MICEX	2,068.76	-3.07	-0.15%	-7.34%
India - SENSEX	33,157.22	+767.26	2.37%	24.53%
China - Shanghai	3,416.81	+38.17	1.13%	10.09%
South Africa - JSE Africa	58,714.04	+765.38	1.32%	15.91%

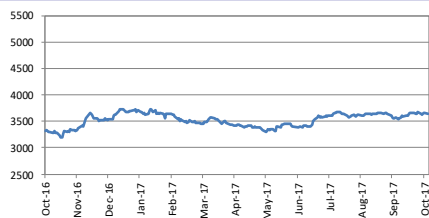
Asia-Pacific Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Japan - Nikkei 225	22,008.45	+550.81	2.57%	15.14%
Hong Kong - Hang Seng	28,438.85	-48.39	-0.17%	29.26%
South Korea - KOSPI	2,496.63	+7.09	0.28%	23.20%
Australia - ASX 200	5,903.16	-3.83	-0.06%	4.19%

- ❖ Australian Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce was disqualified from parliament, resulting in the loss of the coalition government's parliamentary majority.
- ❖ Asian shares closed higher for the week as Blue chip Japanese and Chinese companies posted strong quarterly results.
- ❖ Banking and tech shares led gains on the Nikkei index: SMFG jumped 2.19 percent, Mitsubishi UFJ soared 2.75 percent and Canon rose 1.77 percent. Sharp closed 3.6 percent ahead of its third-quarter earnings release.
- ❖ India's Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley, announced a \$32 billion recapitalisation program for NPA-hit public sector banks. The State Bank of India gained 17.55%, Punjab National Bank jumped 31%, while Bank of Baroda was up 22%.

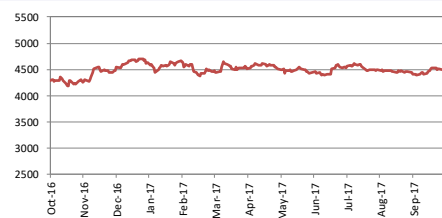
Middle East Market News

	Key Indices			
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Dubai - DFM	3,639.67	-4.02	-0.11%	3.08%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	4,462.76	-35.53	-0.79%	-1.84%
Saudi Arabia - TASI	6,956.47	-18.59	-0.27%	-3.52%
Qatar - QE	8,134.46	-23.87	-0.29%	-22.06%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,276.77	-7.14	-0.56%	4.62%
Oman - MSM 30	4,966.65	-79.46	-1.57%	-14.11%
Kuwait	6,607.75	-42.31	-0.64%	14.96%

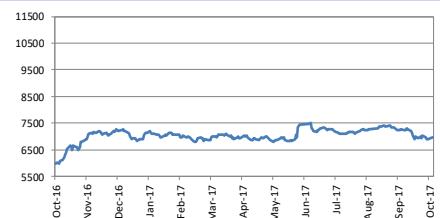
Dubai - DFM 52-Week Performance



Abu Dhabi - ADX 52-Week Performance



Saudi - TASI 52-Week Performance



- ❖ Emirates NBD (ENBD), Dubai's largest lender, posted a 37 percent rise in third-quarter net profit on Monday as impairments tumbled and operating income rose. The bank, the last major lender from the United Arab Emirates to report its earnings during the quarter, made a net profit of 2.28 billion dirhams (\$620.78 million) in the three months to Sept.
- ❖ In a major boost to the Saudi Arabian stock market, the Kingdom is to be included in a series of global indexes investors use to guide decisions on where to put billions of dollars' worth of funds. FTSE Russell, the index compiler owned by the London Stock Exchange, is to launch a series of stand-alone indices for Saudi markets and gave notice that the Kingdom's markets would be classed as a "secondary emerging market" early next year.
- ❖ Saudi Basic Industries Corp (SABIC), the world's fourth-biggest petrochemicals company, reported a 10.7 percent rise in third-quarter net profit, beating analysts' estimates. SABIC made a net profit of 5.79 billion riyals (\$1.54 billion) in the three months to Sept. 30, up from 5.23 billion riyals in the year-earlier period.

Commodity Market News

	Commodities			
	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Gold Spot	1,273.35	-7.12	-0.56%	10.97%
Silver Spot	16.87	-0.16	-0.96%	5.89%
Platinum Spot	916.77	-7.07	-0.77%	1.51%
Palladium Spot	971.71	-4.24	-0.43%	42.70%
Crude Oil (WTI)	53.90	+2.43	4.72%	0.34%
Crude Oil (Brent)	60.44	+2.69	4.66%	6.37%
Baltic Dry Ind	1,546.00	-32.00	-2.03%	60.87%

- ❖ Gold edged higher on Friday, reversing earlier losses after the Catalanian parliament's independence declaration from Spain.
- ❖ Brent crude oil broke through \$60 a barrel to trade at its highest levels since mid-2015 as Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman backs an extension of OPEC-led supply cuts. However, Rising U.S. crude production remains an issue for OPEC as it strives to clear a global overhang



Currency Market News

Currencies			
	Closing		Closing
GBP/USD	1.313	EUR/USD	1.161
USD/JPY	113.670	AUD/USD	0.768
USD/CHF	0.998	EUR/AED	4.264
USD/INR	65.050	EUR/INR	75.543
USD/CNY	6.651	EUR/CHF	1.159
USD/RUB	58.073	AED/INR	17.667

- ❖ Sterling slipped to a three-week low against a stronger dollar as uncertainty over prospects for the British economy dampened bets that a likely Bank of England rate hike next week would signal the start of a sustained tightening cycle.
- ❖ The Australian dollar fell after the coalition government lost its parliamentary majority after the Deputy PM was suspended.

Investment Banking Deals

- ❖ CVS, one of the largest U.S. pharmacy benefits managers, has offered to buy No. 3 health insurer Aetna for more than \$200 per share. The proposed deal between CVS Health Corp and health insurer Aetna Inc represents a \$66 billion bet that insurers can drive down high U.S. drug prices by cutting out the middleman.
- ❖ Saudi Arabia is poised to invest \$1 billion in entrepreneur Richard Branson's space-tourism and satellite-launching venture, which is seeking to show it is back on track three years after a fatal accident.
- ❖ Advanced accelerator applications announced a \$3.9 billion all cash proposed tender offer by Novartis. Novartis will make cash tender offer to acquire all outstanding shares of co, including ADS, for \$41 a share and \$82 per ADS

Sources: CNBC, Bloomberg, Wall Street Journal & Reuters

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