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OUR WEEKLY CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE

### US & Europe Market News

US Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
DJIA	22,349.59	+81.25	0.36%	13.09%
S&P 500	2,502.22	+1.99	0.08%	11.76%
NASDAQ Composite	6,426.92	-21.55	-0.33%	19.39%
TSX Composite Index	15,454.23	+281.20	1.85%	1.09%

Europe Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
UK - FTSE 100	7,310.64	+95.17	1.32%	2.35%
Eurozone - STOXX 50	3,126.02	+24.18	0.78%	3.84%
France - CAC 40	5,281.29	+67.38	1.29%	8.62%
Germany - DAX	12,592.35	+73.54	0.59%	9.68%
Netherlands - AEX	528.03	+1.25	0.24%	9.28%
Switzerland - SMI	9,136.72	+108.67	1.20%	11.15%

- ❖ U.S. stocks closed narrowly mixed Friday as health care stocks recovered most of their losses. The Dow closed out its second consecutive week of gains, up 0.4 percent on the week.
- ❖ Apple shares continued to drag on markets, having dropped 5.5 percent since Monday. Shares of the iPhone maker had their worst week since April 2016.
- ❖ Telecommunications led gainers, with news of a potential merger between Sprint and T-Mobile, giving analysts reason to believe the combined company reduces competition among major providers.
- ❖ The Fed said it still expects one more interest rate hike before the end of the year, with investors projecting this would most likely happen in its final meeting of 2017, in mid-December.
- ❖ The European Stoxx 50 closed with sectors moving in different directions. For the week, it was up 0.64 percent.
- ❖ IHS Markit figures for the euro zone showed private businesses growing stronger in the third quarter of this year, mainly due to the manufacturing sector. The positive data boosted confidence that the European Central Bank will announce monetary tightening next month.

### BRICS & Asia Market News

BRICS Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Brazil - Ibovespa	75,389.75	-366.77	-0.48%	25.18%
Russia - MICEX	2,051.63	-2.18	-0.11%	-8.11%
India - SENSEX	31,922.44	-350.17	-1.09%	19.89%
China - Shanghai	3,352.53	-1.09	-0.03%	8.02%
South Africa - JSE Africa	55,839.73	+194.58	0.35%	10.24%

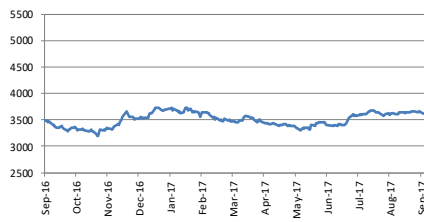
Asia-Pacific Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Japan - Nikkei 225	20,296.45	+489.01	2.47%	6.18%
Hong Kong - Hang Seng	27,880.53	+72.94	0.26%	26.73%
South Korea - KOSPI	2,388.71	+2.64	0.11%	17.88%
Australia - ASX 200	5,682.14	-12.89	-0.23%	0.29%

- ❖ Equities in Asia closed mixed for the week after North Korea threatened to test a hydrogen bomb in the Pacific Ocean.
- ❖ China markets were lower after S&P downgraded the country to A+ from AA-, citing the mainland's credit growth as a risk.
- ❖ The Bank of Japan announced on Thursday, 21st September, that it would keep its monetary policy steady.
- ❖ Chinese data released on Thursday was underwhelming. Industrial production, Fixed Asset Investment and Retail sales for the month of August all missed the mark by around 0.5% each.
- ❖ The rand traded firmer on Friday morning after the South African Reserve Bank decided to keep the interest rate stable, yet again pushing share prices on the JSE down.

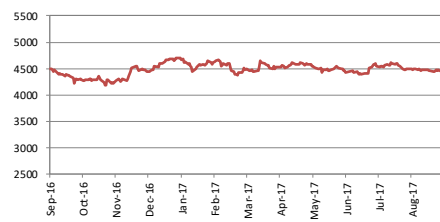
## Middle East Market News

	Key Indices			
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Dubai - DFM	3,600.32	-56.91	-1.56%	1.97%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	4,440.25	-40.94	-0.91%	-2.33%
Saudi Arabia - TASI	7,326.32	-76.70	-1.04%	1.61%
Qatar - QE	8,395.52	+20.34	0.24%	-19.56%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,303.60	-.18	-0.01%	6.81%
Oman - MSM 30	5,100.44	+97.98	1.96%	-11.80%
Kuwait	6,795.27	-118.59	-1.72%	18.22%

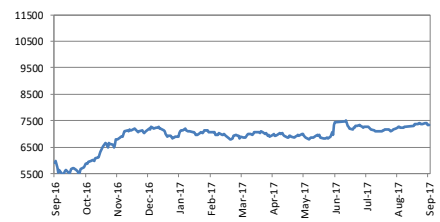
Dubai - DFM 52-Week Performance



Abu Dhabi - ADX 52-Week Performance



Saudi - TASI 52-Week Performance



- ❖ Banking shares lifted the Saudi stock index slightly higher on Thursday but Qatar's index cooled after it had risen for two straight days. The Qatari index, however, may hold onto the gains made over the last four sessions - or even extend them - as it starts to slowly recover from a steep slide due to the decision of four Arab states in June to cut ties with Doha.
- ❖ Shares of Abu Dhabi-listed Dana Gas fell sharply on Sunday after news that a London court hearing on its maturing sukuk issue would resume. After several delays, a London High Court trial on the validity of \$700 million of sukuk issued by Dana will go ahead on Monday
- ❖ Saudi Arabia's Capital Market Authority (CMA) allowed Arabian Waterproofing Industries Company (Awazel) to raise funds by selling a stake in the company through an initial public offering (IPO) in the fourth quarter of this year. The Riyadh-based CMA, which regulates the biggest bourse in the Arab world by market capitalisation, said the company will sell 8.19 million shares though the public float, which equals to 30 per cent of the firm's capital.

## Commodity Market News

	Commodities			
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Gold Spot	1,297.30	-22.88	-1.73%	13.05%
Silver Spot	17.00	-0.59	-3.35%	6.72%
Platinum Spot	933.34	-35.71	-3.69%	3.35%
Palladium Spot	921.47	-3.46	-0.37%	35.32%
Crude Oil (WTI)	50.66	+.77	1.54%	-5.70%
Crude Oil (Brent)	56.86	+1.24	2.23%	0.07%
Baltic Dry Ind	1,502.00	+117.00	8.45%	56.30%

- ❖ Oil prices posted their third consecutive weekly gain, hovering close to their highest price in 2017 s major producers may wait until January before deciding whether to extend their output curbs beyond the first quarter.
- ❖ Gold recovered from a four-week low on Friday as investors sought a haven from geopolitical uncertainty caused by rising tensions between North Korea and the United States. However, the U.S. Federal Reserve's indication on Wednesday of one more rate increase by the end of the year could continue to restrain gold.



## Currency Market News

Currencies			
	Closing		Closing
GBP/USD	1.350	EUR/USD	1.195
USD/JPY	111.990	AUD/USD	0.796
USD/CHF	0.969	EUR/AED	4.390
USD/INR	64.796	EUR/INR	77.587
USD/CNY	6.590	EUR/CHF	1.158
USD/RUB	57.483	AED/INR	17.674

- ❖ Sterling hit its highest level since the result of the Brexit vote on Friday and was heading for its best week in almost nine years against a currency basket, as investors doubled down on bets the Bank of England would raise interest rates soon. The pound fell Friday after Moody's said it downgraded the United Kingdom's long-term issuer rating to AA2 from AA1 and changed the outlook to stable from negative.
- ❖ Moody's also said it downgraded the Bank of England's issuer and senior unsecured bond ratings to AA2 from AA1. The pound fell Friday after Moody's said it downgraded the United Kingdom's long-term issuer rating to AA2 from AA1 and changed the outlook to stable from negative. Moody's also said it downgraded the Bank of England's issuer and senior unsecured bond ratings to AA2 from AA1.
- ❖ Safe havens got a boost Friday. The Japanese yen gained 0.33 percent and the Swiss franc gained 0.06 percent against the dollar

## Investment Banking Deals

- ❖ Power grids maker ABB is buying General Electric's Industrial Solutions business for \$2.6 billion on a bet that it can improve lackluster margins at the unit over the next five years. Zurich-based ABB sees potential for cost synergies of \$200 million annually after five years with the deal, which includes terms for long-term use of GE's brand.
- ❖ Unilever has agreed to buy a majority stake in cosmetics firm Carver Korea for \$2.9 billion from Goldman Sachs and Bain Capital, the Seoul Economic Daily reported on Monday. The deal to buy the 60.39 percent stake is aimed at helping Unilever make headway in China
- ❖ As Uber Technologies Inc. works to finalize a potential multibillion-dollar investment deal with Japan's SoftBank Group Corp., one of the ride-hailing giant's earliest and biggest shareholders has indicated it doesn't intend to sell. The opposition by Benchmark Capital is complicating a proposal by SoftBank and its \$93 billion tech-focused Vision Fund, along with partners, to buy 17% to 22% of Uber--mostly through purchasing shares from existing shareholders. Benchmark has told fellow investors it is unlikely to sell any of its 13% holding to the SoftBank consortium

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