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OUR WEEKLY CAPITAL MARKETS UPDATE

### US & Europe Market News

US Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
DJIA	21,830.31	+250.24	1.16%	10.46%
S&P 500	2,472.10	-44	-0.02%	10.42%
NASDAQ Composite	6,374.68	-13.08	-0.20%	18.42%
TSX Composite Index	15,128.65	-54.48	-0.36%	-1.04%

Europe Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
UK - FTSE 100	7,368.37	-84.54	-1.13%	3.16%
Eurozone - STOXX 50	3,086.75	-31.38	-1.01%	2.53%
France - CAC 40	5,131.39	+13.73	0.27%	5.53%
Germany - DAX	12,162.70	-77.36	-0.63%	5.94%
Netherlands - AEX	525.53	+3.31	0.63%	8.77%
Switzerland - SMI	9,019.31	+80.63	0.90%	9.73%

- ❖ U.S. equities closed well after session lows on Friday. Investors shook off a sharp pullback from Amazon.com. The Dow Jones ended the week over 1% higher, whereas the S&P 500 Index and NASDAQ closed marginally lower.
- ❖ US economic growth for the second quarter met expectations, rising 2.6% for the period.
- ❖ The Federal Reserve's meeting Wednesday ended with officials saying it may begin paring the massive \$4.5 trillion balance sheet it built up following the financial crisis "relatively soon."
- ❖ In Europe, stocks closed lower as tobacco and tech stocks tumbled – the Euro Stoxx closed the week over 1% lower.
- ❖ The euro zone economic confidence surged to a 10-year high in July. The European Commission's economic sentiment index hit 111.2 this month, up from 111.1 in June.
- ❖ Libor, the nearly 50-year-old global borrowing benchmark will be phased out by the The U.K. Financial Conduct Authority by the end of 2021 after it became clear there wasn't enough meaningful data to sustain the benchmark.

### BRICS & Asia Market News

BRICS Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Brazil - Ibovespa	65,497.13	+812.95	1.26%	8.75%
Russia - MICEX	1,916.75	-8.38	-0.44%	-14.15%
India - SENSEX	32,309.88	+280.99	0.88%	21.35%
China - Shanghai	3,253.24	+15.26	0.47%	4.82%
South Africa - JSE Africa	54,883.21	+720.50	1.33%	8.35%

Asia-Pacific Indices				
	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Japan - Nikkei 225	19,959.84	-139.91	-0.70%	4.42%
Hong Kong - Hang Seng	26,979.39	+273.30	1.02%	22.63%
South Korea - KOSPI	2,400.99	-49.07	-2.00%	18.48%
Australia - ASX 200	5,702.82	-20.02	-0.35%	0.65%

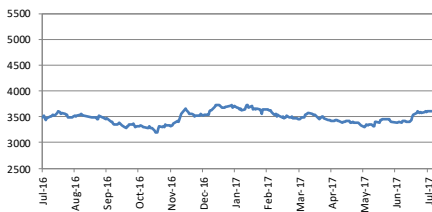
- ❖ Investor sentiment was negatively affected in Japan with the resignation of Defence Minister Tomomi Inada over a series of mistakes and cover-ups from her ministry.
- ❖ Despite the arrest of its chief in a corruption scandal and the recalls and discontinuation of fire-prone Galaxy Note 7 smartphones, Samsung Electronics reported record high quarterly earnings thanks to booming demand for memory chips. The South Korean company said its April-June net income was 10.8 trillion won (\$9.7 billion), up 85 per cent from 5.8 trillion won a year earlier.
- ❖ With retail inflation receding to record low levels, the Reserve Bank is likely to cut the benchmark lending rate by at least 0.25 per cent on August second.

## Middle East Market News

### Key Indices

	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Dubai - DFM	3,608.88	+12.47	0.35%	2.21%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	4,577.11	+42.32	0.93%	0.68%
Saudi Arabia - TASI	7,115.84	-147.76	-2.03%	-1.31%
Qatar - QE	9,469.59	-30.16	-0.32%	-9.27%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,332.37	+9.31	0.70%	9.17%
Oman - MSM 30	5,063.95	+64.58	1.29%	-12.43%
Kuwait	6,795.24	-4.43	-0.07%	18.22%

#### Dubai - DFM 52-Week Performance



#### Abu Dhabi - ADX 52-Week Performance



#### Saudi - TASI 52-Week Performance



- ❖ Disappointing second-quarter results from large cap Saudi Arabian companies were the main drag on the local index on Sunday, while neighbouring bourses were mostly weak.
- ❖ In the United Arab Emirates, Abu Dhabi's index edged up 0.2 percent as Dana Gas , the most traded stock, swung 1.6 percent higher.
- ❖ The Doha index dropped 1 percent in very thin volume; oil-linked industries were some of the worst performers with oil drilling service provider Gulf International Services and petrochemicals maker Industries Qatar each shedding 2.4 percent.

## Commodity Market News

### Commodities

	Closing	Net		YTD
		Change	% Change	
Gold Spot	1,269.64	+14.66	1.17%	10.64%
Silver Spot	16.76	0.24	1.44%	5.21%
Platinum Spot	935.33	0.48	0.05%	3.57%
Palladium Spot	882.54	35.63	4.21%	29.60%
Crude Oil (WTI)	49.71	+3.94	8.61%	-7.46%
Crude Oil (Brent)	52.52	+4.46	9.28%	-7.57%
Baltic Dry Ind	933.00	-44.00	-4.50%	-2.91%

- ❖ Oil prices rose for a fifth straight session and are on pace for their biggest weekly gain this year. Futures got a boost this week from falling U.S. crude and fuel stockpiles and Saudi Arabia's vow to cut exports in August. Since the world's major oil producers held a meeting in St Petersburg on the 25<sup>th</sup> of July, crude prices have risen some 7 percent on expectations of deepening cuts.
- ❖ Gold prices rose to a six-week high on Friday after weaker than expected U.S. inflation dampened expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve will aggressively raise interest rates and North Korea fired a ballistic missile, triggering safe-haven buying. Gold is sensitive to rising rates because they push up bond yields, making non-yielding gold less attractive, and tend to boost the dollar.



## Currency Market News

Currencies			
	Closing		Closing
GBP/USD	1.314	EUR/USD	1.175
USD/JPY	110.680	AUD/USD	0.799
USD/CHF	0.969	EUR/AED	4.316
USD/INR	64.153	EUR/INR	75.160
USD/CNY	6.737	EUR/CHF	1.138
USD/RUB	59.551	AED/INR	17.463

- ❖ The US dollar was broadly lower through the week as a combination of political uncertainty and underwhelming economic data kept trades biased towards world currencies like the Euro and Pound.
- ❖ The Canadian dollar rose sharply after their GDP growth was triple of what analysts expected.
- ❖ Euro has continued to be on the rise since ECB's Draghi refused to talk down the currency post the meeting in July.

## Investment Banking Deals

- ❖ Sprint Corp. has proposed a merger with Charter Communications Inc. that would create a media and communications giant, upending industries that are already in the throes of dramatic change. Charter, which includes the former Time Warner Cable, is currently worth almost \$100 billion. Sprint is worth about \$33 billion (with substantial debt).
- ❖ KKR & Co. has reached a deal to buy WebMD Health Corp. for \$2.8 billion, as the private equity firm bets on a digital future for health care.
- ❖ Singapore-based GrabTaxi Holdings plans to raise \$2.5 billion in Southeast Asia's largest round of startup fundraising to date, as the ride-hailing company seeks to battle Uber Technologies Inc. across the populous region. This round of funding would take the valuation to \$6 billion.

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