

US Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
DJIA	16,639.97	+247.98	1.51%	-4.51%
S&P 500	1,948.05	+30.27	1.58%	-4.69%
NASDAQ Composite	4,590.47	+86.04	1.91%	-8.33%

Europe Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
UK - FTSE 100	6,059.79	+22.06	0.37%	-2.92%
Eurozone - STOXX 50	2,760.44	-22.87	-0.82%	-10.96%
France - CAC 40	4,284.71	-13.99	-0.33%	-7.60%
Germany - DAX	9,392.13	-181.46	-1.90%	-12.57%
Netherlands - AEX	420.79	+1.10	0.02%	-4.76%
Switzerland - SMI	7,799.64	-161.85	-2.03%	-11.55%

BRICS Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Brazil - Ibovespa	41,593.08	+49.67	0.12%	-4.05%
Russia - MICEX	1,831.57	+38.20	2.13%	3.99%
India - SENSEX	23,002.00	-786.79	-3.31%	-11.93%
China - Shanghai	2,687.98	-239.20	-8.17%	-24.05%
South Africa - JSE Africa	49,481.52	+368.72	0.75%	-2.39%

Asia-Pacific Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Japan - Nikkei 225	16,026.76	-84.29	-0.52%	-15.80%
Hong Kong - Hang Seng	19,111.93	-352.16	-1.81%	-12.79%
South Korea - KOSPI	1,916.66	+3.0	0.02%	-2.28%
Australia - ASX 200	4,880.90	-120.32	-2.41%	-7.84%

Commodities	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Gold Spot	1,233.63	+25.00	2.07%	16.26%
Silver Spot	14.80	-0.38	-2.51%	6.89%
Platinum Spot	922.65	-5.43	-0.59%	3.49%
Palladium Spot	498.20	1.13	0.23%	-11.51%
Crude Oil (WTI)	32.64	+1.16	3.68%	-11.88%
Crude Oil (Brent)	35.29	+6.0	1.73%	-5.34%
Baltic Dry Ind	327.00	+11.00	3.48%	-31.59%

Money Markets	Closing	Net Change (5-D)	Net Change (6-M)	Net Change (YTD)
3M Libor	0.635	0.017	0.310	0.022
12M Libor	1.161	0.021	0.330	(0.017)
3M Euribor	(0.202)	(0.004)	(0.169)	(0.071)
12M Euribor	(0.017)	-	(0.177)	(0.077)
10Y US	1.743	(0.008)	(0.437)	(0.526)
10Y UK	1.352	(0.042)	(0.610)	(0.608)
10Y Germany	0.114	(0.062)	(0.628)	(0.515)
10Y Japan	(0.060)	(0.055)	(0.439)	(0.325)
10Y India	7.639	(0.186)	(0.138)	(0.122)

Currencies	Closing	Closing
GBP/USD	1.385	EUR/USD 1.091
USD/JPY	112.920	AUD/USD 0.715
USD/CHF	1.001	EUR/AED 4.006
USD/INR	68.484	EUR/INR 74.688
USD/CNY	6.554	EUR/CHF 1.092
USD/RUB	76.077	AED/INR 18.643

Source: Bloomberg

## International Market News Update

Despite the run up of the markets last week, the fundamentals have not much changed. Last year the markets witnessed soft growth, tightening financial conditions and falling inflation leaving the US fed with little direction for a rate hike. The central banks in the Europe, Japan and other emerging markets will continue to ease. The economic data particularly related to manufacturing and consumer spending are low. Inflation expectations in the emerging markets remain sluggish. We are presently stuck in the cycle of low growth, low inflation and low interest rates. The world growth is expected to be sluggish in 2016 and thus concerted means are needed for getting out of vicious circle of low growth, inflation and interest rates.

Equities and Debt market had a bull run last week. The developed equity markets were up globally with Japanese index (Nikkei 225 index) up by over 6.50%. Dow Jones industrial average and the S&P 500 index was up by 2.5% each. The key performers were technology and consumer discretionary stocks which outperformed the defensive sector such as utilities and telecom.

## Commodity in Focus

Crude oil, rallied last week after a statement from Saudi Arabia and Russia suggested they will maintain production at January levels, if other nations agree to the decision. The decision making is complex with a lot of Oil producing countries involved. But there are a number of reasons which lead to uncertainties that this agreement can correct the excess supply problem that has led to the plunge in prices. Firstly, it is not clear that the agreement will hold, since Iran has refused to commit to capping production. Secondly, Iraq and Saudi Arabia had already increased production in January and Russia is also close to its maximum production capacity.

Finally, even at existing levels, there is excess much supply. U.S. oil inventories currently are at an 86 years high.

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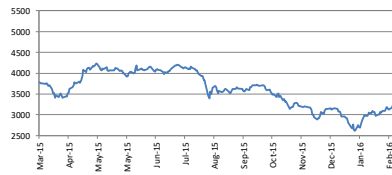
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Key Indices	Closing	Net Change	% Change	YTD
Dubai - DFM	3,239.70	+69.43	2.19%	2.81%
Abu Dhabi - ADX	4,351.41	+54.22	1.26%	1.03%
Saudi Arabia - TASI	6,112.58	+134.88	2.26%	-11.56%
Qatar - QE	9,892.32	-21.00	-0.21%	-5.15%
Bahrain - BHSE	1,178.23	+4.12	0.35%	-3.10%
Oman - MSM 30	5,395.11	-41.80	-0.77%	-0.21%
Kuwait	5,207.39	+75.80	1.48%	-7.26%

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 reacted positively to the firming of crude oil prices. Many investors believe that the bottom in crude oil prices has been seen, especially with the deal announced by the two largest energy exporters in the world – Saudi Arabia and Russia. Investors continued to buy stocks after GCC stock market levels had fallen to multi-year lows.

## En Bref . . . . Biggest Market News

At the G-20 meeting in Shanghai, China sought to assure global finance ministers about the state of slow down. The head of president's Bank of China, Zhou Xiaochuan said the country's reform direction was clear but that the pace of reform would be across the sectors.

The people's Bank of China reduced its reference rate for a fifth day. The fall in yuan against US Dollar continues declining to a level of 6.55.

China currently produces more than double the steel of Japan, India, US, Brazil and Russian combined, which is causing trade frictions as China continues to cut prices.

Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway Inc on Saturday said fourth-quarter profit rose 32 percent, helped by improved results in its insurance operations and higher gains from investments and derivatives.

Net income rose to \$5.48 billion, or \$3,333 per Class A share, from \$4.16 billion, or \$2,529 per share, a year earlier.

Quarterly operating rose 18 percent to \$4.67 billion, or \$2,843 per share, from \$3.96 billion, or \$2,412 per share.

Buffett's largest-ever acquisition, the \$32 billion purchase of industrial parts maker Precision Castparts Corp, closed last month. It ended the year with \$71.73 billion of cash

## Events in the week ahead

29 February – PMI Manufacturing Index.

1 March – US Existing home sales.

3 March – US Jobless Claims.

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