



LMC Weekly Market Summary and Islamic Capital Markets News



Good day,

U.S. and global stock markets set new records again this week as economic news and corporate earnings powered stocks higher. Wall Street's S&P 500 and NASDAQ Composite indexes reached fresh highs. Shares were boosted by indications that the Federal Reserve remains cautious about the pace of raising interest rates and will likely continue on its current path of gradual increases in June. Investors interpreted this as a signal of U.S. economic health. The energy sector lost ground as oil prices fell on disappointment that announced OPEC production cuts extending to March 2018 were not deeper. The technology sector gained on company developments and the industrial sector benefitted from climbing railway stocks. Like in the U.S., earnings have recently supported share prices. European markets were little changed despite data showing eurozone economic activity remains at a six-year high. Germany's widely followed Ifo Business Climate Index reached its highest level since 1991. In Asia, Chinese investors shrugged off a downgrade of the country's credit rating. Japanese stocks advanced on positive earnings reports and economic optimism. Most emerging markets had a positive week, recovering from last week's Brazil crash as economic data and U.S. market action provided a positive backdrop.

Regionally, Saudi Arabia is set to begin implementing its selective tax (ST) on goods starting 10 June, while the value-added tax (VAT) is slated for 1 January 2018, Saudi Gazette reported on Sunday. Meanwhile, Saudi newspaper Al Eqtadiyah reported that revenues from the ST are forecast to reach around SAR 5 billion to SAR 7 billion in the remaining six-and-a-half months in 2017. Majid Al Futtaim lay the foundation stone for its new regional distribution centre at the National Industries Park (NIP) in Dubai, according to a statement. "NIP has become an ideal destination for both international and national companies," according to Sultan Ahmed bin Sulayem, group chairman and CEO at DP World, the owner of NIP.



Market Summary

Week of May 19 – May 26

Index	Value	Weekly Change	YTD Change
<u>Dow Jones Industrial AVG</u>	21080.28	+1.32	+6.03
<u>FTSE 100 Index</u>	7547.63	+1.03	+4.08
<u>NIKKEI 225</u>	19686.84	+0.49	+0.47
<u>Bloomberg GCC 200 Index</u>	63.7	-0.42	-2.51
Nymex Crude oil Future WTI	49.8	-1.05	-4.83
Gold	1266.9	+0.88	+9.96
EUR-USD	1.1183	-0.21	+6.96
USD-JPY	111.3315	+0.06	-5.29
GBP-USD	1.2804	-1.78	+4.28
<u>3 month Libor \$</u>	1.20178	+2 bps	+20 bps
5 year swap \$	1.8740	+2 bps	-10 bps
US Treasury 10 year yield	2.2460	+1 bps	-20 bps

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