



LMC Weekly Market Summary and Islamic Capital Markets News



Good day,
 Markets began the week on an optimistic note as prospects of war between the U.S. and North Korea appeared to recede. Stocks advanced, volatility declined, and safe havens that rallied on last week's fears – precious metals, treasuries, yen – all settled lower until the mid-week. As investors took in the terror attacks in Barcelona and the backlash to President Trump's handling of the tragic events in Charlottesville, Virginia, stocks saw their second-biggest down day of the year, the yen pushed to a four-month high, and gold broke out to a nine-month high.

Most European and Asian equity markets saw solid gains as U.S.-North Korea tensions eased and managed to stay green through the rest of the week as economic data showed a broad-based recovery taking hold. Germany's growth for the second quarter, although a touch below expectations, clocked in at its fastest annualized pace in three years. In the U.K., unemployment fell to its lowest level since the 1970s, while steady inflation gave the Bank of England room to wait on raising interest rates. Among major equity markets, only Japan lost ground. Japanese gross domestic product (GDP) was better than expected, but stocks retreated under continued pressure from the high level of the Yen versus the U.S. dollar.

Regionally, GFH Financial Group is discussing three proposals on how to utilise its newly-acquired 200 million square feet of land portfolio, said CEO Hisham Al Rayes on Tuesday. The new portfolio includes lands in Tunisia, Morocco, India and the GCC. The Saudi Basic Industries Corp (SABIC) on Wednesday announced acquiring a 50% stake in the Saudi Petrochemical Company (Sadaf) at a value of \$820 million. SABIC made the acquisition from Shell Chemicals Arabia LLC, according to a statement. This acquisition includes foreign partners' share of the net asset value, SABIC said, adding that the financial impact will be reflected in the financial statements of third quarter of 2017



Market Summary

Week of August 11 – August 18

| Index | Value | Weekly Change | YTD Change |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------|------------|
| <u>Dow Jones Industrial AVG</u> | 21674.51 | -0.84 | +9.02 |
| <u>FTSE 100 Index</u> | 7323.98 | +0.19 | +1.84 |
| <u>NIKKEI 225</u> | 19470.41 | -1.31 | -0.63 |
| <u>Bloomberg GCC 200 Index</u> | 64.31 | -0.25 | -1.58 |
| <u>Nymex Crude oil Future WTI</u> | 48.51 | -0.63 | -7.30 |
| <u>Gold</u> | 1283.95 | -0.42 | +11.44 |
| <u>EUR-USD</u> | 1.1761 | -0.51 | +12.49 |
| <u>USD-JPY</u> | 109.183 | -0.01 | -7.12 |
| <u>GBP-USD</u> | 1.287 | -1.11 | +4.82 |
| <u>3 month Libor \$</u> | 1.31472 | 0 bps | +32 bps |
| <u>5 year swap \$</u> | 1.8305 | +1 bps | -14 bps |
| <u>US Treasury 10 year yield</u> | 2.1940 | 0 bps | -25 bps |

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Week of August 13 – August 20

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| Tenor | Indicative Rates |
|----------------|------------------|
| 1 month | 1.50 % |
| 2 month | 1.60 % |
| 3 month | 1.75 % |
| 6 month | 2.20 % |
| 1 Year | 2.50 % |

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