



# LMC Weekly Market Summary and Islamic Capital Markets News



## Good day,

Second quarter earnings reporting season kicked into high gear this week, with better than expected results helping the NASDAQ Composite Index push briefly to a new high. S&P 500 earnings are on pace to deliver higher than 20% growth versus a year ago for the second quarter in a row. Crude oil prices fell in response to numerous factors: U.S. officials mused about using the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to ease gasoline prices; Saudi Arabia and other OPEC members made additional supply available to offset production restrictions on Iran; the U.S. toned down threats against other countries who buy Iranian oil; and U.S. inventories and production both reported increases. European markets were mixed, with Germany and the U.K. advancing slightly, while France, Spain, and Italy declined. Most Asian markets were also in the red, as China reported its slowest pace of economic growth since 2016 amid a government crackdown on risky borrowing and lending. A slowdown in Chinese growth would create headwinds for most of the region, and possibly for the world.

Regionally, in continuation of the announcements pertaining to ties and exposure to ailing Abraaj Group, Ithmaar Group on Sunday had a few investments with the company. "We have 1% in Abraaj Holdings, representing \$15 million, which are indirectly held through Abraaj Capital Co-Investors Limited", the Bahrain, Kuwait, and Dubai-listed holding company revealed in a bourse filing. GFH Financial Group on Sunday 22 July 2018 announced awarding a major engineering, procurement, and contracting (EPC) deal to China Machinery and Engineering Corporation (CEMC) for its project in Dubai. The \$150 million contract involves the construction and financing of up to 85% of GFH's California Village in Dubailand. The Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM) has approved the first Chinese state-owned financial services company to be established in ADGM and to provide strategic investment and financial support to Chinese enterprises as part of the Belt-and-Road initiative. The announcement comes after a framework agreement was signed between the China-UAE Industrial Capacity Co-operation Demonstration Zone, led by the Jiangsu Provincial Government, and ADGM. It also follows a visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to the UAE over the weekend.



## Market Summary

## Week of July 13 – July 20

Index	Value	Weekly Change	YTD Change
<u>Dow Jones Industrial AVG</u>	25058.12	+0.15	+0.94
<u>FTSE 100 Index</u>	7678.79	+0.22	+0.18
<u>NIKKEI 225</u>	22697.88	+0.44	-3.44
Nymex Crude oil Future WTI	68.26	-3.87	+13.07
Gold	1232	-0.76	-5.42
EUR-USD	1.1724	+0.33	-2.40
USD-JPY	111.4145	-0.86	-1.08
GBP-USD	1.3136	-0.65	-2.72
<u>3 month Libor \$</u>	2.34156	+1 bps	+64 bps
<u>5 year swap \$</u>	2.9120	+5 bps	+67 bps
<u>US Treasury 10 year yield</u>	2.8930	+6 bps	+49 bps

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1 Year	3.00%

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