



LMC Weekly Market Summary and Islamic Capital Markets News



Good day,

After a sharp but brief post-Christmas rally, global equities started the new year fretting about the same issues that dogged markets through most of 2018: trade, interest rates, politics, and economic growth, especially growth in China. Concerns about the slowing of China's economy and the impact on global growth were heightened when Apple Inc. cut its sales outlook citing a slowdown in China. At the end of this week though, stocks spiked higher to end up in the green on news that U.S. and China trade representatives would meet next week, as well as reports of a stimulative cut in reserve requirements by the People's Bank of China, an unambiguously strong U.S. jobs report, and reassuring comments from Federal Reserve (Fed) Chair Jerome Powell. As global weakness began to bleed into U.S. economic indicators, investors rapidly shifted their expectations for central bank interest rate actions. Just weeks after the most recent Federal Reserve (Fed) rate hike, markets moved from anticipating a "pause" in monetary tightening to forecasting a small chance of a cut in rates this year.

Regionally, The UAE's city of Dubai has ranked 9th in Resonance Consultancy's list for the world's best cities. Among the 100 tracked cities, Abu Dhabi, the UAE capital, came in 40th while Doha ranked 44th, according to the report. London topped the list, followed by Paris, New York, Tokyo, Barcelona, and Moscow. The evaluation was based on many factors including the quality of the environment and the affordability of residential costs, along with employment rates and economic diversity. Despite the hardship hit the global markets in 2018, last year was not but positive for the GCC equity markets, posting their best yearly performance in 5 years. Last year, global markets saw negative performance, which was resulted in an 11% decline in the MSCI World Index in 2018, compared to over 20% gains in 2017, the report said. In terms of asset class performance, USD outperformed with a gain of almost 5% during the year after falling 10% in 2017. Gold declined by 2% during the year despite being a safe haven during global market declines.



Market Summary

Week of Dec 28 – Jan 04

Index	Value	Weekly Change	YTD Change
Dow Jones Industrial AVG	23433.16	+1.61	+0.37
FTSE 100 Index	6837.42	+1.54	0.00
NIKKEI 225	19561.96	-2.26	-2.26
Nymex Crude oil Future WTI	47.96	+5.80	+3.05
Gold	1285.15	+0.32	+0.63
EUR-USD	1.1395	-0.43	-0.61
USD-JPY	108.51	-1.60	-1.12
GBP-USD	1.2723	+0.19	-0.13
3 month Libor \$	2.80388	+1 bps	+1 bps
5 year swap \$	2.5721	-3 bps	+4 bps
US Treasury 10 year yield	2.6680	-5 bps	-2 bps

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Week of Dec 30 – Jan 06

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Tenor	Indicative Rates
1 month	2.60 %
2 months	2.65%
3 months	2.85%
6 months	3.00%
1 Year	3.40%

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