



LMC Weekly Market Summary and Islamic Capital Markets News



Good day,

Stocks in U.S advanced for the sixth straight week. Investor sentiment got a lift from the resumption of U.S.-China trade negotiations in Beijing, and reports that President Donald Trump was considering pushing back the March 1 deadline, after which tariffs on Chinese imports are set to increase if no deal is reached. U.S. lawmakers added to the positive mood by striking an agreement to keep the government funded through September. President Trump said he would sign the bill to avoid another government shutdown. All major European equity markets made gains on the growing trade optimism, shrugging off increasingly disappointing economic numbers. With Italy already reported to be in a technical recession, Germany's real GDP was flat in the fourth quarter, bringing in the full year for 2018 at only 1.5%. The economy of the United Kingdom was also reported to be slowing at an alarming rate in the face of Brexit uncertainty. U.K. activity shrank 0.4% in December alone, leaving real GDP just 1.2% above year-ago levels. Japanese stocks jumped notably, in a holiday-shortened week. Chinese equities were also strong, benefiting from the better trade outlook, and the recent stimulative measures that pushed Beijing's deleveraging campaign to the backburner.

Regionally, Jabal Omar Development on Sunday reported turning to profitability in the full-year 2018 on the back of higher sales, lower cost of revenue ratio and operating costs. The Saudi real estate developer achieved SAR 193.78 million (\$51.66 million) in net profit after zakat and tax in 2018 against SAR 600.96 million (\$160.22 million) in 2017, it said in a filing to the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul). Sales surged 245% year-on-year to SAR 1.963 billion from SAR 568.83 million, while total profits leapt by over 7,000% to SAR 797.84 million from SAR 11.11 million in 2017. Kuwait ranked second among the GCC economies in terms of the number of mergers and acquisitions (M&As) concluded from 2014 to 2018, according to a report released by Kuwait Financial Centre (Markaz). The number of M&As concluded in Kuwait in the mentioned period soared around 163% to 42 from 16, the report found. Markaz's report noted that the biggest M&As was in the food, beverages, telecommunications, and education sectors. The Kuwaiti M&As market is expected to grow in the coming period, senior official at Markaz revealed.



Market Summary

Week of Feb 08 – Feb 15

Index	Value	Weekly Change	YTD Change
<u>Dow Jones Industrial AVG</u>	25883.25	+3.09	+10.87
<u>FTSE 100 Index</u>	7236.68	+2.34	+5.00
<u>NIKKEI 225</u>	20900.63	+2.79	+4.43
Nymex Crude oil Future WTI	55.59	+5.44	+19.45
Gold	1321.55	+0.54	+3.48
EUR-USD	1.1296	-0.24	-1.47
USD-JPY	110.4725	+0.68	+0.67
GBP-USD	1.2889	-0.42	+1.17
<u>3 month Libor \$</u>	2.68288	-1 bps	-11 bps
<u>5 year swap \$</u>	2.5781	+4 bps	+4 bps
<u>US Treasury 10 year yield</u>	2.6630	+3 bps	-2 bps

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2 months	2.65 %
3 months	2.85 %
6 months	3.00 %
1 Year	3.40 %

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