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## MARKETS

- Gulf stock markets ended in different directions amid fluctuation in oil prices along with global trade tensions.
- The UAE markets were mixed this week. Abu Dhabi index rose while hitting on Wednesday its highest level since November 2014 (almost 4-year high). The index was mainly supported by energy and financial shares that rose 2.83% and 2.70% respectively. On the other hand, the Dubai index dropped to near 3-week low. Abu Dhabi's index is up 10.77% year-to-date, while Dubai's main index has fallen 13.35% so far this year, hurt by a weak property market and the collapse of Dubai-based private equity firm Abraaj.
- Saudi index fell for the third week in a row, trading near its lowest in six weeks. Despite some companies' positive financial results, the index was pressured down by persisting global trade tensions and lower oil prices.
- Qatari index posted its first losing week after six consecutive gains.

### EQUITIES

	Price	% 1 W
Saudi Arabia	8176.18	-0.94%
Abu Dhabi	4872.03	1.26%
Dubai	2920.11	-1.81%
Qatar	9886.86	-0.95%
Oman	4431.21	2.42%
Egypt	15924.06	0.74%
Kuwait	5455.85	1.99%
Bahrain	1349.61	0.03%
Jordan	1986.99	-2.04%

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### FX Rates

	vs USD	vs EUR
SAR	3.75	4.32
AED	3.67	4.23
QAR	3.65	4.21
OMR	0.385	0.444
EGP	17.860	20.586
KWD	0.303	0.349
BHD	0.377	0.436
JOD	0.710	0.818

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## LEBANON

### BEIRUT S.E.

	Price*	% 1 W
SOLIDERE A	7.02	-2.77%
SOLIDERE B	6.87	-1.72%
BANK OF BEIRUT	18.80	-
BoB Priority	21.00	-
BANK AUDI	5.11	-
BLOM BANK	9.95	-1.49%
BYBLOS BANK	1.42	-4.05%
BLC BANK	0.93	-
BEMO BANK	1.55	-

\* August 10, 2018

### BONDS

	Mat	YTM*
LEB 5.45	Nov-19	7.64
LEB 6.15	Jun-20	8.20
LEB 6.10	Oct-22	9.26
LEB 6.65	Apr-24	9.61
LEB 6.60	Nov-26	9.67
LEB 6.75	Nov-27	9.69
LEB 6.65	Feb-30	9.59
LEB 7.05	Nov-35	9.44
LEB 7.25	Mar-37	9.47

\*MID Value

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### BANK OF BEIRUT FUNDS

NAME	CY	NAV*	YTD (%)	SINCE INCEPTION
BEIRUT PREFERRED FUND II	USD	929.79	-1.81%	21.40%
OPTIMAL INVESTMENT FUND	LBP	100,112.76	4.94%	64.21%
BOB LBP GROWTH FUND A	LBP	132,947.34	6.42%	32.95%
BOB LBP GROWTH FUND B	LBP	100,357.14	5.96%	27.82%

\* NAV as of August 9, 2018

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**Canada-Saudi Arabia diplomatic row brings trade into focus**

(Reuters) A diplomatic row between Canada and Saudi Arabia is casting a shadow over long-term trade and business prospects. While trade between the two countries is relatively small overall, oil-producing giant Saudi Arabia is still Canada's most important trading partner in the Middle East and North Africa, according to Global Affairs Canada. Saudi Arabia has frozen ties and banned new trade deals with Canada after the Canadian foreign minister urged the kingdom to release jailed civil rights activists. The following is a snapshot of Canada's 2017 trade with Saudi Arabia: • Canada's estimated C\$1.5 billion (\$1.15 billion) in exports to Saudi Arabia represented only a fraction of the country's C\$501 billion in total domestic exports last year, according to Canadian government data. • Canadian goods exported to Saudi Arabia: C\$1.5 billion, including vehicles, machinery and mineral ores \* Canadian goods imported from Saudi Arabia: C\$2.6 billion, including mineral fuels and oils. • Canadian services exports to Saudi Arabia: C\$604 million \* Canadian services imports from Saudi Arabia: C\$495 million \* Estimated number of Canadian companies in Saudi Arabia: 60 \* Estimated number of Canadians in Saudi Arabia (via Registration of Canadians Abroad Service): 6,003 Canadian companies with exposure to Saudi Arabia: SNC-Lavalin Group

**Saudi budget deficit narrows to \$1.96 billion in Q2: finance ministry**

Saudi Arabia's budget deficit narrowed to 7.36 billion Saudi riyals (\$1.96 billion) in the second quarter from 34.3 billion riyals in the first quarter, the finance ministry said on Monday. The kingdom, which is working on a number of economic reforms aimed at diversifying its oil-reliant economy, has forecast a deficit of 195 billion riyals or 7.3% of GDP this year, down from 230 billion last year. It aims to balance its budget by 2023. The deficit narrowed in the second quarter because of growth in revenues, the finance ministry said in a statement on its website on Wednesday. Total revenues in the second quarter reached 273.6 billion riyals, up 67% from the same period last year. Non-oil revenues reached 89.4 billion riyals, up 42% year on year. Oil revenues leaped 82% year on year to 184.2 billion riyals, reflecting a recent rise in prices. In the first quarter of this year the comparable increase was only 2%. The minister of finance said in a statement on Wednesday that the fiscal figures "reflect the improvement in the performance of public finance, which will lead us more towards continuing our reform plans." Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, does not disclose the oil price assumptions behind its budget. An International Monetary Fund official told Reuters earlier this year that the Gulf Arab state would need oil prices to average \$85-87 a barrel this year to balance its state budget. The kingdom's GDP contracted last year for the first time since 2009, but the IMF forecasts real GDP growth to increase to 1.9% in 2018, the fund said last month.

**Bahrain said to make progress in aid talks with Gulf allies**

(Bloomberg) Bahrain and its Gulf Arab allies are said to be making progress on an aid program to help the island-kingdom repair its finances and avoid a devaluation that could roil neighboring markets. Officials from Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Kuwait are discussing a multi-year program that would involve spending cuts and measures to increase non-oil revenue, including the introduction of a value-added tax, according to five people with knowledge of the matter. They asked not to be identified because the details aren't public. The Arab Monetary Fund, an organization modeled on the Washington-based International Monetary Fund, has been involved in the discussions, some of the people said. The fund, based in Abu Dhabi, may also help to monitor the program's implementation.

**Investcorp looks to make direct investments in China, India**

Bahrain-based private equity firm Investcorp expects to make its first direct investments in China and India within 12 to 18 months as it increasingly widens its investment focus to Asia, its co-chief executive said on Wednesday. The bulk of Investcorp's investments since its launch in 1982 have been in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. "Relative to the past, we are much more embedded in Asia both from an investor perspective and in terms of scouting for investment opportunities," Rishi Kapoor said on a media call after the release of the company's earnings. "The two big markets from an investment perspective in Asia are India and China." In an effort to help build the company's client coverage in Asia, Investcorp opened an office in Singapore in April last year in part to help it raise more funds from institutional investors. It recently attracted its first Asian participation in its real estate offering.

**Abu Dhabi's TAQA Q2 profit jumps on higher oil prices**

Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA) on Thursday reported a nearly five-fold rise in second-quarter profit, as higher oil and liquids prices offset a drop in production. The state-owned oil explorer and power supplier made a profit attributable to equity holders of 168 million dirhams (\$45.7 million) in the three months ended June 30, it said in a bourse statement. That compares with 35 million dirhams reported for the year-earlier period.

**Dubai's DP World acquiring Danish logistics firm Unifeeder**

DP World, one of the world's largest port operators, said on Tuesday it had acquired 100% of Unifeeder Group, a Danish logistics company, for 660 million euros (\$762.6 million). The acquisition from Nordic Capital Fund VIII and certain minority shareholders will boost DP World's presence in the global supply chain and broaden its product offering to its customers, shipping lines and cargo owners, DP World said. Based in Aarhus, Denmark, Unifeeder operates a container feeder and a shortsea network in Europe, serving both deep-sea container hubs and the intra-Europe container freight market. The move is the latest indicator of DP World's global expansion push after it last month announced plans to build and operate a logistics hub in Mali.

**Germany's Lanxess gets out of rubber with Saudi Aramco sale**

Germany's Lanxess is selling its 50% stake in synthetic-rubber maker Arlanxco to partner Saudi Aramco for around 1.4 billion euros (\$1.6 billion) in cash in a deal it said will give it more flexibility to grow. The deal marks an early exit for Lanxess from the world's largest provider of synthetic rubber for tyres, while the Saudi state oil giant said it would "accelerate the development of growth opportunities in the kingdom, leveraging the strong feedstock position of Saudi Aramco". Aramco, which is planning to go public and looking to buy a stake in petrochemicals maker SABIC, plays a key role in Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's ambitions to diversify Saudi Arabia's economy beyond oil.

**Dubai builder Arabtec swinging to Q2 profit, Depa investment helps**

a net profit in the second quarter, boosted by profits from its investment in interior designer Depa as well as by cost-cutting. Arabtec made a net profit attributable to equity holders in the parent of 39.8 million dirhams (\$10.8 million) in the three months to June 30, compared to a loss of 186.4 million dirhams a year ago. It was Arabtec's second straight profitable quarter; in 2015 and 2016, it consistently posted losses as the company coped with a slumping regional construction market, which has been hit by government austerity measures due to low oil prices, as well as internal management changes.

**Saudi-based ITFC, Federated Investors to launch \$300 million trade finance fund**

The Saudi-based International Islamic Trade Finance Corp (ITFC) said on Thursday it would launch a \$300 million fund alongside U.S. fund manager Federated Investors, aiming to tap trade finance opportunities in Muslim-majority countries. The sharia-compliant fund is expected to launch later this year and would invest in energy-related structured trade, supply chain financing and project finance assets of sovereign entities, the ITFC said in a statement. The fund will be managed by ITFC with input from Federated Investors, one of the largest investment firms in the U.S. with \$379.7 billion in assets under management.

**Saudi sovereign fund PIF has bought a below 5% stake in Tesla: source**

(Reuters) Public Investment Fund, Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, has bought a minority stake in Tesla at just below 5%, a source familiar with the matter said on Tuesday. PIF did not immediately respond to a Reuters query for comment, while Tesla declined to comment. The source declined to be identified because the stake purchase is not public. PIF, one of the world's biggest sovereign wealth funds with \$250 billion in assets, also has a stake in Uber as it has identified technology as a key area for investment.









**Alwaleed cements deal-making comeback with Snap investment**

Saudi billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal announced his second major tech investment in less than a week as the man known as the Warren Buffett of Arabia returns to global deal-making after his release from detention this year in the kingdom. The prince said late on Tuesday that he acquired a 2.3% stake in app maker Snap Inc, the parent of Snapchat, in a deal valued at \$250 million. The investment was built up and finalized on May 25 at \$11 a share. Alwaleed said on August 2 that he invested 1 billion Saudi riyals (\$267 million) in Paris-based music streaming company Deezer through his investment vehicle Kingdom Holding Co and his media company, Rotana Group. The Saudi billionaire also owns a stake in Twitter Inc.

**Arab Mubadala will open an office in Moscow after a deal with Verno**

Mubadala Investment Co., which is actually the national wealth fund of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), plans in September to open an office in Russia after the acquisition of the Verno Capital team, Bloomberg sources familiar with the situation said. "Fund staff in Moscow will be up to 15 people from Verno, who previously engaged in direct investment," — the agency quotes. The sovereign fund of Abu Dhabi, which manages \$220 billion in assets, participated in approximately 40 deals with the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF). Until now, Mubadala, except for Abu Dhabi, had offices only in Brazil and the US, added to the agency. The deal with Verno is part of the Mubadala plan to increase investment and improve asset management in Russia and the former Soviet Union, the company reported last November. The strategy of Mubadala contrasts with the strategy of the sovereign fund of Norway, which recently took most of the assets from Russian managers.

## EQUITIES

			Price	As at	Δ 1 W NET	Δ 1 W %	High	Low
	TADAWUL ALL SH INDEX	SA	8176.18	09-Aug	-77.36	-0.94%	8,262.86	8,165.90
	ADX GENERAL INDEX	UA	4872.03	09-Aug	60.61	1.26%	4,952.77	4,798.74
	DFM GENERAL INDEX	UA	2920.11	09-Aug	-53.83	-1.81%	2,983.67	2,913.39
	QE Index	QA	9886.86	09-Aug	-94.36	-0.95%	10,002.83	9,827.20
	MSM30 Index	OM	4431.21	09-Aug	104.54	2.42%	4,452.88	4,344.55
	EGX 30 INDEX	EG	15924.06	09-Aug	117.68	0.74%	15,983.94	15,639.09
	KUWAIT PREMIER Index	KW	5455.85	09-Aug	106.52	1.99%	5,471.92	5,348.97
	BB ALL SHARE INDEX	BH	1349.61	09-Aug	0.43	0.03%	1,355.22	1,343.26
	AMMAN SE GENERAL INDEX	JO	1986.99	09-Aug	-41.31	-2.04%	2,027.96	1,982.25

## TOP MOVERS

GAINERS			
1	EGYPT KUWAIT HOLDING CO SAE	EG	87.78%
2	SANAM REAL ESTATE CO KSCC	KU	45.14%
3	BURGAN CO FOR WELL DRILLING	KU	30.14%
4	AAYAN LEASING & INVESTMENT	KU	26.52%
5	FAWAZ ABDULAZIZ ALHOKAIR & C	SR	23.82%
6	ARABIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOP	EG	19.32%
7	BUPA ARABIA FOR COOPERATIVE	SR	18.25%
8	GULF INSURANCE GROUP KSC	KU	16.98%
9	SPECIALIZED INVESTMENT COMPO	JO	15.12%
10	KUWAIT REAL ESTATE HOLDING C	KU	14.19%

LOSERS			
1	DRAKE & SCULL INTERNATIONAL	UA	-21.54%
2	FUJAIRAH CEMENT INDUSTRIES	UA	-20.48%
3	ABU DHABI SHIP BUILDING CO	UA	-17.74%
4	MIDDLE EAST HEALTHCARE CO	SR	-15.18%
5	UNITED PROJECTS FOR AVIATION	KU	-14.35%
6	SALHIA REAL ESTATE CO KSC	KU	-14.29%
7	AL EQBAL CO FOR INVESTMENT P	JO	-13.19%
8	SALAMA COOPERATIVE INSURANCE	SR	-12.60%
9	AL SAGR CO-OPERATIVE INSURAN	SR	-12.48%
10	AL SANABEL INTERNATIONAL CO	JO	-11.94%

## TOP MARKET CAPS

1	SAUDI BASIC INDUSTRIES CORP	SR	-1.40%
2	SAUDI TELECOM CO	SR	-1.27%
3	QATAR NATIONAL BANK	QA	-2.51%
4	EMIRATES TELECOM GROUP CO	UA	-0.59%
5	AL RAJHI BANK	SR	0.11%
6	NATIONAL COMMERCIAL BANK	SR	-5.05%
7	INDUSTRIES QATAR	QA	-0.81%
8	SAUDI ELECTRICITY CO	SR	-4.25%
9	DP WORLD LTD	UA	-0.44%
10	SAUDI ARABIAN MINING CO	SR	-0.87%

## TOP TRADING VOLUMES (WEEKLY AVG)

(in MILLIONS)			
1	ALINMA BANK	SR	50.33
2	AAYAN LEASING & INVESTMENT	KU	33.70
3	ORASCOM INVESTMENT HOLDING	EG	27.69
4	ARABIA INVESTMENTS & DEVELOP	EG	26.03
5	CITADEL CAPITAL SAE	EG	25.98
6	DRAKE & SCULL INTERNATIONAL	UA	24.02
7	AJMAN BANK PJSC	UA	20.03
8	PORTO HOLDING SAE	EG	14.39
9	DAR AL ARKAN REAL ESTATE DEV	SR	12.93
10	AMER GROUP HOLDING	EG	12.83

## TOP SECTORS MOVERS (where index is officially priced)

SAUDI ARABIA		ABU DHABI	
Tadawul Retailing	4.69%	ADX Energy	2.83%
Tadawul Insurance	1.56%	ADX Banks	2.70%
Tadawul Food & Stapl Ret	1.07%	ADX Fin Svs & Investment	2.57%
Tadawul Utilities (L2)	-4.90%	ADX Real Estate	-4.97%
Tadawul Consumer Svc	-3.98%	ADX Industrial	-3.14%
Tadawul Media	-3.74%	ADX Telecommunication	-0.59%



## CURRENCIES

## Cross Rates



USD



EUR



GBP



AUD



JPY\*



CHF

	Saudi Riyal	SAR	3.75	4.32	4.81	2.77	29.62	3.77
	UAE Dirham	AED	3.67	4.23	4.71	2.71	30.24	3.70
	Qatari Riyal	QAR	3.65	4.21	4.69	2.69	30.41	3.68
	Omani Riyal	OMR	0.385	0.444	0.494	0.284	288.61	0.387
	Egyptian Pound	EGP	17.860	20.586	22.917	13.176	6.22	17.984
	Kuwaiti Dinar	KWD	0.303	0.349	0.389	0.224	366.56	0.305
	Bahraini Dinar	BHD	0.377	0.436	0.485	0.279	293.49	0.380
	Jordanian Dinar	JOD	0.710	0.818	0.910	0.523	156.57	0.712

- Thursday's closing prices are used to calculate the cross rates
- USD/EUR/GBP/AUD/CHF are base currencies

## BONDS

## Sovereign Eurobonds (USD)

## LEBANON

Maturity Range (yrs)	Maturity	YTM
0 - 1	Nov-18	5.48
	May-19	7.05
1 - 2	Nov-19	7.64
	Mar-20	8.06
	Apr-20	8.30
2 - 4	Jun-20	8.20
	Apr-21	9.04
4 - 7	Oct-22	9.26
	May-23	9.53
	Apr-24	9.61
	Nov-24	9.63
	Dec-24	9.69
	Feb-25	9.69
	Jun-25	9.68
	Nov-26	9.67
7 - 10	Mar-27	9.73
	Nov-27	9.69
	May-29	9.79
10 - 30	Feb-30	9.59
	Apr-31	9.65
	Mar-32	9.59
	Nov-35	9.44
	Mar-37	9.47

## GULF

Maturity Range (yrs)	Country	Maturity	YTM	
0 - 1	DUBAI	Dec-18	2.74	
	DUBAI	Feb-19	2.81	
	ABU DHABI	Apr-19	2.59	
1 - 2	QATAR	Apr-19	2.57	
	QATAR	Jan-20	3.11	
	2 - 4	DUBAI	Oct-20	3.49
		ABU DHABI	May-21	3.32
	4 - 7	QATAR	Jun-21	3.45
DUBAI		Jun-21	3.78	
QATAR		Jan-22	3.52	
ABU DHABI		Oct-22	3.45	
QATAR		Jan-23	3.56	
DUBAI		Mar-25	4.44	
7 - 10		ABU DHABI	May-26	3.81
10 - 30	QATAR	Jun-26	3.91	
	ABU DHABI	Oct-27	3.88	
	QATAR	Jun-30	4.40	
	QATAR	Jan-40	4.74	
	QATAR	Jan-42	4.74	
10 - 30	DUBAI	Jan-43	5.44	
	QATAR	Jun-46	4.66	
	ABU DHABI	Oct-47	4.45	

Yields are MID values and shown strictly for information purpose and subject to change at any time

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