

EQUITY

Global	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
MSCI AC World Index	585.85	-1.47	-4.45	-22.39
MSCI EM	932.08	-1.49	-6.24	-24.34

US	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
S&P 500	3,789.93	-1.71	-4.17	-20.48
Dow Jones Industrial Average	30,183.78	-1.70	-4.21	-16.94
NASDAQ Composite	11,220.19	-1.79	-5.04	-28.28
Russell 2000	1,762.16	-1.42	-4.44	-21.52

Developed Ex US	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
Stoxx Europe 600	407.05	0.90	-1.94	-16.55
FTSE 100	7,237.64	0.63	-0.64	-1.99
DAX	12,767.15	0.76	-0.53	-19.63
CAC 40	6,031.33	0.87	-1.53	-15.68
Nikkei 225	27,313.13	-1.36	-2.77	-5.14
Hang Seng	18,444.62	-1.79	-7.57	-21.17

Emerging Markets	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
Russia Stock Exchange	2,130.71	-3.83	-11.22	-43.74
Turkey - Borsa Istanbul 100	3,245.76	-0.97	2.35	74.72
MSCI Asia ex Japan	597.13	-1.60	-6.83	-24.34
Shanghai Composite	3,117.18	-0.17	-2.65	-14.36
Taiwan Stock Exchange	14,424.52	-0.86	-4.44	-20.83

MENA	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
S&P GCC Composite	194.11	-0.56	-5.36	2.29
KSA - Tadawul All Share	11,461.09	-0.37	-6.69	1.59
Dubai - DFM General	3,460.52	-1.07	0.51	8.28
Abu Dhabi - ADX General	10,093.97	-0.41	2.22	18.92
Qatar Exchange	12,758.25	-1.38	-4.97	9.74
Boursa Kuwait All Share	7,497.87	-0.67	-2.74	6.46
Boursa Kuwait Premier Market	8,387.08	-0.55	-2.41	9.79
Boursa Kuwait Main Market	5,637.95	-1.13	-3.93	-4.22
Oman - MSM 30	4,508.68	0.72	-1.67	9.18
Bahrain Bourse All Share	1,932.07	-0.18	0.73	7.50
Egypt - EGX 30	9,955.85	-0.55	-0.43	-16.68

FIXED INCOME

	LAST PRICE	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
Bond Indices	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
BB Barclays Gbl Agg TR Unhedged USD	436.59	-0.20	-2.90	-18.00
BB Barclays Gbl Agg TR Hedged USD	527.66	0.20	-1.52	-10.55
BB Barclays US Agg	2,059.22	0.35	-2.03	-12.56

BB Barclays US Corp HY	2,164.81	0.07	-0.94	-12.05
BB EM Corp TR	255.44	0.04	-1.85	-16.86
BB Barclays EM GCC Sukuk TR	136.98	-0.04	-1.05	-5.72
BB Barclays EM HY	1,171.63	0.13	-0.92	-16.67
BB EM Sovereign TR	331.44	0.27	-1.70	-19.86

US Treasury Yields	Current	3 M ago	6 M ago	12 M ago
3 Year	4.008	3.121	2.504	0.454
5 Year	3.766	3.146	2.546	0.829
10 Year	3.530	3.087	2.473	1.323

Developed Ex US Yields	Current	3 M ago	6 M ago	12 M ago
British 10 Year Gilt	3.311	2.316	1.695	0.807
German 10 Year Bund	1.893	1.428	0.587	-0.317
Japan 10 Year Treasury	0.259	0.236	0.238	0.041

COMMODITIES

Precious Metals	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
Gold Spot	1,673.89	0.54	-2.17	-8.49

Energy	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
WTI Crude	82.94	-1.79	-7.38	10.28
Brent Crude	89.83	-0.87	-6.90	15.49

CURRENCIES

Exchange Rates	Last Price	DOD%	MTD%	YTD%
EUR-USD	0.9837	-1.34	-2.16	-13.48
GBP-USD	1.1270	-0.98	-3.03	-16.72
USD-JPY	144.0600	0.22	3.67	25.18
KWD-USD	3.2340	-0.11	-0.32	-2.16
USD-TRY	18.3288	0.11	0.74	37.77
USD-EGP	19.4715	0.25	1.34	23.90

INTERBANK RATES

Rates (%)	1M	3M	6M	12M
London Interbank	3.052	3.602	4.175	4.699
US Term SOFR (CME)	3.075	3.499	3.911	4.221
Saudi Interbank	3.128	3.580	4.021	4.395
Emirates Interbank	3.075	3.375	3.777	4.093
Qatar Interbank	2.350	2.450	2.500	2.750
Kuwait Interbank	2.375	2.625	2.938	3.250

*Last Price as of last business day

MENA NEWS

GCC CENTRAL BANKS RAISE INTEREST RATES TO FIGHT INFLATION

The US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) has hiked its key interest rates by 75 basis points (bps) on Wednesday, to fight rising inflation. Many GCC economies also matched the rate hike by increasing their lending rates. The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) was the first to announce the rate hike in the GCC. The CBB's key policy interest rate on the one-week deposit facility is raised from 3.25% to 4.00%. The CBB has also decided to raise the overnight deposit rate from 3.00% to 3.75%, the four-week deposit rate from 4.00% to 4.75% and the lending rates from 4.50% to 5.25%. The Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE) will raise its base rate applicable to the Overnight Deposit Facility (ODF) by 75 basis points – from 2.4% to 3.15%, effective from Thursday, 22 September 2022.

NON-OIL MERCHANDISE EXPORTS IN SAUDI ARABIA INCREASE BY 26.4%

The value of non-oil exports in Saudi Arabia during July 2022 reached SR27 billion, 26.4 percent increase compared to SR21 billion during 2021, latest figures from the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT) showed. The authority issued on Wednesday the International Trade Publication in Saudi Arabia for July 2022. According to the publication, the value of merchandise exports in Saudi Arabia during July 2022 reached SR141 billion, compared to SR89 billion in July 2021, with an increase of SR52 billion, a percentage of 58.8percent. The publication results indicated that the value of oil exports during July 2022 reached SR114 billion, compared to SR67 billion during July 2021, with an increase of SR47 billion, a percentage of 68.9percent.

OMAN'S NOMINAL GDP SURGES OVER 32%

Oman's economy is witnessing a remarkable expansion this year as elevated oil prices, increased hydrocarbon production and stronger non-oil growth have provided a much needed boost to the country's GDP. The sultanate's nominal GDP – gross domestic product at current market prices – recorded a whopping 32.4 per cent growth in the first half of 2022, the fastest economic expansion in over a decade, official data released on Tuesday showed. Nominal GDP surged to RO20.261bn in the first half of 2022 compared to RO15.302bn in the same period of 2021, according to data released by National Centre for Statistics and Information. The GDP figures show that Oman's economic growth is broad-based with all major sectors – oil and gas, industry, mining and services – recording robust expansion during the January–June period this year.

UAE TRAVEL, TOURISM SPENDING HIGHEST IN GCC REGION AT \$27.4BLN

The UAE remains the top destination for travel and tourism in the region, with visitor expenditures reaching nearly \$30 billion in 2021 alone, according to a new report. Leisure and business visitors in the UAE spent a total of \$27.4 billion in 2021, the highest among the GCC markets, Alpen Capital said in its latest GCC Hospitality Report. Saudi Arabia came second with total spending pegged at \$22.2 billion, followed by Qatar (\$16.5 billion), Kuwait (\$5.5 billion), Oman (\$2.5 billion) and Bahrain (\$3 billion). Both the UAE and Saudi Arabia cumulatively accounted for more than 64% of the total travel and tourism spending within the region last year.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

POWELL SIGNALS RECESSION MAY BE PRICE TO PAY FOR CRUSHING INFLATION

Federal Reserve officials gave their clearest signal yet that they're willing to tolerate a recession as the necessary trade-off for regaining control of inflation. Policy makers, criticized for being too late to realize the scale of the US inflation problem, are moving aggressively to catch up. They raised interest rates by 75 basis points on Wednesday for the third time in a row and forecast a further 1.25 percentage points of tightening before year end. That was more hawkish than expected by economists. In addition, officials cut growth projections, raised their unemployment outlook and Chair Jerome Powell repeatedly spoke of the painful slowdown that's needed to curb price pressures running at the highest levels since the 1980s.

BANK OF ENGLAND IS SET TO RAISE RATES AND START ASSET SALES

The Bank of England on Thursday is set to raise interest rates and start selling assets built up during a decade-long stimulus program, a historic tightening of monetary policy designed to clamp down on inflation. Economists expect the UK central bank to lift its benchmark lending rate a half percentage point to 2.25% and confirm plans to sell more of the £895 billion of bonds acquired during the quantitative-easing program. Investors see a strong chance of a three-quarter-point increase. Officials led by Governor Andrew Bailey have said they'll act "forcefully" to prevent inflation from seeping into expectations that wages prices will keep rising. This month's decision, due at 12 p.m. London time, also gives the government an opportunity to recalibrate the BOE's emphasis.

BOJ HOLDS GROUND ON ULTRALOW RATES AS JAPAN WARNS OVER YEN MOVES

The Bank of Japan continued to stand by its ultralow interest rates as it further isolated itself from a global wave of policy tightening, fueling a slide in the yen to a fresh 24-year low and ramped-up warnings of possible intervention. Within hours of the Federal Reserve's latest rate hike, Governor Haruhiko Kuroda and his fellow board members kept the BOJ's yield curve control program and its asset purchases unchanged Thursday as had been widely expected. The decision still pushed the yen to as weak as 145.37 against the dollar, prompting a stronger warning from Japan's top currency official. "We could do a stealth intervention, and even though I'm not in a position to comment on whether an intervention was done or not, honestly-speaking, we haven't done it yet," said Masato Kanda, talking to reporters at the finance ministry after the yen had already pared back some of the lost ground.

U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Yesterday

Existing Home Sales AUG

Existing home sales in the US edged 0.4% lower to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.8 million in August of 2022, the lowest reading since May of 2020, and following a downwardly revised 5.7% drop in July. It marks the seventh consecutive month of falls in existing home sales, reflecting this year's escalating mortgage rates. Figures compare with market forecasts of 4.7 million. The median existing-home sales price rose 7.7% from one year ago to \$389,500. After five successive monthly increases, the inventory of unsold existing homes dwindled to 1.28 million, or the equivalent of 3.2 months at the current monthly sales pace. Sales rose in the Northeast (1.6%) and the West (1.1%), but were unchanged in the South and fell 3.3% in the Midwest.

Fed Interest Rate Decision

The Fed raised the federal funds rate by 75 bps to the 3%-3.25% range during its September meeting, the third straight three-quarter point increase and pushing borrowing costs to the highest since 2008. Policymakers also anticipate that ongoing increases in the target range will be appropriate which was reinforced by Chair Powell during the press conference. "We have got to get inflation behind us. I wish there were a painless way to do that. There isn't". The so-called dot plot showed interest rates will likely reach 4.4% by December, above 3.4% projected in June, and rise to 4.6% next year. Meanwhile, GDP growth forecasts were revised lower to show a 0.2% expansion this year, compared to 1.7% seen in June and 1.2% in 2023, below 1.7% seen in June. Inflation as measured by PCE is seen to reach 5.4% in 2022 (5.2% projected in June) and 2.8% in 2023 (vs 2.6%). The unemployment rate was also revised slightly higher to 3.8% (vs 3.7%) this year and 4.4% (vs 3.9%) next year.

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