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Crisis of Confidence Ruling Investment Sentiments

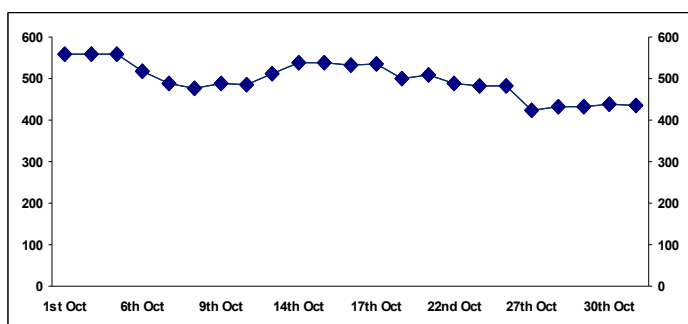
The turbulent time for world equity markets continued as it reeled under pressure to liquidate positions in anticipation of the world economy skidding fast into recession. The credit ailment, which started in the United States around a year ago, is now slowly affecting other major European and Far Eastern economies and has sent investors confidence crashing down as major world markets traded at multi year lows.

The much anticipated US\$ 700 bn bailout package of the United States to buy distressed financial assets seemed to have little impact on the markets as many believed that such measures are still insufficient to ride through the crisis. In a desperate move, the Federal Reserve cut its interest rates to a four year low of 1% in order to calm the nervous markets. Across the world, the central banks of many countries coordinated their efforts to pump in money into the financial system to cater to the liquidity crunch as LIBOR rates have climbed due to shortage of funds. The banks are facing a bleak outlook with many of them rushing to increase their capital base to fight the crisis by either raising money through rights issue or selling their stakes to respective governments and getting nationalized status to avoid liquidation.

The GCC stock markets also moved in tandem with the rest of the world with concerns over the world economy ruling the minds of investors who are unwinding their investments, which has resulted in continued selling pressure being exerted over the last couple of months. The oil prices, which have retreated by over 50% since reaching the peak of US\$ 147.27 in July 2008, have further damaged the sentiments of regional investors with worries of a possible slowdown in local economies due to their high dependence on oil revenues. The healthy corporate earnings reported by many of the blue chip companies for the third quarter also failed to lift the sentiments.

The world economy is facing a "crisis of confidence", which is making it difficult to resolve the situation. The uncertain times are expected to stay for the next couple of months till the impact of rescue measures start reaping benefits.

MSCI GCC Index



GCC Indices

Market	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	Mkt Cap (US\$bn) *
ADXGI	3,326.10	3,956.72	-15.94	85
BASI	2,220.17	2,462.72	-9.85	25
DFMGI	2,942.03	4,127.62	-28.72	61
DSM20	6,928.00	9,314.53	-25.62	79
KSEMI	9,789.30	12,839.30	-23.76	141
MSM30	6,209.96	8,493.56	-26.89	16
TASI	5,537.82	7,458.50	-25.75	290

* - As on 30 October 2008

Commodities

US\$ per barrel	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
OPEC Basket	59.92	94.09	-36.32	-34.02
US\$ per ounce			%MTD	%YTD
Gold	737.20	877.20	-15.96	-11.70
US\$ per tonne			%MTD	%YTD
Aluminium	2,094	2,446	-14.40	-15.98
Copper	4,498	6,399	-29.71	-36.40
Steel	260	515	-49.51	NA

World Indices

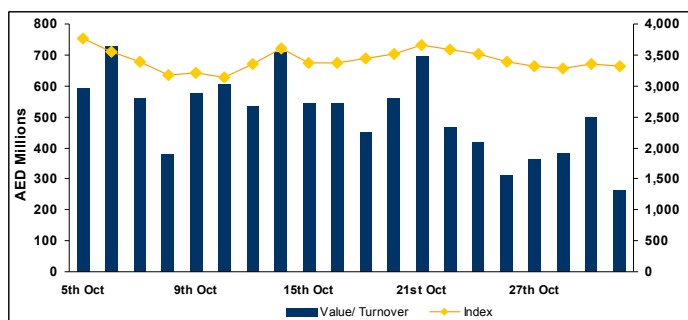
Market	31 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
DJIA	9,325.01	10,850.66	-14.06	-29.70
FTSE	4,377.34	4,902.45	-10.71	-32.21
KOSPI	1,113.06	1,448.06	-23.13	-41.33
NASDAQ	1,720.95	2,082.33	-17.35	-35.11
NIFTY	2,885.60	3,921.20	-26.41	-52.99
NIKKEI	8,576.98	11,259.86	-23.83	-43.97
SSE	1,728.79	2,293.78	-24.63	-67.14



Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX)

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ADX General Index



Insight

The ADX index retreated by 15.9% during the month following the global trend. The banking sector declined by 19.4% as Emirates Inter-bank Offer Rate (EIBOR) rose which could make it difficult for banks to raise fresh short term finance at easy rates, affecting their interest spread. The market reversed the selling trend for short period as the Central Bank infused AED 25 bn in the form of bank deposits to boost liquidity in the system. The falling oil prices also put pressure as the Emirate depends largely on oil revenues and the fall in oil demand globally could harm its long term diversification prospects.

Recent News

- The UAE plans to inject AED 70 bn (US\$ 19.05 bn) in banks in the form of long term deposits with an aim to enhance liquidity and thereby induce lending.
- Abu Dhabi National Energy Co. (TAQA) has reported a 318% rise in net profits for the nine month period ended September 2008 at AED 1.60 bn (US\$ 436 mn) as compared to AED 381 mn in the corresponding period of previous year driven by the integration of its Canadian acquisitions.
- Emiratad Telecommunications Corp (Etisalat) has reported a 19% rise in Q3 net profits to AED 2.10 bn as compared to the corresponding period in previous year, on the back of higher revenues and rising mobile service users.
- Sorouh Real Estate has posted a more than three time rise in Q3 2008 net profit to clock AED 977 mn as compared to AED 216.90 mn in Q3 2007.
- Abu Dhabi Commercial bank has reported a 26% decline in net profit for Q3 2008 at AED 447.60 mn as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year primarily due to an AED 208 mn impairment provision.

Sectoral Trends

Sector	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
General Index	3,326.10	3,956.72	-15.94	-26.93
Bank & Fin Svcs	4,224.71	5,242.04	-19.41	-29.77
Real Estate	669.20	1,071.15	-37.53	-56.14
Consumer	1,634.25	2,001.74	-18.36	-15.32
Construction	5,060.67	6,007.90	-15.77	-1.84
Industrial	2,533.18	2,726.96	-7.11	-9.50
Telecom	2,729.10	2,857.03	-4.48	562.66
Health Care	1,790.35	1,599.43	11.94	12.69
Energy	225.51	280.61	-19.64	-93.12
Insurance	3,715.75	3,937.84	-5.64	13.82

Gainers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Gulf Medical Projects	5.24	4.00	1.24	31.00
Al Wathba Ins Co	9.52	7.88	1.64	20.81
Nat Bnk of Fujairah	7.50	6.23	1.27	20.39
United Arab Bank	8.56	7.40	1.16	15.68
Sharjah Ins Co	5.81	5.27	0.54	10.25

Losers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Waha Capital	1.11	2.03	-0.92	-45.32
Sorouh Real Estate	3.90	6.80	-2.90	-42.65
UAQ Cement IndCo	1.29	2.20	-0.91	-41.36
Agthia Group	1.16	1.89	-0.73	-38.62
Union Nat Bnk	4.22	6.77	-2.55	-37.67

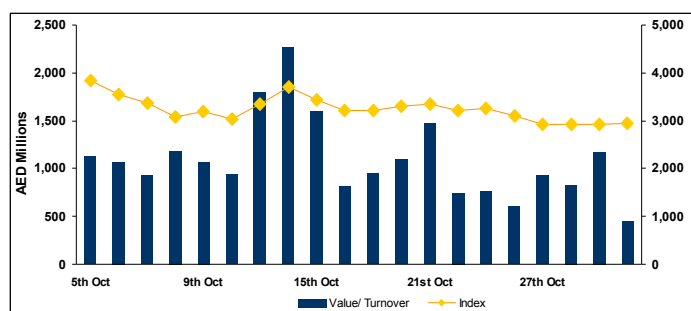
Most Active by Volume

Company	Volume	CMP(AED)	%Chg
ALDAR Properties	1,306,389,984	5.22	-34.50
Dana Gas	1,072,681,556	1.05	-23.91
Sorouh Real Estate	643,979,450	3.90	-42.65
RAK Properties	448,798,650	1.05	-29.05
Aabar Investments	207,308,188	2.81	-17.84

Most Active by Value

Company	Value (AED)	CMP (AED)	%Chg
ALDAR Properties	7,771,641,082	5.22	-34.50
Sorouh Real Estate	3,180,329,667	3.90	-42.65
Methaq Takaful Ins	1,608,207,419	6.94	-12.59
Etisalat	1,553,908,113	16.00	-4.48
First Gulf Bank	1,522,650,783	11.95	-26.69

DFM General Index



Insight

Selling pressure continued this month as the index lost 28.7% with severe selling seen in real estate and banking sectors. The FII's have been major sellers in the recent times as they shifted focus back home to cover losses resulting from mounting investments write-downs. The merger talks of Amlak Finance and Tamweel also failed to enlighten the market. Arabtec Holdings, the lone listed construction company which was riding the real estate boom in Dubai, plunged 53.2%, down 70.6% from its peak of AED 19.90. Emaar Properties tumbled 45.1% despite announcement of its share buy-back program.

Recent News

- Emaar Properties' net profit for Q3 2008 has taken a 3.2% hit as it stood at AED 1.51 bn (US\$ 411 mn) as compared to AED 1.56 bn in the third quarter of the previous year. Emaar Properties also launched its share buyback program and bought 200,000 shares at an average price of AED 5.55 per share, representing 0.003% out of the sanctioned 10%.
- UAE's largest construction firm by market value, Arabtec Holding recorded a nine-month profit of AED 761 mn (US\$ 207.1 mn) stating an increase of more than double compared to the same period for the previous year.
- Dubai Islamic Bank third-quarter net profit rose to be AED 428 mn. (US\$ 116.5 mn) in 2008, stating a 10% rise from a net profit of AED 389.6 mn in the third quarter of 2007
- Dubai Investments sold a 40% stake in M'Sharie, its private equity arm, for AED 400 mn (US\$109 mn) in a private placement. According to Dubai Investments, M'Sharie is valued at AED 1 bn.

Sectoral Trends

Sector	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
General Index	2,942.03	4,127.62	-28.72	-50.40
Banking	1,874.11	2,540.12	-26.22	-45.11
Insurance	3,760.88	4,316.84	-12.88	-18.77
Investment	4,230.60	6,389.95	-33.79	-47.52
Real Estate	5,339.56	7,995.19	-33.22	-60.97
Transportation	548.43	703.62	-22.06	-41.37
Materials	296.45	345.86	-14.29	-14.91
Telecom	669.90	807.44	-17.03	-44.13
Utilities	2,037.26	2,956.73	-31.10	-64.50
C Staples	396.00	313.00	26.52	-40.36

Gainers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Jeema Min Water	3.96	3.13	0.83	26.52
Salam Int Invst	16.10	15.15	0.95	6.27
Kuwait Fin & Invst	3.60	3.57	0.03	0.84

Losers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Arabtec Holding Co	5.85	12.50	-6.65	-53.20
TAKAFUL House	2.20	4.37	-2.17	-49.66
Takaful Emarat	2.14	4.20	-2.06	-49.05
Grand Real Est	1.20	2.35	-1.15	-48.94
TAMWEEL	1.99	3.80	-1.81	-47.63

Most Active by Volume

Company	Volume	CMP (AED)	%Chg
EMAAR Properties	1,528,882,444	5.34	-31.10
Air Arabia	1,237,703,757	1.21	-17.12
Dubai Fin Market	671,024,641	2.22	-34.51
DEYAAR	542,552,048	1.15	-28.57
Gulf Navigtn Hldng	539,427,878	1.10	-19.12

Most Active by Value

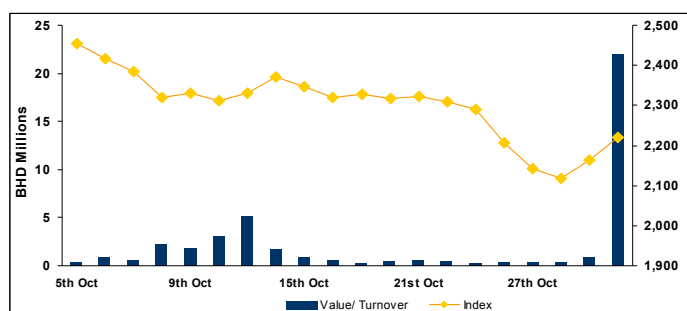
Company	Value (AED)	CMP (AED)	%Chg
EMAAR Properties	8,954,954,396	5.34	-31.10
Arabtec Holding Co	2,344,482,181	5.85	-53.20
Dubai Fin Market	1,724,951,194	2.22	-34.51
Air Arabia	1,540,195,087	1.21	-17.12
Union Properties	968,225,704	2.02	-32.21



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Bahrain Stock Exchange (BSE)

BSE General Index



Insight

The Bahrain Stock Exchange index continued to be under severe selling pressure, following the trend of its regional peers throughout October 2008. The Bahraini bourse shed 234 points, a 9.85% decline. All the sectoral indices fell. Commercial bank and the services sectors suffered losses of 11.84% and 11.32% respectively. None of the traded stocks logged profits, though 26 remained constant. To improve the weakening investor sentiment and as a measure to resolve liquidity issue in the market, the Central Bank of Bahrain slashed its key policy interest rates by 25 basis points.

Recent News

- The Central Bank of Bahrain (CBB) decided to cut its key policy interest rate by 25 basis points, after reviewing the decision taken by the Federal Open Market Committee. Effective immediately, its rate on the one-week deposit facility would be 1.50%, down from 1.75% previously. CBB's standing loan-facilities remain available for banks if they require liquidity.
- The Commercial Real Estate Company a Kuwait-based Commercial Real Estate Company said it will take an 8.33% stake in First Investment Bank a new Bahrain based Sharia compliant bank which has already launched its operations.
- Bahrain's Gulf Finance House's nine months net profit rose by 30.7% to US\$ 302 mn, up from US\$ 231 mn during the same period last year. Earnings per share for the period grew by 32% to US\$ 0.38 compared with US\$0.29 in 2007.
- The Bahrain Commercial Facilities Company's BD 25 mn rights issue, to fund its future growth strategy, closed on 22 October 2008. The company owns several of Bahrain's leading businesses, including Bahrain Credit, its leading credit and consumer facilities company, National Motor Company, Tas'heelat Insurance Services and Tas'heelat Real Estate Services Company.

Sectoral Trends

Sector	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
General Index	2,220.17	2,462.72	-9.85	-19.42
Commercial Banks	2,810.98	3,188.52	-11.84	-19.20
Investment	2,021.89	2,207.05	-8.39	-20.60
Insurance	2,301.49	2,358.51	-2.42	-0.63
Services	1,625.19	1,832.63	-11.32	-20.00
Industrial	1,376.77	1,376.77	0.00	-4.29
Hotels & Tourism	2,727.78	2,875.28	-5.13	17.82

Gainers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
None				

Losers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Global Inv House	0.64	1.45	-0.80	-55.43
Gulf Finance House	\$1.94	\$2.69	-0.75	-27.88
Al Salam Bank	0.15	0.21	-0.06	-26.67
Khaleeji Comm Bnk	0.24	0.30	-0.06	-21.00
Esterad Investment	0.53	0.67	-0.14	-20.90

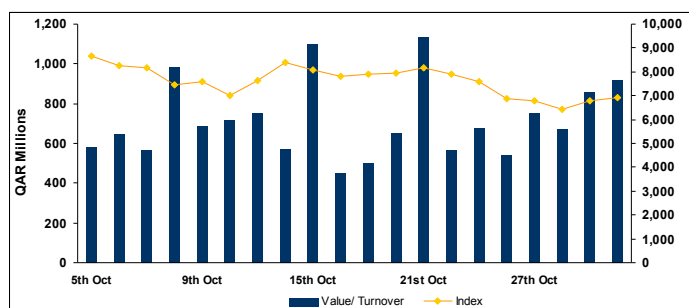
Most Active by Volume

Company	Volume	CMP (BHD)	%Chg
Bahrain Telecomms	34,323,636	0.60	-11.76
Gulf Finance House	14,953,464	\$1.94	-27.88
Ithmaar Bank	8,094,803	\$0.45	-19.64
Al Salam Bank	6,651,076	0.15	-26.67
Khaleeji Comm Bnk	6,494,663	0.24	-21.00

Most Active by Value

Company	Value (BHD)	CMP (BHD)	%Chg
Bahrain Telecomms	21,963,099	0.60	-11.76
Gulf Finance House	12,893,866	\$1.94	-27.88
Khaleeji Comm Bnk	1,694,977	0.24	-21.00
Ithmaar Bank	1,472,430	\$0.45	-19.64
Al Salam Bank	1,124,750	0.15	-26.67

DSM General Index



Insight

Qatar market moved in tandem with regional peers and closed the month down 25.6%. All the sectors ended the month in red with the industrial sector registering the biggest decline of 28.3%. Market capitalization of the exchange dipped to US\$ 78.9 bn down by 27.5%. The index heavy-weight, Industries Qatar closed the month down 25.3% at QAR 107. Qatar National Bank, the largest bank in terms of total assets corrected by 22.2%. Investors who are unnerved by the financial crisis are looking reluctant to put money for long term with many believing the bottom has not yet been tested.

Recent News

- Qatar National Bank's net profit for the nine months ending 30 September 2008 rose by 61.3% to QAR 3 bn (US\$ 824 mn) over the same period a year earlier. The bank's net operating income for the same period also increased by 51.7% to QAR 3.86 bn.
- Commercial Bank of Qatar's nine-month net profit rose to QAR 1.6bn (US\$ 439.6 mn) from QAR 1bn over the same period in 2007.
- Qatar Telecom's nine-month net profit rose 38.4% to QAR 1.8 bn (US\$ 494.3 mn) in 2008 from a year earlier. The telecom operator made a nine-month profit of QAR 1.3 bn over the same period in 2007.
- According to a senior official at Bapepam, as per their prospectus, Qatar Telecom is required to buy an additional 24.2% of PT Indonesia Satellite Corp. from public shareholders through a tender offer at a price of IDR 7,388 per share. The company had stated it would pay IDR 6,416 per share.
- Due to the construction boom in the country Qatar Steel has decided to stop its steel exports caused by a 45% increase in local demand. The Chairman of Qatar Steel said that the economic and industrial boom has imposed on Qatar Steel the necessity to keep up with the factual trends and rational developments taking place in the country.

Sectoral Trends

Sector	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
General Index	6,928.00	9,314.53	-25.62	-27.69
Banking	9,650.52	13,281.32	-27.34	-28.04
Industry	6,596.15	9,211.21	-28.39	-24.51
Insurance	6,126.76	7,856.17	-22.01	-44.47
Services	5,314.28	6,722.03	-20.94	-28.49

Gainers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
None				

Losers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Aamal	39.30	79.30	-40.00	-50.44
Qatar Real Est Inv	27.90	52.10	-24.20	-46.45
Dlala Holding	24.00	43.20	-19.20	-44.44
Qatar Insurance	94.80	170.10	-75.30	-44.27
United Devlpment	27.80	49.00	-21.20	-43.27

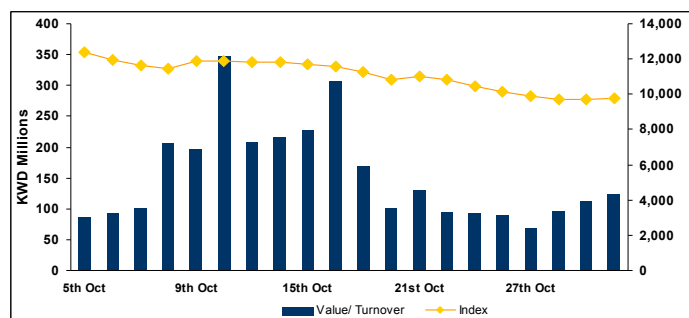
Most Active by Volume

Company	Volume	CMP (QAR)	%Chg
Masraf Al-Rayan	122,250,752	12.00	-36.17
Qatar Gas Transp	53,029,782	23.70	-21.52
Industries Qatar	23,328,260	107.00	-25.38
Qatar Islamic Bank	17,865,212	93.50	-23.92
Barwa Real Estate	15,946,555	35.40	-39.90

Most Active by Value

Company	Value (QAR)	CMP (QAR)	%Chg
Industries Qatar	2,730,787,048	107.00	-25.38
Qatar Islamic Bank	1,872,806,432	93.50	-23.92
Masraf Al-Rayan	1,719,409,942	12.00	-36.17
Qatar Gas Transp	1,360,809,713	23.70	-21.52
Coml Bnk of Qatar	925,686,487	66.40	-36.28

KSE General Index



Insight

The Kuwait Stock Exchange reeled under heavy selling pressure this month losing 23.76%, while ending the month below 10,000 psychological level. A 125 basis points cut in the key interest rate by the Central Bank of Kuwait helped cut losses for a brief period around mid month. However, the news of Gulf Bank, Kuwait's fifth largest bank by market value, sustaining losses in derivative trades reversed the investor sentiments as the bank reported poor earnings due to ongoing credit crisis. Market breadth remained sluggish during the month, with 173 decliners and just 11 gainers.

Recent News

- The Kuwaiti government is planning to set up a fund with a capital base of KWD 6 bn (US\$ 22.30 bn) with an aim to support Kuwaiti listed companies.
- In a bid to help financial markets to cut losses, the Central Bank of Kuwait slashed its key discount interest rate by 125 basis points coupled with moves to make access to emergency funding easier.
- Kuwait's Mobile Telecommunications Co (Zain), has reported a net profit of KWD 87.19 mn (US\$ 323.40 mn) in Q3 2008 as compared to KWD 86.17 mn in Q3 2007.
- Kuwait Projects Co's net profit in the third quarter of 2008 has risen 54% over the corresponding period in the previous year to touch KWD 83.56 mn (US\$ 310.60 mn)
- National Mobile Telecommunications Co has revealed that its Q3 2008 net profits have witnessed a 64% rise to touch KWD 25.50 mn (US\$ 94.40 mn) as compared to KWD 15.60 mn in Q3 2007.
- Burgan Bank's Q3 2008 net profits stands at KWD 19.30 mn (US\$ 71.50 mn) which is 44.70% higher than the corresponding period in the previous year.

Sectoral Trends

Sector	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
General Index	9,789.30	12,839.30	-23.76	-22.05
Banking	11,487.70	13,225.50	-13.14	-20.58
Insurance	3,382.80	3,791.50	-10.78	-1.71
Investment	10,501.40	14,415.70	-27.15	-34.25
Real Estate	4,596.80	6,551.60	-29.84	-21.26
Industrial	6,849.50	9,186.80	-25.44	-17.06
Services	17,828.60	23,542.70	-24.27	-16.10
Food	4,321.70	5,159.60	-16.24	-34.54
Non Kuwaities	9,543.70	11,500.00	-17.01	-12.85

Gainers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Villa Moda Life Styl	0.204	0.164	0.04	24.39
The Trnsp&Wrhsg	0.680	0.560	0.12	21.43
Al Enma'a Real Est	0.246	0.214	0.03	14.95
Kuwait Untd Pltry	0.142	0.124	0.02	14.52
Kuwait Nat Cinema	0.950	0.900	0.05	5.56

Losers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Abyaar Real Estate	0.242	0.640	-0.40	-62.19
First Dubai	0.250	0.600	-0.35	-58.33
Grand Real Estate	0.064	0.148	-0.08	-56.76
Automated Systems	0.214	0.485	-0.27	-55.88
Al-Abraj Holding Co.	0.260	0.580	-0.32	-55.17

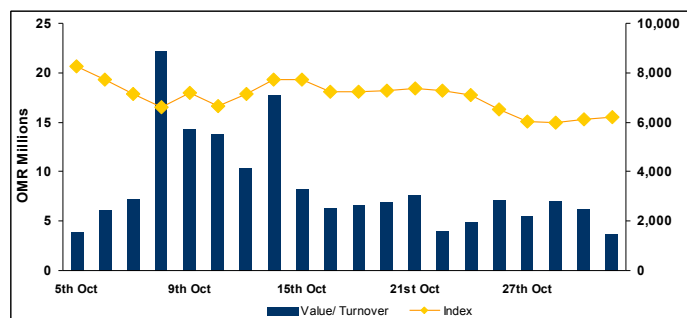
Most Active by Volume

Company	Volume	CMP(KWD)	%Chg
Al-Safwa Group Co.	679,640,000	0.068	-49.25
Mobile Tele Co.	369,800,000	1.160	-20.55
Al Safat Investment	308,210,000	0.208	-47.34
Gulf Finance House	296,080,000	0.500	-31.51
Ekttitab Holding Co.	283,980,000	0.093	-35.42

Most Active by Value

Company	Value (KWD)	CMP(KWD)	%Chg
Mobile Tele Co.	470,056,200	1.160	-20.55
Kuwait Fin House	348,331,550	1.860	-12.26
Nat Bank of Kuwait	291,460,150	1.560	-13.33
Gulf Finance House	185,757,025	0.500	-31.51
The Public Wrhsg	156,694,250	0.720	-13.25

MSM General Index



Insight

The benchmark MSM 30 index plunged 26.8% with broad based selling witnessed on all the sectors. Industrial sector saw the biggest decline this month registering a fall of 34.7%. The news of a budget surplus of OMR 1.5 bn for the first eight months had little impact as negative investor sentiments dragged the index to a new low of 5,977 for the year. ONIC Holding led the losers chart with a 51.20% plunge in price to close on OMR 0.376. Market breadth was skewed towards decliners with 65 decliners and only 3 advancers. On MSM too, investors shied of going long in such times of uncertainty.

Recent News

- The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has announced that the PCCW- Awaser Oman Consortium has emerged as the winning bidder for the Class 1 license to establish fixed line public telecom services in the Sultanate of Oman.
- The shareholders of Bank Dhofar have approved a 33.33% (176.92 mn shares) rights issue at a price of OMR 0.401 per share, with the unsubscribed portion to be allocated by way of a private placement.
- The shareholders of Oman International Bank approved the 1:10 stock split implying a reduction in par value from OMR 1 per share to OMR 0.10 per share.
- Bank Muscat has reported that its net profit for the first nine months of 2008 stood at OMR 90.10 mn representing a 43.90% rise as compared to the corresponding period in the previous year.
- The National Bank of Oman has reported net profit of OMR 12.30 mn (US\$ 31.90 mn) for Q3 2008. As of September end, total assets grew by 36% to OMR 1.80 bn from OMR 1.30 bn at the end of September 2007.

Sectoral Trends

Sector	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
General Index	6,209.96	8,493.56	-26.89	-31.27
Banking & Investment	7,675.23	10,867.73	-29.38	-37.66
Industry	5,686.43	8,709.96	-34.71	-30.12
Service & Insurance	2,822.84	3,983.73	-29.14	-20.10

Gainers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Dhofar Tourism	1.19	1.08	0.11	9.98
Al Oula Co.	0.80	0.74	0.06	8.40
Taageer Finance	0.36	0.36	0.00	1.12

Losers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
ONIC. Holding	0.38	0.77	-0.40	-51.23
Oman&Emirates In	0.16	0.33	-0.17	-50.92
Galfar Engineering	0.76	1.44	-0.68	-47.47
Oman United Ins	0.16	0.28	-0.13	-44.91
Oman Chemical Ind	0.07	0.13	-0.06	-44.88

Most Active by Volume

Company	Volume	CMP(OMR)	%Chg
Al Jazeera Services	25,853,090	0.12	-38.10
Bank Muscat	25,209,519	0.90	-21.33
Galfar Engineering	18,544,887	0.76	-47.47
Bank Sohar	16,870,053	0.17	-23.29
United Finance	16,466,251	0.19	-38.00

Most Active by Value

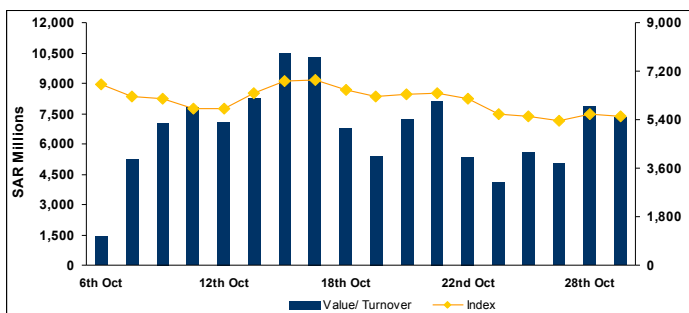
Company	Value (OMR)	CMP(OMR)	%Chg
Oman Telecom	26,226,579	1.66	-15.81
Bank Muscat	25,074,549	0.90	-21.33
Raysut Cement	21,091,962	1.20	-44.09
Galfar Engineering	20,361,028	0.76	-47.47
Renaissance Servs	10,649,408	0.70	-44.10



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Saudi Stock Exchange (SSE)

SSE General Index



Insight

The bears continued to batter the biggest Arab bourse as the index registered loss of 25.7% during the month. Continuous selling pressure took the benchmark Tadawul All Share Index (TASI) below 6,000 level, last seen in the year 2004. In a rare move, SAMA cut the repo rate by 150 basis points to 4% in order to support domestic liquidity. The fall in oil revenues had negative impact on the petrochemical sector (down MTD by 37.5%) with expectations of slowdown in the sectoral earnings. The long term investor sentiments are believed to be negative due to high dependence on oil revenues.

Recent News

- The Saudi Arabian Supreme Economic Council, headed by King Abdullah, has approved a decision to guarantee bank deposits to boost confidence in the Kingdom's lenders. Bank deposits in the Kingdom currently aggregate to SAR 810 bn (US\$ 215 bn).
- The Saudi Central Bank has pumped in around US\$ 2 bn to US\$ 3 bn in local banks by way of deposits to help them overcome Dollar shortage.
- Saudi Basic Industries Corp, reported a net profit of SAR 7.24 bn (US\$ 1.92 bn) in Q3 2008 which is 2% lesser than Q3 2007 figure.
- Saudi Electricity Co, has reported a 12% fall in Q3 2008 net profit to SAR 1.50 bn (US\$ 400 mn) as compared to SAR 1.70 bn in the corresponding period of the previous year.
- Saudi Telecom Corp's third quarter net profit declined 4% to SAR 3.01 bn (US\$ 803 mn) from SAR 3.14 bn in 3Q 2007.

Sectoral Trends

Sector	30 Oct	30 Sep	%MTD	%YTD
Genl Index / TASI	5,537.82	7,458.50	-25.75	-49.83
Banks & Fin Svcs	16,184.94	19,434.65	-16.72	-47.01
Petrochemical Inds	4,164.74	6,663.07	-37.50	-56.02
Cement	3,588.84	4,644.94	-22.74	-50.45
Retail	3,186.64	4,045.10	-21.22	-41.90
Energy & Utilities	3,505.09	3,917.69	-10.53	-37.57
Agri & Food Inds	3,495.82	4,393.88	-20.44	-39.03
Telecom & Info Tech	1,802.82	2,196.99	-17.94	-46.01
Insurance	590.21	951.76	-37.99	-74.51
Multi-Investment	2,014.45	2,951.83	-31.76	-67.63
Industrial Inv	3,662.87	5,666.10	-35.35	-40.49
Bldg & Constrctn	3,876.77	6,721.85	-42.33	-43.58
Real Estate Dev	3,302.08	4,540.54	-27.28	-50.81
Transport	3,004.52	3,936.50	-23.68	-44.24
Media & Publishg	1,739.27	2,169.30	-19.82	-56.32
Hotel & Tourism	3,713.13	5,271.48	-29.56	-40.06

Gainers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Saudi Paper Mfg Co	66.50	66.25	0.25	0.38

Losers

Company	30 Oct	30 Sep	Change	%Chg
Alujain Corporation	13.85	29.80	-15.95	-53.52
S Arabia Fertilzrs	93.25	193.50	-100.25	-51.81
Co. for Co-Op Ins.	32.20	64.00	-31.80	-49.69
Arabian Pipes Co	48.50	95.25	-46.75	-49.08
Nat Metal Manfg	29.00	56.50	-27.50	-48.67

Most Active by Volume

Company	Volume	CMP (SAR)	%Chg
Alinma Bank	1,380,579,658	12.00	-18.09
Mobile Telecomm	392,239,148	12.75	-32.00
S Arabian Mining	334,865,281	13.75	-34.21
SABIC	243,366,065	71.00	-32.54
Emaar The Eco City	185,055,897	11.55	-20.89

Most Active by Value

Company	Value (SAR)	CMP (SAR)	%Chg
SABIC	21,112,986,534	71.00	-32.54
Alinma Bank	17,831,763,319	12.00	-18.09
S Arabia Fertilzrs	8,148,388,403	93.25	-51.81
Mobile Telecomm	5,662,980,451	12.75	-32.00
S Arabian Mining	5,267,237,443	13.75	-34.21

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