

Global Economic Development

- US economy advanced an annualized 3.5% in the third quarter of 2018, beating market expectations.
- US unemployment rate was unchanged at 3.7% in October 2018. Unchanged from the previous month's 49-year low and in line with market expectations.
- US Fed considered that further gradual increases in the target range for the federal funds rate would be necessary to achieve a sustained economic expansion.
- US non farm payrolls increased by 250 thousand in October of 2018, above market.
- US personal spending rose 0.4 % from a month earlier in September of 2018.
- EU economy grew 0.2 % on Q3 2018.
- EU annual inflation rate is expected to pick up to 2.2% in October 2018.
- EU unemployment rate was unchanged at 8.1% in September 2018, the lowest in 10 years.
- ECB held its benchmark refinancing rate at 0% on October 25th and said it will continue to make net purchases under the asset purchase programme at the new monthly pace of €15 billion until the end of December.
- Germany's annual inflation rate is expected to increase to 2.5% in October 2018.
- Germany's unemployment rate was unchanged at a near 38-year low of 3.4% in September 2018.
- France Q3 GDP grew at 0.4%, the strongest in almost a year.
- France annual inflation rate stood at 2.2% in October of 2018.
- UK unemployment rate was unchanged at 4% in the three months to August 2018, the lowest since 1975.
- Bank of England left the Bank Rate unchanged at 0.75% on November 1st 2018.
- The Bank of Japan left its key short-term interest rate unchanged at -0.1 % at its October meeting.
- Japan's annual inflation rate edged down to 1.2% in September 2018.
- Japan unemployment rate edged down to 2.3% in September 2018.
- China Economy Expands 1.6% QoQ in Q3. the lowest rate since the global financial crisis
- China's inflation rose to a seven-month high of 2.5% year-on-year in September of 2018.

Local & Regional Economic Development

- Palestine PPI increased by 0.10% mom in September 2018.
- Palestine exports decreased by 2.3% & Imports increased by 1.20% mom in August.
- Palestine CPI decreased 0.07% mom in September.
- Palestine IPI decreased 2.35% mom in August.
- Egypt's foreign debt increased by 17.2% yoy to USD 92.6bn at end-June.
- Egypt has set its external borrowing ceiling at USD 16.73bn for the 2018-2019.
- Egypt's PM is finalizing a government restructuring that includes a smaller cabinet and fewer civil servants.
- Iraq central bank announced foreign reserves in excess of USD 60bn.
- Inflation in Kuwait edged up to 0.27% year on year in September.
- Kuwait is nationalizing public sector jobs.
- Oman sold USD 1.5bn seven-year in Islamic bonds.
- Qatar's bank deposits grew 2.5% year on year, USD 226.78bn in September.
- KSA Future Investment Initiative conference held during October saw deals worth USD 56bn.
- KSA non-oil revenues increased by 48% yoy to USD 56.25bn in Q3.
- KSA imports fell -22.8% year on year to SAR 33.6bn in August.
- KSA privatization deals will be offered to international investors over the next six months.
- UAE government revenues increased by 4.2% year on year, USD 10.6bn, in H1 this year.
- Abu Dhabi's nominal GDP accelerated to AED 456bn in H1 2018, posting growth rates of 9% and 13% yoy in Q1 and Q2 respectively.
- Abu Dhabi's Non-oil trade increased by 24.2% year on year to AED 14.08bn in August.

Palestine Key Economic Indicators					
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Population ('000)	4,421	4,550	4,682	4,867	4,950
Real GDP Change	2.2	-0.2	3.4	4.1	3.2
Real Per Capita GDP Change	-0.8	-3.1	0.4	1.2	0.1
Inflation Rate	1.72	1.73	1.43	-0.22	0.21
Unemployment rate	23.4	26.9	25.9	26.9	27.40



- Palestine securities exchange profits grew 82% in the 9 months of 2018**, Palestine Securities Exchange (PSE) announced its financial results for the nine months of the year ending September 30, 2018, which showed a net profit of USD 669,120 an increase of 82% compared to USD 367,401 in the same period of 2017. Net profit for the third quarter 2018 alone was USD 116,152 compared to USD 472,364 in the same period of 2017, a decrease of 75%.

Gross revenues for the nine months of 2018 were USD 2,397,831 compared to USD 2,510,268 in the same period of 2017, a decrease of 4%. Operational revenues amounted to USD 1,952,015 and other revenues were USD 445,816 respectively.

Expenses for the nine months 2018 amounted to USD 1,597,901 compared to USD 2,120,116 during the same period of 2017, a decrease of 25%. Revenues for the third quarter alone were USD 651,042 compared to USD 1,048,941 in the same period 2017, and expenses for the same period were USD 514,133 compared to USD 553,826 in the third quarter of 2017. Trading Value in the nine months of 2018 decreased by 6% compared to the same period in 2017 and reached USD 313 million. Trading commissions are a main source of income for the company.

- Palestine Exchange participates in the WFE 58th annual meeting, And MEIRA 10th Conference:** PEX participated in the 58th annual meeting of the World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) held in Athens, Greece. The meeting was held between 02-04/10/2018 and was attended by representatives of member exchanges. PEX also participated in the Middle East Investor Relations Association (MEIRA) 10th Annual Conference, which was held in Dubai on Sept., 26th.

Corporate News

- Arab Palestinian investment company (PEX: APIC) private subscription of 7 million stocks were added raising the company subscribed shares to 82 million.

Trading Summary

Details	Value	Month Change	YTD
Index close (points)	522.83	-1.13%	-9.01%
Trading value (US\$)	13,053,840	-51.89%	325,669,623
Trading volume	8,242,550	-43.41%	168,644,856
No. of transactions	2,277	-29.94%	31,546
Market Cap. (US\$)	3,707,056,274	-0.31%	3,707,056,274

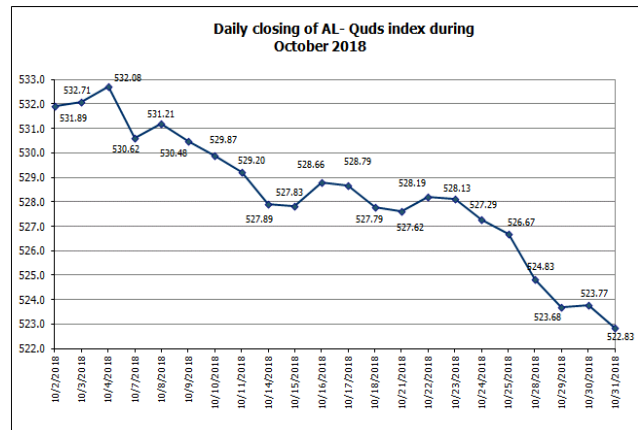
Key Indicators

No. of listed Companies	48
Subscribed Shares	1,896,726,915
Annual Turnover Ratio	12.08 %
Price earnings ratio (P/E)	12.74
Daily average value turnover (US\$)	593,356
Daily average Volume turnover	374,661

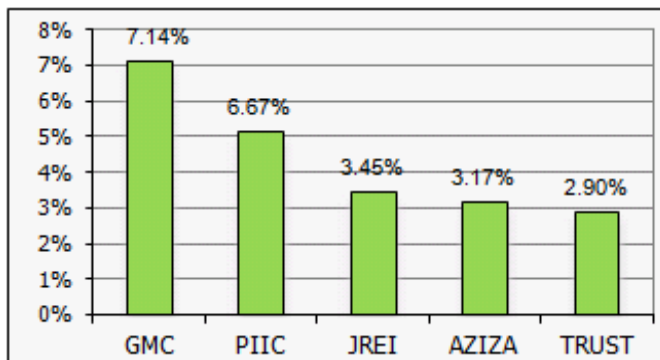
PEX Indices

Index (Base Value =100)	Points	Change
Al-Quds	522.83	-1.13%
General	290.84	-0.74%
Banking & Financial Serv.	148.11	-2.39%
Industry	99.16	0.97%
Insurance	86.90	0.02%
Investment	28.07	-0.74%
Services	39.99	0.15%

Al Quds Index



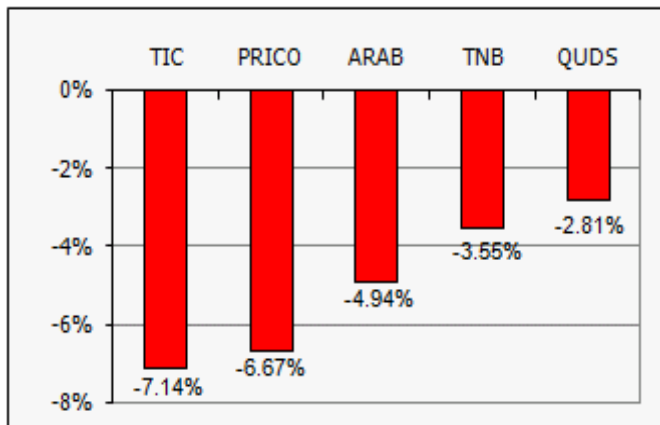
Top Gainers



Arab Markets Indices

Country	Value	M. Change	Y-To-D
SUDAN	13,097.90	5.87%	211.68%
QATAR	10,300.92	4.97%	20.85%
TUNIS	7,399.83	-5.16%	17.80%
ABU DHABI	4,901.87	-0.68%	11.45%
SAUDI	7,907.01	-1.16%	9.42%
DAMASCUS	6,275.57	2.14%	4.89%
BAHRAIN	1,314.73	-1.78%	-1.28%
AMMAN	1,958.68	-0.86%	-7.90%
PALESTINE	522.83	-1.75%	-9.01%
EGYPT	13,250.29	-9.39%	-11.78%
CASABLANCA	10,919.67	-3.67%	-11.86%
IRAQ	506.15	-4.88%	-12.81%
MUSCAT	4,422.91	-2.66%	-13.26%
BEIRUT	984.23	1.29%	-14.31%
DUBAI	2,784.60	-1.78%	-17.37%
KUWAIT	5,234.18	-2.05%	-18.32%

Top Decliners



Al Quds Index Companies

Company	Ticker	Currency	M. Cap. USD' Million	Price EOM	Monthly Change %	YTD Change%	P/E
Arab Islamic Bank	AIB	US\$	120,000	1.60	-1.80	-9.09	18.74
Ahliea Insurance Group	AIG	US\$	15,600	0.39	2.63	62.50%	5.91
Arab Palestinian Investment	APIC	US\$	187,780	2.29	-0.40	15.66%	10.75
Bank Of Palestine	BOP	US\$	464,000	2.32	-2.50	-12.45	8.59
Golden Wheat Mills	GMC	JOD	15,867	0.75	7.14	-6.25	7.61
Palestine Islamic Bank	ISBK	US\$	132,460	1.79	-2.20	-16.74	9.12
Jerusalem Pharmaceutical	JPH	US\$	55,440	3.08	-0.70	-5.52	8.99
Palestine Development & Investment	PADICO	US\$	312,500	1.25	-1.60	-16.67	62.95
Palestine Telecommunications	PALTEL	JOD	805,716	4.34	0.70	-5.24	8.1
Palestine Electric	PEC	US\$	79,200	1.32	-1.50	1.54%	9.16
Palestine Real Estate Investment	PRICO	JOD	37,772	0.42	-6.70	-16.00	---
Quds Bank	QUDS	US\$	144,577	1.73	-2.80	-18.40	12.93
The National Bank	TNB	US\$	122,250	1.63	-3.60	-11.41	13.28
Union Construction and Investment	UCI	US\$	19,840	0.62	1.64	-10.14	29.16
Wataniya Palestine Mobile Telecommunications	WATANIYA	US\$	237,330	0.81	-1.20	-22.12	---

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