

## Global Economic Development

- US GDP was left unrevised at 2.1% in Q3 (Q2: 2.0%).
- US Job Cuts Fall to 1-1/2-Year Low at 32,843 in December 2019. the lowest since July 2018.
- US Industrial production rebounded in November, rising by 1.1% mom.
- US ISM manufacturing slowed sharply in December: at a reading of 47.2, this was the weakest since Jun 2009.
- The EU's foreign trade deficit touched EUR 28bn (USD 31bn) in Jan-Oct this year.
- EU Consumer prices edged up to 1.3% in November from Oct's 1.1%.
- Germany unemployed people increased by 8 thousand to 2.279 million in December of 2019.
- German Markit manufacturing PMI disappointed in December, falling to 43.4 from the previous month's 44.1.
- German Inflation Rate Climbs to 5-Month High, it is expected to pick up to 1.5%yoy in December 2019.
- German jobless rate held steady at 5% in December.
- CPI in Germany remained subdued in Dec, rising by 1.5% yoy in Dec (Nov: 1.2%)
- France inflation rate climbs to 1-Year High of 1.4% in December 2019.
- The Bank of England left the interest rate unchanged at %
- Turkey's annual inflation rate increased to a four-month high of 11.84%in December 2019.
- The Bank of Japan kept policy rates unchanged at %
- China fixed asset investment grew by 5.2% yoy in January-November 2019 to CNY 53.37trn (USD 7.63trn).
- GDP in Singapore grew marginally by 0.1% qoq and 0.8% yoy in Q4 2019.

## Local & Regional Economic Development

- Palestine Producer Price Index (PPI) reached 98.87 in November 2019.
- Palestine Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 1% in the West Bank and 0.5% in Gaza during qoq in Q3 2019.
- Palestine Deficit in Current Account is USD 387 Million-Q32019.
- The net stock of international investment position (IIP) increased by 10% in third quarter 2019.
- Egypt's balance of payments deficit narrowed by 28.7% yoy to USD 3.49bn in September.
- Egypt plans to reduce its budget deficit to 6.2% in the 2020-2021 fiscal year alongside a growth target of 6.4%.
- Jordan announced higher fuel prices in Jan: gasoline prices were up by 0.5-1.3% mom depending on grade of fuel, while diesel prices were up 3.4%.
- Jordan will extend real estate exemptions and lower the registration and purchase fees of apartments and lands until end of 2020.
- Saudi Arabia Non-Oil Private Sector PMI Falls to 5-Month Low, of 56.9 in December 2019 from 58.3 in the previous month.
- Saudi Arabia's GDP contracted by 0.46% yoy and 0.19% qoq in Q3.
- Saudi Arabia inflation declined by 0.2% yoy to 106.4 in November.
- Saudi Arabia unemployment declined to 12% in Q3 2019 from 12.3% in Q2.
- Dubai's non-oil foreign trade increased by 6% yoy to AED 1.02trn (USD 272bn) in Jan-Sep 2019.
- The IHS Markit United Arab Emirates PMI edged down to 50.2 in December 2019 from 50.3 in November.
- Net investments of non-Arab foreign investors in UAE's financial markets surged to AED 12.5bn last year.
- Dubai 2020 budget estimates record spending of AED 66.4bn (USD 18.1bn), up 17% yoy.
- Kuwait's trade surplus declined by 10.6% yoy to KWD 7.25bn (USD 23.94bn) in January-September.
- Kuwait's holdings of US Treasury bonds declined by 0.68% yoy to USD 43.8bn in October 2019.
- Qatar announced its biggest budget in 5 years: at a planned QAR 210.5bn (USD 58bn) budget.
- Oman's budget deficit fell by 5.6% to OMR 1.92bn in Jan-Oct 2019 – a 5-year low.

Palestine Key Economic Indicators					
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Population ('000)	4,429	4,530	4,632	4,733	4,854
Real GDP Change	-0.2	3.4	4.1	3.2	0.70
Real Per Capita GDP Change	-3.1	0.4	1.2	0.1	NA
Inflation Rate	1.73	1.43	-0.22	0.21	-0.19
Unemployment rate	26.9	25.9	26.9	27.40	30.80



- **(PEX) reviewed the composition of AI-QUDS INDEX for the year 2020.** The index includes 15 out of 48 listed companies. The review resulted in choosing same composition of companies for last year, which present 74.92% of total Market Cap as of 18 December 2019.
- **Palestine Exchange intensifies its Investor Education Efforts,** Two hundred school and university students also attended meetings at PEX head office in Nablus; the meetings are part of the "visit the exchange" program, they discussed the theoretical terms in the students' syllabus and linked them up with practical cases. PEX also launched many campaigns on its social media pages including "Know you right" to allow ordinary shareholders know their rights in general assemblies, "Save & Invest" campaign with tips to help people save and better invest their savings, and "Trading terms" campaign to simplify the daily trading terms to ordinary investors. Beside many exchange related contests were held with financial rewards for winners.

### Other Financial News

- The PMA has released the results of its extended Business Cycle Index (extended PMABCI) for December 2019. The results showed that the overall index has remarkably increased against the backdrop of the rise in the West Bank's index, despite the relative stability in Gaza Strip's index. The overall index picked up to around -5.9 points in this December compared to -14.5 points in the previous month, almost approaching the corresponding level of 2018 (around -5.8 poits).

## Trading Summary

Details	Value	Month Change	YTD
Index close (points)	525.96	0.85%	-0.64%
Trading value (US\$)	14,540,393	-69.83%	273, 905,762
Trading volume	6,985,641	-47.33%	142,827,719
No. of transactions	2,043	-4.53%	29,276
Market Cap. (US\$)	3,757,501,158	0.93%	3,757,501,158

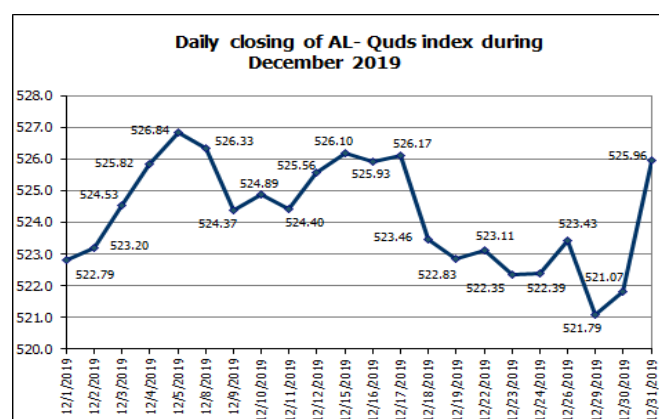
## Key Indicators

No. of listed Companies	48
Subscribed Shares	1,948,753,495
Annual Turnover Ratio	7.33%
Price earnings ratio (P/E)	12.65
Daily average value turnover (US\$)	660,927
Daily average Volume turnover	317,529

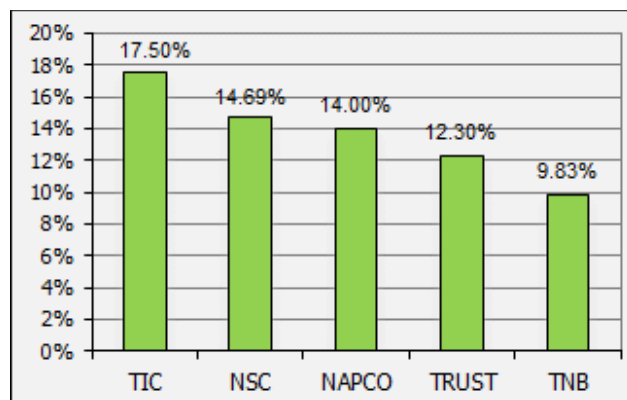
## PEX Indices

Index (Base Value =100)	Points	Change
Al-Quds	525.96	0.85%
General	294.76	0.92%
Banking & Financial Serv.	148.83	2.23%
Industry	98.79	-0.22%
Insurance	99.15	3.93%
Investment	27.79	-0.43%
Services	40.91	0.54%

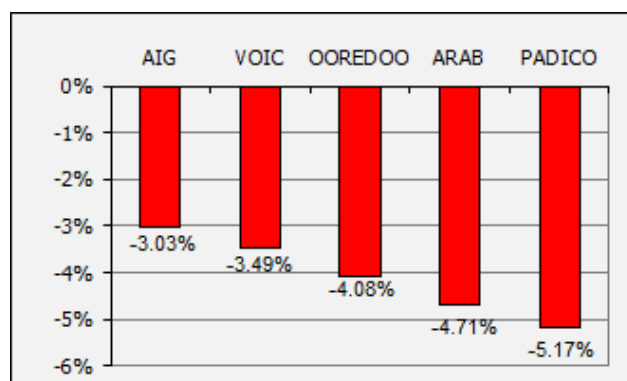
## Al Quds Index



## Top Gainers



## Top Decliners



## Arab Markets Indices

Country	Value	M. Change	Y-To-D
BAHRAIN	1,610.18	5.50%	20.41%
SUDAN	15,964.14	-0.13%	19.87%
KUWAIT	6,282.46	5.99%	19.27%
DUBAI	2,764.86	3.22%	9.29%
CASABLANCA	12,171.90	2.96%	7.11%
EGYPT	13,961.56	0.81%	7.10%
SAUDI	8,358.85	6.36%	6.80%
ABU DHABI	5,075.77	0.89%	3.27%
QATAR	10,425.51	2.74%	1.23%
PALESTINE	525.96	0.85%	-0.64%
TUNIS	7,122.09	2.48%	-2.06%
IRAQ	493.76	1.64%	-3.21%
AMMAN	1,815.20	1.11%	-4.90%
DAMASCUS	5,836.58	5.79%	-5.71%
MUSCAT	3,998.88	-1.61%	-7.51%
BEIRUT	785.55	2.98%	-19.58%

## AI Quds Index Companies

Company	Ticker	Currency	M. Cap. USD' Million	Price EOM	Monthly Change %	YTD Change%	P/E
Ahliea Insurance Group	AIG	US\$	17.28	0.32	-3.03	-17.95	8.14
Arab Palestinian Investment	APIC	US\$	226.95	2.55	5.81	8.51	14.15
Bank Of Palestine	BOP	US\$	408.00	2.00	0.00	-13.79	7.54
Birzeit Pharmaceuticals	BPC	US\$	101.28	5.33	1.52	3.70	12.71
Palestine Islamic Bank	ISBK	US\$	141.68	1.84	1.10	-0.54	9.36
Jerusalem Pharmaceutical	JPH	US\$	50.40	2.80	-1.75	-13.58	8.40
Wataniya Palestine Mobile Telecommunications	OOREDOO	US\$	275.42	0.94	-4.08	14.63	2,741.21
Palestine Development & Investment	PADICO	US\$	275.00	1.10	-5.17	-14.06	17.70
Palestine Telecommunications	PALTEL	JOD	779.72	4.20	1.94	-2.78	8.24
Palestine Electric	PEC	US\$	91.80	1.53	2.00	12.50	10.45
Palestine Investment Bank	PIBC	US\$	99.06	1.27	-0.78	4.96	22.81
Palestine Real Estate Investment	PRICO	JOD	34.17	0.38	0.00	-11.63	---
Quds Bank	QUDS	US\$	142.47	1.58	5.33	-15.96	12.29
The National Bank	TNB	US\$	148.20	1.90	9.83	11.76	7.70
Union Construction and Investment	UCI	US\$	20.48	0.64	0.00	6.67	10.63

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