

## Global Economic Development

- US Fed FOMC minutes points that a hike in June is almost certain.
- US unemployment rate improved from 3.9% to 3.8%, an 18-year low.
- The US GDP growth in Q1 was revised marginally down to 2.2% qoq from 2.3%.
- The US goods trade deficit shrunk in May to USD 68.2 bn, from USD 68.6 in April.
- US existing-home sales decreased -2.5% mom in April.
- US personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index increased 0.2% mom in April.
- German inflation was 2.2% yoy in May, the highest rate since Feb 2017.
- The IHS Markit Eurozone Composite PMI fell to 54.1 in May from 55.1 in April.
- German retail sales made a strong comeback rising 2.3% mom in April.
- UK inflation was little changed at 2.4% in April vs 2.5% in March.
- UK consumer confidence rose to -7 in May, from -9 in April.
- Turkey's central bank raised its policy rate by 300 bps to 16.5 to counter the sharp depreciation of the lira.
- India's GDP expanded 7.7% in Q1 vs 7%.
- Japan's retail sales growth accelerated to 1.6% yoy in April.
- Japan's trade surplus increased to JPY 626bn in April from JPY 478bn a year earlier.
- Korea left its rate unchanged at 1.5% despite a pick up in inflation.

## Local & Regional Economic Development

- Palestine unemployment rate among labour force was 30.2% according to the PCBS Q1 survey.
- Palestine PPI increased by 1.91% & CPI increased by 0.32% during April.
- Palestine Exports decreased by 1.3% & Imports increased by 6.8% mom in March.
- Palestine overall IPI reached 105.17 an increase of 4.81% mom in March.
- Egypt's foreign debt increased to USD 82.9bn at end-2017.
- Egypt tourism revenues surged 83% yoy to USD 2.2bn in Q1 this year.
- Jordan's cabinet finalized and endorsed the income tax draft law – which subjects capital profits to 15% tax regardless of sector.
- Jordan freezes the fuel and electricity prices increase, after mass protests.
- Lebanon's central bank disclosed that it sold USD 3.022bn of Eurobonds, versus the planned USD 1bn.
- Lebanon began its search for offshore oil and gas reserves last week.
- Saudi Arabia Inflation was 2.5% yoy in April.
- Saudi Arabia's foreign exchange reserves reached USD 498.9bn in April.
- Saudi Arabia is "making good progress" in implementing its economic reforms, according to the IMF
- Bahrain inflation remained flat at 2.6% yoy in April.
- Bahrain is expected to grow by 3.2% yoy this year according to the IMF.
- Bahrain is considering 10 years self-sponsorship residency permit for foreign investors.
- Oman's nominal GDP surged 8.7% in 2017.
- Kuwait Inflation edged up slightly to 0.7% yoy in April.
- Kuwait's public sector expats declined to 80,933 in 2018 from 82.
- Qatar's international reserves and foreign currency liquidity increased to USD 39.8bn in April.
- Qatar's trade surplus increased by 37.8% yoy to QAR 43.1bn in Q1 2018.
- UAE and Qatar were among the top 15 nations in IMD's World Competitiveness ranking for 2018.
- UAE will give skilled professionals a 10-year residency visa, in a bid to attract skilled talent.
- UAE inflation was flat at 3.5% yoy in April.
- Dubai unemployment rate was 0.5% last year.
- UAE Foreign currency assets increased by 2.8% yoy to USD 88.9bn in April.

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



- **Profits of listed companies at the Palestine Exchange exceed USD 87mn in 1Q 2018**, first quarter results show that net profit amounted to USD 87,487,161 a growth of 6% in comparison to 2017. Results also show that the thirty Nine companies achieved profits of USD 92,122,393, a growth of 8%, while the net loss of the other five companies was USD 4,635,232 an increase of 82% in comparison to 1Q2017. Four companies failed to disclose their results. 92% of listed companies were able to disclose within the set deadline, 89% were profitable in Q1 2018.

## Corporate News

- Arab Palestinian investment Co. (PEX: APIC) subsidiary company Siniora acquired the remaining 30% of ALMASA Diamond Meat Processing L.L.C, Dubai-UAE, in a USD 6 mn deal raising its ownership to 100%.
- Palestine Insurance Company (PEX: PICO) stock dividends of 20% were distributed to shareholders raising the company subscribed shares to 7.20 million.
- Arab Palestinian investment Co. (PEX: APIC) stock dividends of 7.14% were distributed to shareholders raising the company subscribed shares to 75 million.
- The National Bank (PEX: TNB) elected a new board of directors for the next four years. The new board will be chaired by Mr. Talal Naser Eldin.
- Wataniya Palestine Mobile Telecom (PEX: Wataniya) secondary public offering stocks of 30,823,368 were added raising the company subscribed shares to 288,823,368.
- Global United Insurance Company (PEX: GUI) stock dividends of 20% were distributed to shareholders raising the company subscribed shares to 9.6 million.
- Birzeit Pharmaceuticals (PEX: BPC) stock dividends of 2.70% were distributed to shareholders raising the company subscribed shares to 19,002,401.
- Palestine Investment Bank (PEX: PIBC) stock dividends of 4.60% were distributed to shareholders raising the bank subscribed shares to 75 million.

## Trading Summary

Details	Value	Month Change	YTD
Index close (points)	542.19	0.78%	-5.64%
Trading value (US\$)	20,557,365	-33.22%	221,671,077
Trading volume	10,611,571	-26.73%	109,704,485
No. of transactions	2,887	-10.20%	17,535
Market Cap. (US\$)	3,789,343,099	1.56%	3,789,343,099

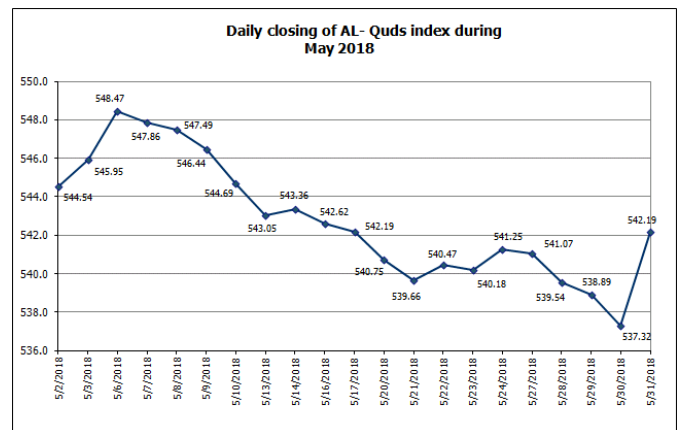
## Key Indicators

No. of listed Companies	48
Subscribed Shares	1,871,635,811
Annual Turnover Ratio	16.72 %
Price earnings ratio (P/E)	13.02
Daily average value turnover (US\$)	978,922
Daily average Volume turnover	505,312

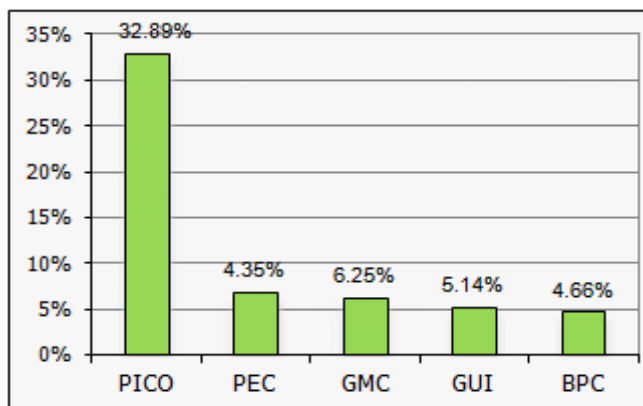
## PEX Indices

Index (Base Value =100)	Points	Change
Al-Quds	542.19	0.78%
General	300.04	0.80%
Banking & Financial Serv.	156.86	-0.66%
Industry	101.46	1.45%
Insurance	81.42	9.63%
Investment	29.24	0.55%
Services	40.69	0.97%

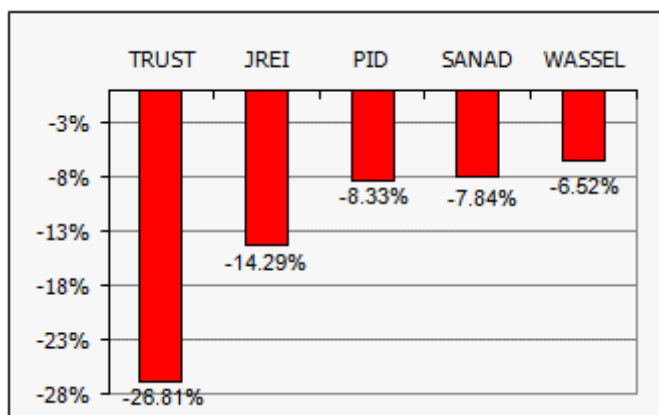
## Al Quds Index



## Top Gainers



## Top Decliners



## Arab Markets Indices

Country	Value	M. Change	Y-To-D
TUNIS	7,615.47	6.89%	21.23%
SAUDI	8,161.08	-0.58%	12.94%
EGYPT	16,414.53	-10.28%	9.29%
SUDAN	4,555.10	-0.66%	8.39%
ABU DHABI	4,605.04	-1.38%	4.70%
QATAR	8,880.51	-2.54%	4.19%
IRAQ	593.78	-2.18%	2.28%
CASABLANCA	12,335.37	-5.32%	-0.43%
AMMAN	2,095.98	-4.36%	-1.45%
BEIRUT	1,103.63	-2.25%	-3.91%
BAHRAIN	1,265.80	0.63%	-4.95%
DAMASCUS	5,650.20	-5.66%	-5.56%
PALESTINE	542.19	0.78%	-5.64%
MUSCAT	4,606.68	-2.59%	-9.66%
DUBAI	2,964.13	-3.32%	-12.05%
KUWAIT	4,690.55	-1.84%	-26.80%

## AI Quds Index Companies

Company	Ticker	Currency	M. Cap. USD' Million	Price EOM	Monthly Change %	YTD Change%	P/E
Arab Islamic Bank	AIB	US\$	117,750	1.57	(-1.88)	(-10.80)	18.39
Ahliea Insurance Group	AIG	US\$	10,800	0.27	0	12.50	4.09
Arab Palestinian Investment	APIC	US\$	161,250	2.15	(-4.44)	8.59	9.23
Bank Of Palestine	BOP	US\$	500,000	2.5	(-0.79)	(-5.66)	9.26
Golden Wheat Mills	GMC	JOD	17,983	0.85	6.25	6.25	8.62
Palestine Islamic Bank	ISBK	US\$	144,300	1.95	2.63	(-11.11)	9.93
Jerusalem Pharmaceutical	JPH	US\$	57,600	3.2	(-2.14)	(-1.84)	9.35
Palestine Development & Investment	PADICO	US\$	335,000	1.34	3.08	(-10.67)	67.49
Palestine Telecommunications	PALTEL	JOD	807,572	4.35	2.35	(-5.02)	8.12
Palestine Electric	PEC	US\$	75,000	1.25	6.84	(-3.85)	8.68
Palestine Real Estate Investment	PRICO	JOD	41,369	0.46	2.22	(-8.00)	---
Quds Bank	QUDS	US\$	147,419	1.96	1.03	(-7.55)	13.19
The National Bank	TNB	US\$	129,750	1.73	(-2.81)	(-5.98)	14.1
Union Construction and Investment	UCI	US\$	13,760	0.43	--	(-37.68)	20.23
Wataniya Palestine Mobile Telecommunications	WATANIYA	US\$	257,053	0.89	(-4.30)	(-14.42)	---

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