

MARKET BUZZ

QUOTE OF THE DAY

22 October 2025

"It does not matter how slowly you go, as long as you do not stop."

Confucius

UAE NEWS

IMF expects AD's economy to grow by 6%, Dubai's by 3.4% in 2025. Dr. Azour said the IMF projects the UAE's economy to grow by 4.8% in 2025, rising to about 5% in 2026.

DIB and HCLTech forge strategic AI innovation partnership to accelerate the adoption of AI to reinforces DIB's commitment to shaping the future of Islamic finance through innovation.

ENBD's proposed \$3bln. investment in RBL Bank is likely to conclude within the next six to eight months, ENBD's overseas business could account for approximately 25% to 30% of its total assets.

National Bank of Umm Al Qaiwain recorded 14% year-on-year higher net profits at AED 464.50 million in the first nine months of 2025, compared to AED 399.92 million.

ADCCI's food and beverage sector becomes increasingly attractive to SME enterprises & start-ups. In H1 2025 a 42.2% rise in new memberships compared to the same in 2024.

Dubai unveils incentive scheme to stimulate hotel development, hotel establishments covered by it will be reimbursed 100% of the Dubai Municipality fee on room sales.

SIB'S DISTRIBUTED (SEP) PROFIT RATES - P.A					23-Oct-25	EIBOR	SOFR	SOFR	
Watany Investment a/c.		0.20312%			1 month	4.04191	4.00162	O/N	4.16000
Savings Investment a/c.		0.40625%			3 months	3.67315	3.85980	DONIA	
UNRESTRICTED INVESTMENT DEPOSITS (AED) - SEP- P.A					6 months	3.74942	3.69679	O/N	4.16670
1 month	3 months	6 months	9 months	1 year				O/N	4.16670
1.21875%	1.82812%	2.23437%	2.43750%	3.25%				1 year	3.68271
CUSTOMER WAKALA DEPOSIT - EXPECTED PROFIT RATES - PER ANNUM									
1 month	3.90%	3 months	4.00%	6 months	3.85%	9 months	3.80%	1 year	3.70%

ADX General Index:



DFM General Index:



STOCKS - ADX				STOCKS - DFM			
	OPEN	CLOSE	% CHG		OPEN	CLOSE	% CHG
SIB	2.800	2.800	0.00	Emaar Properties	13.850	13.850	0.00
ADNOC L&S	5.660	5.730	1.24	DEWA	2.740	2.760	0.73
e&	19.18	19.02	-0.83	Ajman Bank	1.400	1.400	0.00
FAB	16.300	16.400	0.61	Air Arabia	3.990	3.940	-1.25
ADIB	22.120	22.180	0.27	SALIK	5.900	5.810	-1.53
Dana Gas	0.819	0.820	0.12	Dubai Islamic Bank	9.510	9.520	0.11
ADNOC Gas	3.540	3.550	0.28	DFM	1.580	1.540	-2.53
SUKUK				SUKUK			
	BID	OFFER			BID	OFFER	
6.125% SIB T1 SUKUK 2030	101.160	101.585		5.5% SHJ GOVT SUKUK 2029	102.748	103.057	
5.2% SIB SUKUK 2030	102.171	102.368		8.750% SOBHA 2028	103.875	104.625	
5.25% SIB SUKUK 2029	102.352	102.522		8.375% OMNIYAT 2028	101.148	101.489	
10.875% EGYPT 2026	101.750	102.250		7.95% PAKISTAN 2029	101.500	102.250	
6.95% TURKEY WF 2030	102.761	103.136		9.875% MALDIVES 2026	92.750	93.250	
7.250% ADIB CAP 2028	103.625	105.125		9.625% BINGHATTI 2027	100.855	100.980	

LATEST STOCK MARKET INDICATORS:

Dow Jones:	46,924.74	+218.16	DFMGI:	5,975.80	+21.01	Bahrain:	1,969.49	-22.50
Nasdaq:	22,953.67	-36.88	ADX:	10,120.73	+22.62	Qatar:	10,821.85	+13.35
S&P 500:	6,735.35	+0.22	Saudi:	11,545.80	-98.75	Kuwait:	8,895.33	+12.13

ISLAMIC BANKING NEWS

Azentio announced that the latest version of its flagship Islamic Core Banking Platform, iMAL, has once again received full certification for 2025 from AAOIFI. Marking the 16th consecutive year that iMAL has achieved AAOIFI certification.

Oman's government, through the Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Oman, announced the launch of a new RO80mn issue of Government Development Bonds.

GCC NEWS

According to the IMF October 2025 Middle East region has largely avoided direct fallout from higher U.S. tariffs and global trade restrictions. Projecting regional GDP growth at 3.2% this year.

Goldman Sachs continued to drive dealmaking activity in the region over the first three quarters of 2025, topping the mergers and acquisition league table in MENA with 24 deals valued at \$104bln.

COMMODITIES

Gold prices fell further, weighed down by signs of easing U.S.-China trade tensions & as investors took advantage of bullion's record rally to take profits while awaiting U.S. inflation data due later this week.

Oil prices pushed higher for a second day, buoyed by sanctions-related supply risks, hopes of a U.S.-China trade deal and news that the U.S. is seeking oil for delivery to its strategic reserves.

FOREX NEWS

USD weakened in early Asian trade, edging back from its highest level against the Japanese yen in a week, as a tumble in gold prices triggered a rebalancing across various safe-haven assets.

CNY held steady against the USD, with markets awaiting signals from Beijing's ongoing policy meeting and progress in trade negotiations with Washington.

FOREX RATES

		Prev. High	Prev. Low	AED			Prev. High	Prev. Low	AED		
EUR	↓	1.1616	1.1655	1.1597	4.2666	JPY	↑	151.720	152.1700	150.4500	0.02421
GBP	↓	1.3386	1.3416	1.3358	4.9167	CAD	↑	1.3998	1.4065	1.4001	2.62395
AUD	↓	0.6505	0.6525	0.6471	2.3893	INR	↓	87.893	88.0870	87.8700	0.04179
CHF	↓	0.7951	0.7964	0.7912	4.6195	PKR	↑	280.900	283.2500	280.8000	0.01308

MAJOR CHARTS

EUR/USD price movements:

1.19

1.19

1.18

1.18

1.17

1.17

1.16

1.16

1.15

1.15

OPEN: 1.1641

HIGH: 1.1655

LOW: 1.1597

CLOSE: 1.1598

Last Two Months

Gold price movements:

4500

4300

4100

3900

3700

3500

3300

3100

OPEN: 4354.55

HIGH: 4374.79

LOW: 4085.39

CLOSE: 4123.85

Last Two Months

SOFR - OVERNIGHT INDEX SWAP (OIS)

	1 year	2 years	5 years	10 years
USD	3.4695	3.2253	3.2300	3.5067

U.S. TREASURY YIELD

	2 years	3 years	5 years	10 years
USD	3.4603	3.4615	3.5681	3.9636

COMMODITIES

	LAST PRICE	NET CHANGE
Gold	4,140.62	\$ / ounce +16.77
Silver	48.99	\$ / ounce +0.20
Brent Crude	62.39	\$ / barrel +1.08
WTI Crude	58.30	\$ / barrel +1.06

CRYPTO CURRENCIES

IN US\$	ETHEREUM	↑ 3,847.85	BITCOIN	↑ 108,089.22
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FORTHCOMING ECONOMIC INDICATORS

22-10-2025 - GBP - Inflation Rate YoY (Sep)

23-10-2025 - USD - Jobless Claims 4-week Average (Oct/18)

22-10-2025 - EUR - ECB Guindos Speech

23-10-2025 - USD - Existing Home Sales (Sep)

22-10-2025 - USD - EIA Crude Oil Stocks Change (Oct/17)

23-10-2025 - CAD - Retail Sales YoY (Aug)

FINANCIAL TERM OF THE DAY

Underbanked:

Households often rely on cash and alternative financial services, as opposed to credit cards and traditional loans, to fund purchases and manage their finances. Many underbanked households lack access to affordable banking and financial services.

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