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### Amazon completes souq.com acquisition

Amazon.com on Monday said it has completed the acquisition of Souq.com. No details of the value and terms of the agreement have been given, but deal adviser Goldman Sachs termed it as "the biggest-ever technology M&A transaction in the Arab world".

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### Majid Al Futtaim acquires Retail Arabia, franchise owner of Geant in the Middle East

Majid Al Futtaim, the leading shopping mall, communities, retail and leisure pioneer across the Middle East, Africa and Asia, has announced the acquisition of Retail Arabia, the franchise owner of 26 Geant stores across the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait as well as four Gulfmart supermarkets in Bahrain. The deal has been agreed between

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### Saudi Aramco takes stake in Irish wastewater treatment firm, OxyMem

OxyMem Ltd, an innovator in energy efficient wastewater treatment, announced that it has added Saudi Aramco Energy Ventures to its growing shareholder base. This announcement comes hot on the heels of the company securing investment from Dow Water & Process Solutions, a business unit of Dow Chemical Co.

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### Dubai's Abraaj buys East Africa's biggest casual dining chain

Dubai-based private equity firm The Abraaj Group said it had bought the largest casual dining and food services chain in East Africa and would expand it further across the continent. Abraaj bought 100% of the company from its founder (a minority stake) and Emerging Capital Partners.

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### Baker Hughes completes merger with GE's oil unit

US-based Baker Hughes Incorporated on Monday completed its merger with the oil and gas division of GE to create the world's second biggest oilfield services firm. Baker Hughes has about 70,000 employees, operations in more than 120 countries, four product companies & 24 product lines and segments.

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## Dubai plans new \$1.36bn business district project

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai, on Tuesday launched plans for the AED5 billion Emirates Towers Business Park project. Masterplanned by Dubai Holding, the development is located between Sheikh Zayed Road and Happiness Street close to DIFC.

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## 12 new private hospitals to open in Dubai by 2020

A total of 12 new private hospitals will open in Dubai by the year 2020 totaling the number of private hospitals in Dubai to 38, the DHA said. The DHA's Health Regulation Department revealed that the private medical field in Dubai is going to witness a growth in the next few years leading to 2020.

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## Alibaba In Two Big Offline Deals, Solidifying The Futures For Shareholders

Alibaba is making some big moves this morning in order to solidify its footing in the offline world and position itself to take advantage of the ongoing/oncoming blending between the online and offline worlds. This new investment will increase Alibaba's ownership in Lazada from the current 51% to 83%.

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## Dow, DuPont reaffirms close of merger in August 2017; three spin-offs within 18 months

The Dow Chemical Company and DuPont jointly provided an update on the status of the anticipated merger of the two companies. The companies reaffirmed their expectation to close the merger in August 2017, with the intended spin-offs to occur within 18 months of closing.

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## Dubai Investments to build 'iconic' \$272m tower on Sheikh Zayed Road

Dubai Investments will commence construction of its first \$272.48 million skyscraper before year-end. When asked how the tower will be funded, Kalban said the company plans to raise bank finance of between \$109 million & \$123m for the development of the project.

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## Amec Foster Wheeler completes \$170m sale of CFB boiler business to Sumitomo

Amec Foster Wheeler announced that it has completed the sale of its circulating fluidised bed boiler business to Sumitomo Heavy Industries, the net proceeds of which will be used to reduce net debt. The transaction took place as part of company-wide transformation program, which includes the sale of non-core assets.

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## Dewa awards Dhs226.5m construction contract

DEWA has awarded a contract worth Dhs226.5 million for the construction work for a complex for its Distribution Power division at Al Ruwaiyah, Dubai. The project aims to contribute to Dubai's goal for the advancement of sustainable development.

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## Trend Micro sets up \$100m corporate venture fund

Japan-based Trend Micro, a global leader in cybersecurity solutions, has set up a corporate venture fund with an initial investment of \$100 million for exploring emerging technology markets. According to Gartner estimates, 26 billion devices will be connected to the Internet by 2020.

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## Major shareholders raise stakes in 10 Tadawul-listed firms during H1

Major shareholders upped their stakes in ten Tadawul-listed companies and bought into one firm during H1-2017. Tadawul's major shareholders' list includes stakes exceeding five percent, according to data compiled by Argaam.

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## UAE non-oil business improving, Saudi loses steam

The UAE non-oil private sector witnessed a sharp improvement in its business conditions last month mainly driven by a spurt in both new orders and output following May's weakest improvement in six months. However, in neighbouring Saudi Arabia, the upturn in private sector lost steam in June.

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## Arabtec wins \$96m contract to build UAE Pavilion at Expo 2020

Abu Dhabi National Media Council has awarded a \$96.18 million (AED353m) contract to Arabtec Construction to build the UAE Pavilion at Expo 2020. Designed by Spanish architect Santiago Calatrava and inspired by a falcon in flight, the UAE pavilion will be one of the most important landmarks at the Expo 2020 Dubai.

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## GCC materials handling equipment market to hit \$5bn

The market revenue for materials handling equipment in the GCC is set to maintain a CAGR of over 4% while reaching an estimated \$5B in revenues by 2020. Saudi Arabia, w/ about 46% and the UAE with 35%, make up the largest markets in the region & are expected to continue to spearhead market expansion going forward.

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## Saudi Arabia to Consider Sale of Stake in Riyadh Airport

Saudi Arabia is considering plan to sell stake in Riyadh airport, as it embarks on a plan to raise billions of dollars through privatizations. Saudi Civil Aviation Holding Co. has asked local & international investment banks to pitch for the role of adviser on the sale of a significant minority stake in King Khalid International Airport.

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## Investcorp makes concludes maiden real estate acquisitions in Europe

Bahrain-based Investcorp has completed its first two real estate investments in Europe. Investcorp has acquired two modern warehouse units in Doncaster. Additionally, Investcorp has acquired a light manufacturing facility on the Sutton Fields Estate.

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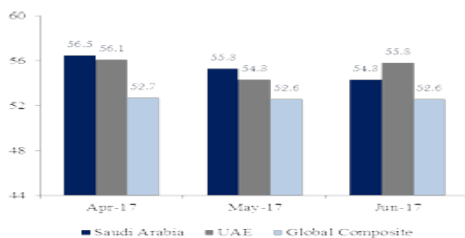
## Canada seeks UAE investments in infrastructure projects

Canada is looking to attract UAE companies to invest in \$125 billion infrastructure development projects the country has launched. It is a wonderful opportunity for sovereign wealth funds and private investors to invest in Canadian infrastructure.

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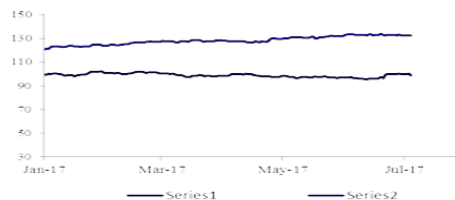
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Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)



Source: HSBC,JP Morgan, Markit

S&P GCC Composite & MSCI World Indices



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