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Dubai's BinGhatti eyes \$136m hospitality investment

BinGhatti Hospitality, the investment arm of BinGhatti Holding Group, plans to expand its global hospitality management services across the GCC and the Middle East.

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Arcapita partners with HSBC Saudi Arabia on GCC Logistics Fund

Bahrain-based Arcapita has been appointed advisor to HSBC Saudi Arabia for its \$150 million GCC investment fund that will target logistics and warehouse assets in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, the company said in a statement on Monday.

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Dubai's Emirates NBD in talks to buy stake in Turkish lender

Emirates NBD, Dubai's largest bank, said on Tuesday it had started initial strategic discussions with Russia's Sberbank about a possible purchase of Sberbank's stake in Turkey's Denizbank.

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GulfNav to buy majority stake in Singapore company

Dubai-based Gulf Navigation Holding (GulfNav), a fully integrated and synergized organization with a multi-functional business, said it is in discussion to acquire a majority stake in Atlantic Navigation Holdings (Singapore).

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Riyadh REIT to kick off SAR 1 bln sukuk program

Riyadh REIT is planning to launch a SAR 1 billion sukuk program to finance its growth strategy and expand asset base, it said in a statement to Tadawul. The fund seeks to offer multi-tranche sukuk issues in Saudi Arabia, with aim to diversify its financing sources and maturity profiles.

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Dubai's Keepface raises \$300m in seed funding

Dubai-based influencer marketing platform Keepface has raised \$300m in seed round funding, with a privately owned venture capital firm operating in MENA. The company, which was valued at \$2m during the valuation process, connects brands and advertising agencies with social influencers.

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Saudi competition authority approves Tronox acquisition of Cristal

National Industrialization Co. (Tasnee) on Monday said it has received an approval from Saudi General Authority for Competition for Tronox Limited's planned acquisition of the titanium dioxide business of Cristal.

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Holborn Assets acquires Hong Kong finance firm

Dubai-based Holborn Assets, an independent financial advisory firm, recently announced the acquisition of Globaleye Hong Kong, an international wealth management company.

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Saudi bank merger outlook to be clear by end-Q1

Kholifey had told Al Arabiya in October the outlook for the merger would be clear by the end of 2017, but on Thursday, he said the banks needed more time to finalize their discussions. "We expect things to become clear before the end of the first quarter of 2018," Kholifey said.

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SIECO inks deal to buy sulfur from Luberef

Saudi Industrial Export Co. (SIECO) signed on Jan. 30 a contract with Saudi Aramco Base Oil Co. (Luberef) to buy its full production of sulfur for one year, amounting to 37,000 tons, SIECO said in a statement to Tadawul today. The value of the deal was not disclosed.

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UAE-based real estate investment trust completes \$210m deals

The Residential REIT (IC) Limited, the first Sharia compliant real estate investment trust incorporated in Abu Dhabi Global Market (ADGM), has completed new property transactions worth AED772 million (\$210.1 million).

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Sipchem considers investments in US shale market

Saudi International Petrochemical Co. (Sipchem) is planning its first overseas investment in the US shale industry through a joint venture with an American firm, Bloomberg reported on Tuesday, citing Chief Executive Officer Ahmad Al Ohali.

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UAE healthcare giant completes takeover of IVF operator

UAE-based healthcare giant NMC Health has announced the completion of its takeover of a major player in the Middle East in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) market.

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Sabic acquires 24.9pc stake in Clariant

Saudi Basic Industries Corporation (Sabic), a leading petrochemicals company, has agreed to acquire approximately 83 million shares in Switzerland-based Clariant, a global specialty chemicals company, from 40 North and Corvex Management.

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Blackstone in talks for majority of Thomson Reuters unit

US private equity firm Blackstone Group is in advanced talks to buy an approximate 55 per cent stake in the Financial and Risk business of Thomson Reuters, a deal that would value the unit at about \$20 billion including debt, three sources familiar with the matter said on Monday.

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Ducab, Senaat launch new aluminium company in UAE

The new entity - Ducab Aluminium Company (DAC) - set up at an investment of Dh220 million (\$60 million) aims to boost the UAE's industrial supply chain in line with the UAE's strategy to champion industrial investments.

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Polish firms eye UAE to supply medical devices

With the UAE's healthcare industry continuing to show a steady growth, several Polish companies are looking to make their presence known in the market, especially in terms of medical devices. Speaking to Khaleej Times at the Arab Health 2018 exhibition, Moneer Faour, Dubai Bureau Chief, Polish Investment & Trade Agency, spoke about the agency

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Saham acquires majority share of Saudi Pioneers Outsourcing

Saham Group subsidiary Saham Services announced the acquisition of a majority shareholding in Pioneers Outsourcing, the Saudi Arabia-based CRM (Customer Relationship Management) and BPO (Business Process Outsourcing) operator, which has experienced powerful growth since its creation in 2014.

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Luxury car blockchain platform raises nearly \$5 million in pre-ICO

Blockchain company BitCar.io has sold \$4.96 million of its BITCAR tokens in its pre-ICO, the company announced on Wednesday. Using the BITCAR tokens, car enthusiasts are able to own "fractional" ownership of luxury vehicles including Lamborghinis, Ferraris and Bugatti's.

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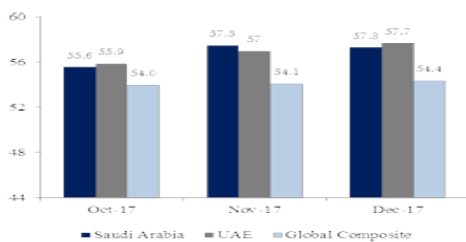
Foreign investors raised stakes in 52 listed firms last Sunday

Qualified foreign investors (QFIs) increased shareholdings in 52 Tadawul-listed firms last Sunday, while 40 companies saw foreign investors reducing stakes, market data compiled by Argaam showed.

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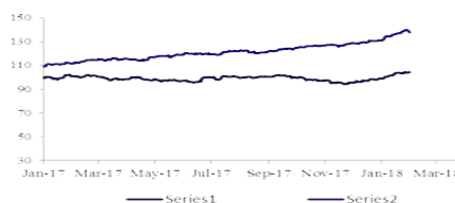
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Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI)



Source: HSBC,JP Morgan, Markit

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