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Al-Quds Index rebounds upward amidst optimism

Al-Quds Index has fluctuated upward and downward for the last three months, while witnessed fast price fluctuations during the Israeli aggression on the Gaza Strip. But along the blurry political scene, the fluctuations weren't of the size of the incident. The upward fluctuations outweighed the downward ones, to be reflected in an increase in Al-Quds Index by 3.83% since the end of June 2014. The reporting of the ceasefire news had the lion's stake of moving the optimism or pessimism, whereby, Al-Quds Index quickly rebounded upward by 1.05% during this week after reaching a long term Israeli-Palestinian truce agreement in Gaza Strip after seven weeks of war, which in turn raised new topics to be discussed such as serious negotiations. As a natural reaction, transactions in Palestine Stock Exchange PEX were revived parallel with what supports the prices stability and increase their levels. The listed companies' financial results in HI 2014 coincided with the positive investors' expectations that preferred retaining their investment positions instead of abandoning them amid the political tension, to be the most important incentive and investors' reassurance.

During the week, some shares witnessed a distinguished performance in leading Al-Quds Index and increasing the transactions due to the speculative character on one hand and the substantial news momentum on another hand. Regarding its relative price stability, the share of Palestine Telecommunications Company PALTEL- the largest company by market capitalization- topped the PEX in terms of trading value; contributing around 35.55% of the PEX total trading value, to close at the level of JD5.58; slightly down by 0.36%. On the opposite, the share of Palestine Development and Investment Company PADICO – the largest investment company by market capitalization- gained significantly by 3.85%; and constituting the most important leverage to the Index during the week. PADICO ended its transactions that are worth 23.51% of the total PEX trading value at the level of \$1.62. Moreover, the share of Bank of Palestine BOP- the largest bank by market capitalization- could only post gains of 0.36%, to close at the level of \$2.81, after transactions that constituted 7.28% of the total trading value of the week.

Regarding the active shares- the share of The National Bank TNB- which traded in a wide range due to entitling the right of subscription in the bank's shares that will be offered for secondary subscription during the week. The substantial news witnessed a momentum at the end of the week after announcing signing a memorandum of understanding with Bank Al-Etiihad in Jordan to acquire its assets and liabilities in Ramallah, Palestine, whereby, Bank Al-Etiihad will become a strategic partner in TNB's paid up capital that will reach \$75 million after a 10% subscription. As a result of these developments, TNB stabilized at the end of the week, to close at the level of \$1.14 after touching the \$1.25 level.

Weekly Comparison

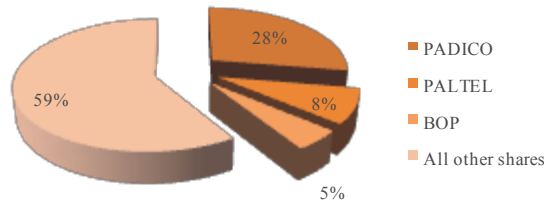
Item	Previous Week	This Week	Δ
Al Quds Index	516.61	522.06	1.05%
# of transactions	992	802	-19.15%
Trading Volume	2,774,830	2,889,993	4.15%
Trading Value	5,182,106	5,439,436	4.97%
Market Capitalization	3,200,260,644	3,230,717,208	0.95%
Daily Average Trading Volume	554,966	577,999	4.15%

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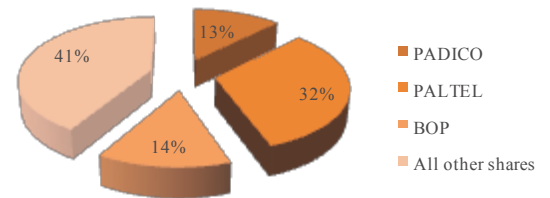
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Blue-chips Activity

Distribution of Blue-Chips by Trading Volume



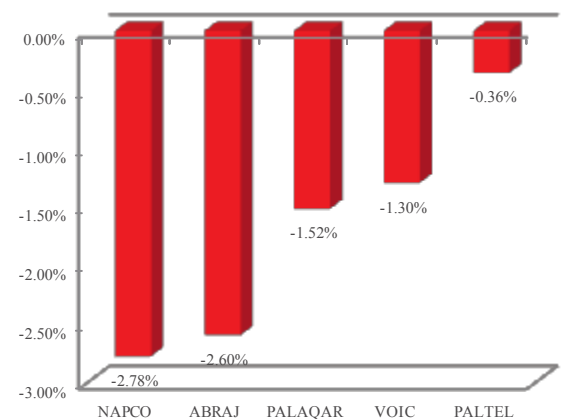
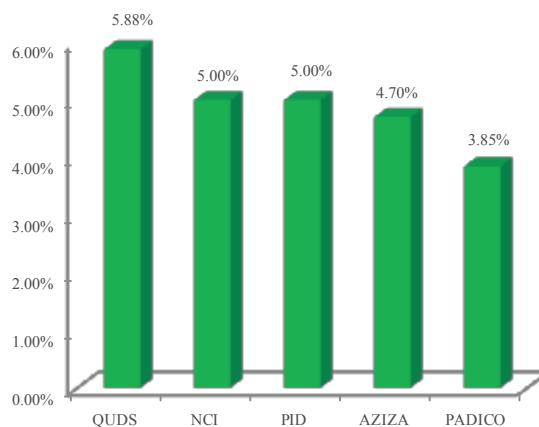
Distribution of Blue-Chips by Market Cap



Weekly Blue-chips Dynamics

Company	Bloomberg Quote	Weekly Closing	P/E	P/BV	Weekly Volume Weighted Price VWP	Weekly Trading Turnover	Daily Average Trading Value \$
Palestine Development & Investment \$	PADICO:PS	1.62	15.28	0.96	1.60	0.32%	255,759
Palestine Telecommunications JOD	PALTEL:PS	5.58	7.99	1.46	5.56	0.19%	386,748
Bank of Palestine \$	BOP:PS	2.81	10.41	1.67	2.81	0.09%	79,170

Top Gainers & Decliners



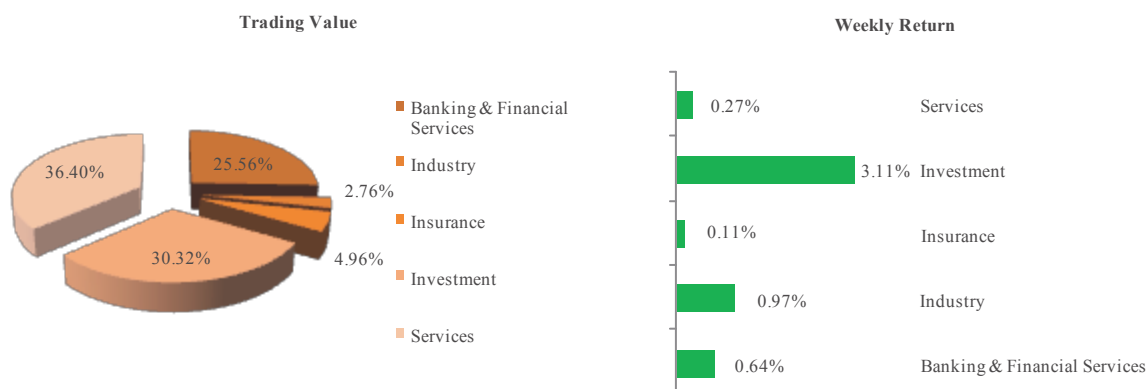
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Sectors Activity

Index/Sector	Previous	Closing	WTD	Trading Volume	Trading Value	Market Cap \$
Banking & Financial Services	118.11	118.86	0.64%	1,207,592	1,390,303	817,019,803
Industry	67.79	68.45	0.97%	85,298	150,316	276,925,390
Insurance	45.93	45.98	0.11%	118,379	269,799	103,446,000
Investment	28.3	29.18	3.11%	1,145,822	1,649,292	623,735,242
Services	48.6	48.73	0.27%	332,902	1,979,727	1,409,590,775

Sectors Distribution by Trading Value & WTD



Sector's Indices Dynamics

Index	High	Low	Discount to High	Premium to Low
Al Quds	523.32	517.26	-0.24%	0.93%
Banking	119.6	118.86	-0.62%	0.00%
Industry	68.45	68.07	0.00%	0.56%
Insurance	45.98	45.61	0.00%	0.81%
Investment	29.44	28.47	-0.88%	2.49%
Services	48.73	48.34	0.00%	0.81%

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Al Quds Index Constituents: WTD & Weight

Company	Current Weight in Al-Quds Index	Closing	Δ
Al-Quds Bank	1.70%	0.90	5.88%
Palestine Development & Investment Company	15.28%	1.62	3.85%
Wataniya Palestine Mobile Telecommunications	8.17%	0.84	3.70%
Palestine Real Estate Investment Company	2.10%	0.62	3.33%
Palestine Industrial Investment Company	2.04%	2.05	2.50%
Palestine Islamic Bank	2.32%	1.23	1.65%
Jerusalem Cigarette Company	0.48%	0.90	1.12%
Bank of Palestine	16.96%	2.81	0.36%
Birzeit Pharmaceutical Company	2.17%	3.11	0.32%
National Insurance	1.46%	3.23	0.31%
Palestine Electric Company	2.83%	1.25	0.00%
Arab Islamic Bank	2.04%	1.08	0.00%
Jerusalem Pharmaceuticals	1.22%	1.90	0.00%
The National Bank	2.15%	1.14	0.00%
Palestine Telecommunications Company	39.07%	5.58	-0.36%

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