



Summary

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SAMA foreign Reserve Assets: SAMA FX reserves declined by \$5 billion month-on-month to stand at \$501.3 billion in July.

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Bank Deposits: Bank deposits declined by 1.5 percent year-on-year in July, affected by a decrease in time and saving deposits.

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Interest Rates: SAIBOR remained unchanged month-on-month in August, with the SAIBOR/LIBOR spread widening in recent months.

Inflation: Prices rose in July by 2.3 percent year-on-year, and by 0.1 percent month-on-month. 'Food and beverages' prices rose by 6.7 percent, marking the highest annual rise since February 2018.

Industrial Production: The index for industrial production (IIP) showed an increase by 3.4 percent year-on-year, during Q1 2018.

Real estate: Real estate prices remained in the negative in Q2 2018, declining by 1.5 percent, year-on-year.

Hajj 2018: Total number of Hajj pilgrims in 1439H (2018) rose to 2.37 million, up by 0.8 percent over 2017.

Oil-Global: Brent oil prices were down 3 percent and WTI prices 4 percent month-on-month in August.

Oil-Regional: Saudi crude oil production averaged 10.3 million barrels per day (mbpd), down 2 percent month-on-month in July.

Exchange Rates: Almost all emerging market currencies saw losses against the dollar in August following a fall-out from a currency crisis in Turkey.

Stock Market: A combination of events resulted in a 4 percent drop in TASI month-on-month in August.

Q2 Listed Company Results: Q2 2018 listed company net -income totaled SR31 billion, resulting in a 20 percent rise year-on-year and 23 percent rise quarter-on-quarter.

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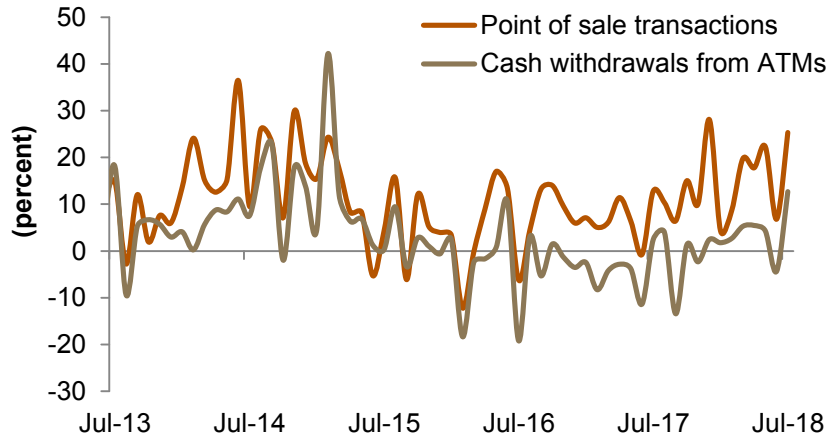


Real Economy

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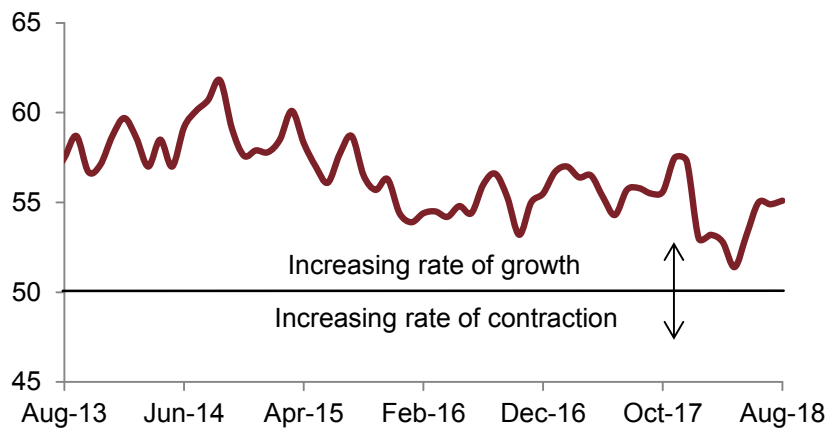
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Indicators of Consumer Spending
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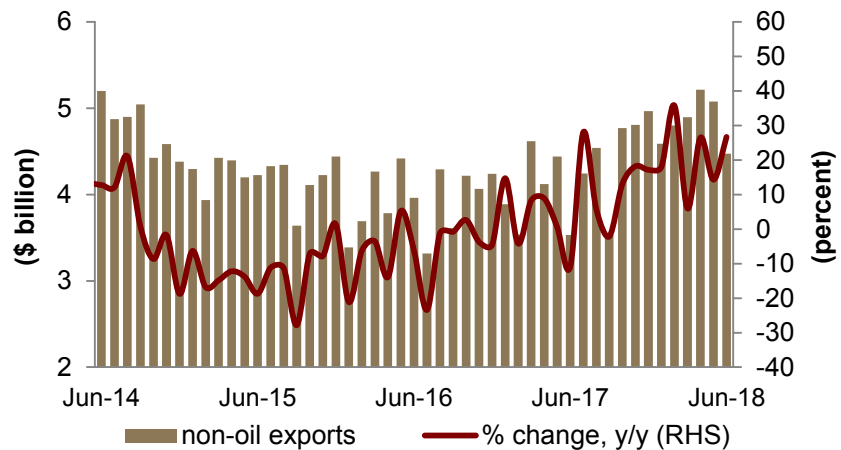
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Non-oil Purchasing Manager Index



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Non-Oil Exports



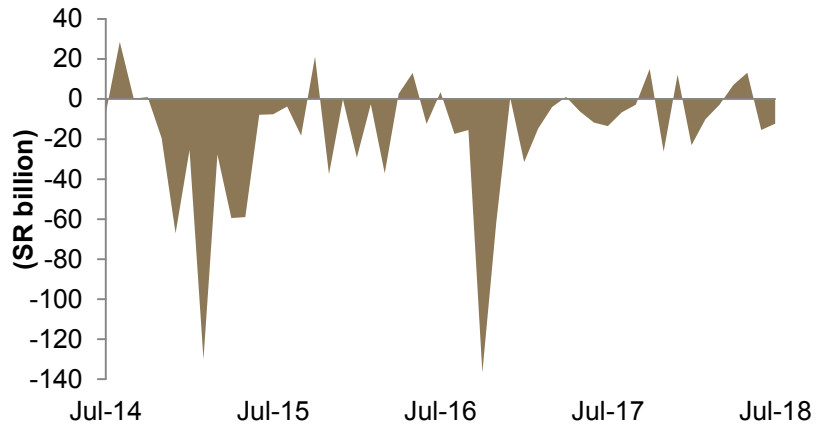


Government Finance

The net monthly change to government accounts with SAMA decreased by SR12 billion month-on-month in July, due to an equal decrease of SR12 billion from government current deposits during the month. At the same time, domestic banks net holdings of government debt rose by SR2.1 billion in July, following a domestic sukuk tap issuance during the month.

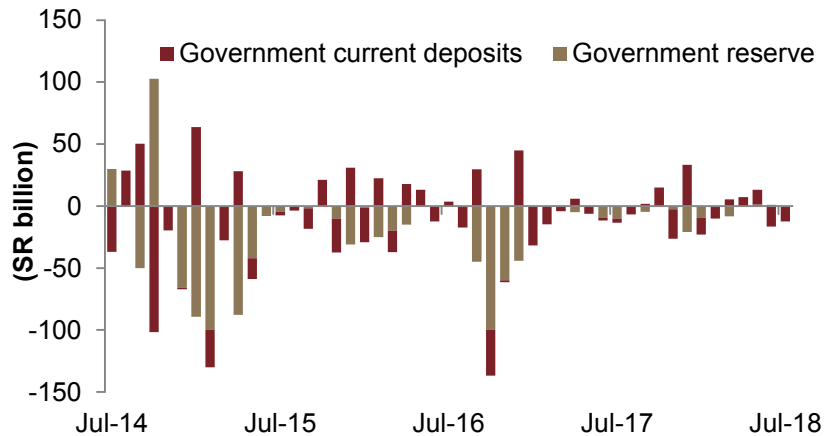
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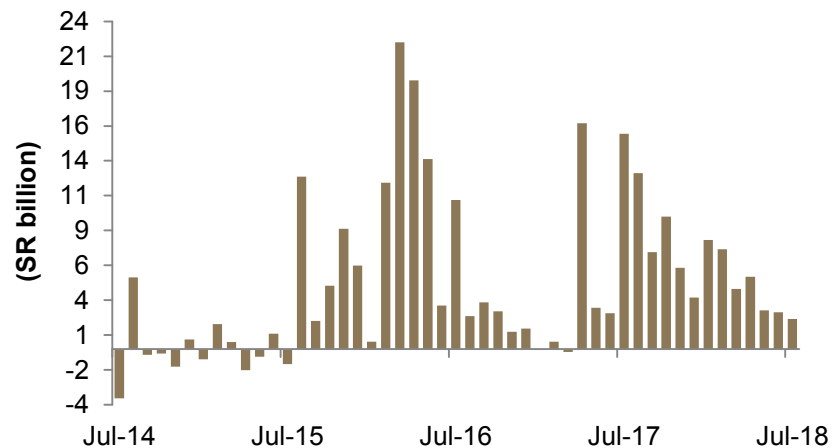
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Breakdown of Government Accounts with SAMA
(month-on-month change)



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Domestic Banks Net Holdings of Government Bonds
(month-on-month change)



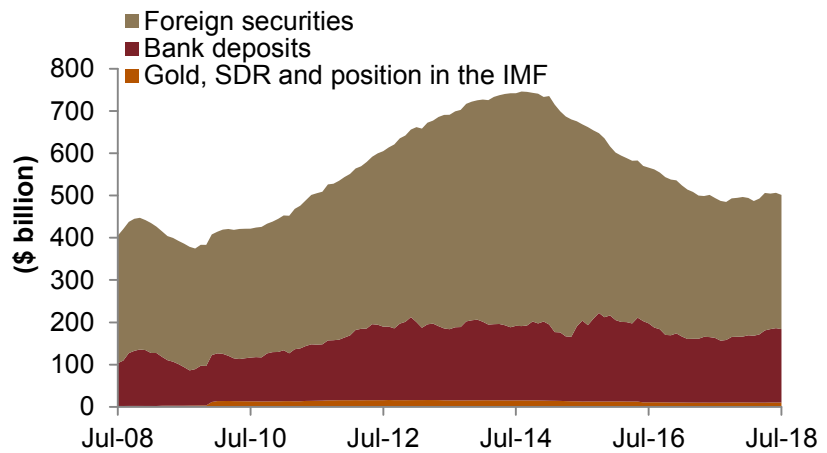


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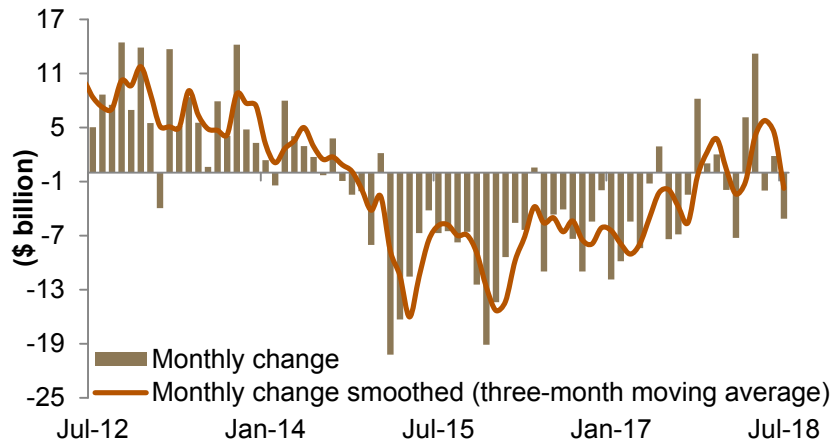
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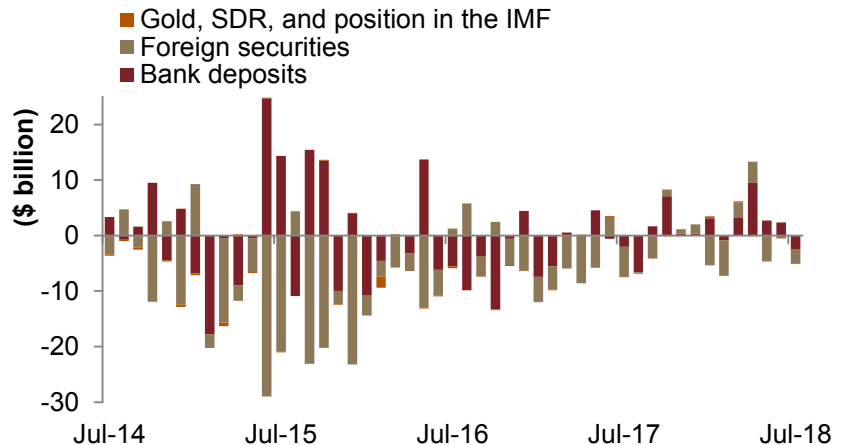


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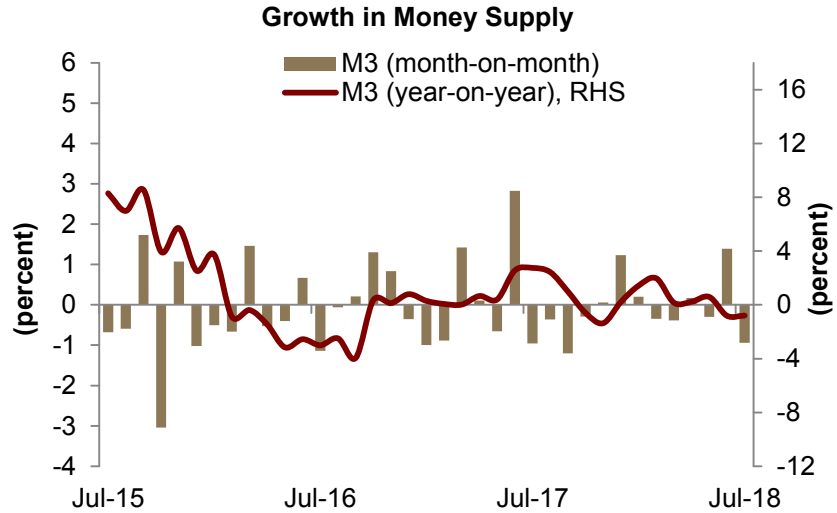
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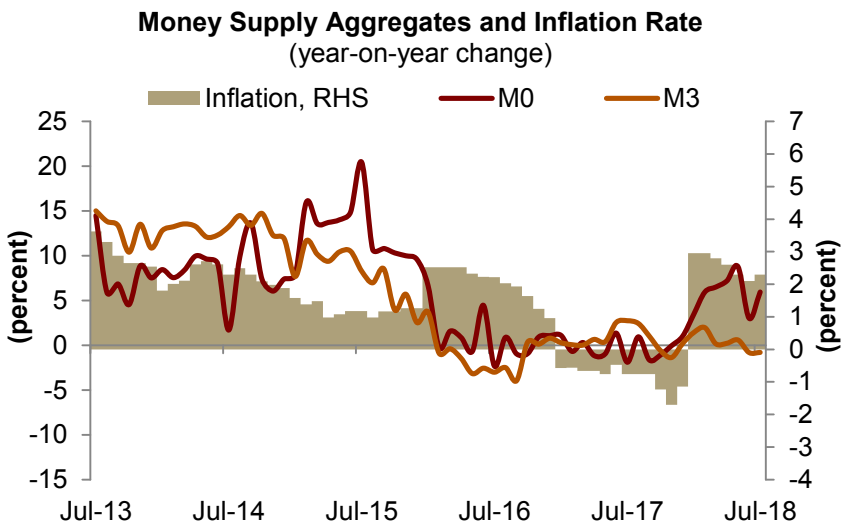
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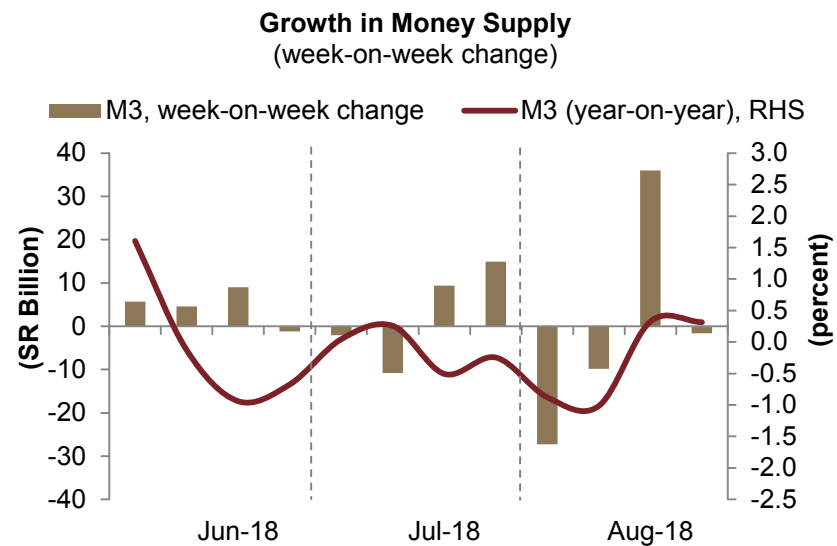
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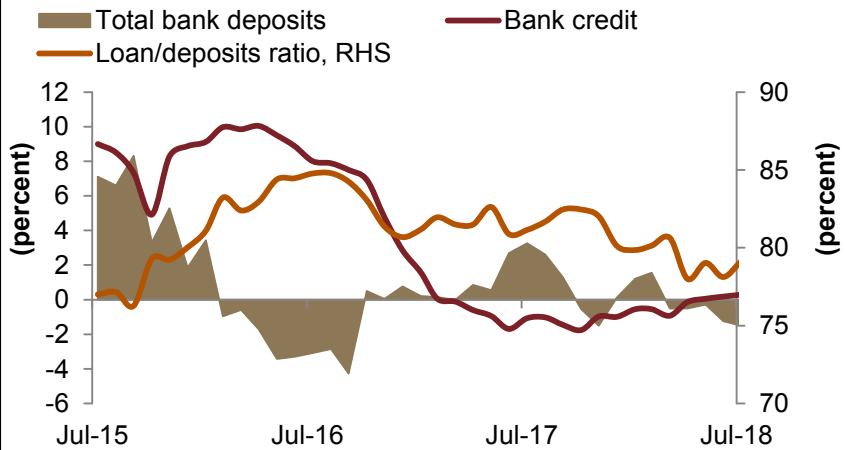


Bank Deposits

Bank deposits declined by 1.5 percent year-on-year in July, mainly due to time and saving deposits, which declined by 11.7 percent year-on-year, continuing the downward trend since September 2017. Meanwhile, private deposits rose by 0.5 percent year-on-year, affected by a rise in private demand deposits by 1.3 percent in July. However, private time and saving deposits declined by 5.1 percent year-on-year, marking the first decrease in four months.

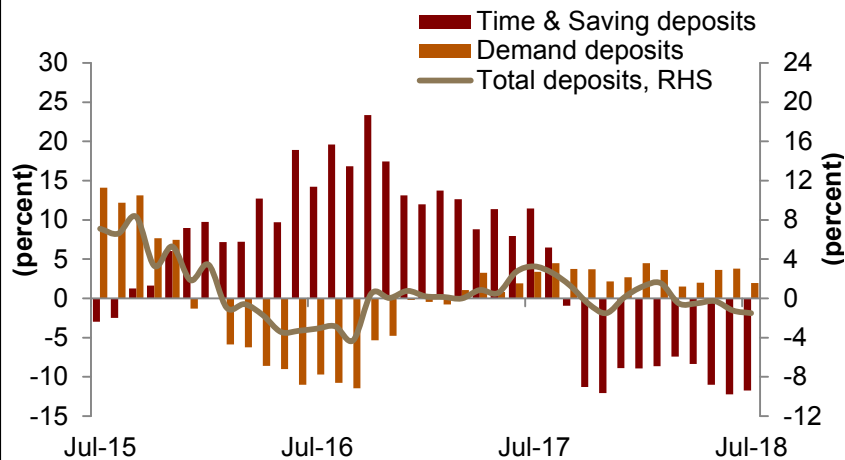
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Growth in Total Bank Deposits
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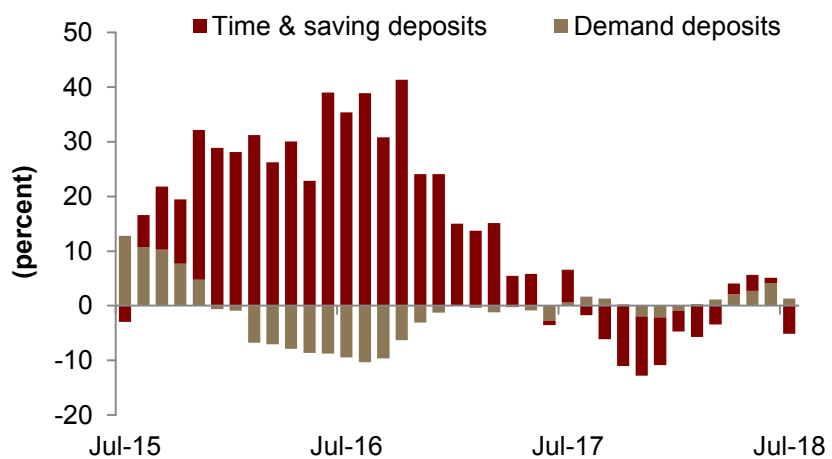
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Growth in Bank Deposits
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Breakdown of Private Sector Deposits
(year-on-year change)





Bank Credit

Total bank claims rose by 4.7 percent in July, year-on-year. Credit to the private sector continued to rise for the fourth month, by 0.7 percent, marking its largest annual increase since February 2017. By credit maturity, long-term credit increased by 4.7 percent year-on-year, marking the first rise since November 2017. Meanwhile, medium term credit declined by 6.7 percent year-on-year, after a continuous rise for seven months. Short term credit was flat in July.

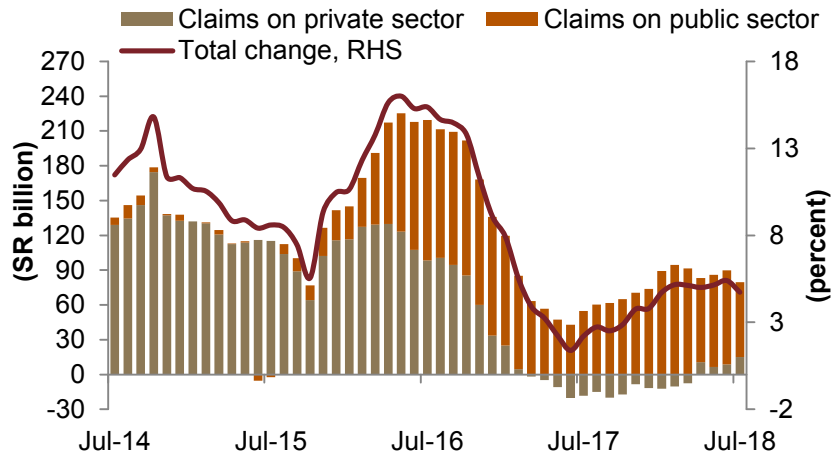
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All types of bank claims to the private sector increased in July, as investments in private securities showed the highest rise by 9.1 percent during the month.

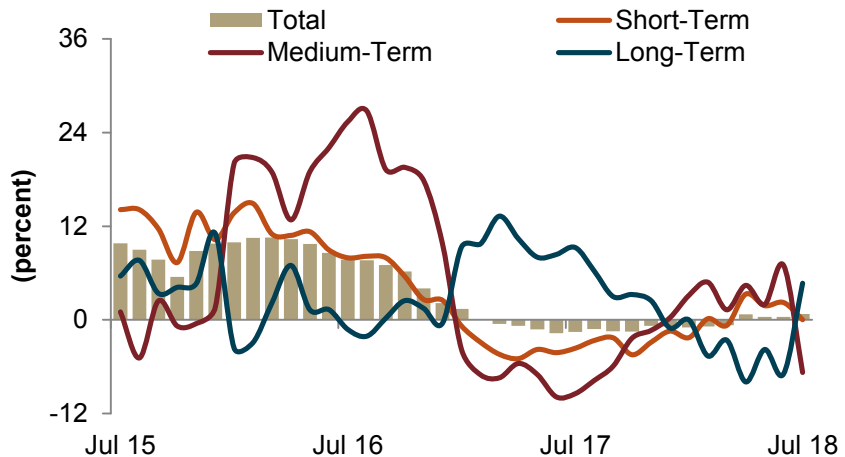
Breakdown of Bank Claims

(year-on-year change)



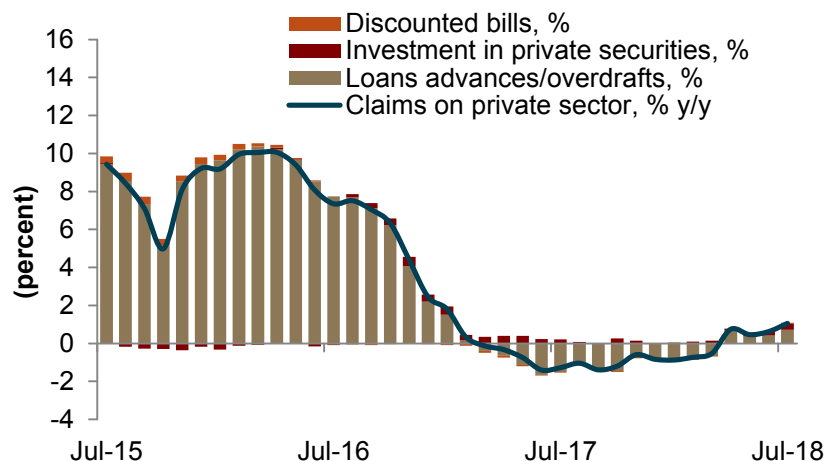
Total Bank Credit, by Maturity

(year-on-year change)



Breakdown of Bank Claims on the Private Sector

(Contribution %)



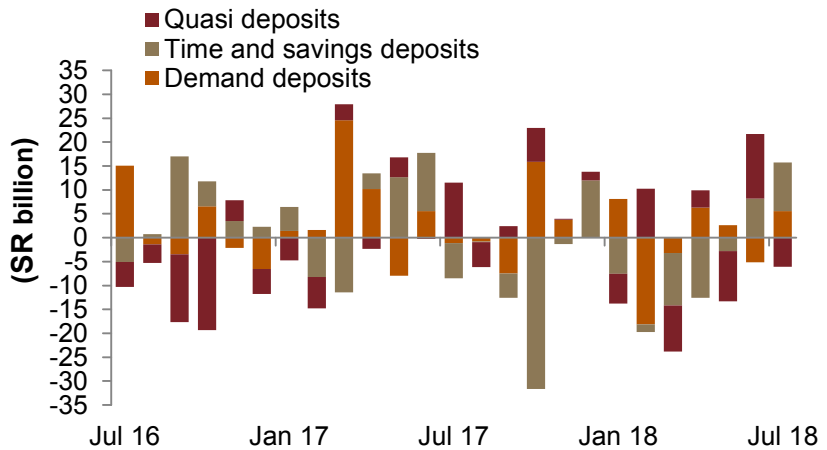


Interest Rates

Government deposits rose during July, as demand and saving deposits were both up during the month despite a decline in the government's quasi deposits, month-on-month. Excess liquidity continued to increase in the banking system for the second month in a row in July. However, SAIBOR remained unchanged month-on-month in August, with the SAIBOR/LIBOR spread widening recently.

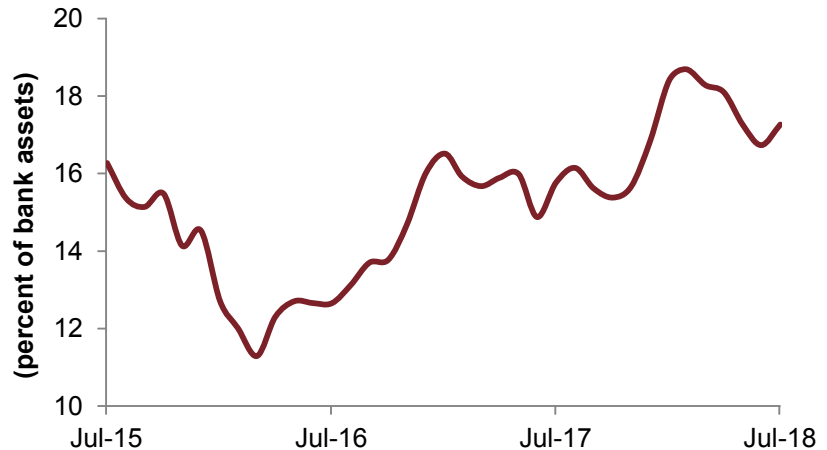
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Government Deposits with Commercial Banks
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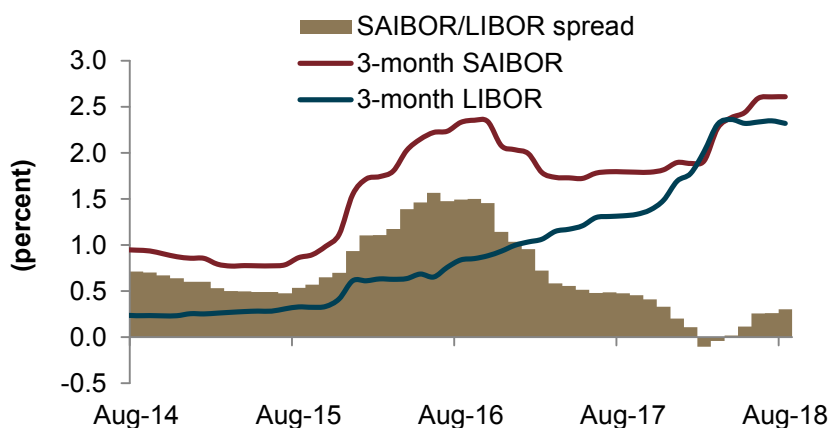
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Excess Liquidity in the Banking System



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Latest Saibor and Libor Rates

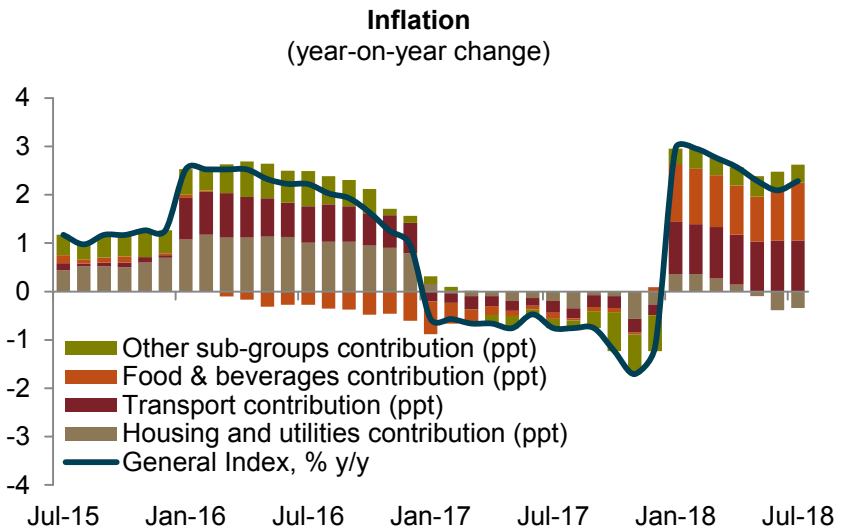




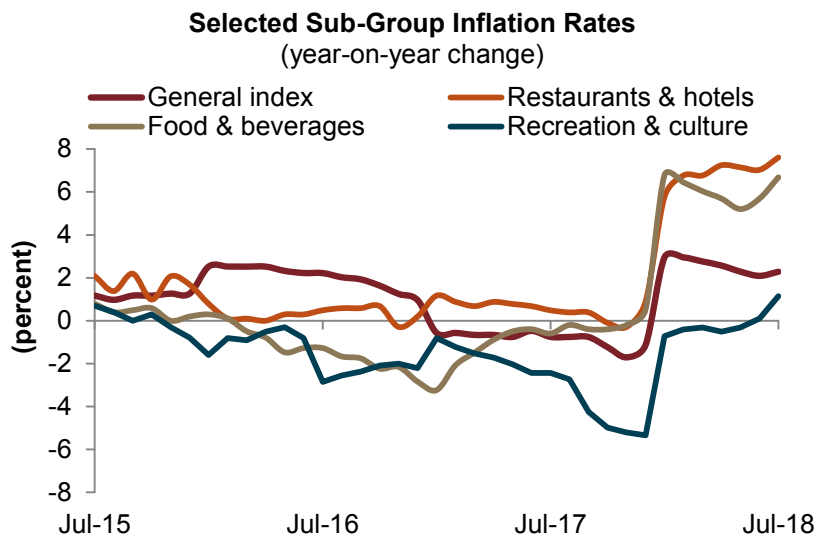
Inflation

Prices rose in July by 2.3 percent year-on-year, and by 0.1 percent month-on-month. 'Food and beverages' prices rose by 6.7 percent, marking the highest annual rise since February 2018. 'Recreation and culture' rose by 1.1 percent year-on-year in July, following a previous rise in June. Moreover, 'restaurants and hotels' has also seen a significant rise in July, by 7.6 percent year-on-year, marking the highest annual rise since the beginning of the year.

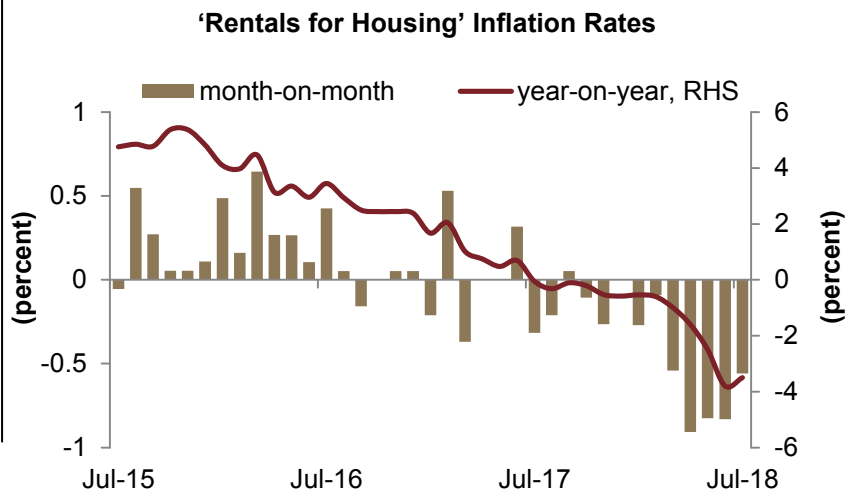
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'Housing and utilities' declined by 1.3 percent, year-on-year, as 'rentals for housing' continued to decline, falling by 3.5 percent year-on-year during July, weighing on the 'housing' group prices and the inflation rate in general.

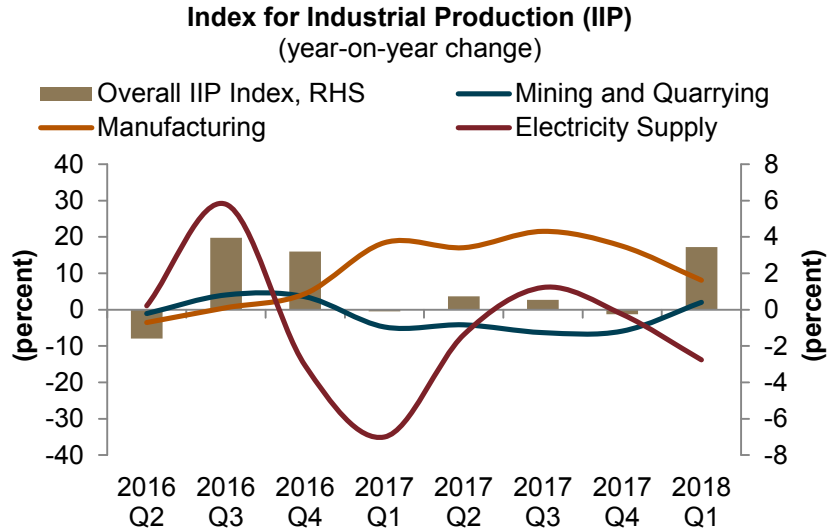




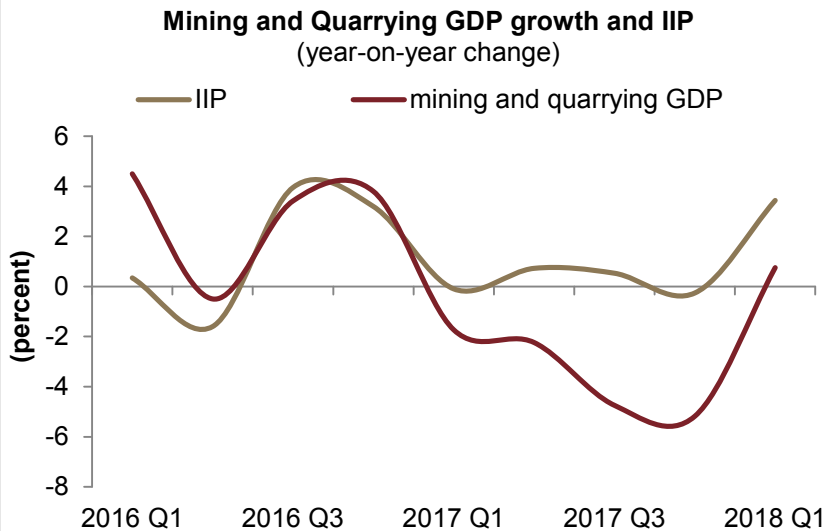
Industrial Production

The index for industrial production (IIP) showed an increase in the overall index by 0.6 percent quarter-on-quarter, and by 3.4 percent year-on-year, during Q1 2018. The boost came mainly from an increase in mining and quarrying output (74 percent of the IIP index weight), rising by 2 percent year-on-year, turning into the positive territory for the first time since Q4 2016.

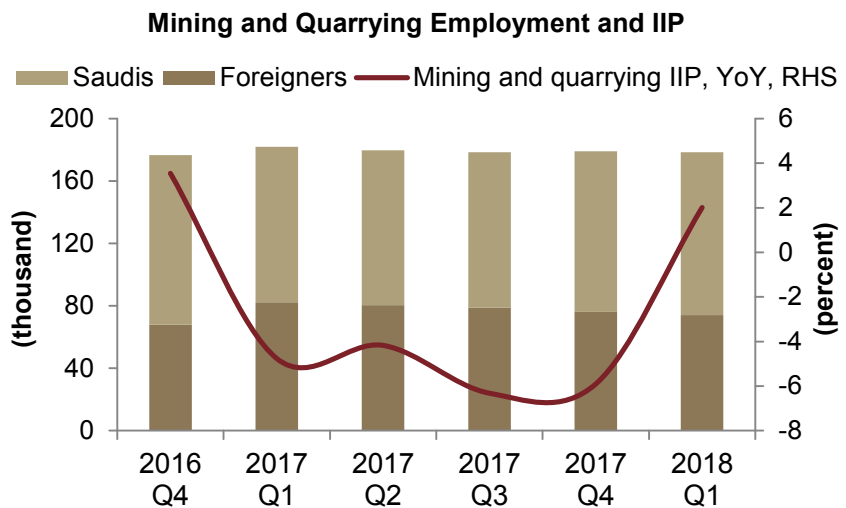
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Despite the output growth in mining and quarrying during Q1 2018, the sector saw a decline in total number workers, affected by the drop in the number of foreigners by 10 percent, year-on-year. Simultaneously, the number of Saudis increased in the sector, growing by 4.7 percent year-on-year.

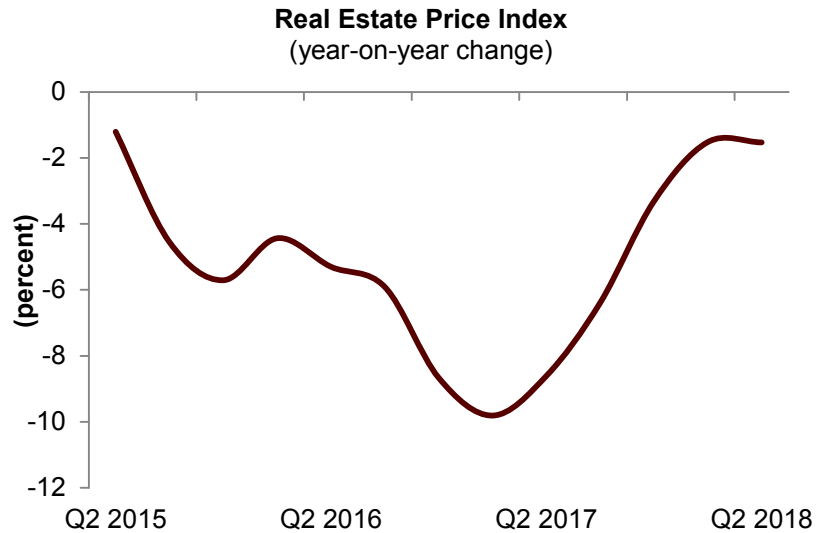




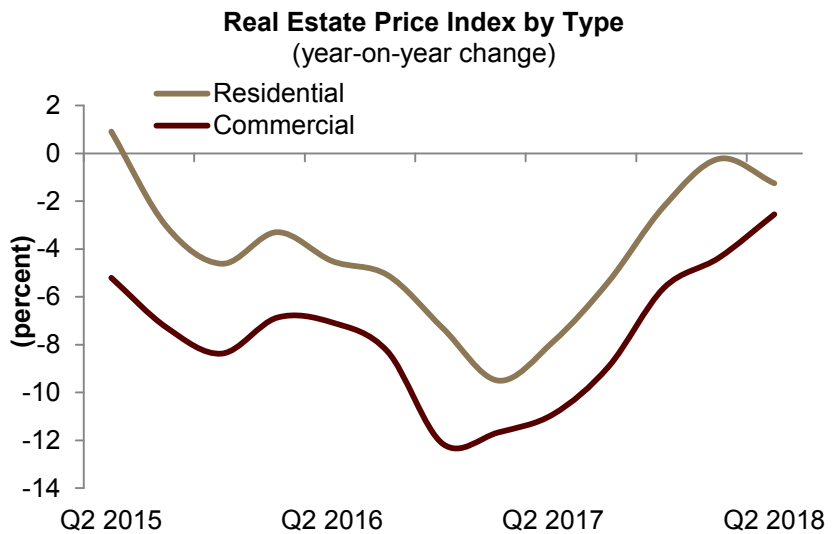
Real Estate

Real estate prices remained in the negative in Q2 2018, declining by 1.5 percent, year-on-year. More specifically, commercial real estate prices showed larger declines than the residential segment, with Riyadh's commercial real estate prices declining the most during Q2, down 5.2 percent year-on-year. Meanwhile, prices in Makkah picked-up during the quarter, rising marginally by 0.1 percent.

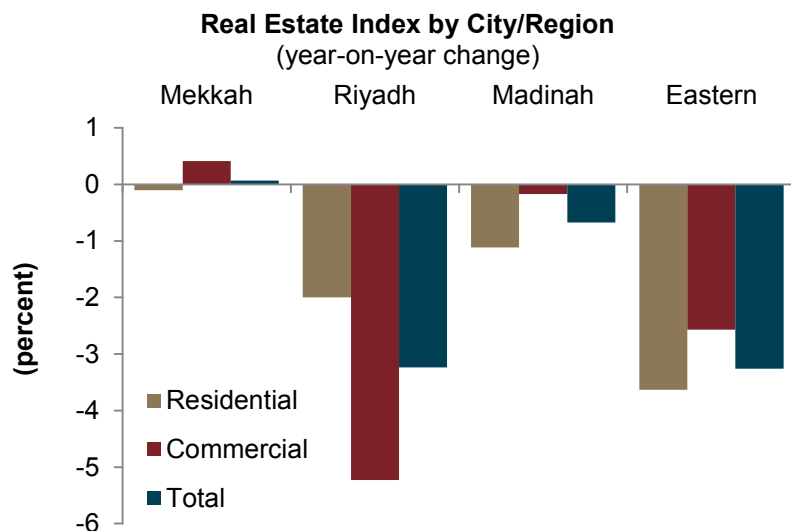
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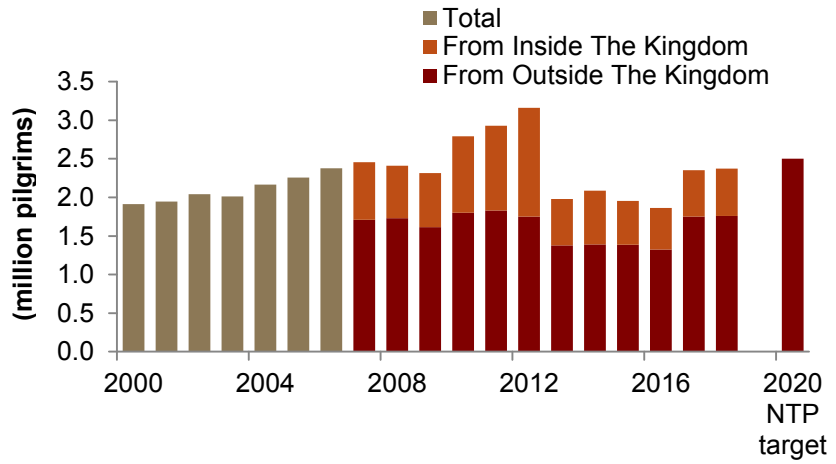


Hajj 2018

Total number of Hajj pilgrims in 1439H (2018) rose to 2.37 million, up by 0.8 percent over 2017. Total pilgrims from outside the Kingdom reached 1.76 million pilgrims, most came from Asian countries. According to the National Transformation Program (NTP), Hajj pilgrims from outside the Kingdom are expected to reach 2.5 million by 2020, which should increase by 42 percent over 2018.

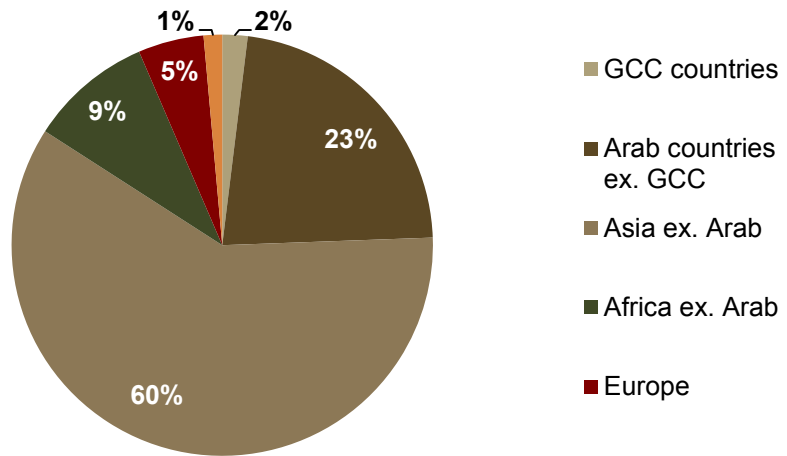
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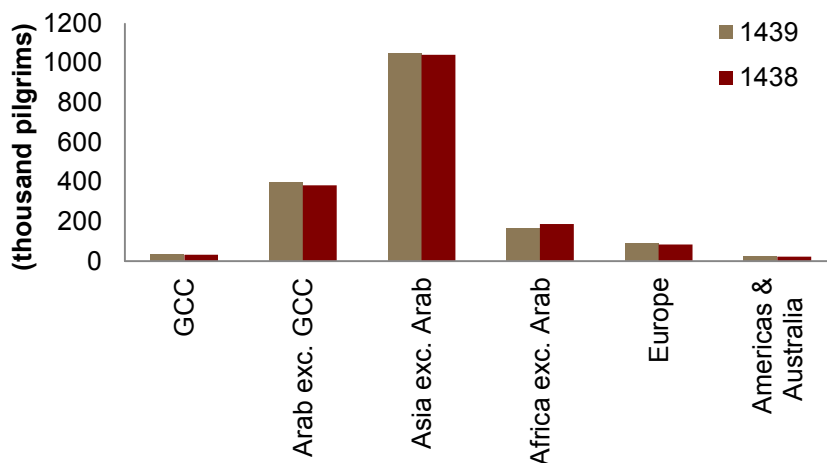
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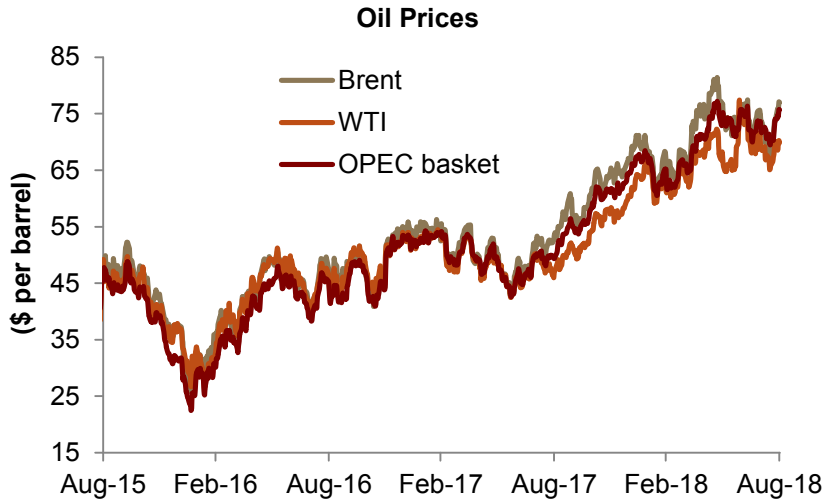




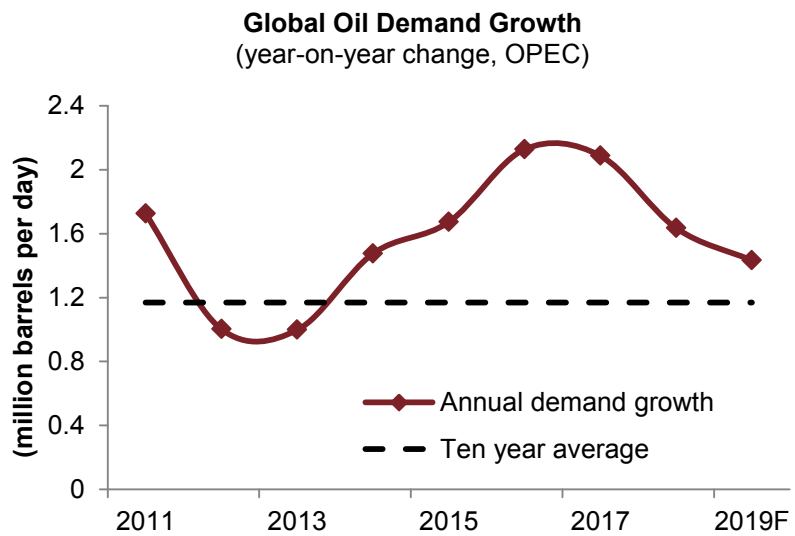
Oil - Global

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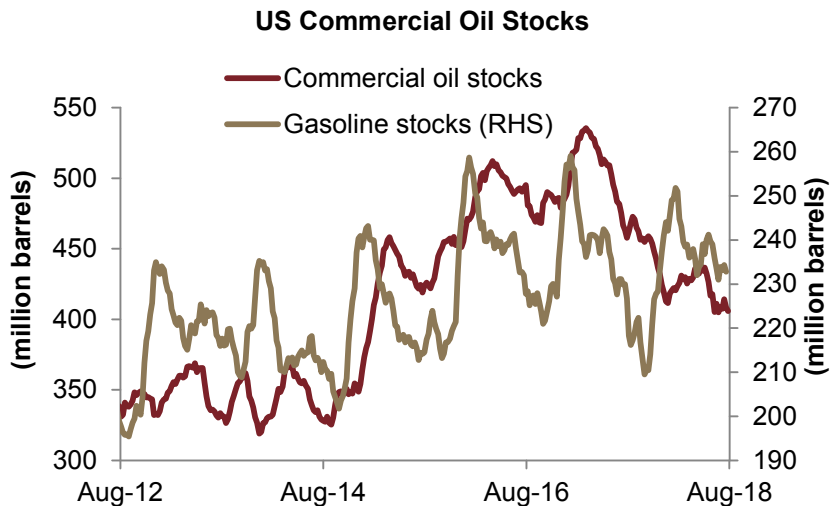
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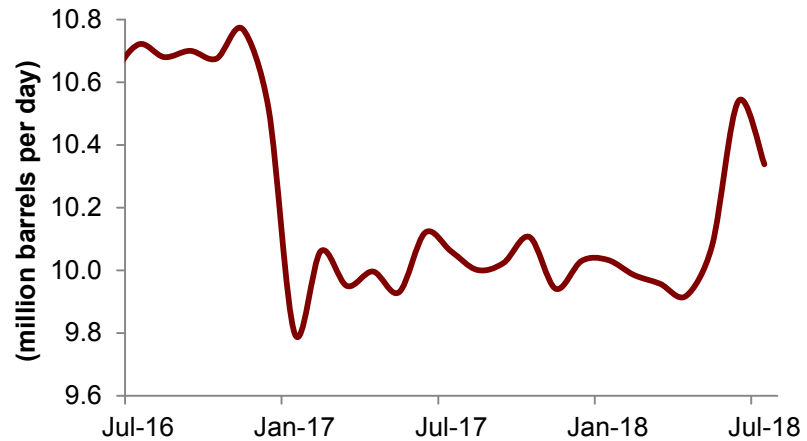
Saudi crude oil production averaged 10.3 million barrels per day (mbpd), down 2 percent month-on-month in July. Meanwhile, latest available data shows that Saudi crude oil exports averaged 7.2 mbpd in June, in line with H1 2018 average. Data for June also shows that Saudi refined product exports hit record levels.

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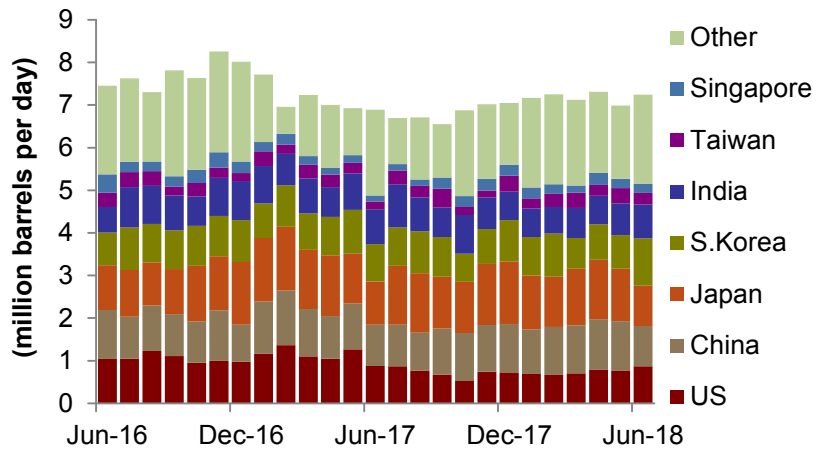
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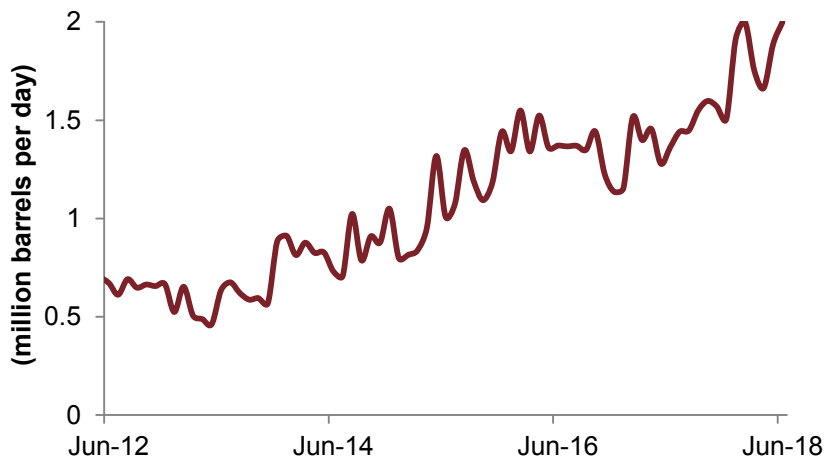
OPEC Crude Oil Production
(secondary sources: July 2018)



Saudi Crude Oil Exports
(June 2018)



Refined Product Exports
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Exchange Rates

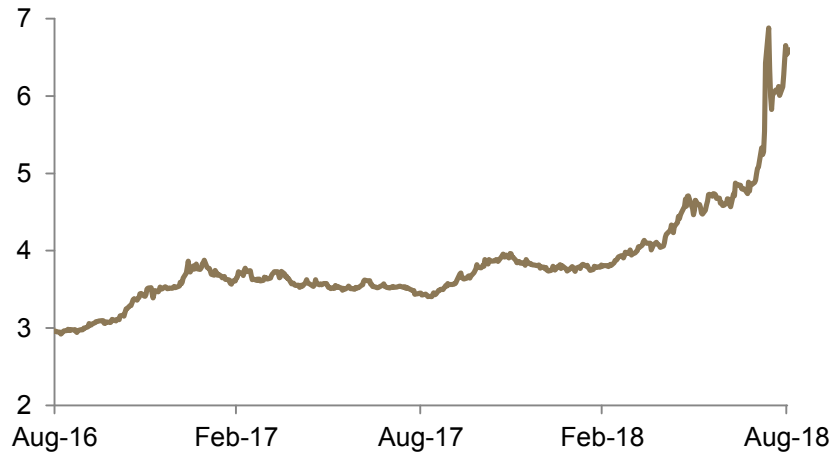
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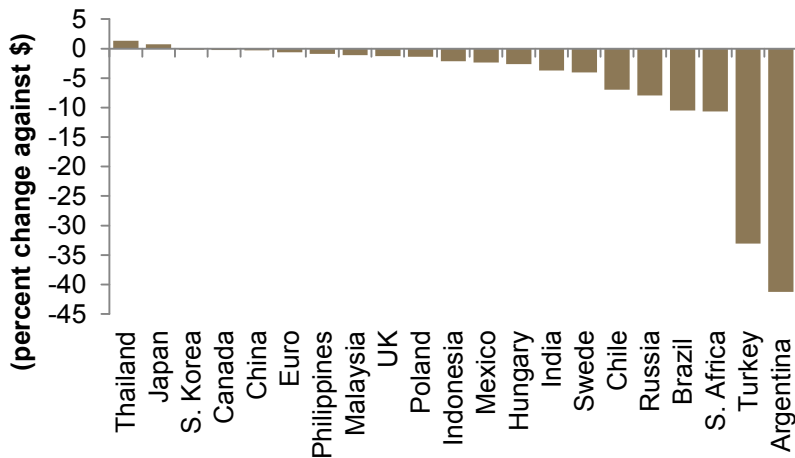
Concerns over Turkey's economy and banking sector rippled out across the globe, with almost all emerging market currencies seeing losses against the dollar in August.

Some emerging markets may continue to see volatility as the US Federal Reserves tightens monetary policy further. Current surveys show a very high probability of a 25 basis points (bps) rise in interest rates in either September or November and 60 percent rise of an additional 25 bps rise in December.

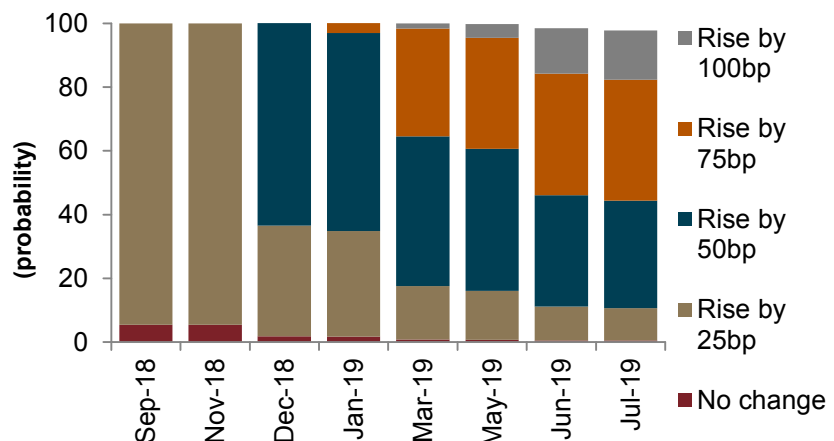
USD/Turkish Lira



Monthly Gain/Loss Against US Dollar (August 2018)



US Interest Rate Rise Probability



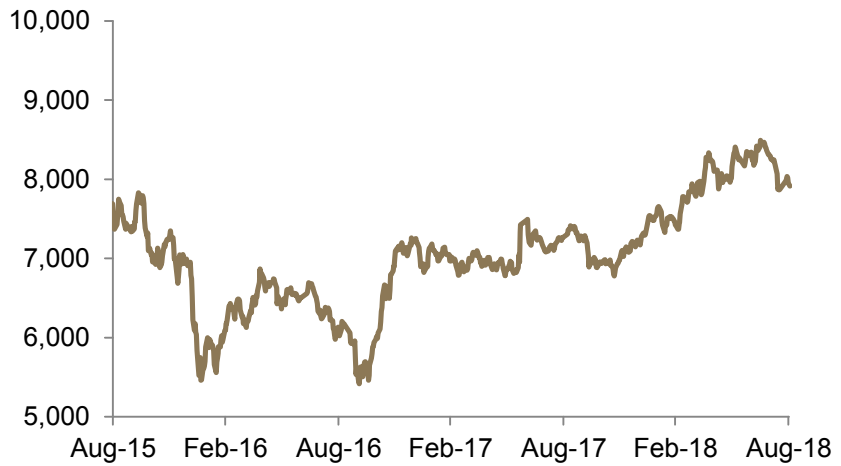


Stock Market

A combination of events resulted in a 4 percent drop in TASI month-on-month in August. Worries related to a potential emerging market contagion following Turkey's currency crisis, continued trade tensions between the US and China, plus a drop in oil prices, all affected invest sentiment during the month. The sell-off was further exacerbated prior to Eid-al-Adha holidays.

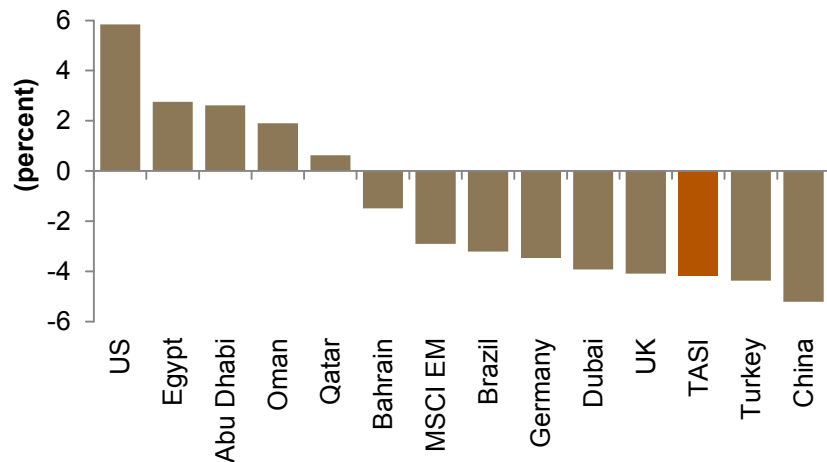
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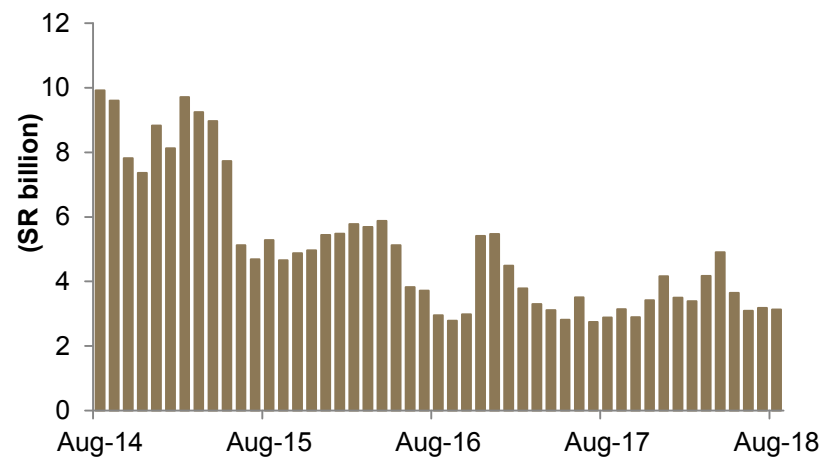
...putting the Saudi bourse amongst the worst performers during the month.

Comparative Stock Market Performance
(August 2018)



Meanwhile, traded volumes were effectively flat month-on-month in August.

Traded Volumes
(August 2018)

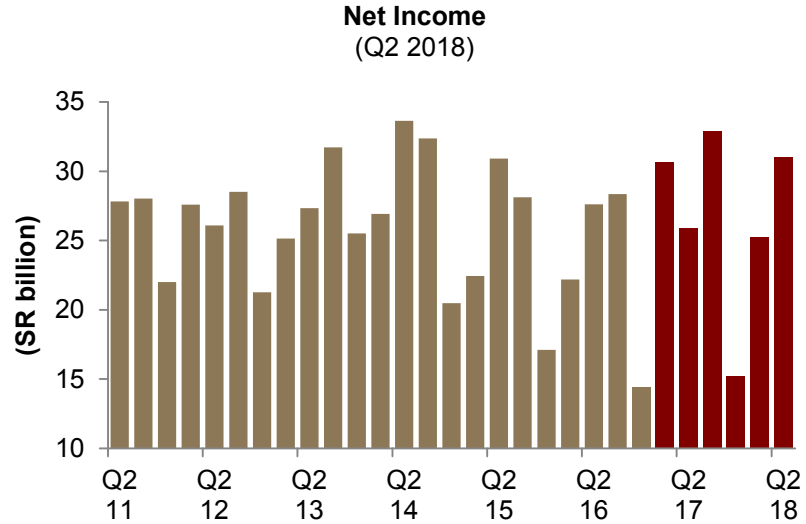




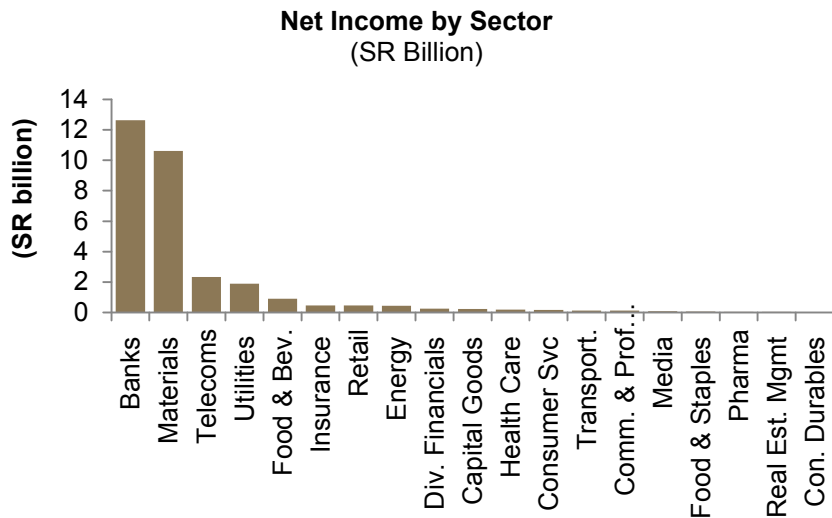
Q2 Listed Company Results

Q2 2018 listed company results, reported under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), were up on both a yearly and quarterly basis. Materials and banks made up around 75 percent of total listed company profits in Q2 2018. In addition, both of these sectors showed the largest annual rise in profitability compared to the same period last year.

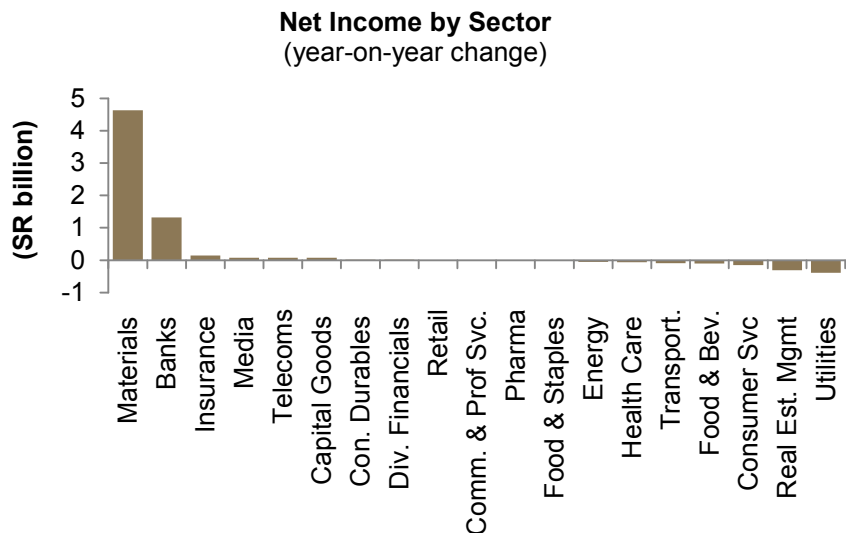
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Key Data

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018F	2019F
Nominal GDP									
(SR billion)	2,517	2,760	2,800	2,836	2,454	2,419	2,575	2,944	3,150
(\$ billion)	671	736	747	756	654	645	687	785	840
(% change)	27.1	9.6	1.5	1.3	-13.5	-1.4	6.5	14.3	7.0
Real GDP (% change)									
Oil	12.2	5.1	-1.6	2.1	5.3	3.6	-3.0	3.2	4.5
Non-oil private sector	8.1	5.6	7.0	5.4	3.4	0.1	0.7	1.1	1.8
Non-oil government	8.4	5.3	5.1	3.7	2.7	0.6	1.7	2.2	1.4
Total	10.0	5.4	2.7	3.7	4.1	1.7	-0.9	2.2	2.9
Oil indicators (average)									
Brent (\$/b)	112	112	110	99	52	43	54	68	68
Saudi (\$/b)	104	106	104	96	49	41	51	66	66
Production (million b/d)	9.3	9.8	9.6	9.7	10.2	10.4	10.0	10.3	10.7
Budgetary indicators (SR billion)									
Government revenue	1,118	1,247	1,156	1,044	616	519	692	867	884
Government expenditure	838	916	994	1,140	999	935	930	978	1,006
Budget balance	280	331	162	-96	-383	-416	-238	-111	-122
(% GDP)	11.1	12.0	5.8	-3.4	-15.6	-17.2	-9.3	-3.8	-3.9
Gross public debt	135	99	60	44	142	317	443	560	673
(% GDP)	5.4	3.6	2.1	1.6	5.8	13.1	17.2	19.0	21.4
Monetary indicators (average)									
Inflation (% change)	n/a	2.9	3.5	2.2	1.2	2.1	-0.8	3.1	1.1
SAMA base lending rate (% end)	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.75	3.25
External trade indicators (\$ billion)									
Oil export revenues	318	337	322	285	153	137	170	223	227
Total export revenues	365	388	376	342	204	184	221	275	283
Imports	120	142	153	158	159	128	119	116	120
Trade balance	245	247	223	184	44	56	102	159	163
Current account balance	159	165	135	74	-57	-24	15	73	78
(% GDP)	23.6	22.4	18.1	9.8	-8.7	-3.7	2.2	9.3	9.3
Official reserve assets	544	657	726	732	616	536	496	536	569
Social and demographic indicators									
Population (million)	28.2	28.9	29.6	30.3	31.0	31.7	32.6	33.4	34.0
Saudi Unemployment (15+, %)	12.4	12.1	11.7	11.7	11.5	12.5	12.8	12.5	12.1
GDP per capita (\$)	23,827	25,471	25,223	24,962	21,095	20,318	21,057	23,495	24,714

Sources: Jadwa Investment forecasts for 2017 and 2018. General Authority for Statistics for GDP and demographic indicators, Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency for monetary and external trade indicators, Ministry of Finance for budgetary indicators.



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