

Vale earnings drop 15 percent

Brazilian mining giant Vale, the world's largest iron ore producer, reported a sharp drop in third quarter earnings Thursday despite cost-cutting, in a reflection of the global economic slowdown and Brazil's currency depreciation. Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization were down 15.3 percent from the second quarter at \$1.875

billion, Vale said in a statement. The overall net loss of \$2.1 billion was in contrast to profits of \$1.675 billion in the second quarter. Gross revenues totaled \$6.6 billion, down \$467 million, due to lower prices, the mining group said. Earnings were "supported by significant reductions in costs and expenses," Vale said. (AFP)

Name: Kuwait Sharia

Compatible Indices

Providers: Al Madar Finance

& Investment Co.

Description: Index of Sharia

compatible companies traded

on the KSE

Website: www.almadar-fi.com

Index name	Bloomberg ticker	Today's value as of	Today's closing value	Prev closing value	% change	1-week change	3-month change	YTD change	12-month change	24-month change
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Composite	AMIC	162.69	163.33	162.69	-0.39%	0.76%	-9.55%	-12.27%	-22.84%	-23.11%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Kuwait Only	AMIC	158.43	159.09	158.43	-0.41%	0.79%	-9.47%	-13.53%	-23.16%	-22.87%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Active	AMIC	81.47	82.25	81.47	-0.95%	-1.66%	-14.72%	-15.30%	-26.48%	-32.16%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Banking Sector	AMIC	290.50	291.00	290.50	-0.17%	1.84%	-7.58%	-8.48%	-17.11%	-15.12%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Investment Sector	AMIC	54.34	54.75	54.75	-0.75%	2.06%	-12.72%	-25.04%	-38.83%	-45.89%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Insurance Sector	AMIC	21.31	21.31	21.31	0.00%	-0.49%	-24.11%	-28.84%	-29.86%	-39.77%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Real Estate Sector	AMIC	49.99	50.09	49.99	-0.19%	0.82%	-8.18%	-11.41%	-17.95%	-23.61%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Industrial Sector	AMIC	127.65	128.32	127.65	-0.52%	2.00%	-7.36%	-13.16%	-21.94%	-17.99%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Services Sector	AMIC	176.61	177.65	176.61	-0.59%	-0.42%	-10.19%	-18.20%	-30.07%	-33.69%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Food Sector	AMIC	333.22	336.12	336.12	-0.86%	-0.35%	-19.04%	-19.53%	-26.67%	-10.43%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Islamic Sector	AMIC	133.06	133.43	133.43	-0.28%	1.48%	-7.89%	-8.14%	-16.99%	-18.59%
Kuwait Sharia Compatible Index - Non Kuwaiti Sector	AMIC	288.70	288.15	288.15	0.02%	-5.39%	3.31%	-4.97%	-10.54%	-15.44%
Kuwait Stock Exchange Index - Price	KWSEIDX	5,780.76	5,793.41	5,780.76	-0.22%	0.86%	-8.04%	445.38%	394.22%	-26.58%
S&P 500	SPX	2,018.94	2,030.77	2,018.94	-0.58%	0.76%	-3.96%	-3.43%	4.00%	15.73%
DJ Islamic Index	DJIM	2,791.20	2,806.65	2,791.20	-0.55%	0.64%	-4.97%	-3.53%	0.70%	6.31%

Few frontier markets will see credit quality improve over 2-3 yrs: Moody's

Potential for economic expansion in frontiers stronger than EMs

SINGAPORE, Oct 22: Moody's Investors Service says that while the potential for economic expansion in frontier markets is strong when compared to emerging markets; only a select group of these countries is well-placed for credit improvements.

Moody's report points out that none of the 29 rated frontier-market sovereigns in the study has seen dramatic credit improvements over the past 10 years. For example, the current rating for just one sovereign, Bolivia (Ba3 stable), is higher than the initial rating assigned to it by Moody's. By contrast, nearly half are currently ranked below their original ratings, and seven carry negative outlooks versus three with positive outlooks.

Moody's defines frontier markets as sub-investment grade countries that rely primarily on concessional financing to fund their external public debt needs.

Frontier markets typically exhibit common credit strengths, including stronger growth performance, due to their abundant natural resources, trade openness, and young populations. At the same time, they share credit weaknesses stemming from rising debt burdens, high external financing needs, and weak institutions.

Looking ahead, only a few sov-

Moody's assigns Aa3 rating to APICORP

FRANKFURT AM Main, Oct 22: Moody's Investors Service, ("Moody's") has assigned an Aa3 rating to the inaugural \$500 million drawdown under the Arab Petroleum Investments Corporation's ("APICORP") \$3 billion Trust Certificate Issuance Programme (the "Programme") of APICORP Sukuk Limited (the "Issuer"), a special purpose vehicle established in the Cayman Islands.

On 19 October 2015 APICORP priced its inaugural \$500 million drawdown under its five-year, \$3 billion Programme, with a profit rate of 2.383% per annum, payable semi-annually.

The Aa3 rating assigned to the issuance is at the same level as the long-term issuer rating of APICORP (Aa3 stable), as the holders (the "Certificateholders") of the trust certificates issued under the Programme (the "Certificates") will (i) effectively be exposed to APICORP's senior credit risk; (ii) not be exposed to the risk of performance of the portfolio assets relating to the Certificates; (iii) will not have any preferential claim or recourse over the relevant Trust Assets, or rights to cause any sale or disposition of such Trust Assets except as expressly provided under

weigh on growth and inflate government debt burdens relative to GDP for most frontier markets. Moody's report says that governments that have addressed fiscal imbalances, strengthened their institutions to create more stable and predictable operating environments

the Transaction Documents for the Programme; and (iv) only have rights against APICORP, ranking pari passu with other senior unsecured obligations as provided in the Transaction Documents.

Moody's also notes that its Sukuk rating does not express an opinion on the Programme's structure's compliance with Shariah law, and for this it refers to the decision provided by Standard Chartered Bank's Shariah Supervisory Committee.

The ratings of APICORP balance strong capital adequacy, a high-quality asset portfolio, preferred creditor status (de facto) as reflected in high asset quality and very strong shareholder support against high geographic and sector concentration relative to peers. In addition, APICORP has demonstrated a track record of profitability that has bolstered its capital base over time.

However, the degree to which APICORP continues to be reliant on wholesale deposits adversely affects our assessment of APICORP's liquidity. At the same time, APICORP faces a challenging operating environment given political turmoil in a number of member countries in recent years and the exposure of its investments to commodity price developments.

stand to see credit quality advance. The ability to attract foreign direct investment will also be important to reliably fund external financing needs. In addition, countries that have export baskets with less elastic demand profiles will maintain strong growth.

Moody's has aligned the senior unsecured MTN rating with APICORP's Aa3 issuer rating. Therefore, the rating on the Programme and on any drawdown will move in tandem with APICORP's issuer rating.

Upward pressure on APICORP's ratings could develop from a combination of the following: (1) less use of wholesale deposits as a funding source and a significant re-balancing of balance sheet maturities to a position comparable with its higher-rated peers; and/or (2) a material improvement in the challenging operating environment that helps assure the viability of its investments and, consequently, the sustainability of APICORP's asset quality and capital adequacy.

Downwards pressure on APICORP's ratings could develop from: (1) sovereign rating downgrades of APICORP's main shareholders; (2) an indication that shareholders' willingness to support APICORP has weakened; (3) a prolonged period of very low oil prices or a regional political shock that significantly impaired asset quality; and/or (4) a sudden withdrawal of deposits that was not offset by other funding sources or assistance from shareholders.

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Analysts wary of deceleration

Investors fear Credit Suisse late to Asia's 'wealth party'

HONG KONG/ZURICH, Oct 22. (RTS) Credit Suisse's plan to offset sliding investment banking business by becoming an advisor of choice to Asia's fabulously wealthy could leave new chief Tidjane Thiam arriving late at an overcrowded, overhyped party, investors fear.

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investment funds

Funds	Fund Manager	Valuation	Valued date	Currency	Net Asset Value (NAV)	Prev NAV	Prev NAV Dated	
National Bank of Kuwait								
Money Market Funds	Watani KD Money Market Fund	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	KD	1.398	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani KD Money Market Fund II	NBK Capital	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	KD	1.010	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani KD Money Market Fund (Islamic)	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	KD	1.176	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani Foreign Currency Money Market Fund	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	USD	1.306	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani Foreign Currency Money Market Fund (Euro)	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	Euro	1.245	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani USD Money Market Fund (Acc to Islamic Shariah principles)	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	USD	1.100	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani USD Money Market Fund (Acc to Islamic Shariah principles) II	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	USD	10.008	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani USD Money Market Fund	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	USD	10.075	Sept 29, 2015	
	Watani KD Money Market Fund (Acc to Islamic Shariah principles) II	NBK Global Asset Management Co. Ltd.	Weekly	Oct 6, 2015	KD	1.009	Sept 29, 2015	
Equity Funds	NBK Gulf Equity Fund	NBK Capital	Weekly	Oct 1, 2015	USD	1.348	Sept 22, 2015	
	NBK Kuwait Equity Fund	NBK Capital	Weekly	Oct 1, 2015	KD	0.592	Sept 22, 2015	
	NBK Qatar Equity Fund	NBK Capital	Weekly	Oct 1, 2015	USD	1.752	Sept 22, 2015	
Ijara Fund	Thahabi Ijara Fund VI	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	March 31, 2015	USD	10.000	Feb 28, 2015	
	Thahabi Ijara Fund VII	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	March 31, 2015	USD	10.000	Feb 28, 2015	
	Islamic KD Ijara Fund II	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	March 31, 2015	KD	10.000	Feb 28, 2015	
	Islamic KD Ijara Fund III	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	March 31, 2015	KD	10.000	Feb 28, 2015	
	Islamic KD Ijara Fund IV	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	March 31, 2015	KD	10.000	Feb 28, 2015	
	Islamic KD Ijara Fund V	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	March 31, 2015	KD	10.000	Feb 28, 2015	
	Islamic Equipment Leasing Fund I	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	10.000	July 31, 2015	
	Islamic Equipment Leasing Fund II	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	10.000	July 31, 2015	
	Islamic Equipment Leasing Fund III	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	10.000	July 31, 2015	
	Islamic Equipment Leasing Fund IV	Wafra Capital Partners LP Cayman Islands	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	10.000	July 31, 2015	
Real Estate Securities	Islamic Global RE Securities Fund Class A	Wafra Capital Partners LP	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	992.070	July 31, 2015	
	Islamic Global RE Securities Fund Class B	Wafra Capital Partners LP	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	714.820	July 31, 2015	
Multi Asset Funds	Thahabi Multi Asset Fund - Con Portfolio	Frontier Capital Management (Jersey) Ltd	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	95.040	July 31, 2015	
	Thahabi Multi Asset Fund - Mo Portfolio	Frontier Capital Management (Jersey) Ltd	Monthly	Aug 31, 2015	USD	86.700	July 31, 2015	
Gulf Bank								
	Al Bahatler GCC Equity Fund	Kwt. Fin. & Inv. Co. & Gulf Fin. House	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	USD	7.315	July 31, 2015	
	Coast Fund	Coast Investment & Dev. Co.	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	0.612	0.664	Aug 31, 2015
	Saraya Dow Jones Kuwait Index Fund	Industrial & Financial Investment Co.	Weekly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	0.581	0.586	Aug 31, 2015
	Markaz Capital Preservation Program 1		Monthly	Sept 9, 2015	KD	0.929	0.929	Aug 31, 2015
	Markaz Capital Preservation Program 2		Monthly	Sept 9, 2015	KD	0.954	0.914	Aug 31, 2015
	Markaz Gulf Real Estate Fund		Monthly	July 31, 2015	KD	1.105	1.105	June 30, 2015
Al Ahli Bank								
	Al Ahli Gulf Fund	Al Ahli Bank	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	0.949	0.962	Aug 31, 2015
	Al Ahli Kuwait Fund	Al Ahli Bank	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	0.778	0.780	Aug 31, 2015
Burgan Bank								
	Burgan Equity Fund	Burgan Bank	Monthly	Aug 23, 2015	KD	1.728	1.836	June 30, 2015
Boubyan Bank								
	Boubyan KD Money Market Fund	Boubyan Bank	Weekly	Sept 8, 2015	KD	1.046	1.046	Sept 1, 2015
Boubyan Capital Investment Co.								
	Boubyan USD Liquidity Fund	Boubyan Capital Investment Co	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	USD	10.070		
	Boubyan Kuwait Real Estate Fund	Boubyan Capital Investment Co	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	1.020		
Kuwait Investment Co.								
Local Fund	Al Raed Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Monthly	Oct 15, 2015	KD	0.910	0.910	Oct 1, 2015
	Kuwait Investment Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	0.590	0.585	Aug 31, 2015
	Al Hilal Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Monthly	Oct 12, 2015	KD	0.571	0.571	Sept 30, 2015
	Al Awaed	Kuwait Investment Co	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	0.778	0.738	June 30, 2015
	Al Atheer Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	Sept 30, 2015	KD	0.992	1.009	Aug 31, 2015
International	Global Bond Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Weekly	Sept 30, 2015	USD	23.640	23.790	Sept 23, 2015
	Diversified Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	USD	18.140	18.570	Sept 23, 2015
	European Fund	Kuwait Investment Co	Monthly	Sept 30, 2015	USD	16.630	16.870	