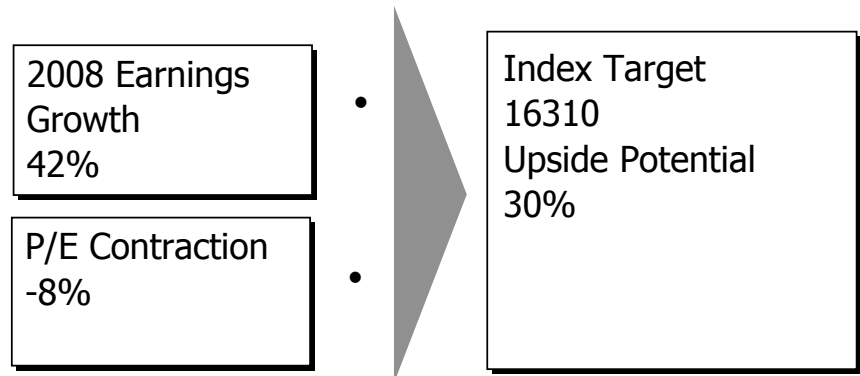


January 2008

Outlook 2008: Kuwait

Stock selection will be challenging

Current Index: 12559



We expect 2008 to be a positive year for Kuwait with a return potential of 30%.

Earnings: At the heart of our call is the forecast for earnings. We expect earnings to grow by 42% during 2008.. This earnings growth was in spite of muted earnings performance by Zain (MTC) which posted only 3% growth in earnings. However, other blue chips posted strong earnings like Kuwait Finance House (+46%), National Industries Group (+105%), & Gulf Bank (+32%). Year 2008 is expected to see Zain post a growth of 37%.

P/E: The price to earnings multiple for Kuwait jumped from a modest 11.7 in 2006 to 20 by the end of 2007 thus breaching its long-term sustainable average of 18.3. A reversion to mean will imply a P/E contraction of about 8%, which we believe to happen.

Stock Outlook: Some of the blue chips seem to have overrun in terms of their valuation potential relative to historical norms. Among the 5 largest companies, only two provide positive upside. Fund managers will have to dive deep into mid caps and small caps to unearth value in 2008.

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	Price (Kd) 31 Dec 07	P/E (EPS 06)	Expected Earnings Growth for 2008	Target P/E	Target Price (Kd)	Change
Mobile Telecommunications Company K.S.C	3.82	23	37%	19	4.32	13%
Kuwait Finance House	2.82	30	36%	21	2.61	-7%
National Bank of Kuwait S.A.K.	2.02	19	8%	16	1.86	-8%
National Industries Group Holding	1.66	14	52%	11	2.06	24%
Gulf Bank	1.74	18	8%	15	1.64	-6%

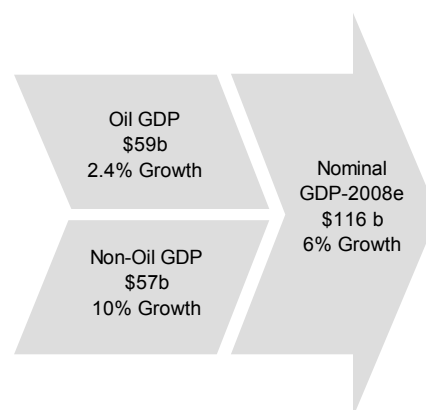
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1. Economy-2008

A. Growth

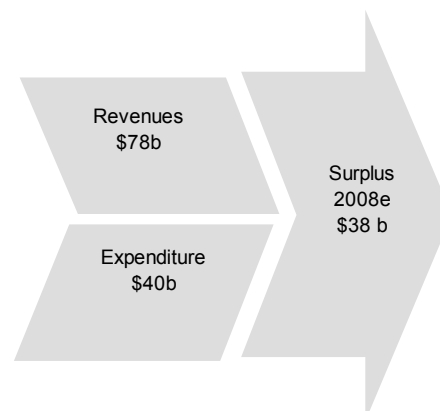
2008 will be another year of strong growth

Kuwait is expected to post another strong year of growth in 2008, thanks to non-oil segment of GDP. Nominal GDP is expected to increase by 6% to \$116 billion mainly on the back of growth in non-oil GDP. Oil GDP growth is expected to be mute at just 2.4%, in line with similar levels witnessed in 2006. This is due to expectation that oil price may not spike too high from the current high levels. The days of extraordinary growth may be over. For eg., nominal GDP grew by an average of 27% p.a. between 2003 and 2006.



B. Fiscal Situation

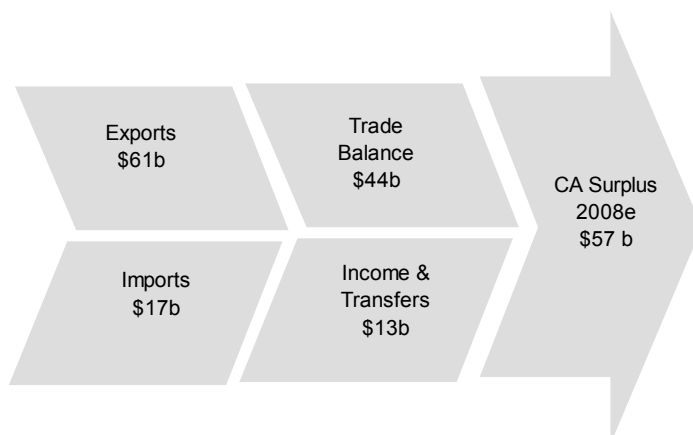
The year 2008 will mark yet another year of strong fiscal surplus with revenues outgrowing expenditure significantly. Revenues are projected to increase by nearly 10% while expenditure will increase by 15%. However, government projections continue to be very conservative with a projected deficit of \$13.3 billion. This is due to the budget revenues being projected with an oil price assumption of \$36/barrel for Kuwait crude.



C. Current Account

Fiscal and current account surplus to continue.

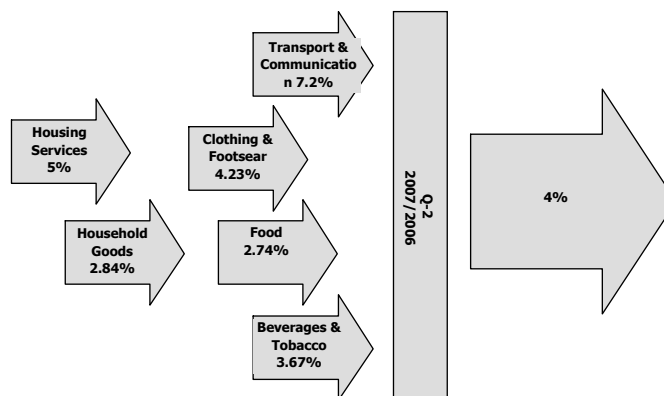
Kuwait's current account surplus will be equivalent to 50% of its GDP, a far cry from 11% in 2002. However, the growth in surplus will be 6%. Positive trade balance, primarily due to burgeoning oil exports, will drive the current account surplus apart from other income and transfers. While exports are expected to grow by a modest 4%, imports may average a higher growth at 9%. Invisibles continue to record strong growth primarily due to investment income receipts earned from the portfolio of foreign assets managed by sovereign wealth funds.



D. Inflation

Inflation spiraling and is presently 3 times the historical average

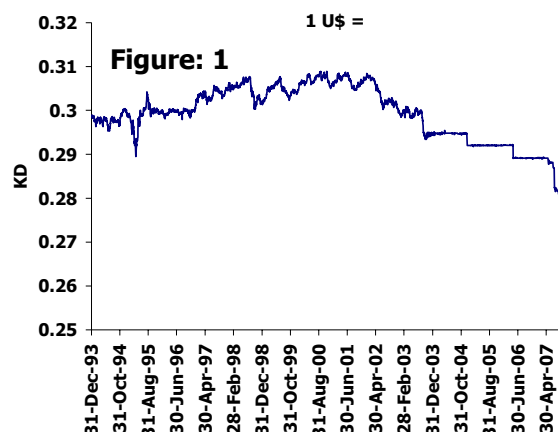
Inflation has started to raise its ugly head with the latest data pointing to a 4% inflation as of Q-2 2007. Kuwait has traditionally had very low rates of inflation. The average annual consumer price index increase for the period 2000-2004 was only 1.4%. Hence, the current level indicates a near 3 fold increase in inflation. The primary driver of this is the global food price rise with weaker exchange rate (until recently). The inflation is also due to strong domestic demand growth and shortage of certain goods. Inflation is forecaster to remain at the current high levels for 2008.



The Central Bank of Kuwait, in response to imported inflation snapped its currency peg to the dollar in May 2007. Prior to this, the dinar was revalued by 1% in May 2006. Subsequent to the depeg, the dinar was again revalued by 2% by end July 2007. The extent of revaluation was not enough to reign in inflation. As of 25th December 2007, the Kuwaiti dinar was trading at 0.274/dollar, a 5% appreciation from the earlier level of 0.288/dollar that prevailed at the start of 2007. (Figure: 1)

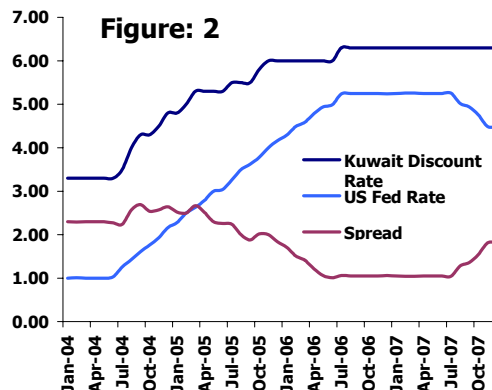
Dinar continue to appreciate after dollar depegging

E. Exchange Rate



The monetary policy of CBK was closely tied to US monetary policy due to erstwhile peg to the dollar. However, post-depegging this was not to be the case. This enabled the spread between Kuwait discount rate and Fed rate to fall considerably from a high of 225 basis points to 75 basis points. (Figure: 2) However, the spread has since then increased as US began decreasing interest rate.

F. Interest Rates



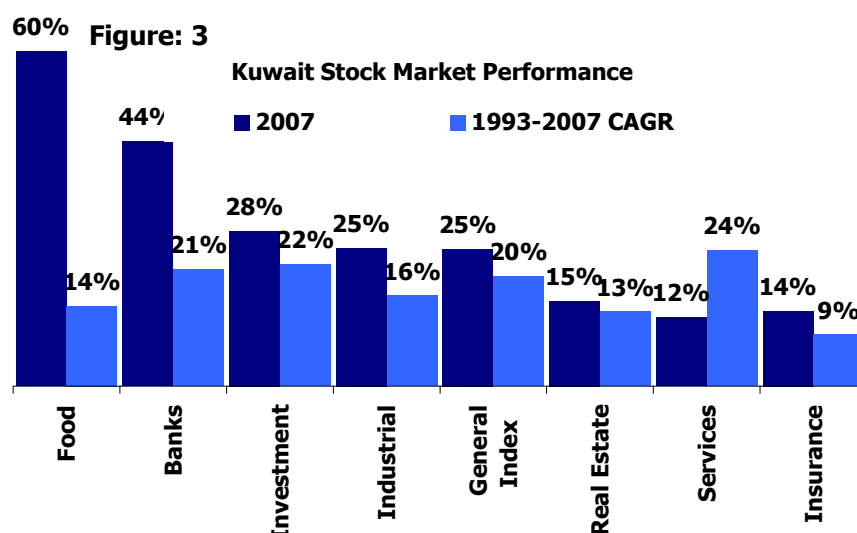
2. Stock Market-2007

Positive year for 2007 with KSE index up by 22%

A. Performance

Table: 1 Performance Trends

% Change (YoY)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Banking Index	49%	30%	43%	12%	62%	19%	44%
Investment Index	19%	35%	102%	28%	128%	-20%	28%
Insurance Index	11%	36%	48%	4%	25%	10%	14%
Real Estate Index	15%	55%	88%	16%	61%	-25%	15%
Industrial Index	35%	29%	57%	38%	46%	-8%	25%
Services Index	41%	65%	179%	43%	53%	-4%	12%
Food Index	41%	36%	74%	4%	60%	-21%	60%
Kuwait Price Index	27%	39%	102%	34%	79%	-12%	25%
Volume	146%	71%	70%	-34%	65%	-27%	88%
Value	182%	87%	138%	-9%	89%	-39%	122%



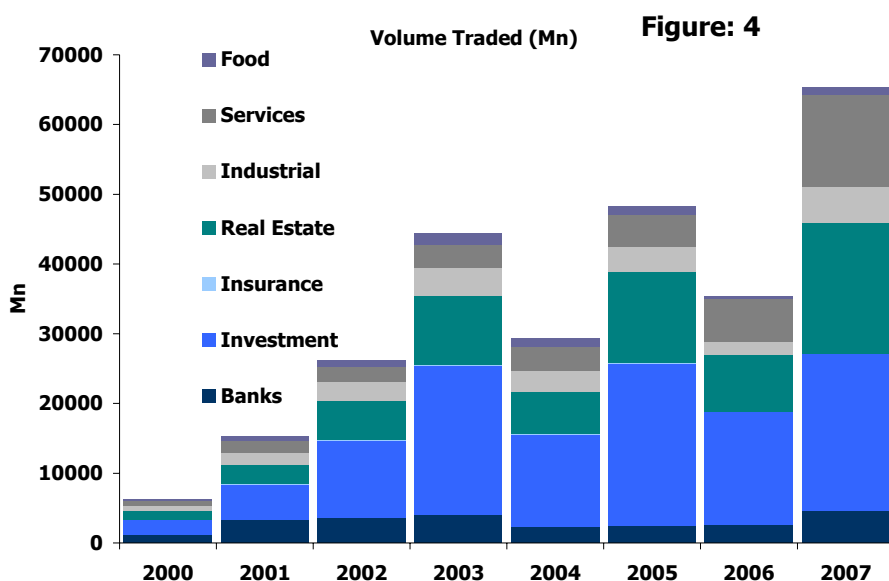
The Kuwait price index returned 23% for the year 2007, which compares favorably over the long-term average of 20% and also the negative return of 12% in 2006. There were sharp differences among sectors with the heavy weight banking sector posting a healthy 41% with investment sector not far behind at 27%. Food sector was the top performer with a return of 61% even though it is constrained by its size. Services and insurance were laggards. (Table: 1 & Figure: 3)

Liquidity is at the highest level historically.

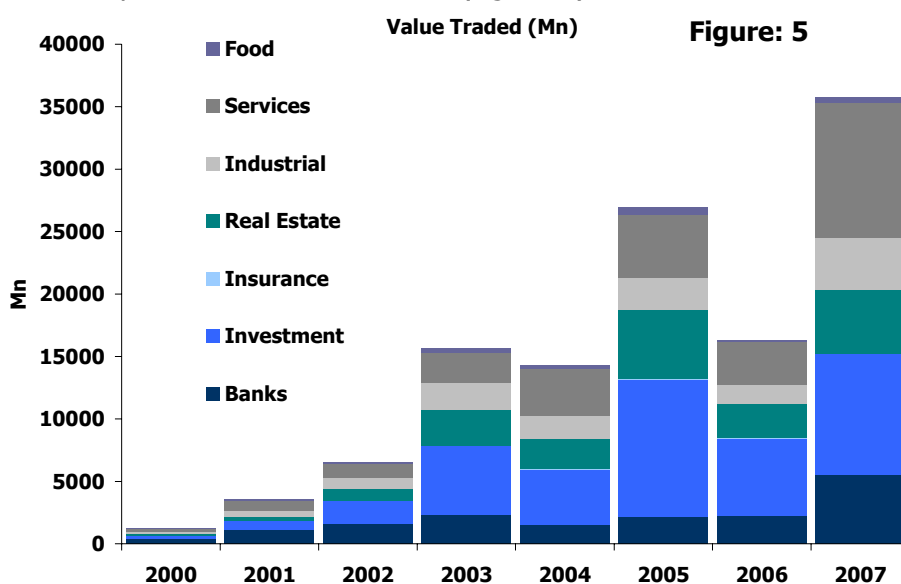
B. Activity

The reasonably good performance of the market has been backed by strong liquidity with volume traded increasing by a healthy 88%. Investment sector dominated the volume with a share of 34% followed by real estate at 28%. While banking sector constituted nearly 22% of total volume traded in 2001, it now accounts only for 7%. (Figure: 4)

Volume and value traded registers near 100% growth



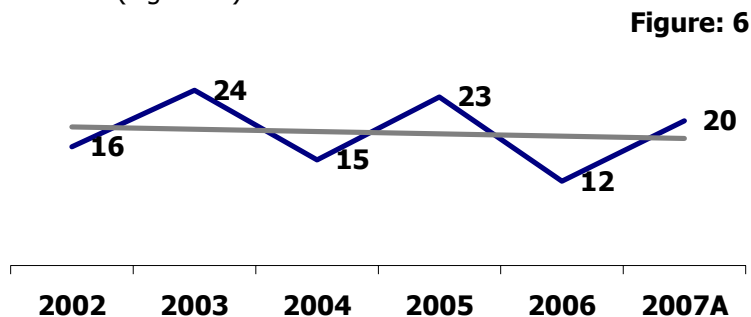
Backed by strong growth in volume, value traded also more than doubled during 2007. Services sector was the dominant sector with a share of 30% followed by investment sector at 27%. (Figure: 5)



P/e's expand considerably and is now above the historical average

C. Valuation

Valuation trended towards "concern zone" by the end of 2007 with historical p/e ratio touching 20 from a low of 11.7 witnessed during the end of 2006. While this represents a sharp rise, it is not way above the long-term trend average of 18.4. (Figure: 6)



D. Others

M&A activity is on the rise.

Kuwait stock market also witnessed activity in terms of new listings. **(Appendix 1)** There were nearly 10 new companies that were added to the market during the year. Major announcements during the year included slashing the tax rate for foreign companies from the current high rate of 55% to 15%. The de pegging of Kuwaiti dinar from US dollar during May 2007 constituted another major event during the year with subsequent revaluation. Kuwait telecom companies were seen aggressively vying for other state licenses while Kuwait Finance House forayed into Malaysia. The year was also marked by various rumors on the possible mergers and acquisitions among Kuwaiti banks which induced considerable volatility.

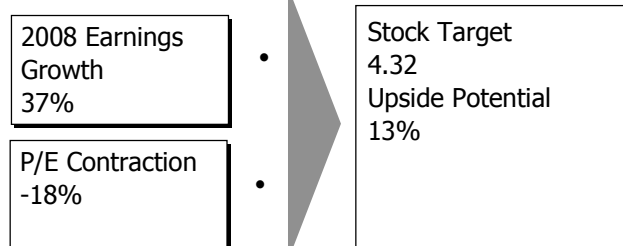
The stock market was also abuzz with merger and acquisitions activity with transaction value of more than \$3 billion dollar. **(Appendix 2)**. More than 30 transactions were noticed wherein Kuwaiti companies were actively pursuing acquisition opportunities both within Kuwait and outside. Most of the transaction appears to be small with two notable exceptions: NBK's acquisition of National Bank of Egypt and Investment Dar's acquisition (through a consortium) of Aston Martin. Agility's foray into Kenya is also note worthy.

The year was also notable in terms of investment companies and banks launching several equity and money market funds. Companies were also actively raising capital and debt in terms of Sukuks and rights issues. **(Appendix 3)**. Notable among this is the establishment of an investment bank in Bahrain by Investment Dar with a capital of \$1 billion.

Zain (Mobile Telecommunications Company)

KSE Code: Zain | Bloomberg Code: TELE KK|

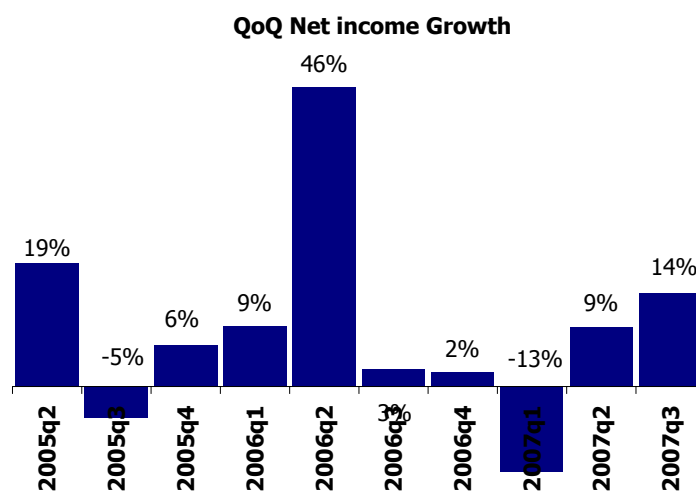
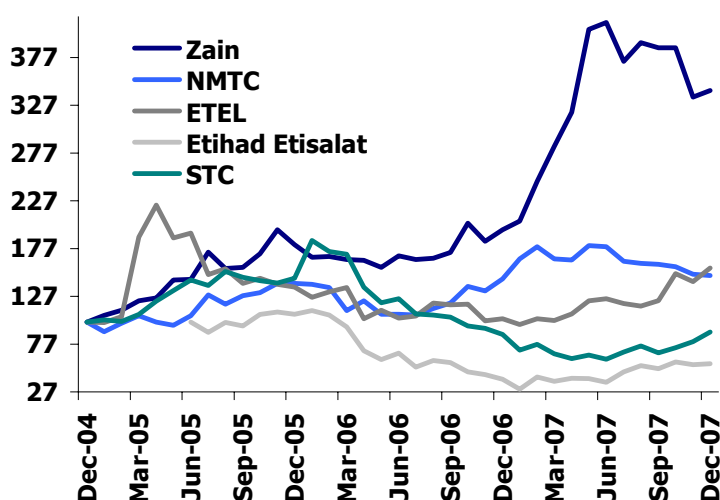
Current Stock Price: 3.82



USD Mn	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007A
Total Revenue	957	1,175	2,112	4,411	5948
Gross Profit	802	1,001	1,781	3,727	4656
Operating Income	373	450	726	1,498	1577
Net Income	372	438	663	1,113	1142

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Historical P/E	10	21	15	25	22	23
P/B	3.0	5.6	4.5	7.5	3.3	5.2
M.Cap (USD Mn)	2902	5786	5470	10703	14221	25835
Share Price Returns	16%	96%	-10%	81%	8%	75%

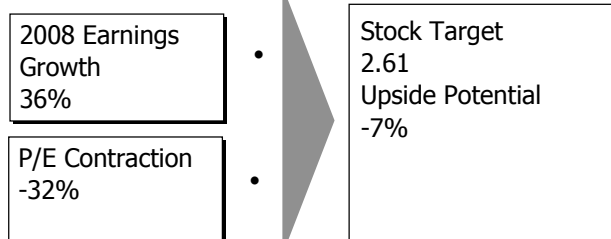
- Zain witnessed a 75% appreciation in its stock price during 2007.
- This was not supported by growth in earnings of the company. The 2007 annualized net income growth is 3%.
- The stock price was predominantly driven by event related news flows.
- The company had acquired a license to operate in Iraq, acquired 75% stake in Western telesystems for USD 120 Mn and also acquired 100% of Iraqna Company.
- The increase in capital expenditure had dampened the growth in the bottom line of the company.
- The stock is currently quoting at a premium to most of its peers
- The analyst's consensus estimates for 2008 points out to an earnings growth of 37%.
- However, the stock is trading close to its peak valuations of 25x witnessed in 2005.
- We expect the PE to contract by 18%, however, the robust growth projections for 2008, provides a fair value estimate of KWD 4.32 implying a target rate of return of 13%



Kuwait Finance House

KSE Code: KFIN | Bloomberg Code: KFIN KK

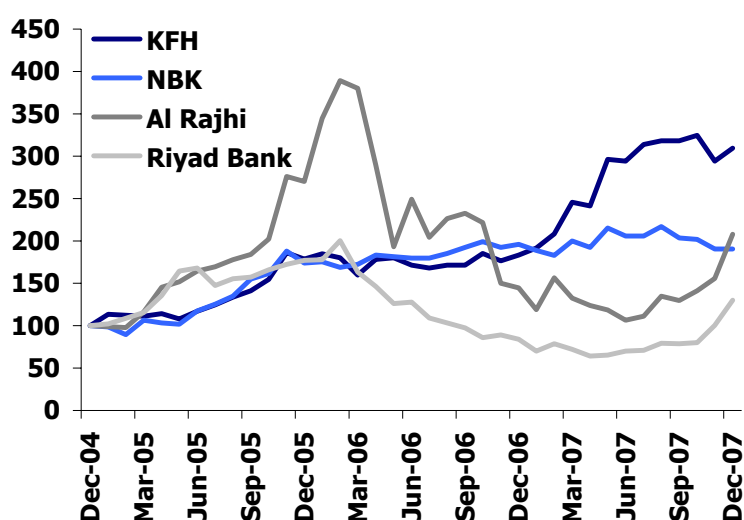
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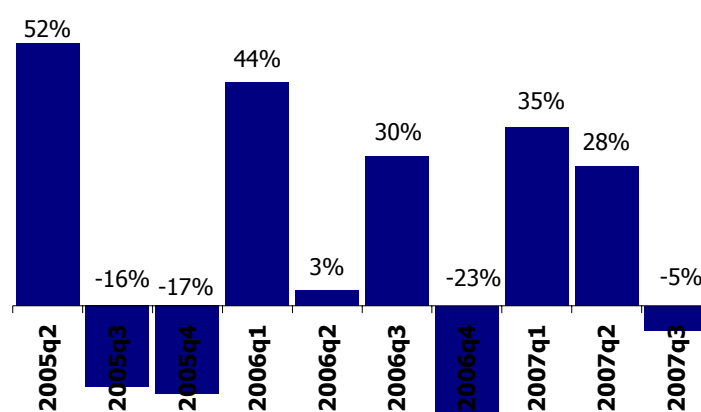
USD Mn	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007A
Total Revenue	595	742	1421	2109	2890
Operating Income	228	289	484	723	1025
Net Income	212	271	432	590	859

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Historical P/E	10	15	17	30	22	30
P/B	2.16	3.29	3.38	4.05	4.01	4.43
M.Cap (USD Mn)	1807	2985	3531	7961	9239	17924
Share Price Returns	30%	47%	9%	79%	3%	69%

- KFIN recorded a 69% appreciation in its stock price during 2007.
- This increase in stock price was supported by 46% YoY growth in the bank's annualized 2007 earnings.
- The stock price was driven by the bank's spectacular performance and event related news flows.
- For the year 2006, the company's Board of Directors recommended 57% cash dividend and 15% bonus share from its paid up capital.
- KFIN announced its plans to set up a KWD 100 Mn company to develop financial instruments compliant with Islamic Sharia.
- The bank intends to acquire 35 branches of RHB Bank, which is fourth largest lender in Malaysia. KFIN has received approval from Malaysian central bank. Furthermore, the bank announced its intentions to expand its footprint to Europe and Asia
- The bank announced a 22.8% YoY increase in its net profit for the third quarter of 2007.
- We expect the an earnings growth of 36% for 2008.
- At a current P/E of 30x, the bank is trading much higher than its six year average P/E of 21x.
- We expect the PE to contract by 32%. We estimate the fair value of the stock to be at KWD 2.61 representing, a decline of 7% from current levels.



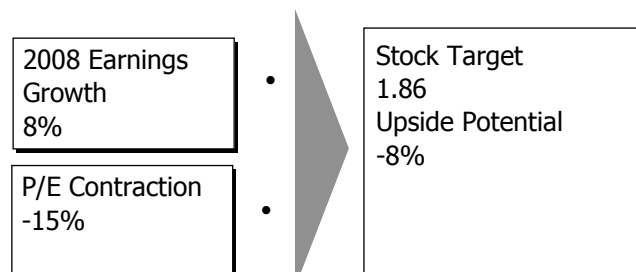
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National Bank of Kuwait

KSE Code: NBK | Bloomberg Code: NBK KK|

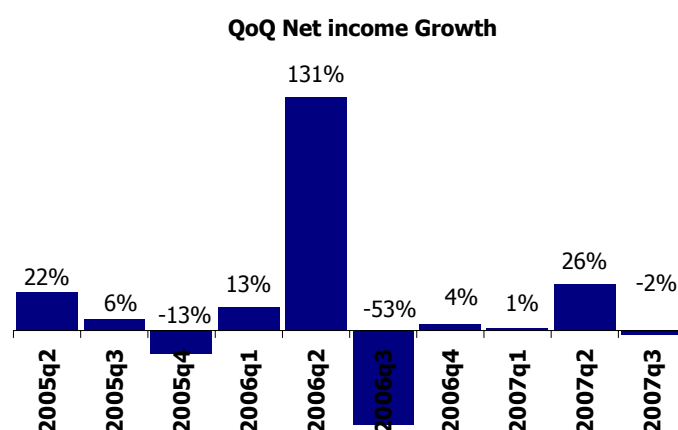
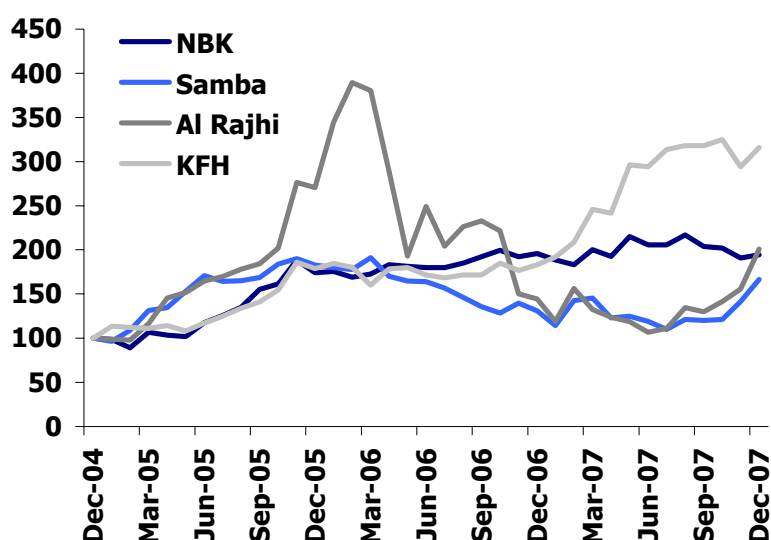
Current Stock Price: 2.02



USD Mn	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007A
Total Revenue	449	557	804	958	1136
Net Income	444	550	753	927	1076

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Historical P/E	10	14	15	19	20	19
P/B	2.05	2.67	2.72	3.69	3.87	4.05
M.Cap (USD Mn)	3994	5594	6482	10341	14952	17949
Share Price Returns	10%	38%	-4%	74%	13%	-2%

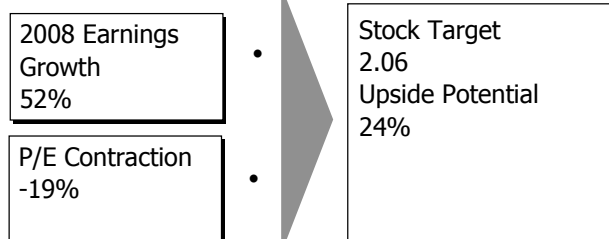
- NBK recorded a 2% decline in its stock price during 2007.
- The bank is expected to record a YoY growth of 16% in its annualized 2007 earnings.
- NBK acquired 51% interest in Al Watany, an Egypt based bank for USD 522 Mn in August 2007.
- NBK expressed its desire to expand its business in Saudi Arabia. In July 2007, the bank agreed to acquire 40% stake in Istanbul-based Turkish Bank.
- In order to fund these acquisitions, the bank has announced a rights issue to raise KWD 410 Mn.
- NBK received license from Bahrain's central bank to establish NBK Investment Services in Bahrain.
- NBK launched its first brokerage trading hall in November 2007. This is likely to help the bank to provide real-time trading platform to its clients especially private banking clients.
- The analysts' consensus estimate for 2008 point out to an earnings growth of 8%.
- At the current P/E of 19x, the bank is trading higher than its six year average P/E of 16x.
- We expect the PE to contract by 15%. Furthermore, the moderate growth projections for 2008, provides a fair value estimate of KWD1.86, a decline of 8% from current level



National Industries Group Holding

KSE Code: NIG | Bloomberg Code: NIG KK|

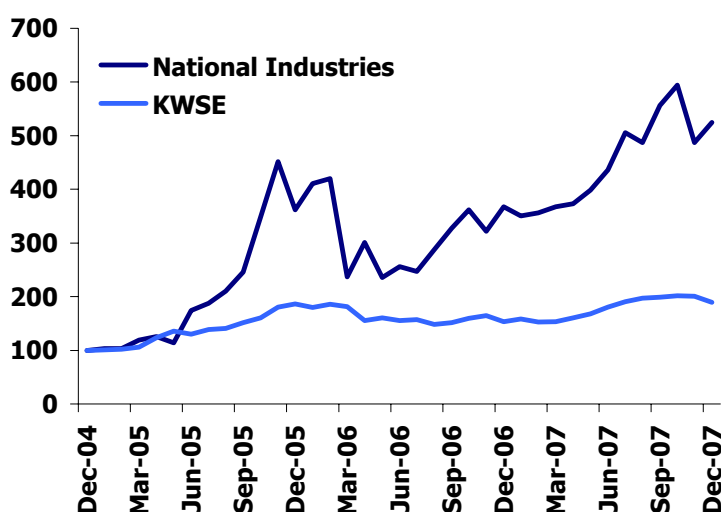
Current Stock Price: 1.66



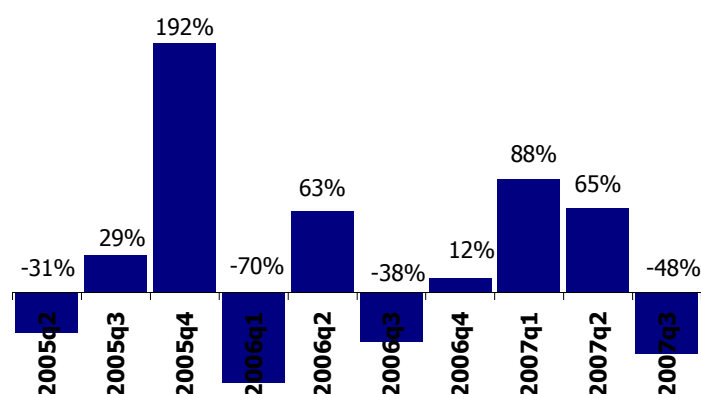
USD Mn	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007A
Total Revenue	366	390	382	363	428
Gross Profit	60	66	82	86	90
Operating Income	284	182	578	379	1288
Net Income	277	154	690	492	1010

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Historical P/E	7	9	4	26	7	14
P/B	0.91	0.91	0.96	1.76	1.80	2.03
M.Cap (USD Mn)	586	878	1020	3994	4739	6619
Share Price Returns	10%	45%	-7%	262%	2%	43%

- NIG recorded a 43% appreciation in its stock price during 2007.
- The company is expected to record a YoY growth of 105% in its annualized 2007 earnings after a YoY decline of 29% in 2006 annual earnings.
- On 21 November 2007, NIG announced that the Board of Directors has approved its plans to increase share capital by 25%. The company plans to issue shares at a premium of KWD 0.8 per share.
- NIG acquired a 20% stake in Middle East Complex for Engineering, Electronics and Heavy Industries (MECE) for KD16 Mn in August 2007.
- NIG's Board of Directors recommended 70% cash dividend and 10% bonus shares for the fiscal year 2006.
- The Board of Directors has announced USD 1.5 Bn Sukuk issue.
- We expect the company to report a 52% growth for 2008.
- At a current P/E of 14x, the company's stock is trading higher than its six year average P/E of 11x. However, the stock is trading much lower than its 2005 P/E of 26x.
- Backed by significant growth in earnings, we expect the PE to contract by 19%. The growth projections for 2008, provides a fair value estimate of KWD2.06, an increase of 24% from current level.



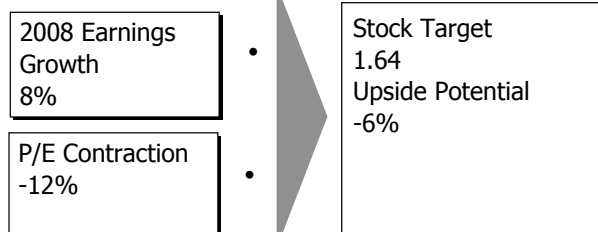
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Gulf Bank

KSE Code: GBK | Bloomberg Code: GBK KK|

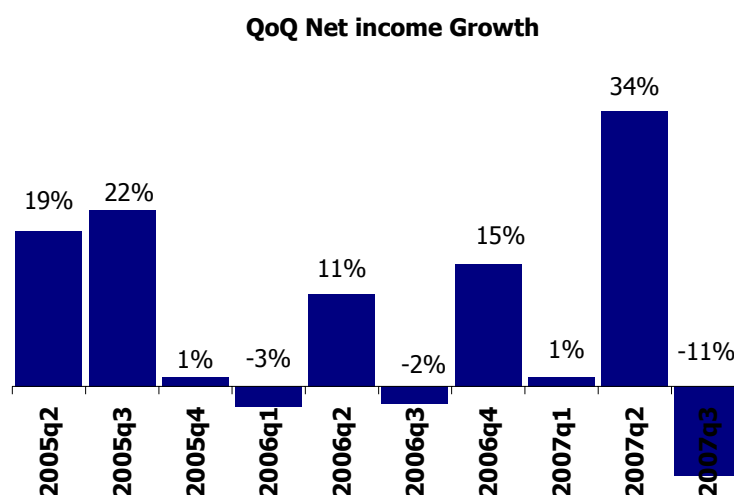
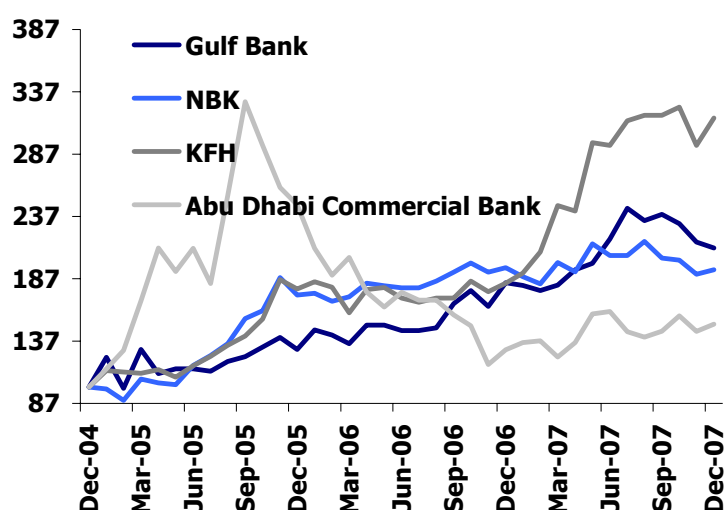
Current Stock Price: 1.74



USD Mn	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007A
Operating income	232	262	350	456	534
Operating profit	158	170	262	302	380
Net Profit	152	164	253	292	366

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Historical P/E	13	14	17	14	18	18
P/B	2.13	2.10	2.58	2.98	3.75	3.91
M.Cap (USD Mn)	1984	2276	3007	3847	5453	6743
Share Price Returns	20%	13%	23%	30%	41%	15%

- Gulf Bank recorded a 15% appreciation in its stock price during 2007.
- The Bank is expected to record a YoY growth of 32% in its annualized 2007 earnings.
- On 08 November 2007, the Bank announced that it has acted as a Mandated Lead Arranger to SABIC Innovative Plastics Holdings' USD 5.4 Bn syndicated loan
- Central Bank of Kuwait has approved the bank's share repurchase plan on 11 September 2007. The bank intends to repurchase 10% of its shares within six months.
- In June 2007, Gulf Bank launched an online trading platform for shares listed on Kuwait Stock Exchange.
- The analysts' consensus estimate for 2008 point out to an earnings growth of 8%.
- At a current P/E of 18x, the company's stock is trading higher than its six year average P/E of 15x.
- We expect the PE to contract by 12%. The stock appears overvalued at current level. The growth projections for 2008, provides a fair value estimate of KWD1.64, a decrease of 6% from current level



Appendix 1: Key Market Developments During 2007

Jan-07	Law being drafted to reduce the tax on foreign companies from 55% to 15%
	Govt considering to abandon the dollar peg
	Villa Moda Life Style listed in the services sector
Feb-07	KIPCO announced that it is considering selling its 51% stake in NMTC through a consortium
Mar-07	Zain led consortium offered the highest bid for Saudi Arabia's third mobile telephone license
	National Bank of Kuwait intends to buy ABN Amro's 40% equity stake in Saudi Hollandi Bank
May-07	Vending Network Co & Hayat Communication listed as part of Services sector
	Inflation increases to 3.8%
	Cabinet approved the end of dollar peg effective 20th May 2007
Jun-07	Kuwait Real Estate Bank is renamed as Kuwait International Bank and will operate under Islamic Sharia' from July
	Zain obtains Saudi government's approval for the third mobile license
	Zain plans to compete for Qatar's second mobile license
	Kuwait's third mobile phone operator to be launched in Q1-08
Jul-07	Al Argan International Real Estate listed in Real Estate sector
	Qurain Petrochemicals Industries listed in Industrial sector
	Mubarrad Transport and Kuwait Resorts listed in services sector
	Kout Food Group listed in Food sector
	Inflation rises to 5.37%
Aug-07	Advanced Technology Company listed as part of Service sector
Sep-07	MTC renames itself as Zain bring operations in 21 countries under the new brand. Also, shifts its headquarters to Bahrain
	Al Mashoura Law firm and Loay Al Kharafi to launch a new private Kuwait stock exchange for non-listed companies
	Repo rate cut by 75 bps to 5.5%
Oct-07	Khorafi Group increased its stake in Zain to 9.72%
	Abyaar Real Estate Development Co listed as part of Real Estate sector
	Kuwait Finance House received approval from Malaysian central bank to buy up to 35 branches of Malaysia's RHB Bank
	Commercial Bank of Kuwait has reached a deal to sell its 20.17% stake in Bank of Bahrain and Kuwait at 530 fills.
Nov-07	Mckinsey is preparing a preliminary study to modernize and privatize Kuwait stock exchange
Dec-07	Kuwait's National Assembly approved an 15% tax on institutions operating in the country. The draft law stipulates that all commercial institutions that carried out activities in Kuwait, regardless of where they are based, would now have to pay an income tax of 15 %. The draft law exempts profit made from trading at Kuwait Stock Exchange, whether made directly or through portfolios and investment funds.

Source: Zawya and other newspaper sources

Appendix 2: M&A During 2007

	Acquirer	Acquired	Country	Value (USD m)	Notes
Jan-07	IFA Hotels	Raimon Land	Thailand	30	Increased its holding from 38% to 46%
	Wataniya	Saptco	Saudi Arabia		
	Global Investment House	Gulf Investment Company	Sudan	21	
Feb-07	Al Safat Investment Co	Kuwaiti British for Educational Services & Knowledge Model for Educational Services Co	Kuwait	32.13	
	Boubyan Petrochemicals	Al-Alian Al-Arabia	Saudi Arabia	6.3	Acquired 60% stake
Mar-07	Egypt Kuwait Holding	Plastic Misr	Egypt	68	
	Agility	Al Abraj Holding			Acquired 3.5 million shares
	Investment Dar	Aston Martin	UK	474	Acquired 50%
	Al-Safwa	United Fisheries	Kuwait	140	Acquired 40% from United Industries
Jun-07	Wataniya	Bravo	Saudi Arabia	18.5	Increased holding from 47% to 56%
	Al Safat Investment Co	Hasibat Holding Co	Kuwait	30	Acquired 51%
	KIPCO	Burgan Bank	Kuwait		Increased holding from 35% to 50.1%
	KIPCO	United Gulf Bank	Bahrain		Increased holding from 72% to 84%
	KIPCO	Gulf Insurance Co			Increased holding from 35% to 62%
	Stehwaz Holding C	Al-Madar Finance	Kuwait	346.85	Investment Dar to sell majority stake
	Investment Dar	Boubyan Bank	Kuwait		Increased holding from 5% to 20%
	Aref Investment Group	Sudan Airways	Sudan	56	Acquired 49%
	International Investor	Courts Mammoth Berhard	Malaysia & Singapore	114	Acquired 50.1% in Malaysia and 54.1% in Singapore
	Jul-07	Mayadeen	Mazaya Holding	Kuwait	103
Aug-07	National Bank of Kuwait	Turkish Bank	Turkey	160	Acquired 40% stake
	Sukuk Holding Co	Munshaat Real Estate	Kuwait	161	Acquired 25%
	HSBC Holding	Sultan Centre Food Product	Kuwait	53	Acquired 5.26%
	National Bank of Kuwait	National Bank of Egypt	Egypt	522	Acquired 51%
Sep-07	National Industries Group	Middle East Complex for Engineering Electronics	Jordan	56	Acquired 20%
	Commercial Real Estate Co	Al Madina Real Estate	Saudi Arabia		Acquired 15%
	Kuwait Investment Holding	IFA Securities	Dubai	4.55	Acquired 49%
		Aftaq Financial Services	Jordan	5.6	Acquired 50%
		Gulf Brokerage Finance		35.7	Increased stake to 70.66%
Oct-07	Bayan Holding Co	Palms Agro Production		48	To acquire 84%
	Al Ahli Bank of Kuwait	KIC Brokerage	Kuwait	71	Acquired 10%
	Commercial Bank of Kuwait	KIC Brokerage	Kuwait	71	Acquired 10%
	Zumorroda Investment	Housing Finance	Kuwait		Increased stake from 15% to 16%
Nov-07	Investment Dar	Bahrain Islamic Bank	Bahrain	90	Increased holding to 40%
	Al Themar International Holding	Securities Group	Kuwait	49	
	Agility	Kenya Telekom	Kenya	391	Acquired 51% stake in a consortium

Source: Zawya and other news sources

Appendix 3: New Funds, Issuances & Initiatives

	Company	Initiative	Amount (USD m)
Feb-07	International Investors Group	Sharia-Compliant investment bank in Lebanon	100
	Injazzat Real Estate Development Co	Bond Issuance	60
	Global Investment House Wataniya	Global Jordan Fund Credit Facilities	1000
Mar-07	Investment Dar	Investment Bank in Bahrain	1000
	Noor Financial	New Fund for local and Arab listed companies	175
	Zain	Plans to invest USD 400 m in Zambia	
	Kuwait Financial Center	New fund for IPO and pre-IPO	100
	Global Investment House	Fund for Gulf Arab Companies	350
May-07	International Financial Advisors	Setting up a financial services company in Syria	
	Gulfinvest International	Gulf Fund	200
Jun-07	Zain	Zain's Celtel unit took a loan from International Financial Corporation to fund operations in Africa	320
	Commercial Facilities House	Syndicated loan from regional and European banks	175
	Global Investment House	Syndicated three year loan from 29 banks	300
	Tijara Real Estate Investment Co	Issuance of Islamic Sukuks	210
	Kuwait Government	Third Islamic Bank by name Jaber Islamic Bank	350
Jul-07	Boubyan Bank	Open Islamic Bank in Britain with 20% stake	
	Securities House	Company in Britain as a Islamic Lender	400
	Investment Dar	Investment Bank in Bahrain	200
Aug-07	Kuwait Finance House	Sharia compliant investment portfolio with Goldman Sachs to deal in international commodities market	50
Sep-07	National Investment Co	Al-Mada Fund for Sharia compliant investment in Gulf	
	Investment Dar	Islamic loan to refinance money borrowed to buy Aston Martin	300
	Agility	Loan to Iraq's Korek Telecom	250
Oct-07	Sukuk Holding	Rights issue at a premium of 25%	250
	Aayan Leasing	Capital issue to form a property finance co	115
	Al Aman Investment Co	Islamic investment fund to invest in local market	
	Coast Development and Investment Co	Al-Mutajara Investment Fund to invest in local market	
	National Bank of Kuwait	USD Money market Islamic fund	
Nov-07	KAMCO	Al Jazi Money market fund	
	Agility	Syndicated loan from Arab Bank (Jordan) and others	1350

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Appendix 4: Economic Indicators

Kuwait: Economic Indicators							
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006e	2007f	2008f
Real GDP (dinars billion)	9.44	10.70	11.37	12.06	12.72	13.37	14.03
% change	5.1	13.4	6.2	6.1	5.4	5.1	4.9
Nominal GDP (dinars billion)	11.59	14.25	17.52	24.48	29.62	31.41	33.27
% change	8.3	23.0	22.9	39.8	21.0	6.0	5.9
Crude oil production (barrels/day thousand; average)	1850	2220	2370	2460	2503	2550	2610
Central government balance	2.33	2.45	4.26	9.61	10.46	10.50	10.92
% GDP	19.0	16.2	22.1	37.3	34.8	33.0	32.5
Central government revenue	7.26	7.97	10.58	16.47	19.17	20.44	22.34
Central government expenditure	4.93	5.52	6.32	6.86	8.71	9.93	11.43
Net foreign assets	3.16	2.72	3.78	4.10	5.73	NA	NA
Domestic credit	10.39	11.67	12.11	13.86	16.22	NA	NA
Broad money	9.65	10.40	11.66	13.09	15.92	NA	NA
% change	4.8	7.8	12.1	12.3	21.7	NA	NA
Consumer prices % change average	1.4	0.9	1.1	4.1	3.1	4.5	3.9
Stock Market Index (KSE General Index)	2375	4790	6410	11445	10067	12366	NA
% change	39.0	101.7	33.8	78.6	-12.0	23%	NA
Merchandise exports (\$ billion)	15.37	21.80	30.09	46.97	58.64	59.22	61.37
Merchandise imports (\$ billion)	8.12	9.88	11.66	14.24	14.35	15.21	16.58
Population (million)	2.42	2.55	2.75	2.99	3.18	3.41	3.66
% change	4.8	5.2	8.1	8.6	6.4	7.0	7.5
Per capita \$ GDP	15762	18781	21585	28028	32073	31970	31798
Kuwait export crude (\$/bbl, average)	22.90	25.50	31.60	48.66	57.67	56.89	57.08

Source: IIF

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