



June 2008

Instrument	Last	Year-to-date	1-Year	3-Year
DJIA	12,646	-3.05%	-7.48%	+20.89%
Nasdaq	2,508	+3.96%	-4.20%	+21.09%
CAC 40	4,976	-10.35%	-17.65%	+19.54%
\$/€	1.554	-5.83%	-15.45%	-21.57%
MSCI World	1,520	-4.31%	-5.32%	+9.83%

Yahoo still under the spotlights after a failed attempt by US trader Icahn and renewed talks with Microsoft, the battle seems to shift to a partial takeover as opposed to the previous full acquisition goal. The Dow hit the

13,000 mark on May 4th. However this very symbolic level appears difficult to sustain and the market regularly retraces to 12,500. European markets followed suit. The price of oil, of course, again, was a determining factor.

Numbers that strike

- 35 readers reminded us that we disclosed the names of our May Newsletter recipients. Last time this happened we had only 7 people complaining. Our readership increases! And we apologize
- \$135 for one barrel of oil, at 159 litres/barrel this is \$0.85/litre or Dhs 3.12/litre or €0.54/litre
- 90,000 victims and probably more, the result of the latest earthquake in China
- 135,000 have disappeared in Burma, after cyclone Nargis hit the country on May 2nd
- \$11,000,000,000 requested by the Burmese government to meet the urgent requirements of its citizens

Emerging Markets losers & winners

Emerging Markets, in the wake of New York have had bumpy rides. The (big) losers for the month: China, India. The winners: Brazil, Ukraine, Middle East. Let's not forget

that China and India rely heavily on the US and Europe for distributing their goods, while winners rely more on domestic growth.

Real Estate secondary market

As time goes by, a growing number of opportunities are available on the secondary market in Dubai. We are increasingly witnessing owners re-selling their properties at a substantial premium. The question is then should investors buy new from the developers or second hand from re-sellers? The answer is not simple. Buying new, off-plans, still give investors the opportunity to book substantial future non-taxable profits, plus a scheduled payment plan and financing. Alternatively, second hand buying allows punters to take the opportunity to buy-back from investors unable to meet their payments and ready to discount from the market prices to "get out" at any cost. Like for every investment both strategies are workable and potentially profitable. One can make good money on booking a new issue with one's broker, but one can also be wise in buying shares from a good company that have seen a sharp decline in its price after negative comments from analysts. No religion there, only sharp investors and because everybody's needs are not the same, there is a market for everything.

Events literature (French)

Famous French author Eric Reinhardt paid Walnut Finance a visit. We suspect he was scouting for his next novel and wanted some background information about Dubai. The book, not yet written, is already on sale on Amazon. A winner!