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# Global Markets surged in Nov 2023

## Global Market Performance

| 2022 | Jan-23 | Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | YTD 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oil (Brent) 10.5% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 39.9% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 0.0% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 23.1% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 2.7% | US Equity (S&P 500) 0.2% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 11.9% | Oil (Brent) 14.2% | Oil (Brent) 1.5% | Oil (Brent) 9.7% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 28.5% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 9.2% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 128.2% |
| US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -15.0% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) 7.9% | Oil (Brent) -0.7% | US Equity (S&P 500) 3.5% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 1.6% | DM Equity (MSCI World) -1.2% | US Equity (S&P 500) 6.5% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) 5.8% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -0.9% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 4.0% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) -1.6% | US Equity (S&P 500) 8.9% | US Equity (S&P 500) 19.0% |
| US Equity (S&P 500) -19.4% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 7.0% | DM Equity (MSCI World) -2.5% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 2.8% | US Equity (S&P 500) 1.5% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -1.4% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 5.9% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 3.3% | US Equity (S&P 500) -1.8% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) -2.8% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -1.8% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 8.8% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 16.2% |
| DM Equity (MSCI World) -19.5% | US Equity (S&P 500) 6.2% | US Equity (S&P 500) -2.6% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) 2.7% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) 0.3% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) -1.6% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) 3.2% | US Equity (S&P 500) 3.1% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) -2.2% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -2.9% | US Equity (S&P 500) -2.2% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) 7.9% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) 3.2% |
| EM Equity (MSCI EM) -22.4% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) 3.9% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -2.9% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) 2.4% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) -0.2% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) -1.9% | Oil (Brent) 3.1% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) 1.3% | DM Equity (MSCI World) -2.6% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) -3.7% | DM Equity (MSCI World) -3.0% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) 5.8% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) 1.5% |
| EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) -22.4% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) 3.3% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) -3.0% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) 1.2% | Oil (Brent) -0.3% | Crypto (Bitcoin) -6.9% | EM Bonds (JPMC EMBI) 2.1% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -0.3% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) -6.4% | DM Equity (MSCI World) -4.4% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) -3.9% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) 4.3% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -0.8% |
| Crypto (Bitcoin) -64.2% | Oil (Brent) -1.7% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) -6.5% | Oil (Brent) -4.9% | EM Equity (MSCI EM) -1.3% | Oil (Brent) -8.6% | US Bonds (US Agg. Index) -0.6% | Crypto (Bitcoin) -4.1% | Crypto (Bitcoin) -11.3% | US Equity (S&P 500) -4.9% | Oil (Brent) -8.3% | Oil (Brent) -5.2% | Oil (Brent) -3.6% |

*Source: Refinitiv, All Index returns are price returns*

- Global asset classes were positive in the month of November 2023 due to cooling inflation data, the belief of no further U.S. Fed interest rate hikes, and the diminishing effect of the geopolitical conflict in the Middle East.
- Developed Market Equities outperformed all other asset classes in the month of November 2023, led by an 8.9% gain in the S&P 500 index. Emerging market equities registered strong gains despite the slowdown in Chinese equities.
- US Bonds (US Aggregate Bond Index) surged 4.3% in the month of November 2023, marking the biggest monthly gain since May 1985. This increase was driven by revived optimism regarding potential interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve in 2024.

# GCC Markets rebound amid easing geopolitical tensions

## GCC Market Performance

| 2022 | Jan-23 | Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | YTD 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) 20.3% | KSA Equity (TASI) 3.0% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 4.1% | KSA Equity (TASI) 4.8% | KSA Equity (TASI) 6.8% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 0.9% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 6.0% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) 8.8% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 0.6% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 2.0% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) 0.0% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) 5.4% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 19.7% |
| Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) 6.4% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) 2.4% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) 0.3% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) 2.4% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) 4.9% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -0.3% | KSA Equity (TASI) 4.0% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 7.0% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) 0.2% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) 0.6% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) -2.6% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) 5.4% | KSA Equity (TASI) 6.7% |
| Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 4.4% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) 2.1% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) -0.4% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) 0.9% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 4.1% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) -1.4% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) 3.6% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) 3.3% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) -1.5% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) -0.3% | KSA Equity (TASI) -3.3% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) 5.0% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) 0.3% |
| KSA Equity (TASI) -7.1% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) 1.7% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) -2.4% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) -0.9% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) 3.8% | KSA Equity (TASI) -2.6% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) 3.1% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) 3.2% | KSA Equity (TASI) -1.7% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) -1.6% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) -4.5% | KSA Equity (TASI) 4.6% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) 0.1% |
| GCC Equity (S&P GCC) -7.2% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) -0.2% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -3.3% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) -2.4% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) 2.9% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) -3.1% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) 1.5% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) 2.5% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) -2.8% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) -2.5% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) -4.8% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 3.0% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) -5.5% |
| Qatar Equity (QE Index) -8.1% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) -1.0% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) -4.3% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -3.4% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) 1.2% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) -3.9% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) 0.0% | KSA Equity (TASI) 2.0% | GCC Equity (S&P GCC) -3.2% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) -2.8% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) -6.9% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) 2.3% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -6.0% |
| GCC Bonds (S&P Index) -14.1% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) -3.9% | KSA Equity (TASI) -6.4% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) -4.2% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -0.3% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) -4.1% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -0.8% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) 0.0% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -7.0% | KSA Equity (TASI) -3.8% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) -7.1% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) 1.9% | Abu Dhabi Equity (ADI) -6.4% |

*Source: Refinitiv, All Index returns expect Kuwait TR are price returns*

- GCC Markets were positive during the month of November 2023 due to decreasing geopolitical risks and expectations of no further rate hikes, serving as a boost especially to banking stocks.
- Qatar and Saudi Arabia equity indices were the largest gainers with 5.4% and 4.6% respectively during the month of November 2023, driven by the strong performance of the banking sector.
- Dubai's real estate stocks pared back their losses from the previous month, with Emaar Properties and Aldar Properties increasing by 13.5% and 10.0% respectively in the month of November 2023.

# Kuwait market witnessed a broad-based recovery

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kuwait Index* | Mkt. Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM (x) | ADVT (USD Mn.) |
| | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 | 5 Yr. CAGR | | |
| All Share Index Total Return (150) | 140 | 1.9% | -5.5% | 6.4% | 8.9% | 14.0 | 125 |
| Premier Market Index (31) | 112 | 2.1% | -10.2% | 6.2% | 6.5% | 15.6 | 102 |
| Main Market Index (119) | 28 | 1.1% | -2.6% | -4.9% | 2.9% | 9.6 | 22 |
| Main Market (50) | 19 | 1.6% | -6.3% | -6.4% | - | 9.3 | 18 |

| Sectoral Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sector | Mkt. Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | P/E TTM (x) | ADVT (USD Mn.) |
| | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 | | |
| Banks | 88.0 | 1.2% | -11.0% | 10.5% | 15.8 | 57.7 |
| Financial Services | 12.3 | 4.1% | -4.3% | -11.7% | 11.7 | 20.5 |
| Telecom | 10.8 | 3.4% | -7.8% | 8.5% | 9.8 | 4.2 |
| Industrials | 10.2 | 2.1% | -16.0% | -5.5% | 14.0 | 17.2 |
| Real Estate | 8.3 | 3.8% | -1.0% | -8.9% | 14.0 | 14.2 |
| Insurance | 2.9 | -1.7% | 41.9% | 1.1% | 7.7 | 0.2 |
| Basic Materials | 1.4 | 6.5% | -6.7% | -15.6% | 10.1 | 1.6 |
| Healthcare | 0.8 | 3.1% | 4.4% | -42.1% | 12.1 | 0.0 |
| Energy | 0.6 | 4.7% | -17.1% | -20.3% | 10.1 | 0.1 |
| Consumer Staples | 0.6 | 2.9% | 25.4% | -34.4% | 12.4 | 0.9 |
| Technology | 0.0 | 1.0% | -12.4% | 1.8% | - | 0.0 |
| Consumer Discretionary | - | -0.9% | 0.2% | 11.2% | - | 7.9 |
| Utilities | - | 2.3% | -5.3% | -17.5% | - | 0.1 |

*Source: Refinitiv; * - Number in brackets indicate number of companies*

- Kuwaiti markets were positive for the month of November 2023 due to the positive sentiment following the reducing tensions in the Middle East. However, the fall in oil prices coupled with the IMF expectations of declining oil GDP for Kuwait in 2023 resulted in underperformance against the other GCC economies (except for Bahrain).
- Kuwait's All Share Total Return Index posted a monthly gain of 1.9%, driven by positive performances from all sectoral indices except Insurance and Consumer Discretionary.
- The Basic Materials and Energy sectoral indices were the largest contributors with returns of 6.5% and 4.7% respectively.

# Only 6 Premier Market stocks lost in Nov '23

| | Premier Market Stocks' Performance | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Company Name | Sector | FF Mkt. Cap. (USD Mn.) | Total Returns | | |
| | | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 |
| NBK | Banking | 22,364 | 0.9% | -10.8% | 17.6% |
| KFH | Banking | 21,750 | 2.2% | -3.6% | 10.0% |
| Boubyan Bank | Banking | 2,572 | -0.5% | -21.9% | 12.6% |
| Gulf Bank | Banking | 1,516 | 6.8% | -11.9% | 20.7% |
| Warba Bank | Banking | 712 | 4.1% | -20.5% | -14.2% |
| Burgan Bank | Banking | 599 | 4.3% | -15.7% | -6.9% |
| KIB | Banking | 427 | -0.7% | -16.8% | -5.0% |
| National Industries Group | Financial Services | 1,296 | 4.5% | -7.8% | -5.8% |
| GFH Financial Group | Financial Services | 852 | 0.0% | 8.0% | -20.7% |
| Boursa Kuwait | Financial Services | 645 | -2.3% | -13.7% | 4.3% |
| Kuwait Projects Company | Financial Services | 617 | 6.6% | 0.9% | -19.8% |
| National Investments Co. | Financial Services | 288 | 19.9% | 7.2% | 21.7% |
| Aayan Leasing and Inv. | Financial Services | 224 | 6.5% | 30.7% | -19.6% |
| Alimtiaz Inv. | Financial Services | 194 | 10.4% | -23.2% | -32.0% |
| Arzan Financial Group | Financial Services | 189 | 20.2% | 80.3% | -24.9% |
| Kuwait Investment Company | Financial Services | 79 | 9.2% | -10.8% | -41.7% |
| Agility | Industrials | 2,802 | 2.7% | -25.0% | -6.7% |
| Humansoft Holding | Industrials | 985 | -1.0% | 0.0% | 22.7% |
| Gulf Cable and Electrical | Industrials | 429 | 9.7% | 12.2% | 40.0% |
| HEISCO | Industrials | 209 | 10.9% | 40.9% | 23.3% |
| Integrated Holding | Industrials | 195 | 1.6% | 26.3% | 1.0% |
| ALAFCO | Industrials | 118 | 7.2% | -12.3% | -6.9% |
| Zain | Telecommunications | 3,116 | 1.7% | -7.3% | -0.1% |
| Mabanee | Real Estate | 1,716 | 1.6% | 6.7% | 15.1% |
| Al Tijaria | Real Estate | 456 | 5.8% | 11.6% | -17.5% |
| Kuwait RE Company | Real Estate | 311 | 17.0% | 82.2% | -36.7% |
| Boubyan Petro. | Basic Materials | 934 | 5.9% | -12.4% | -0.2% |
| Ali Alghanim Sons | Consumer Discretionary | 459 | -2.5% | 39.2% | -6.4% |
| Jazeera Airways | Consumer Discretionary | 371 | -12.4% | -29.7% | 45.9% |
| Shamal Az-Zour Al-Oula | Utilities | 341 | 2.3% | -0.6% | -10.1% |
| Mezzan Holding | Consumer Staples | 137 | 3.4% | 35.3% | -29.8% |

*Source: Refinitiv*

- Banking stocks posted a gain of 1.2%, especially driven by KFH (Kuwait Finance House) with a gain of 2.2%.
- KFH rallied owing to the belief of revival in credit growth along with the announcement of Tam's launch, a sharia-compliant digital bank targeting the youth.
- Among Premier Market stocks, HEISCO continued its positive performance with a gain of 10.9% on the back of bagging new contracts consistently.
- Jazeera Airways lost 12.4% in the month of November 2023 due to a 46% year-on-year decline in operating profit in 3Q 2023, mainly impacted by a lower yield.

# The revival of the banking sector has boosted the GCC markets

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | FF-Adj. Mkt. Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM (x) | ADVT – 1M (USD Mn.) |
| | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 | 5 Yr. CAGR | | |
| **GCC (S&P GCC)** | 678 | 5.0% | 0.3% | -7.2% | 5.6% | 14.8 | - |
| Saudi (TASI) | 468 | 4.6% | 6.7% | -7.1% | 7.7% | 17.6 | 1,466 |
| Abu Dhabi (ADI) | 202 | 2.3% | -6.4% | 20.3% | 14.9% | 15.5 | 279 |
| Kuwait (All Share TR) | 83 | 1.9% | -5.5% | 6.4% | 9.0% | 14.2 | 150 |
| Qatar(QE Index) | 70 | 5.4% | -6.0% | -8.1% | -0.6% | 11.3 | 140 |
| Dubai (DFMGI) | 55 | 3.0% | 19.7% | 4.4% | 8.4% | 9.3 | 91 |

| Performance of S&P GCC Total Return Index | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
| Jan | 5.2% | 6.9% | -0.8% | 2.0% | 7.0% | 1.7% |
| Feb | -2.3% | -0.7% | -7.1% | 3.2% | 3.4% | -4.1% |
| Mar | 4.8% | 4.1% | -16.7% | 7.6% | 5.5% | 2.1% |
| Apr | 3.9% | 5.5% | 9.7% | 5.0% | 3.4% | 5.4% |
| May | -0.1% | -5.4% | 1.4% | 1.8% | -6.9% | -2.7% |
| Jun | 1.2% | 2.5% | 1.7% | 3.1% | -9.6% | 3.1% |
| Jul | 2.7% | 1.5% | 1.8% | 1.4% | 6.1% | 3.5% |
| Aug | -2.3% | -5.7% | 6.2% | 3.8% | 0.9% | -2.6% |
| Sep | 0.3% | -0.6% | 2.6% | 1.6% | -6.8% | -2.3% |
| Oct | 0.1% | -2.5% | -2.7% | 2.4% | 2.4% | -4.8% |
| Nov | -2.0% | 1.3% | 8.3% | -5.0% | -3.8% | 5.2% |
| Dec | 0.7% | 5.9% | 0.7% | 4.0% | -4.6% | |
| **Yearly Returns** | **12.7%** | **12.5%** | **2.1%** | **35.2%** | **-4.8%** | **3.9%** |
| **$1 invested in 2018** | **1.13** | **1.27** | **1.29** | **1.75** | **1.67** | **1.73** |

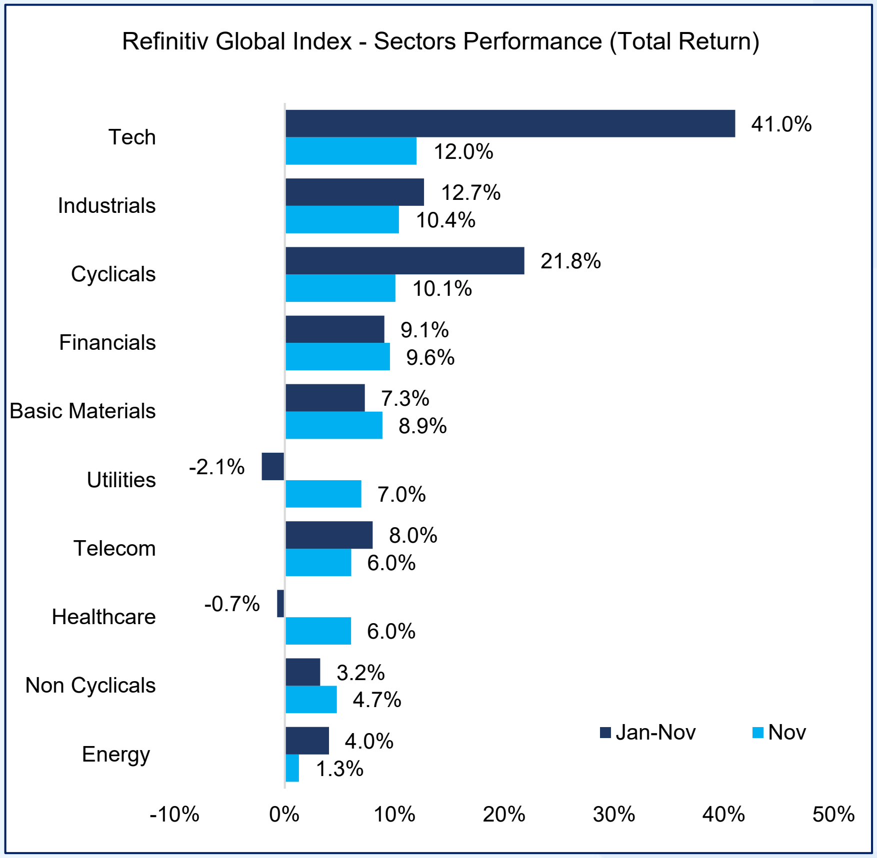
*Source: Refinitiv*

- Saudi Arabia's performance was primarily driven by two major banking sector stocks, Al Rajhi (13.9%) and Alinma (8.8%).
- Qatar's banking stocks were the main driver of the Qatar equity market performance, especially with Masraf Al Rayan, Qatar Islamic Bank, and Qatar National Bank increasing by 18.4%, 9.2%, and 5.4% respectively during the month.
- Dubai and Abu Dhabi's indices increased by 3.0% and 2.3% respectively. The performance was driven by stocks across sectors, especially banking and real estate.

# Emerging Markets gained in line with global trends

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Market Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM |
| | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 | 5 Yr. CAGR | |
| MSCI World | 52,795 | 9.2% | 16.2% | -19.5% | 8.2% | 18.7 |
| S&P 500 (U.S.A.) | 40,328 | 8.9% | 19.0% | -19.4% | 10.6% | 23.0 |
| TOPIX (Japan) | 5,814 | 5.4% | 25.5% | -5.1% | 7.3% | 13.9 |
| France 40 Index (France) | 2,590 | 6.2% | 12.9% | -9.5% | 7.9% | 13.4 |
| FTSE 100 (U.K.) | 2,500 | 1.8% | 0.0% | 0.9% | 1.3% | 9.9 |
| S&P TSX Index (Canada) | 2,380 | 7.2% | 4.4% | -8.7% | 5.9% | 14.7 |
| DAX Index (Germany) | 1,652 | 9.5% | 16.5% | -12.3% | 7.6% | 12.4 |

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Market Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM |
| | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 | 5 Yr. CAGR | |
| MSCI Emerging Market Index | 6,266 | 7.9% | 3.2% | -22.4% | -0.2% | 13.5 |
| Shanghai SE Index (China) | 6,475 | 0.4% | -1.9% | -15.1% | 3.2% | 13.8 |
| Nifty 50 (India) | 1,677 | 5.5% | 11.2% | 4.3% | 13.1% | 26.3 |
| TSEC weighted index (Taiwan) | 1,746 | 9.0% | 23.3% | -22.4% | 12.0% | 16.9 |
| Bovespa (Brazil) | 749 | 12.5% | 16.0% | 4.7% | 7.3% | 8.8 |



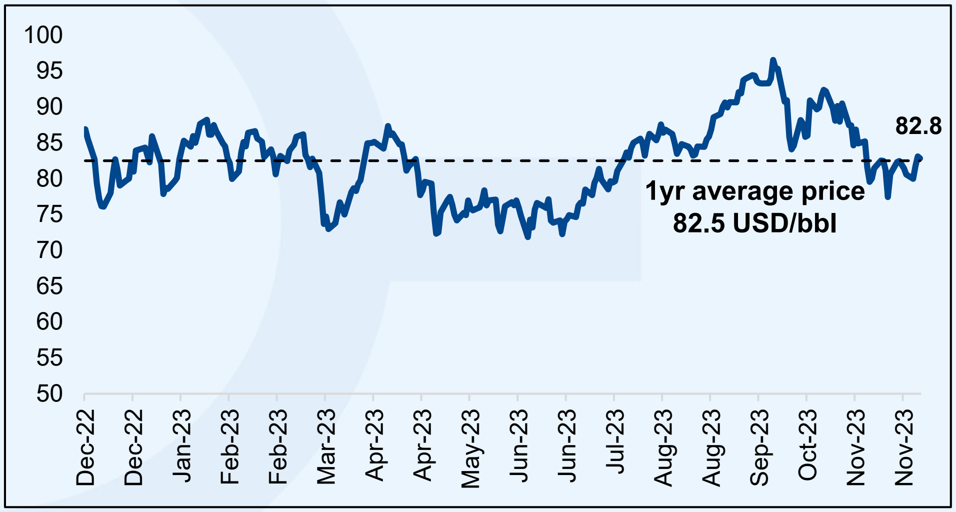

- The MSCI EM index gained 7.9% in November 2023, driven by the weakness in the dollar earlier this month. The possibility of U.S. rates peaking and hopes of a soft landing were major factors fueling investor interest in the emerging markets. MSCI's International Emerging Market Currency Index also rose by 2.8% in November.
- All major global sectors showed positive performances in November 2023, fueled by hopes of interest rate cuts starting in H1 2024. The technology sector, highly responsive to interest rates, led the way with a 12.0% monthly gain.

*Source: Refinitiv*

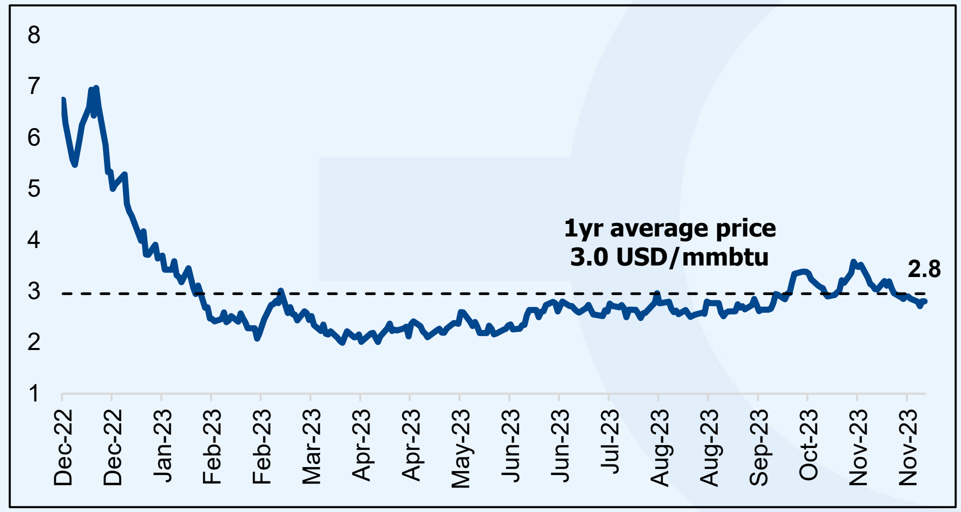
# Oil Prices falls on geopolitical calm and surging oil supply

| | Price Close | Returns | | | 52 Wk. High | 52 Wk. Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 | | |
| Brent Crude | 82.8 | -5.2% | -3.6% | 10.5% | 96.6 | 71.8 |
| Natural Gas (NYMEX) | 2.8 | -21.6% | -37.4% | 20.0% | 7.0 | 2.0 |

## Oil Price Chart (USD/bbl)




## Natural Gas Price Chart (USD/mmbtu)




- IPE Brent lost 5.2% in the month of November 2023 with the de-escalation of geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and concerns over global oil demand. Additionally, concerns over increasing supply from non-OPEC countries also resulted in lower oil prices. The U.S. weekly production of crude oil was at the highest level ever for the last two months (13.2 million barrels per day).

*Source: Refinitiv*

# Treasury yields retreat to 4.3% as market anticipates rate cuts in 2024

| Performance of Key 10-Year Sovereign Bonds | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Issuer, Maturity Year | YTM (%) | Nov-23 Price Returns (in %) | Jan-Nov 2023 Price Returns (in %) | Current spread to US 10Y (in bps) |
| Kuwait Sov, 2027 | 4.8 | 1.6% | -1.1% | 56 |
| KSA Sov, 2029 | 4.9 | 3.9% | -1.2% | 68 |
| Qatar Sov, 2029 | 4.7 | 3.1% | -1.5% | 43 |
| Abu Dhabi Sov, 2029 | 4.7 | 4.3% | -1.3% | 44 |

| 10Y Sovereign Yields | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Current (%) | Spread over 10Y UST (in bps) | | |
| | | Current | 1M ago | 1Y ago |
| U.S.A | 4.26 | - | - | - |
| UK | 4.10 | -17 | -16 | -54 |
| Germany | 2.43 | -184 | -127 | -176 |
| Japan | 0.68 | -359 | -341 | -345 |
| Canada | 3.51 | -76 | -54 | -77 |
| France | 2.99 | -127 | -72 | -129 |

| 5Y CDS Spreads | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Current | 2022 | 52 - Week | |
| | | | High | Low |
| Saudi Arabia | 51.6 | 62.1 | 77.1 | 46.2 |
| Abu-Dhabi | 40.6 | 45.2 | 60.2 | 33.7 |
| Dubai | 60.2 | 84.1 | 90.1 | 60.2 |
| Kuwait | 45.2 | 50.2 | 55.4 | 45.1 |
| Qatar | 41.6 | 49.2 | 72.1 | 34.1 |

| Performance of Key 10-Year Corporate Bonds | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Issuer, Maturity Year | YTM (%) | Nov-23 Price Returns (in %) | Jan-Nov 2023 Price Returns (in %) | Current spread to US 10Y (in bps) |
| Aramco, 2030 | 5.3 | 5.6% | 0.1% | 101.5 |
| Ooredoo, 2031 | 5.3 | 4.8% | -2.0% | 100.4 |
| QNB, 2031 | 5.2 | 8.0% | 3.1% | 91.4 |
| ETISALAT, 2024 | 6.6 | 0.4% | 0.8% | 230.2 |
| ENBD, 2030 | 5.9 | 4.0% | 1.5% | 165.6 |

| GCC - Sovereign Credit Ratings Profile | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Country | S&P | | Moody's | | Fitch | |
| | Rating | Outlook | Rating | Outlook | Rating | Outlook |
| Saudi Arabia | A | Stable | A1 | Positive | A+ | Stable |
| UAE | NR | Not Rated | Aa2 | Stable | AA- | Stable |
| Kuwait | A+ | Stable | A1 | Stable | AA- | Stable |
| Qatar | AA | Stable | Aa3 | Positive | AA- | Positive |
| Oman | BB+ | Stable | Ba2 | Positive | BB+ | Stable |
| Bahrain | B+ | Stable | B2 | Stable | B+ | Stable |

- The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note declined to 4.3% at the end of November 2023 after reaching highs close to 5.0% in October 2023. The pause in interest rate hikes by the U.S. Fed and a policy statement generally perceived as dovish led to the decline in yields, with the market pricing in interest rate cuts in H2 2024.

*Source: Refinitiv*

# The Bitcoin streak continues

| Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cryptocurrency | Current Price (in USD) | Market Cap (USD Bn) | Returns | | |
| | | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 |
| Bitcoin | 37,719.0 | 742 | 8.8% | 128.2% | -64.2% |
| Ethereum | 2,053.1 | 251 | 13.1% | 71.8% | -67.5% |
| Ripple | 0.6 | 33 | 1.0% | 78.9% | -59.1% |
| Cardano | 0.4 | 13 | 28.1% | 51.2% | -81.1% |
| Dogecoin | 0.1 | 12 | 22.1% | 18.3% | -58.8% |
| Bitcoin Cash | 221.7 | 4 | -9.4% | 128.7% | -77.5% |

| Blockchain ETF Performance | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ETF Name | AuM (USD Mn.) | Returns | | |
| | | Nov-23 | Jan-Nov 2023 | 2022 |
| Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF | 503 | 17.4% | 61.0% | -62.7% |
| Invesco CoinShares Global Blockchain UCITS ETF Acc | 518 | 12.9% | 23.6% | -46.3% |
| Siren Nasdaq NexGen Economy ETF | 66 | 13.8% | 4.6% | -52.2% |
| First Trust Indxx Innovative Transactn & Proc ETF | 99 | 9.1% | 13.5% | -21.1% |
| Bitwise Crypto Industry Innovators ETF | 100 | 19.0% | 143.7% | -83.9% |

## Observation

- Bitcoin increased by 8.8% during November 2023. This is because of the anticipation that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) will soon approve the first ever Bitcoin spot exchange-traded fund to trade on a major US exchange.
- Standard Chartered, the multinational British bank, has predicted that Bitcoin will reach a value of USD100,000 by the end of 2024.

*Source: Refinitiv;*

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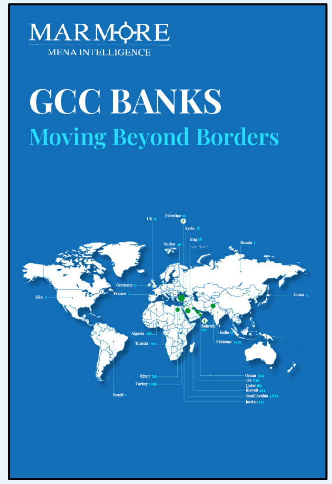


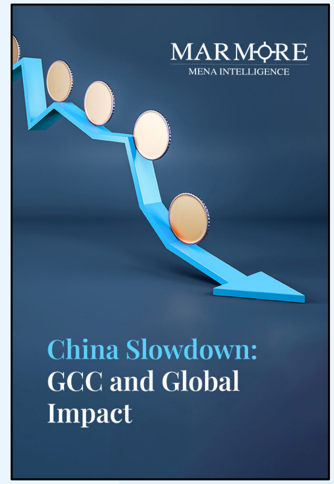


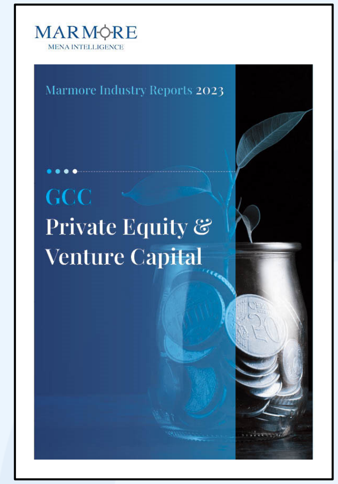


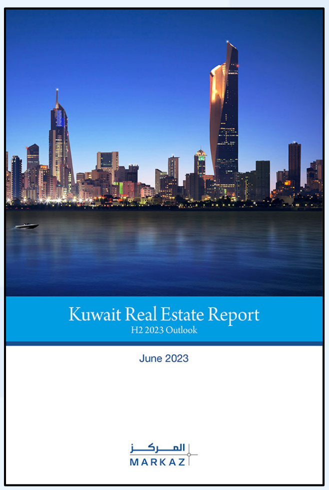


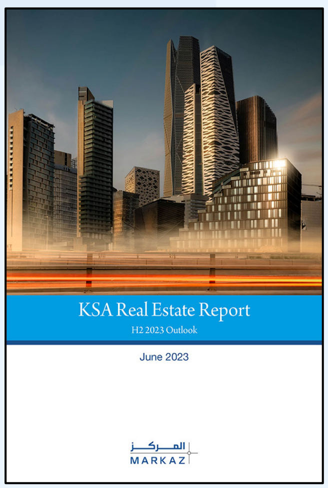




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