

GCC market performance and activity summary

GCC fixed income

Global benchmark bond index recorded marginal gains over the week (ending 29th April 2025). UST yields fell last week as investors digested the latest tariff developments and weaker than expected economic data. In credit, Global corporate IG index and Global HY index both recorded gains last week. EM bonds posted positive gains, led by LatAM. All GCC bond indices recorded positive returns. Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia were the best performers. The 5yr CDS spreads tightened across all the GCC countries, barring Bahrain. In the USD sovereign market, the 10yr USD bond yields declined across all GCC countries with the largest decline seen in Qatar and Oman.

GCC equities

All regional indices posted gains last week. Abu Dhabi posted the largest weekly gain (2.18%), outperforming the rest of regional indices. Overall, MSCI GCC outperformed MSCI EM, but underperformed MSCI ACWI last week.

GCC key developments:

- ▶ The IMF mostly revised down growth forecast for GCC countries.
- ▶ Saudi Arabia recorded non-oil exports of USD137bn in 2024.
- ▶ Saudi Arabia's FDI dropped to the lowest level since 2020.
- ▶ First Abu Dhabi bank (FAB) posted a net profit of AED5.13bn.
- ▶ Dubai Islamic bank (DIB) reported a 14% surge in pre-tax profit.
- ▶ Arab National Bank reported net profit of SAR1.30bn in Q1 2025.

GCC bond issuances:

- ▶ Saudi Arabia's PIF has launched its second bond sale of the year.
- ▶ Abu Dhabi's ADNOC sold USD1.5bn in 10-year sukuk.
- ▶ Bahrain mandated banks for dual-tranche USD sukuk and bond issuance.
- ▶ Abu Dhabi's ADQ priced its dual-tranche USD benchmark notes.
- ▶ DP World plans investor calls ahead of 10-year sukuk issuance.
- ▶ Omniyat Holdings raised USD500mn in debut green sukuk.
- ▶ Banque Saudi Fransi mandated banks for AT1 issuance.
- ▶ Ajman Bank successfully raised its USD500mn 5-year sukuk.
- ▶ Abu Dhabi's TAQA USD1.75bn dual-tranche bonds to list on ADX today, April 30th 2025.

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GCC Weekly Market Performance

Index				Rates			
Fixed Income	Latest	-1w %	YTD %	3M interbank	Latest	-1w (bp)	YTD (bp)
Global Agg	489.5	0.89	5.84	Saudi	5.35	-2.65	-6.71
Global Treasuries	207.3	0.78	6.51	UAE	4.14	-11.88	-29.82
EM USD Agg TR	1278.6	0.97	2.36	Kuwait	4.00	0.00	-
EM LatAm TR	1162.5	1.46	2.62	Bahrain	5.63	0.00	-5.57
EM EMEA TR	376.0	0.51	2.03	Oman	4.71	0.30	-21.25
EM Asia TR	665.9	1.12	2.56	Qatar	4.65	-	-
Bahrain TR	208.1	0.03	2.37	US SOFR	4.36	8.00	-4.00
Oman TR	161.0	0.62	2.92	5Y Sov. CDS	Latest	-1w (bp)	YTD (bp)
Kuwait TR	161.0	0.31	2.64	Saudi Arabia	83.31	-1.70	16.40
Qatar TR	141.2	0.60	2.58	Abu Dhabi	41.72	-1.70	-3.40
Saudi Arabia TR	145.2	0.60	2.92	Dubai	62.94	-1.70	-3.30
UAE TR	146.7	0.46	2.86	Kuwait	75.10	-	0.30
Equity	Latest	-1w %	YTD %	Bahrain	238.67	1.30	46.80
ADX	9527.5	2.18	2.20	Oman	135.47	-3.20	26.10
DFM	5241.3	0.69	1.71	Qatar	39.48	-2.20	-6.50
Tadawul	11746.2	0.56	-2.94	10Y yield	Latest	-1w (bp)	YTD (bp)
DSM	10325.3	0.86	-2.33	Saudi Arabia	5.02	-6.40	-33.60
MSM30	4297.8	0.19	-6.02	Abu Dhabi	4.42	-13.60	-62.30
BHSE	1902.7	0.80	-3.87	Dubai	4.53	-8.40	-33.20
KWSE	8487.7	0.60	8.28	Bahrain	5.36	-16.40	-38.10
MSCI GCC	730.8	0.92	0.64	Oman	4.51	-16.90	-33.00
MSCI EM	1106.0	0.91	3.27	Qatar	4.51	-16.90	-33.00
MSCI ACWI	831.3	2.86	-1.03				

Note: data from 23rd April 2025 to 29th April 2025, Source: Moody's rating, Fitch ratings, Bloomberg, ADCB Asset Management.

Key developments

► The IMF mostly revised down growth forecast for GCC countries

In its latest world economic outlook, the IMF mostly lowered the growth forecasts for the GCC countries. The 2025 growth forecast for Saudi Arabia was reduced to 3.0%, Kuwait's to 1.9%, Bahrain's to 2.8% and Oman's to 2.3% respectively. The UAE's forecast was slightly lowered to 4.0%, while Qatar's 2025 projection was upgraded to 2.4%.

(Source: Zawya).

► Saudi Arabia recorded non-oil exports of USD137bn in 2024

Saudi Arabia's non-oil exports surged to an all-time high of SAR515bn (USD137.29bn) in 2024, according to the state news agency. This milestone marks significant progress in the kingdom's Vision 2030 strategy, aimed at diversifying the economy away from oil reliance. The non-oil sector recorded a 13% YoY increase and has grown by over 113% since the Vision 2030 launch. Saudi Arabia is heavily investing in sectors such as tourism, sports, and manufacturing while also attracting foreign investment, reporting SAR77.6bn (USD20.69bn) in foreign direct investment for 2024.

(Source: Zawya).

► Saudi Arabia's FDI dropped to the lowest level since 2020

Foreign direct investment (FDI) into Saudi Arabia declined for the third consecutive year in 2024, highlighting persistent difficulties in attracting international capital. The kingdom recorded a 19% YoY drop in FDI inflows, totaling USD20.7bn—the lowest level since 2020, according to the government annual report.

(Source: Zawya).

► First Abu Dhabi bank (FAB) posted a net profit of AED5.13bn

First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB) posted a net profit of AED5.13bn (USD1.39bn) for Q1 2025, marking a 23% YoY increase and surpassing market forecasts. Earnings per share rose to AED0.44 from AED0.35 last year. Operating income climbed 11% to AED8.81bn, supported by 8% and 4% growth in loans and deposits, respectively. Impairment charges dropped 29%, while non-interest income surged 22% to AED3.8bn. The bank's total assets grew 6%, surpassing AED1.3tn for the first time.

(Source: Zawya).

► Dubai Islamic bank (DIB) reported a 14% surge in pre-tax profit

Dubai Islamic Bank (DIB) reported robust financial performance for Q1 of 2025, achieving AED2.1bn in group pre-tax profit—a 14% increase compared to the same period last year. This growth was primarily supported by a continued rise in high-quality earning assets.

(Source: Zawya).

► Arab national bank reported net profit of SAR1.30bn in Q1 2025

Arab National Bank (ANB) posted a net profit of SAR1.30bn in Q1 of 2025, reflecting a 5.5% increase from SAR1.23bn during the same period last year. Earnings per share rose to SAR0.65 from SAR0.62. ANB's total assets grew 13.64% YoY to SAR264.65bn, while client deposits climbed 12.07% to SAR195.61bn. Investment holdings also expanded by 8.16% to SAR52.31bn. On a quarterly basis, net profit rose 3.73% compared to Q4 of 2024.

(Source: Zawya).

► Saudi Arabia's PIF has launched its second bond sale of the year

The Public Investment Fund (PIF), Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund, has launched its second bond sale of the year as part of its ongoing strategy to diversify the economy away from oil dependence. The PIF has begun receiving bids for a new issuance of benchmark-sized, USD-denominated Islamic bonds (sukuk) with a 7-year maturity.

(Source: Zawya).

► **Abu Dhabi's ADNOC sold USD1.5bn in 10-year sukuk**

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC), through its subsidiary ADNOC Murban, raised USD1.5bn in USD-denominated 10-year sukuk. The sukuk was priced at an annual profit rate of 4.75% to be paid semi-annually, the lowest ever new issue premium for Shari'a compliant securities and at the region's tightest ever corporate US dollar 10yr spread. The deal attracted more than USD3.5bn in orders. The sukuk issuance is part of ADNOC Murban's strategy to diversify its funding sources and tap into the Islamic finance market.

(Source: Zawya).

► **Bahrain mandated banks for dual-tranche USD sukuk and bond issuance**

The Kingdom of Bahrain has mandated banks to arrange investor calls for a planned dual-tranche US dollar transaction, comprising a 8-year sukuk and a 12-year bond. The sukuk will be issued under Bahrain's Trust Certificate Issuance Programme, while the bond will fall under its Global Medium Term Note Programme. Both instruments will be listed on the London Stock Exchange and rated B+ by Fitch. Proceeds are intended for general budgetary purposes.

(Source: Zawya).

► **Abu Dhabi's ADQ priced its dual-tranche USD benchmark notes**

Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth fund ADQ has priced its USD1bn dual tranche senior secured bonds consisting of 5-year and 10-year benchmark notes. The five year-tranche has a coupon rate of 4.50%, yield 4.635% and a spread of 85bp over USTs. The 10-year tranche has a coupon rate of 5%, yield of 5.129% and a spread of 95bp over USTs. The initial price guidance was set at UST +115bp for the 5-year tranche and UST +125bp for the 10-year tranche respectively. The bond sale received strong demand with book orders exceeding USD7bn.

(Source: Zawya).

► **DP World plans investor calls ahead of 10-year sukuk issuance**

DP World is organizing investor calls for a potential 10-year benchmark USD sukuk issuance. The sukuk, to be issued by DP World Crescent Limited under its USD7.5bn trust certificate programme, will be listed on the London Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Dubai. DP World, a leading logistics and terminal operator owned by the Government of Dubai, holds ratings of Baa2 (stable) from Moody's and BBB+ (stable) from Fitch. Proceeds will be used for general corporate purposes.

(Source: Zawya).

► **Omniyat Holdings raised USD500mn in debut green sukuk**

Dubai developer Omniyat Holdings raised USD500mn in its debut green sukuk. The three year green sukuk was priced at 8.375%, a substantial tightening from the initial price guidance of high 8%. Omniyat intends to leverage the proceeds from the green sukuk to finance or refinance projects that align with environmental sustainability criteria, marking its entry into the sustainable finance market.

(Source: Zawya).

► **Banque Saudi Fransi mandated banks for AT1 issuance**

Banque Saudi Fransi (BSF) has mandated banks for a potential USD-denominated 6-year Additional Tier 1 capital issuance. The inaugural benchmark fixed rate resettable Regulation S Perpetual non-call 6-year Additional Tier 1 capital issuance comes under BSF's newly created USD3mn Additional Tier 1 Capital Note Programme. The issuance will follow, subject to market conditions.

(Source: Zawya).

► **Ajman Bank successfully raised its USD500mn 5-year sukuk**

Ajman Bank has successfully launched its inaugural USD500mn 5-year sukuk, marking its debut in the international capital markets. The sukuk was priced at a fixed profit rate of 5.125% per annum, with a spread of 130bp over USTs. The issuance attracted substantial investor interest, achieving a 5.4x oversubscription rate with orders exceeding USD2.7bn from over 100 investors. The sukuk is rated BBB+ by Fitch and is listed on both the London Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Dubai.

(Source: Zawya).

- ▶ **Abu Dhabi's TAQA USD1.75bn dual-tranche bonds to list on ADX today, April 30th 2025**
The USD1.75bn bonds of Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA) will commence trading on the Abu Dhabi Securities Exchange (ADX) today, April 30 2025. The listing comprises of the company's dual-tranche offering: conventional bonds and green bonds which were priced in October 2024.
(Source: Zawya).

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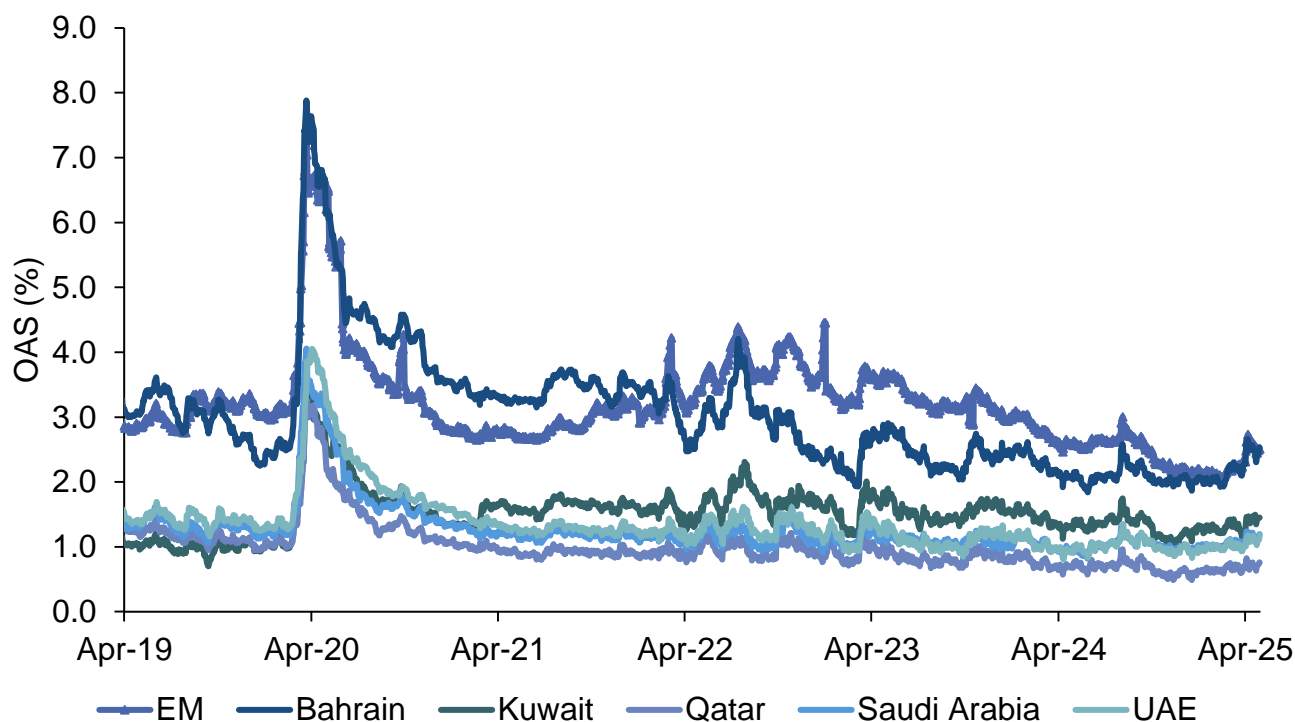
GCC bond issuances

Issuer	BBG	Sector	Cou ntry	Issue Amt*	Cpn	Maturity	Maturity Type	Curr ency	Issue Date	Rtg^	YTM (mid)	YTC (mid)
KFH Sukuk Co	KFHKK	Financial Institutions	KW	1000	5.376	1/14/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	1/14/2025	A	5.33	-
Aldar Properties PJSC	ALDAR	Financial Institutions	AE	1000	6.6227	4/15/2055	CALLABLE	USD	1/15/2025	BBB-	6.63	6.63
Fab Sukuk Co Ltd	FABUH	Agency	AE	600	5.153	1/16/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	1/16/2025	AA-	5.12	-
Al Rajhi Sukuk Ltd	RJHIAB	Financial Institutions	SA	1500	6.25	-	PERP/CALL	USD	1/21/2025	BBB-	6.10	6.23
BSF Sukuk Co Ltd	BSFR	Financial Institutions	SA	750	5.375	1/21/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	1/21/2025	A-	5.43	-
First Abu Dhabi Bank PJSC	FABUH	Agency	AE	750	5.31	1/22/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	1/22/2025	AA-	5.25	-
Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	EBIUH	Agency	AE	750	5.41	1/22/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	1/22/2025	A+	5.36	-
Gaci First Investment Co	PIFKSA	Agency	SA	2400	5.25	1/29/2030	CALLABLE	USD	1/29/2025	A+	5.29	5.29
Gaci First Investment Co	PIFKSA	Agency	SA	1600	5.625	7/29/2034	CALLABLE	USD	1/29/2025	A+	5.67	5.67
Bapco Energies Sukuk Ltd	BEXBAH	Agency	BH	1000	6.25	1/29/2035	AT MATURITY	USD	1/29/2025	B+	6.23	-
FIN DEPT GOVT SHARJAH	SHJGOV	Sovereign	AE	500	4.625	02/13/2032	AT MATURITY	EUR	02/06/2025	BBB-	4.67	-
Ma'aden Sukuk Ltd	MAADEN	Agency	SA	750	5.25	2/13/2030	CALLABLE	USD	2/13/2025	BBB+	5.26	5.26
Ma'aden Sukuk Ltd	MAADEN	Agency	SA	500	5.5	2/13/2035	CALLABLE	USD	2/13/2025	BBB+	5.49	5.49
Saudi Electricity Sukuk Programme Co	SECO	Agency	SA	1500	5.225	2/18/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	2/18/2025	A+	5.25	-
Saudi Electricity Sukuk Programme Co	SECO	Agency	SA	1250	5.489	2/18/2035	AT MATURITY	USD	2/18/2025	A+	5.50	-
Emirates NBD Bank PJSC	EBIUH	Agency	AE	1000	6.25	-	PERP/CALL	USD	2/25/2025	A+	6.07	5.97
Alpha Star Holding IX Ltd	DAMACR	Financial Institutions	AE	750	7	8/26/2028	AT MATURITY	USD	2/26/2025	BB	6.93	-
SIB Sukuk Co III Ltd	SIB	Financial Institutions	AE	500	5.2	2/26/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	2/26/2025		5.15	-
Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	ADCBUH	Agency	AE	600	5.41	2/26/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	2/26/2025	A+	5.30	-
SRC Sukuk Ltd	SRCSUK	Agency	SA	1000	5.375	2/27/2035	AT MATURITY	USD	2/27/2025	A+	5.37	-
SRC Sukuk Ltd	SRCSUK	Agency	SA	1000	5	2/27/2028	AT MATURITY	USD	2/27/2025	A+	4.98	-
Qatar Government International Bond	QATAR	Sovereign	QA	2000	4.875	2/27/2035	AT MATURITY	USD	2/27/2025	AA	4.69	-
Qatar Government International Bond	QATAR	Sovereign	QA	1000	4.5	2/27/2028	AT MATURITY	USD	2/27/2025	AA	4.40	-
QNB Finance Ltd	QNBK	Agency	QA	700	5.405792	3/4/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	3/4/2025		5.35	-
Doha Finance Ltd	DHBKQD	Financial Institutions	QA	500	5.25	3/5/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	3/5/2025	A	5.15	-
National Central Cooling Co PJSC	TABRED	Utility	AE	700	5.279	3/5/2030	CALLABLE	USD	3/5/2025	BBB	5.20	5.20
RAK Capital	RAKS	Sovereign	AE	1000	5	3/12/2035	AT MATURITY	USD	3/12/2025	A+	4.98	-
SNB Funding Ltd	SNBAB	Financial Institutions	SA	750	5.5425371	3/17/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	3/17/2025	A-	5.49	-
ABQ Finance Ltd	ABQKQD	Financial Institutions	QA	500	4.95	3/25/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	3/25/2025	A	5.03	-
Emirates Islamic Bank PJSC	EIBUH	Agency	AE	750	5.059	3/25/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	3/25/2025	A+	4.95	-
Aldar Investment Properties Sukuk Ltd	ALDAR	Financial Institutions	AE	500	5.25	3/25/2035	CALLABLE	USD	3/25/2025	BBB+	5.22	-
SNB Funding Ltd	SNBAB	Financial Institutions	SA	300	4.9581236	10/10/2026	AT MATURITY	USD	4/10/2025		5.06	-
Mashreq AL Islami Sukuk Co Ltd	MASQUH	Financial Institutions	AE	500	5.03	4/22/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	4/22/2025		4.96	-
AUB Sukuk Ltd	AUBBI	Financial Institutions	BH	400	6.709		PERP/CALL	USD	4/22/2025		6.72	6.74
Ajman Senior Sukuk Ltd	AJMNSS	Financial Institutions	AE	500	5.125	4/30/2030	AT MATURITY	USD	4/30/2025	BBB+	5.12	-

*Amount Issued in USD/AEDmillion, Bloomberg sector classification has been used, ^Issuer rating used where applicable, Fitch rating or equivalent used Source: Fitch Ratings, Moody's ratings, Bloomberg, ADCB Asset Management

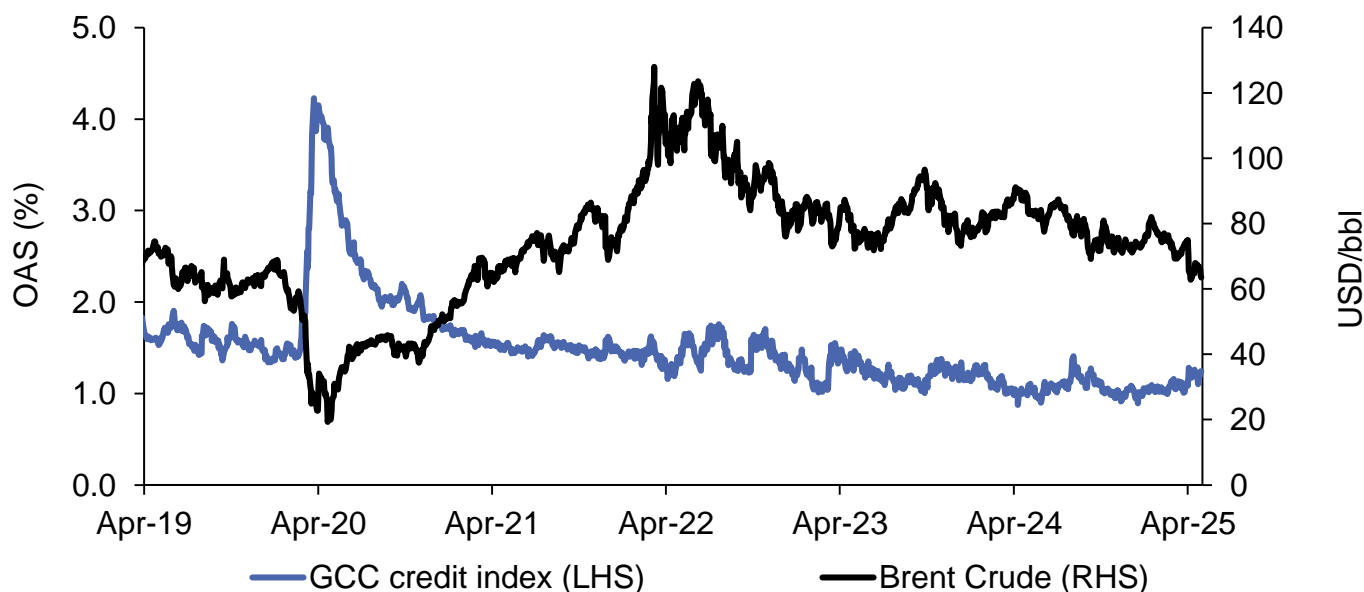
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Bloomberg Barclays Bond Indices OAS spread (EM vs GCC)



Source: Bloomberg Sovereign Bond Indices, ADCB Asset Management

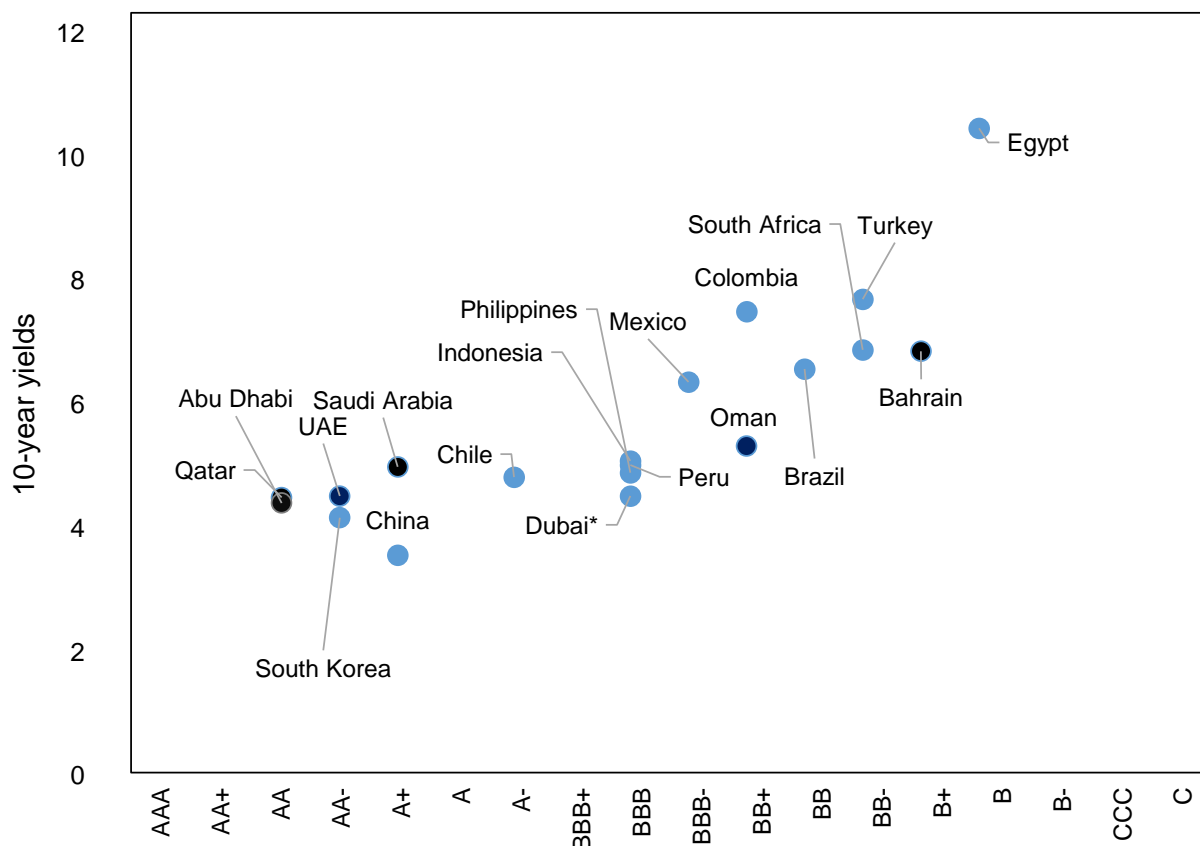
GCC corporate OAS spread versus Brent Crude



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB Asset Management

10yr yield versus Credit ratings (EM vs GCC)

GCC sovereign valuation versus peers



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB Asset Management, *Dewa rating used as a substitute for Dubai, Fitch ratings are used for all countries

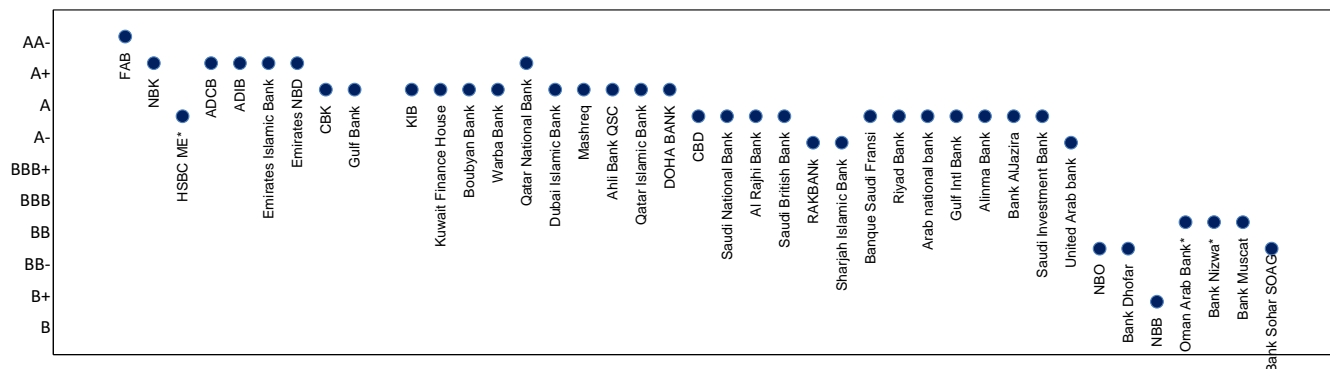
GCC Sovereign Rating

Country	Saudi Arabia	Abu Dhabi	Dubai*	Kuwait	Bahrain	Oman	Qatar	Egypt
Moody's	Aa3	Aa2	Baa2	A1	B2u	Ba1	Aa2	Caa1
Fitch	A+	AA	-	AA-	B+	BB+	AA	B

Note: *DEWA rated used as proxy for Dubai

GCC Financials Credit Rating

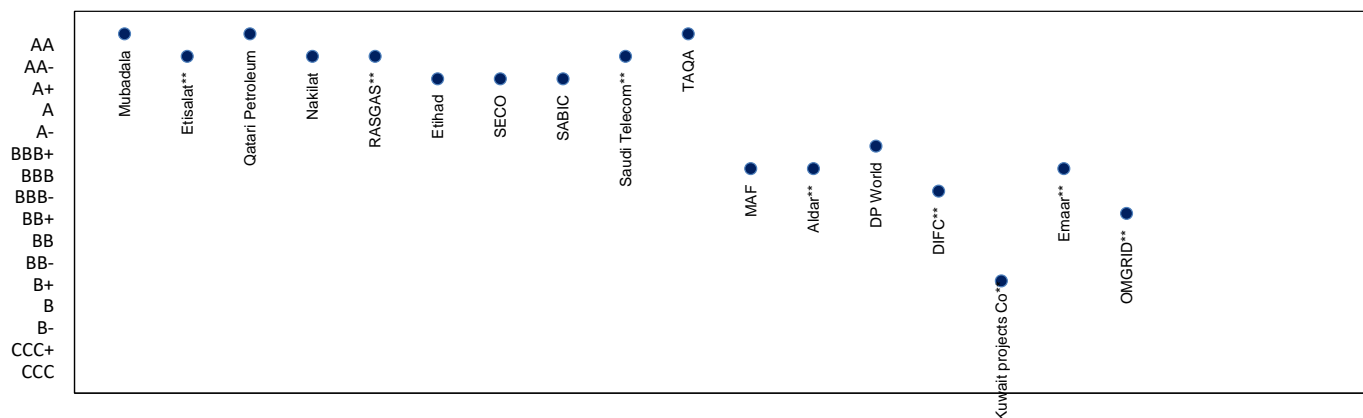
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Note: The ratings refer to Fitch ratings, *Moody's rating used as substitute where the corporate/bank not rated by Fitch rating | Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC Corporate Credit rating

GCC Corporates



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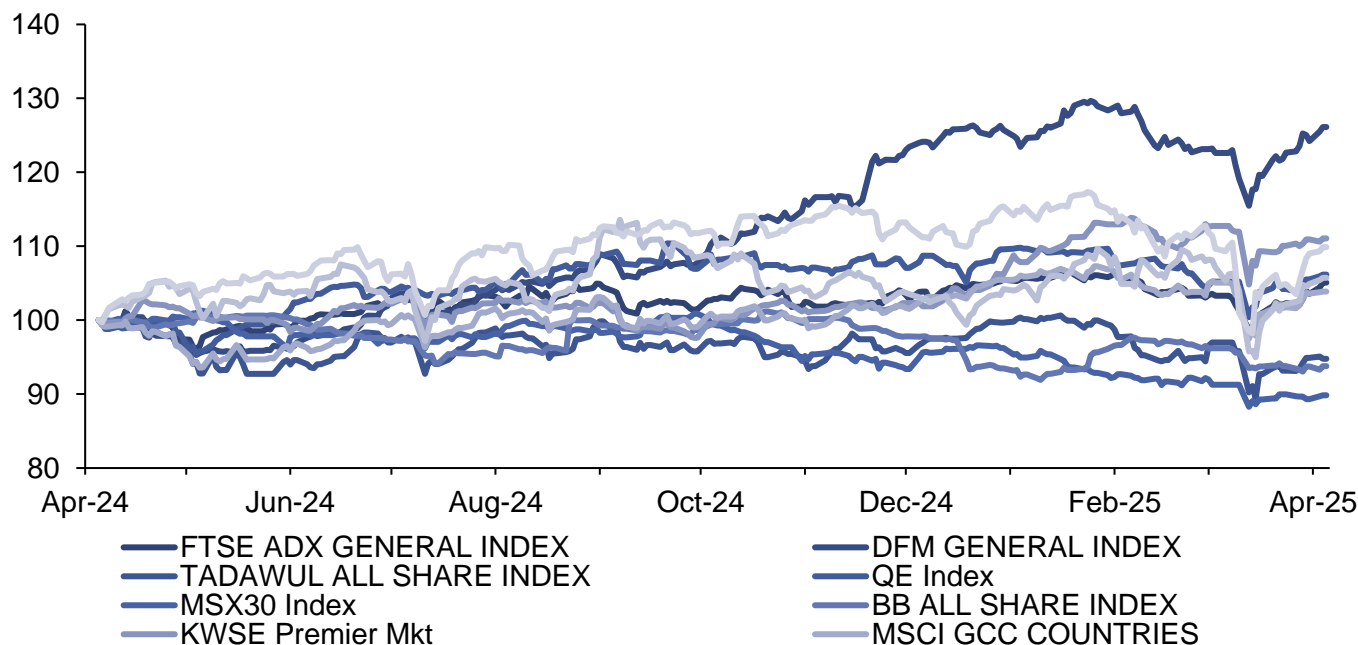
GCC equities – performance, earnings, and valuations snapshot

Equity Index	12M forward PE	12M forward EPS growth	12M forward dividend yield
ADX	14.6x	5.5%	2.4%
DFM	9.0x	-	5.7%
Tadawul	15.2x	9.9%	3.8%
DSM	11.2x	1.1%	4.9%
MSM30	8.8x	1.4%	6.4%
BHSE	6.9x	-	9.7%
KWSE	15.2x	-12.9%	2.6%
MSCI GCC	13.6x	7.9%	4.0%
MSCI EM	12.4x	7.9%	2.8%
MSCI ACWI	18.0x	8.5%	2.0%

Notes: *data as of 30 April 2025 | Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 1Y Performance

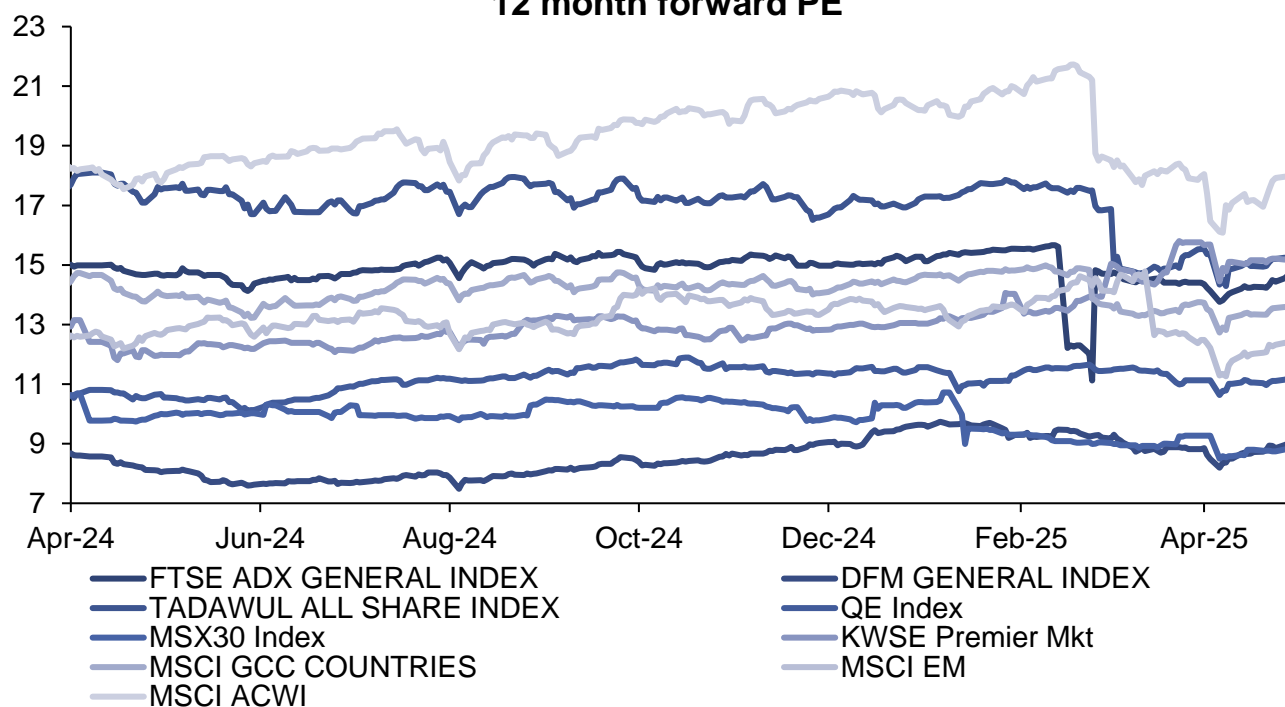
1Y performance



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward PE

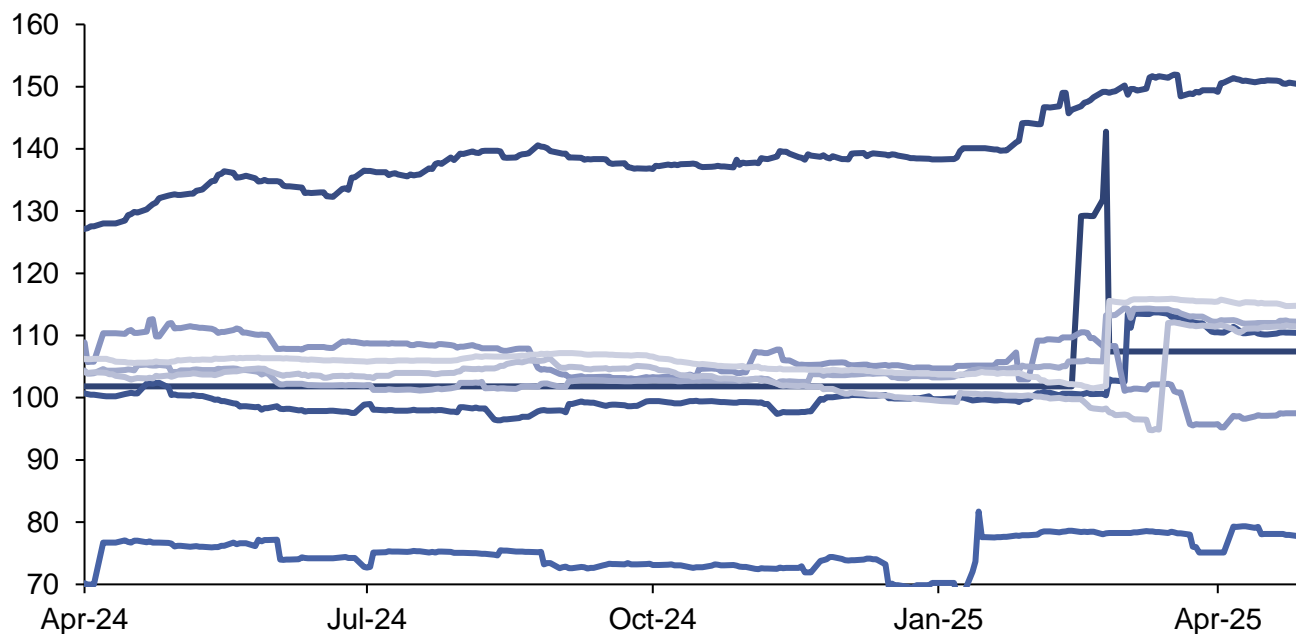
12 month forward PE



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward EPS

12 month forward EPS (indexed to 100 at start)



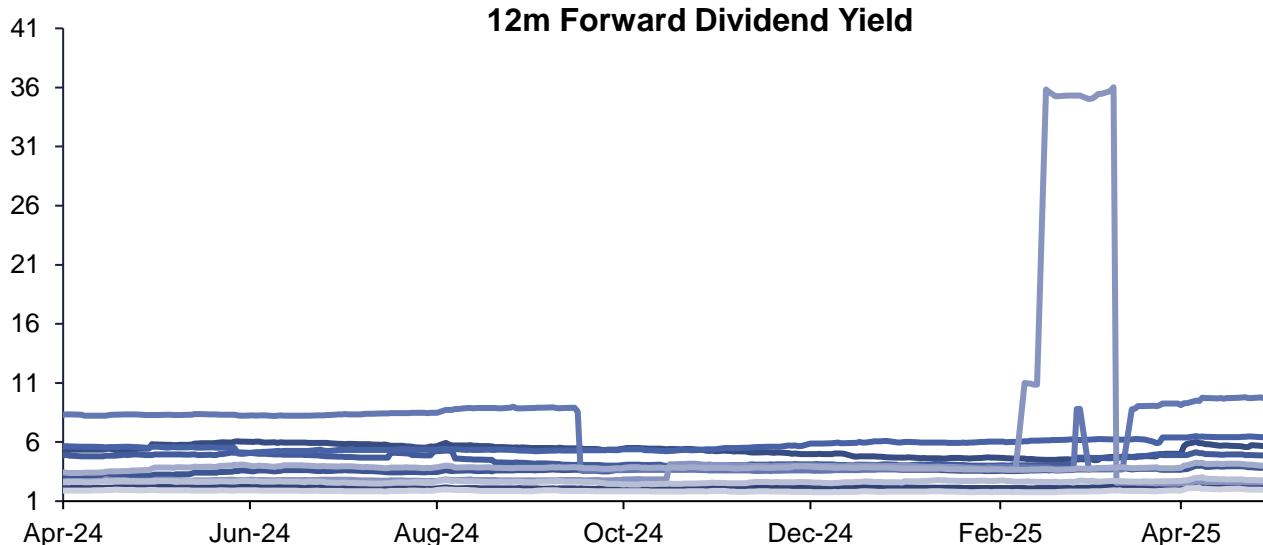
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— MSCI EM

— DFM GENERAL INDEX
— MSX30 Index
— MSCI GCC COUNTRIES
— MSCI ACWI

Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward dividend yields

12m Forward Dividend Yield



— FTSE ADX GENERAL INDEX
— QE Index
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— MSCI ACWI

— DFM GENERAL INDEX
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— TADAWUL ALL SHARE INDEX
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