

GCC market performance and activity summary

GCC fixed income

Global benchmark bond index posted gains for the week ending 8th April. The Global Aggregate index gained (+0.78%) and Global Treasuries also posted gains (+0.77%). In credit, Global corporate IG index and Global HY index posted gains. EM USD bonds recorded gains. Led by EMEA (+1.12%).

All GCC bond indices recorded gains over the week. Bahrain outperformed the most. UAE, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabi, and Kuwait also posted gains. 5Y sovereign CDS spreads tightened across all GCC markets, except for Kuwait. In the USD sovereign market, the 10yr bond yields declined across all GCC markets.

GCC equities

GCC regional indices gained over the week – Dubai, Qatar, Abu Dhabi, and Kuwait outperformed the most. Saudi Arabia and Oman also posted gains over the week. Bahrain underperformed. Overall, MSCI GCC, MSCI and MSCI EM and MSCI ACWI all posted gains.

GCC key macro developments

- ▶ UAE Aa2 rating with stable outlook unchanged
- ▶ UAE non-oil Sector growth dipped – PMI.
- ▶ Saudi Arabia's non-oil activity contracts – PMI.
- ▶ Oman's economy supported by non-oil growth.
- ▶ Qatar's industrial production index rose in January- NPC.

GCC corporate news

- ▶ Commercial Bank of Dubai bond redemption of USD600mn.

GCC Weekly Market Performance

Index				Rates			
Fixed Income	Latest	-1w %	YTD %	3M interbank	Latest	-1w (bp)	YTD (bp)
Global Agg	502.7	0.78	8.70	Saudi	4.85	8.42	-56.96
Global Treasuries	208.4	0.77	7.07	UAE	3.73	-3.07	-70.87
EM USD Agg TR	1387.6	0.95	11.09	Kuwait	3.56	-6.25	-37.50
EM LatAm TR	1290.6	1.10	13.93	Bahrain	5.16	6.62	-52.98
EM EMEA TR	406.6	1.12	10.31	Oman	4.30	-	-62.00
EM Asia TR	706.1	0.45	8.74	Qatar	4.02	2.76	-62.76
Bahrain TR	218.4	2.22	7.43	US SOFR	3.62	-3.00	-78.00
Oman TR	172.8	0.79	10.48	5Y Sov. CDS	Latest	-1w (bp)	YTD (bp)
Kuwait TR	167.4	0.48	6.73	Saudi Arabia	71.18	-10.07	-6.38
Qatar TR	146.6	0.76	6.54	Abu Dhabi	45.38	-6.39	-1.47
Saudi Arabia TR	152.7	0.66	8.18	Dubai	85.18	-10.72	-22.44
UAE TR	152.5	0.95	6.98	Kuwait	70.09	0.5	16.6
Equity	Latest	-1w %	YTD %	Bahrain	257.30	-46.94	-69.03
ADX	9868.9	2.27	5.87	Oman	77.33	-11.22	24.94
DFM	5777.5	4.20	12.11	Qatar	43.13	-7.73	0.91
Tadawul	11339.0	0.56	-6.31	10Y yield	Latest	-1w (bp)	YTD (bp)
DSM	10662.3	3.81	0.86	Saudi Arabia	4.93	-5.50	-46.60
MSM30	8233.0	0.52	80.02	Abu Dhabi	4.62	-8.80	-40.20
BHSE	1888.3	-0.74	-4.60	Dubai	4.42	-14.60	-41.20
KWSE	9256.3	1.89	18.08	Bahrain	6.98	-49.60	1.70
MSCI GCC	774.3	2.04	6.62	Oman	5.09	-15.20	-64.80
MSCI EM	1539.6	5.63	43.75	Qatar	4.40	-9.30	-43.70
MSCI ACWI	1031.1	3.45	22.75				

Note: data from 1st April 2026 to 8th April 2026, Source: Moody's rating, Fitch ratings, Bloomberg, ADCB Asset Management.

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Developments

▶ UAE Aa2 rating with stable outlook unchanged

According to the Ministry of Finance, The UAE's sovereign credit rating remains unchanged at Aa2 with a stable outlook following Moody's periodic review on 30 March 2026. The assessment reaffirmed global confidence in the country's economic strength and fiscal sustainability despite regional geopolitical challenges. Moody's noted that this review was not a rating action but part of its routine evaluation process. The agency highlighted key strengths including high income levels, strong institutions, and effective policymaking that supports economic diversification. It also emphasized the federal government's low debt levels and substantial fiscal reserves built through consistent budget surpluses. Minister of State for Financial Affairs, Mohamed bin Hadi Al Hussaini, stated that the stable rating reflects solid governance, prudent fiscal management, and the UAE's resilience in navigating global and regional uncertainties. (Source: Zawya).

▶ UAE non-oil Sector growth dipped – PMI

Growth in the UAE's non-oil private sector moderated in March, as regional conflict impacted demand, disrupted supply chains, and increased cost pressures. Although business activity continued to expand, the pace slowed, and expectations for future growth weakened to a more than five-year low. The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) declined from 55.0 in February to 52.9 in March, marking the weakest reading since mid-2021, though still above the expansion threshold. Similarly, Dubai's PMI dropped to 53.2, indicating a softer increase in output and new business activity, and the slowest improvement in operating conditions in nine months. (Source: Zawya).

▶ Saudi Arabia's non-oil activity contracts – PMI

Saudi Arabia's non-oil private sector experienced a sharp slowdown in March, with business conditions deteriorating for the first time in nearly six years. Ongoing regional conflict disrupted supply chains and significantly reduced new orders and export demand. The PMI fell from 56.1 in February to 48.8 in March, slipping below the 50-mark that separates expansion from contraction, signaling a decline in overall non-oil business activity. (Source: Zawya).

▶ Oman's economy supported by non-oil growth

Oman's economy has shown stable performance at the start of 2026, with non-oil sectors continuing to drive growth amid subdued inflation. However, declining oil prices and a significantly narrower trade surplus highlight emerging external pressures. Inflation remained contained at around 1.69% in early 2026. Meanwhile, oil prices fell to an average of \$63.3 per barrel, down over 13% YoY. The trade surplus dropped sharply by more than 50%, while imports increased, indicating sustained domestic demand. Non-oil exports rose by 15.3%, reflecting ongoing diversification efforts. Foreign direct investment trends were mixed, with total FDI increasing but new inflows declining notably. GDP data shows overall growth of 2.4% by the end of 2025, largely driven by a 3.1% expansion in non-oil sectors compared to modest growth in the oil sector. Overall, Oman's economic stability is underpinned by non-oil sector resilience, although weaker oil revenues, reduced capital inflows, and external imbalances may pose risks to the outlook. (Source: Zawya)

▶ Qatar's industrial production index rose in January- NPC

According to the National Planning Council, Qatar's Industrial Production Index (IPI) increased to 107.4 points in January, recording a 6.3% monthly rise and a 0.7% annual increase. The improvement was largely driven by stronger performance in the mining and quarrying sector, which accounts for the majority of industrial activity. This sector grew by 7.8% compared to December, supported by higher crude oil and natural gas output, although this was partially offset by declines in other mining activities. Manufacturing and utilities sectors also contributed modestly to overall industrial output. (Source: Zawya)

▶ Commercial Bank of Dubai bond redemption of USD600mn

The Commercial Bank of Dubai plans to redeem its USD600mn perpetual additional tier 1 bonds issued in 2020, exercising its call option. The redemption is scheduled for April 21, 2026. Following the repayment, the bank will proceed to delist the bonds from both Euronext Dublin and Nasdaq Dubai. (Source: Zawya)

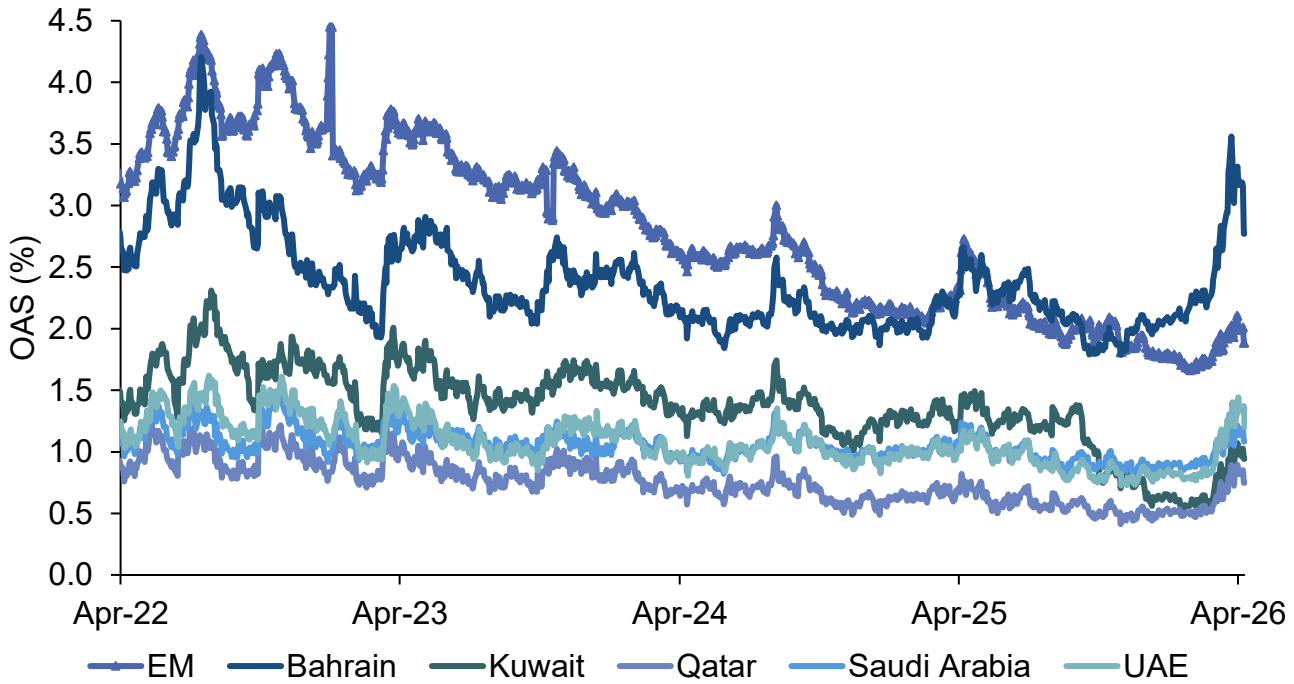
GCC bond issuances

QNB Finance Ltd	QNBK	Agency	QA	1750	4.5394 202	9/19/2027	AT MATURITY	USD	3/19/2026	-	4.65	-
Qatar Government International Bond	QATAR	Sovereign	QA	3000	4.8	4/8/2033	CALLABLE	USD	4/8/2026	-	4.55	4.54

*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

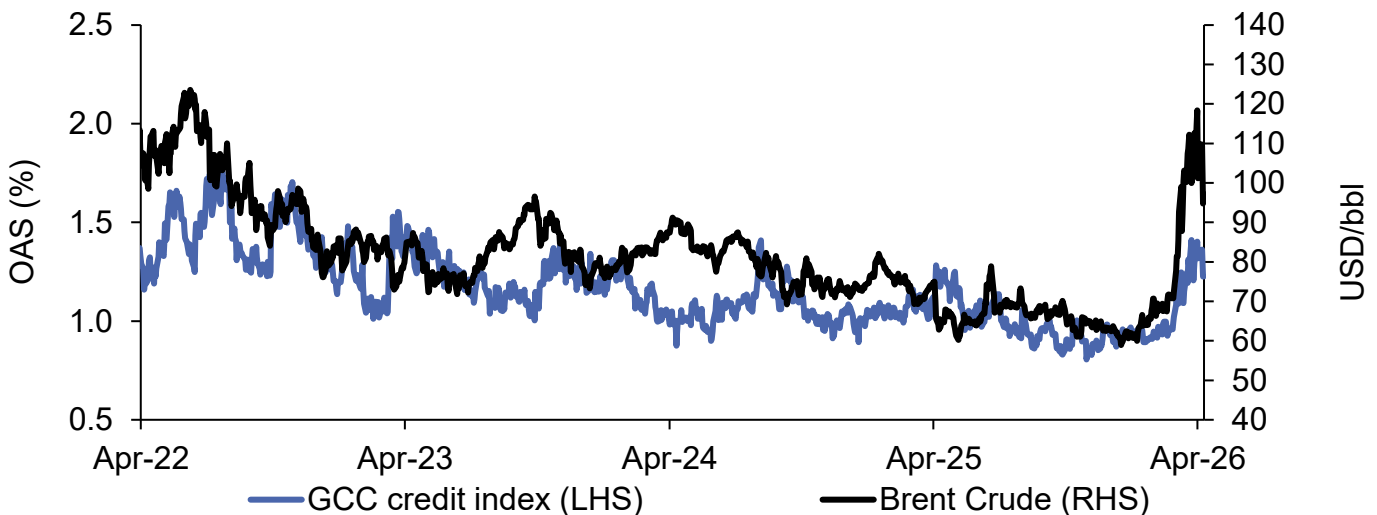
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Bloomberg Barclays Bond Indices OAS spread (EM vs GCC)



Source: Bloomberg Sovereign Bond Indices, ADCB Asset Management

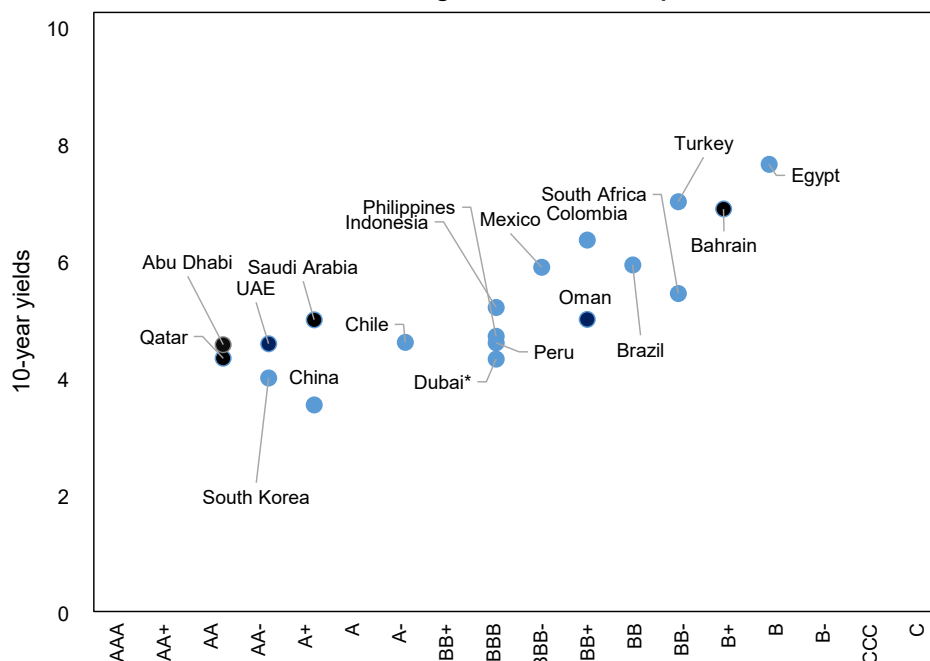
GCC corporate OAS spread versus Brent Crude



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	Baa3	Aa2	Caa1
Fitch	A+	AA	-	AA-	B	BBB-	-	B

Note: *DEWA rated used as proxy for Dubai

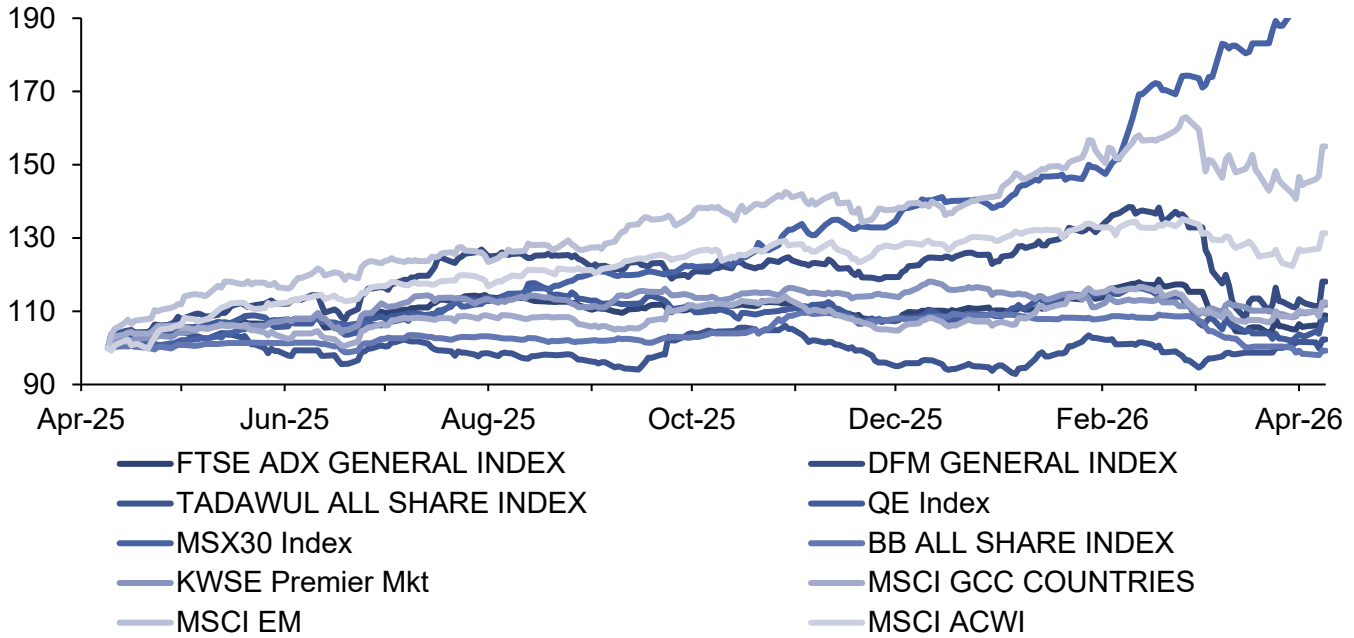
GCC equities – performance, earnings, and valuations snapshot

Equity Index	12M forward PE	12M forward EPS growth	12M forward dividend yield
ADX	10.8x	40.5%	2.5%
DFM	10.0x	-	5.2%
Tadawul	15.5x	6.5%	3.2%
DSM	11.4x	2.4%	4.6%
MSM30	14.0x	-	3.7%
BHSE	6.1x	-	11.0%
KWSE	13.9x	28.7%	3.6%
MSCI GCC	12.2x	14.5%	3.9%
MSCI EM	12.0x	38.3%	2.2%
MSCI ACWI	17.8x	21.7%	1.7%

Notes: *data as of 09 April 2026 | Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 1Y Performance

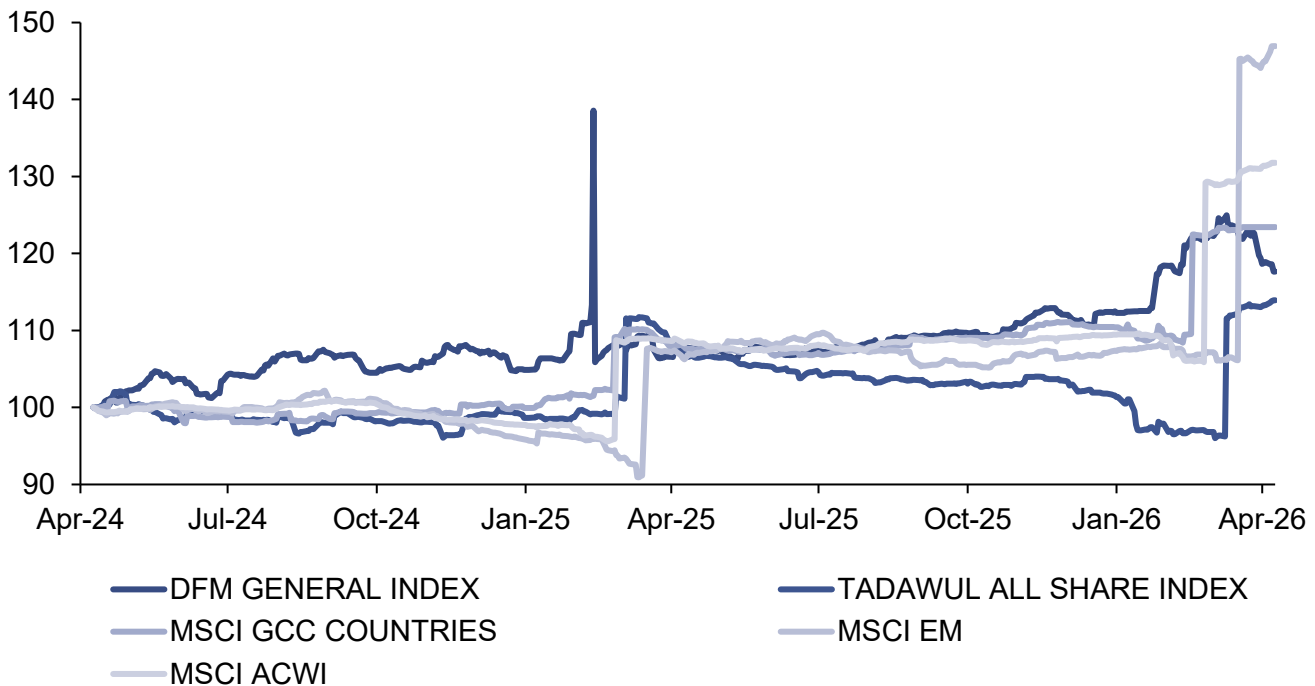
1Y performance



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward PE

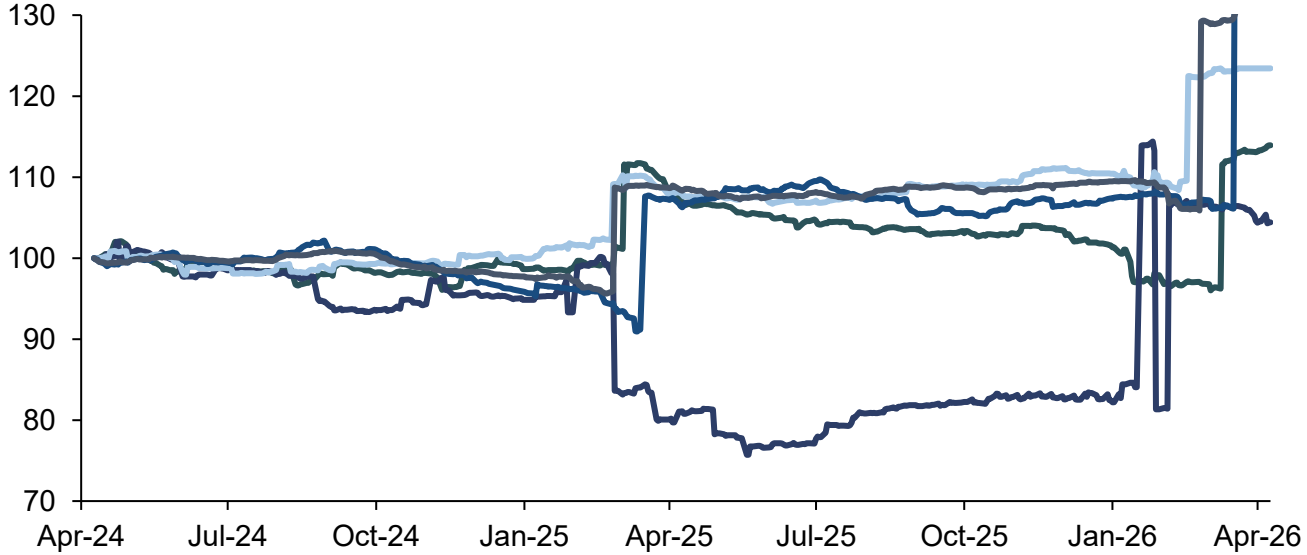
12 month forward EPS (indexed to 100 at start)



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward EPS

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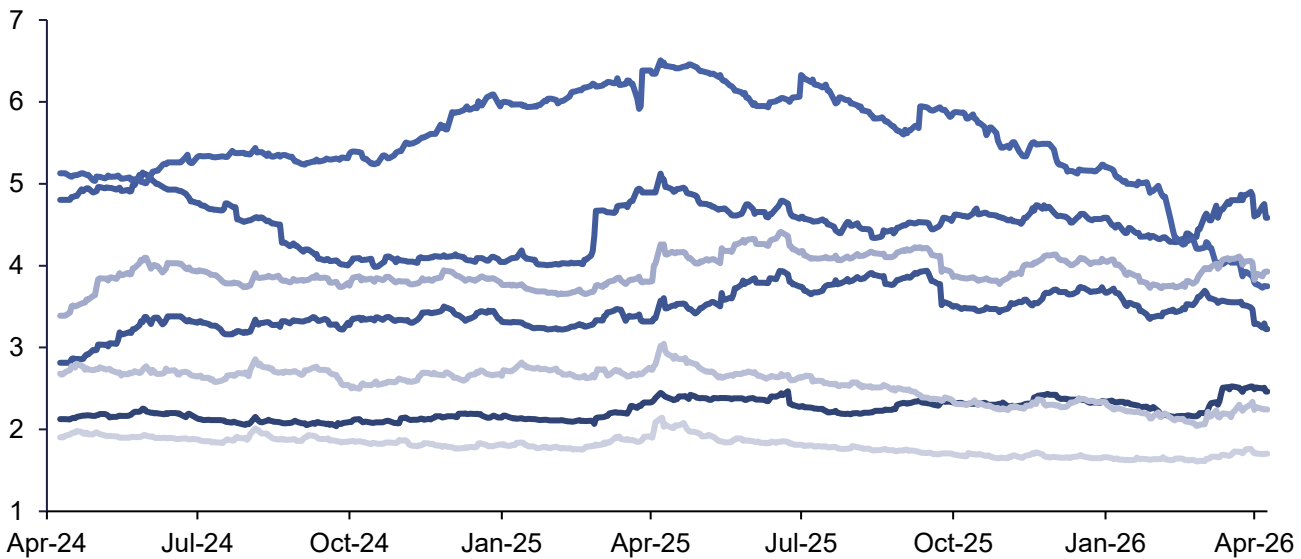


- TADAWUL ALL SHARE INDEX
- MSCI GCC COUNTRIES
- MSCI ACWI
- KWSE Premier Mkt
- MSCI EM

Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward dividend yields

12m Forward Dividend Yield



- FTSE ADX GENERAL INDEX
- MSX30 Index
- MSCI ACWI
- TADAWUL ALL SHARE INDEX
- MSCI GCC COUNTRIES
- QE Index
- MSCI EM

Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

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