

GCC market performance and activity summary

GCC fixed income

Global benchmark bond index posted marginal declines for the week ending 28th April. The Global Aggregate index declined (-0.39%) and Global Treasuries also posted declines (-0.43%). In credit, Global corporate IG index and Global HY index posted declines. EM USD bonds recorded declines. Led by EMEA (-0.49%).

All GCC bond indices recorded declines over the week. Bahrain and UAE underperformed the most. Saudi Arabi, Oman and Kuwait also posted declines. 5Y sovereign CDS spreads winded across all GCC markets. In the USD sovereign market, the 10yr bond yields gained across all GCC markets, led by Bahrain.

GCC equities

GCC regional indices ended mixed over the week – Bahrain, UAE, and Oman underperformed the most. Overall, MSCI EM posted gains. MSCI GCC and MSCI ACWI all posted declines.

GCC key macro developments

- ▶ United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced its decision to exit OPEC and OPEC+ from May 2026.
- ▶ GCC bond and sukuk issuances reach USD55bn in Q1 2026.
- ▶ Aldar Group net profit surged 20% in Q1 of 2026 to USD626mn.
- ▶ Dubai Islamic Bank net profit reached USD489.85mn in Q1 of 2026.
- ▶ ADCB posted net profit of AED3.36bn in Q1 of 2026.

GCC corporate news

- ▶ Emirates NBD priced its USD750mn PNC6 AT1 bond.

GCC Weekly Market Performance

Index				Rates			
	Latest	-1w %	YTD %		Latest	-1w (bp)	YTD (bp)
Fixed Income				3M interbank			
Global Agg	501.5	-0.39	8.44	Saudi	4.73	-6.82	-12.80
Global Treasuries	207.5	-0.43	6.63	UAE	3.76	0.58	28.49
EM USD Agg TR	1398.3	-0.39	11.94	Kuwait	3.56	0.00	-
EM LatAm TR	1304.1	-0.46	15.12	Bahrain	5.12	-0.29	13.94
EM EMEA TR	409.6	-0.49	11.12	Oman	4.30	-	#VALUE!
EM Asia TR	709.2	-0.10	9.22	Qatar	4.08	5.94	-
Bahrain TR	220.9	-0.80	8.68	US SOFR	3.63	-1.00	-24.00
Oman TR	175.5	-0.32	12.16	5Y Sov. CDS			
Kuwait TR	168.7	-0.29	7.53	Saudi Arabia	69.67	1.20	1.50
Qatar TR	148.4	-0.40	7.84	Abu Dhabi	45.40	4.40	16.90
Saudi Arabia TR	153.9	-0.33	9.04	Dubai	87.12	7.40	35.60
UAE TR	153.6	-0.49	7.71	Kuwait	59.62	0.30	6.10
Equity				Bahrain	260.01	20.80	71.60
ADX	9870.4	0.51	5.51	Oman	74.87	1.70	-
DFM	5870.2	0.72	13.67	Qatar	38.19	0.50	10.10
Tadawul	11180.0	-0.58	-7.62	10Y yield			
DSM	10622.6	-0.52	0.49	Saudi Arabia	4.91	7.00	-49.00
MSM30	8237.3	0.43	79.92	Abu Dhabi	4.60	7.80	-42.40
BHSE	1957.9	1.25	-1.08	Dubai	4.47	11.50	-36.20
KWSE	9420.0	-0.48	20.00	Bahrain	6.84	18.40	-12.60
MSCI GCC	761.2	-0.55	4.82	Oman	4.83	7.90	-90.40
MSCI EM	1616.9	0.61	50.97	Qatar	4.40	9.70	-43.90
MSCI ACWI	1069.0	-0.22	27.27				

Note: data from 22nd April 2026 to 28th April 2026, Source: Moody's rating, Fitch ratings, Bloomberg, ADCB Asset Management.

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Developments

► **United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced its decision to exit OPEC and OPEC+ from May 2026**

The United Arab Emirates has announced its decision to withdraw from the OPEC and OPEC+ effective 1 May 2026, reflecting its long-term economic strategy and evolving energy priorities, particularly increased investment in domestic production capacity; the decision follows a comprehensive review of production policy, current output, and future capacity, and is grounded in national interests while maintaining a commitment to meeting global energy demand responsibly, especially amid near-term market volatility linked to disruptions in key routes such as the Arabian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz, alongside expectations of sustained medium- to long-term demand growth; having played a central role in supporting oil market stability since joining OPEC in 1967 through Abu Dhabi and continuing after the federation's formation in 1971, the UAE views this move as a strategic evolution that enhances flexibility to respond to changing market dynamics while preserving its role as a reliable and responsible energy supplier of cost-competitive and relatively lower-carbon resources, with plans to increase production gradually in line with demand; the country will continue collaborating with global partners to develop its resource base and support economic diversification, while reaffirming that the decision does not alter its commitment to global market stability or cooperation with producers and consumers, but rather strengthens its ability to address evolving market needs; the UAE also expressed appreciation for its longstanding partnership with OPEC and OPEC+, highlighting its contributions over decades while emphasizing a shift toward prioritizing national objectives and stakeholder commitments, and confirmed that its future energy policy will remain guided by market fundamentals, with continued investment across oil, gas, renewables, and low-carbon solutions to support resilience and the long-term transformation of the global energy system. (Source: Zawya).

► **GCC bond and sukuk issuances reach USD55bn in Q1 2026**

The GCC fixed income market recorded solid growth in the first quarter of 2026, with total bond and sukuk issuances reaching USD55.04bn across 95 transactions, marking a 5.64% YoY increase according to Markaz, supported by strong government-backed issuance and robust investor demand; Saudi Arabia led regional activity with USD32.54bn in issuances, representing 59.1% of the total market, followed by the United Arab Emirates at USD13.57bn (24.7%), with additional contributions from Qatar (USD4.2bn), Bahrain (USD2.1bn), Kuwait (USD1.98bn), and Oman (USD650mn), highlighting broad-based participation across the region; in terms of sectoral distribution, government entities remained the largest issuers with USD20.46bn, followed closely by the financial sector at USD19.45bn and the energy sector at USD5.52bn, while investor preference leaned toward conventional bonds, which accounted for USD35.89bn or 65.2% of total issuances, compared to USD19.15bn in sukuk, with large-scale deals exceeding USD1bn playing a significant role in driving overall volumes, contributing USD33.33bn to the total issuance activity. (Source: Zawya).

► **Aldar Group net profit surged 20% in Q1 of 2026 to USD626mn**

Aldar Group has recorded strong financial and operational results in Q1 of 2026 with a 20% jump in YoY net profit which rose to AED2.3bn (USD626mn), driven by the realisation of development revenue backlog and resilient earnings from a diversified, defensive investment properties portfolio. Earnings per share for the Q1 of 2026 period increased 25% YoY to AED0.25. Aldar achieved sales of AED6.7bn in Q1, with UAE sales contributing AED5.9bn. Sustained demand among international buyers, with UAE sales to overseas and expat resident customers reaching AED5.3bn in Q1, representing 88% of total UAE sales. (Source: Zawya).

► **Dubai Islamic Bank net profit reached USD489.85mn in Q1 of 2026**

Dubai Islamic Bank (DIB) posted flat net earnings for Q1 of 2026, impacted by a declining rate environment. Net profit of Q1 of 2026 reached AED1.799bn (USD489.8mn), hardly changed from AED1.798bn a year earlier. Pre-tax net profit stood at AED2.1bn. Net profit margin contracted by 40bp to 2.5%, while the non-performing financing ratio improved to 2.5%, declining by 14bp YTD. (Source: Zawya).

► **Emirates NBD priced its USD750mn PNC6 AT1 bond**

Emirates NBD (ENBD) priced its USD750mn Regulation S perpetual non call 6-year AT1 bond at par to yield 6.25% over a 4.073% benchmark, from IPTs in the 6.75% area. The orderbook peaked more than USD2.5bn before finalising at USD1.8bn, excluding JLM interest. A listing on Euronext Dublin and Nasdaq Dubai will follow. (Source: Zawya).

► **ADCB posted net profit of AED3.36bn in Q1 of 2026**

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank (ADCB) reported a net profit after tax of AED3.361bn for Q1 of 2026, delivering a return on average equity of 16.3%. ADCB recorded a pre-tax profit of AED3.781bn, marking a 30% increase compared to the same period last year and extending its growth streak to 19 consecutive quarters. Operating income rose 18% YoY to AED5.934bn, by strong growth in non-interest income, which increased 36% to AED2.196bn billion. Efficiency improved further, with the cost-to-income ratio declining by 360bp to 25.6%, reflecting revenue growth and disciplined cost management. On the balance sheet, total assets increased 19% to AED809bn, while net loans to customers rose 18% to AED426bn. Customer deposits also grew 18% to AED523bn. The bank maintained strong liquidity and capital positions, with a common equity tier 1 ratio of 13.82% and a liquidity coverage ratio of 124.2%. (Source: ADCB).

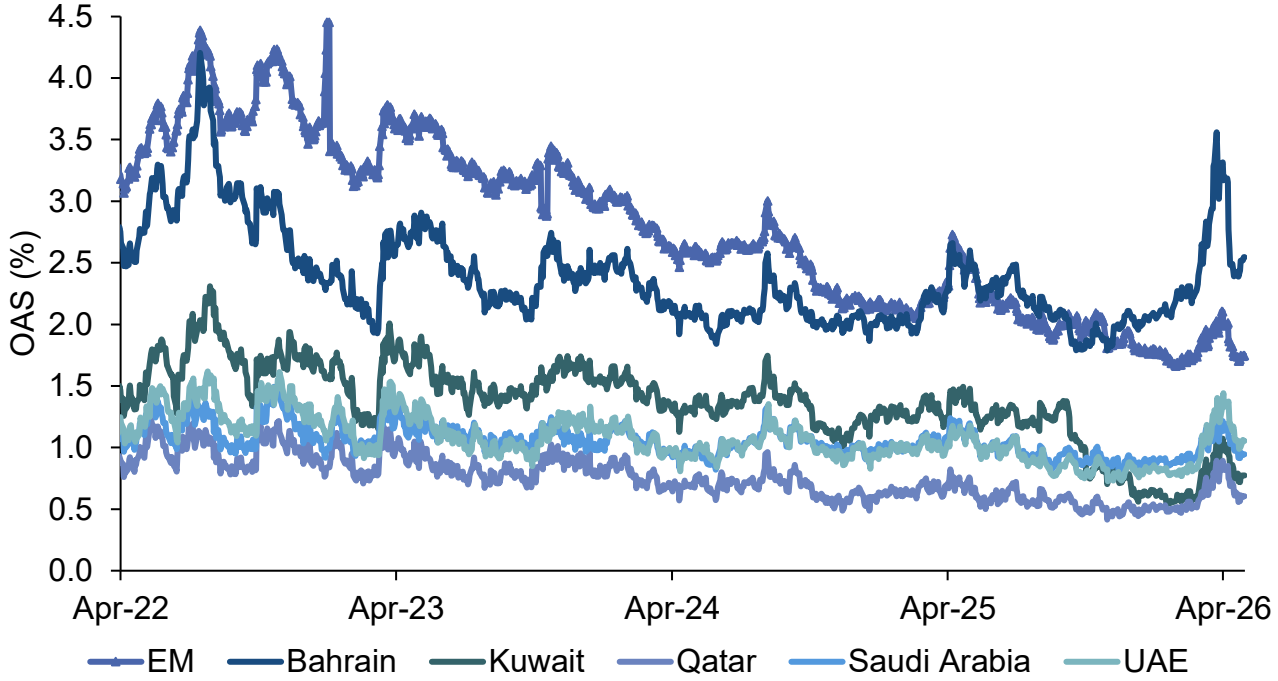
GCC bond issuances

Issuer	BBG	Sector	Country	Issue Amt*	Cpn	Maturity	Maturity Type	Currency	Issue Date	Rtg^	YTM (mid)	YTC (mid)
Qatar Government International Bond	QATAR	Sovereign	QA	3000	4.8	4/8/2033	CALLABLE	USD	4/8/2026	-	4.55	4.54
Abu Dhabi Government	ADGB	Sovereign	AE	2000	4.625	4/20/2033	AT MATURITY	USD	4/20/2026	AA	4.51	-
Oman Government Bond	OMANGB	Treasury	OM	259.73	4.2	4/23/2031	AT MATURITY	OMR	4/23/2026	-	-	-
Al Rajhi Sukuk Ltd	RJHIAB	Financial Institutions	SA	750	6.15	4/21/2036	CALLABLE	USD	4/21/2026	BBB+	6.33	5.93
Kuwait Government Bond	KUWGB	Treasury	KW	649.36	3	4/19/2028	AT MATURITY	KWD	4/22/2026	-	-	-
Kuwait Government Bond	KUWGB	Treasury	KW	649.36	3	4/18/2029	AT MATURITY	KWD	4/22/2026	-	-	-
Oman Government Bond	OMANGB	Treasury	OM	259.74	4.2	4/23/2031	AT MATURITY	OMR	4/23/2026	-	4.20	-
QNB Finance Ltd	QNBK	Agency	QA	1000	4.7255 99	4/27/2029	AT MATURITY	USD	4/27/2026	-	4.79	-

*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

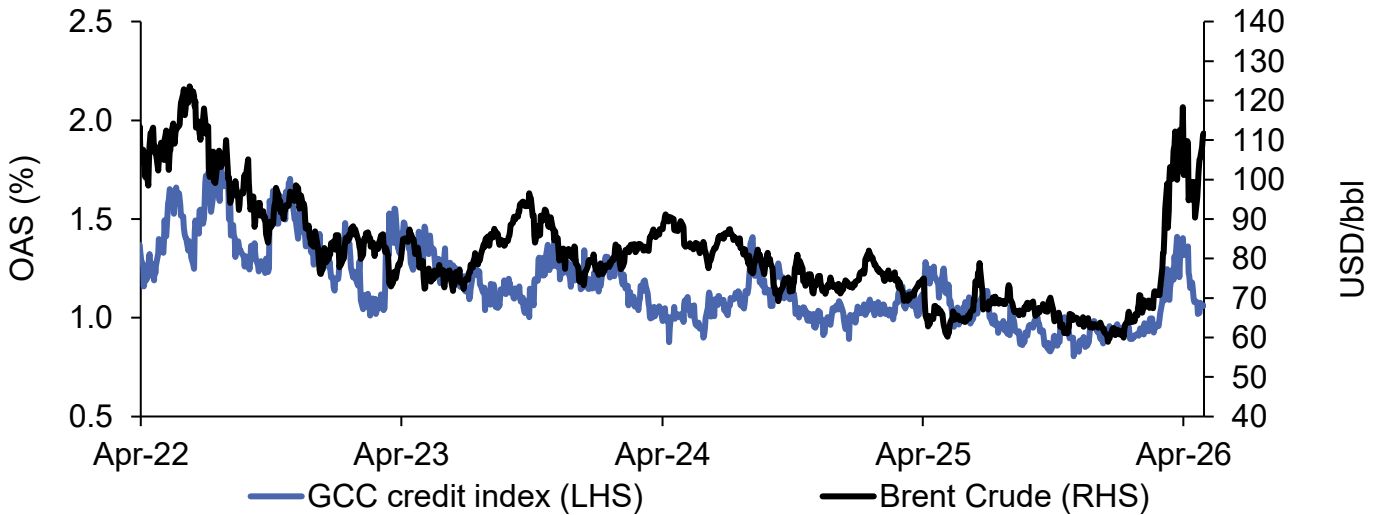
Appendix

Bloomberg Barclays Bond Indices OAS spread (EM vs GCC)



Source: Bloomberg Sovereign Bond Indices, ADCB Asset Management

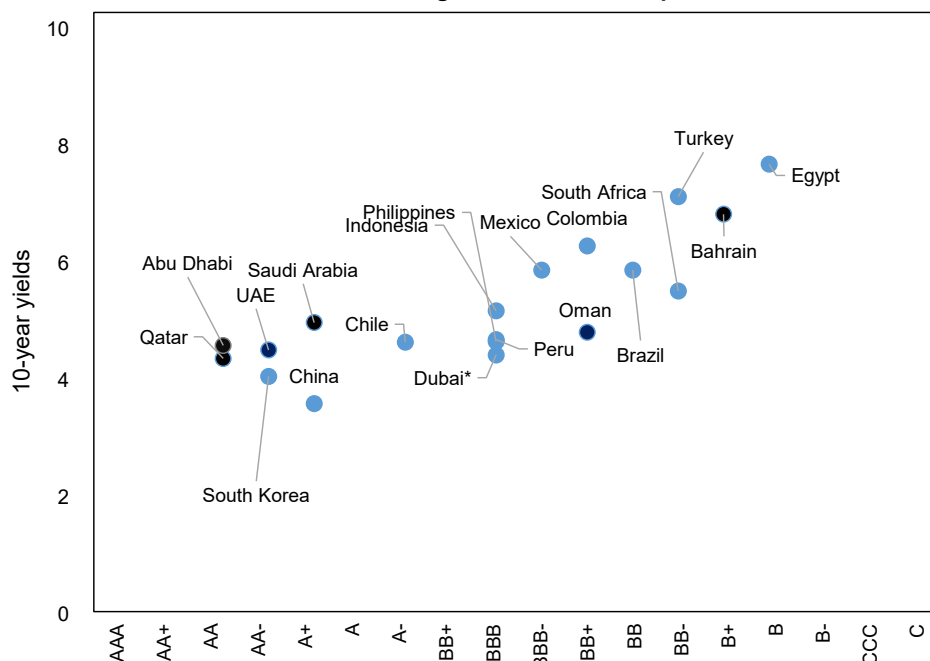
GCC corporate OAS spread versus Brent Crude



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

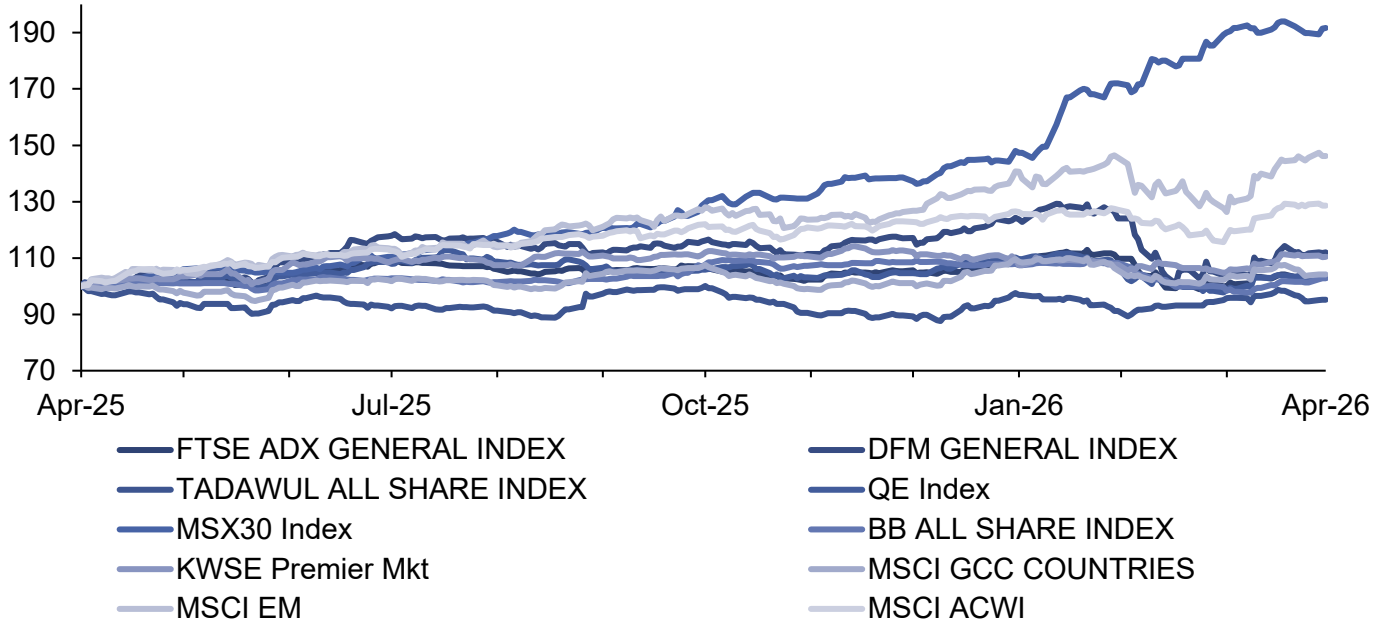
GCC equities – performance, earnings, and valuations snapshot

Equity Index	12M forward PE	12M forward EPS growth	12M forward dividend yield
ADX	10.9x	38.4%	2.5%
DFM	10.1x	-	5.1%
Tadawul	15.1x	8.4%	3.5%
DSM	12.0x	-3.9%	4.7%
MSM30	14.9x	-	3.8%
BHSE	6.4x	-	11.4%
KWSE	13.4x	41.6%	3.8%
MSCI GCC	12.6x	13.4%	4.1%
MSCI EM	12.5x	46.5%	2.1%
MSCI ACWI	18.7x	25.1%	1.6%

Notes: *data as of 01 May 2026 | Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 1Y Performance

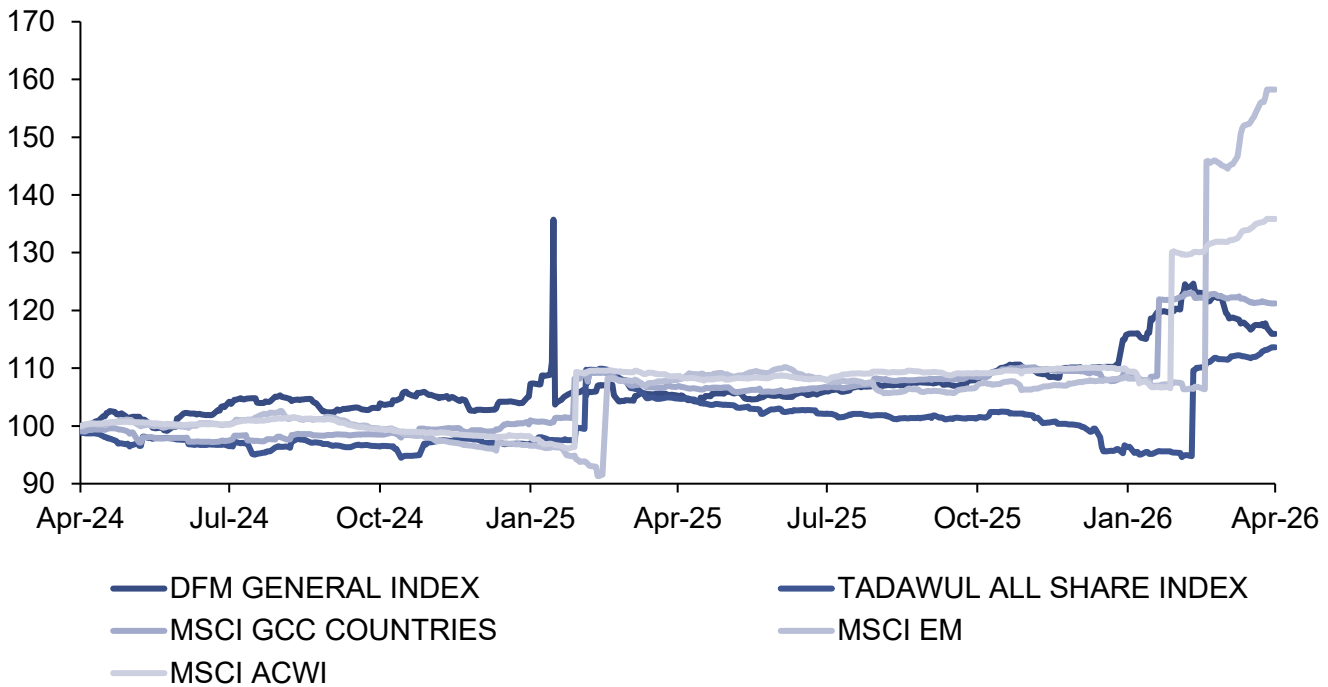
1Y performance



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward PE

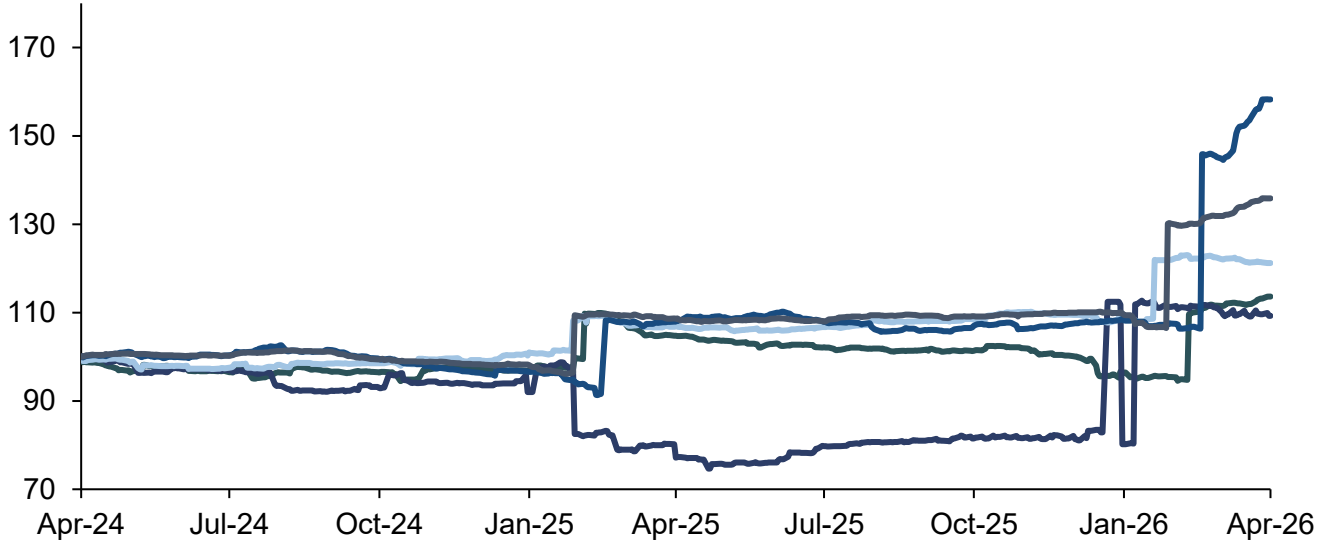
12 month forward EPS (indexed to 100 at start)



Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

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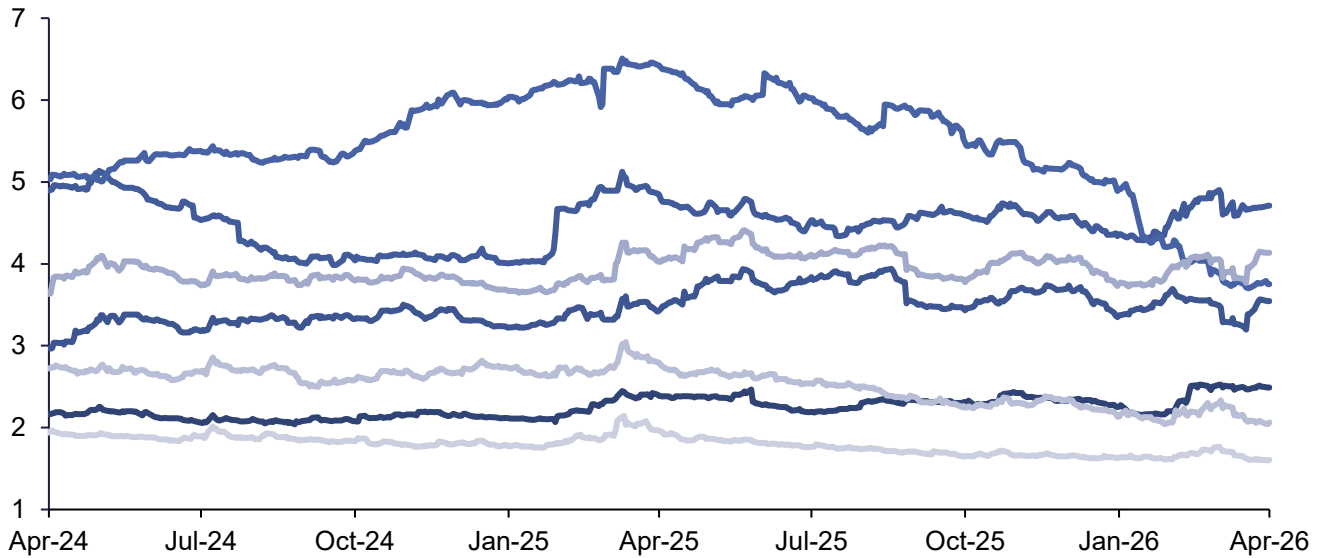


- TADAWUL ALL SHARE INDEX
- MSCI GCC COUNTRIES
- MSCI ACWI
- KWSE Premier Mkt
- MSCI EM

Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

GCC equity 12m forward dividend yields

12m Forward Dividend Yield



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

Source: Bloomberg, ADCB

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