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# Global & GCC Capital Markets Review

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# Global Markets ended mildly positive

## Global Market Performance

| Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | 2023 | Jan-24 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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) 12.0% | Crypto (Bitcoin) 155.7% | Oil (Brent) 6.1% |
| 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% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 4.8% | US Equity (S&P 500) 24.2% | US Equity (S&P 500) 1.6% |
| 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% | US Equity (S&P 500) 4.4% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 21.8% | DM Equity (MSCI World) 1.1% |
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*Source: Refinitiv, All Index returns are price returns*

- Global and U.S. markets were mildly positive despite stronger than expected U.S economic growth reducing the possibility of early rate cuts.
- Oil price settled at USD 81.7 per barrel, recording a monthly gain of 6.1% supported by the ongoing geopolitical conflicts in the Middle East and projections for strong oil demand in 2024.
- The MSCI EM index experienced a 4.7% decline over the month, primarily driven by a 6.3% drop in the Chinese stock index. Chinese stocks were burdened by increasing geopolitical uncertainties and ongoing deflationary pressures in the economy.

# Kuwait outperforms other GCC markets

## GCC Market Performance

| Feb-23 | Mar-23 | Apr-23 | May-23 | Jun-23 | Jul-23 | Aug-23 | Sep-23 | Oct-23 | Nov-23 | Dec-23 | 2023 | Jan-24 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 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% | GCC Bonds (S&P Index) -2.6% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) 5.4% | Qatar Equity (QE Index) 7.9% | Dubai Equity (DFMGI) 21.7% | Kuwait Equity (All Share TR) 6.6% |
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*Source: Refinitiv, All Index returns expect Kuwait TR are price returns*

- GCC equity markets were mixed for the month despite a surge in oil prices.
- Kuwait equity index recorded a positive start to the year and was the top gainer among GCC markets in January 2024. Kuwait markets have rebounded after a decline in 2023.
- The Qatar equity index dropped by 6.8%, owing to a significant decline in natural gas prices.
- Dubai equity index increased despite a fall in real estate stocks. Emaar Properties and Emaar Developers fell 6.2% and 2.7% respectively during the month.

# Kuwait equities off to a good start in 2024

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kuwait Index* | Mkt. Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM (x) | ADVT (USD Mn.) |
| | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 | 5 Yr. CAGR | | |
| All Share Index Total Return (150) | 144 | 6.6% | 6.6% | -3.3% | 10.5% | 14.4 | 187 |
| Premier Market Index (31) | 116 | 6.5% | 6.5% | -8.1% | 7.9% | 16.1 | 132 |
| Main Market Index (119) | 29 | 7.2% | 7.2% | -0.5% | 4.5% | 9.9 | 55 |
| Main Market (50) | 20 | 7.9% | 7.9% | -4.5% | - | 9.7 | 47 |

| Sectoral Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sector | Mkt. Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | P/E TTM (x) | ADVT (USD Mn.) |
| | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 | | |
| Banks | 91.4 | 6.6% | 6.6% | -8.2% | 16.4 | 59.0 |
| Financial Services | 12.6 | 12.1% | 12.1% | -3.6% | 11.9 | 62.2 |
| Telecom | 11.0 | 7.7% | 7.7% | -6.5% | 10.0 | 5.9 |
| Industrials | 10.2 | 8.5% | 8.5% | -15.8% | 14.0 | 17.3 |
| Real Estate | 8.5 | 0.9% | 0.9% | 0.3% | 14.4 | 31.2 |
| Insurance | 3.0 | 3.0% | 3.0% | 47.8% | 8.0 | 0.2 |
| Basic Materials | 1.4 | 1.9% | 1.9% | -13.8% | 10.8 | 2.3 |
| Healthcare | 0.8 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 4.4% | 12.1 | 0.0 |
| Energy | 0.7 | 7.1% | 7.1% | 37.2% | 14.1 | 1.1 |
| Consumer Staples | 0.6 | 7.8% | 7.8% | -16.6% | 10.2 | 0.2 |
| Technology | 0.0 | 248.4% | 248.4% | -16.9% | - | 0.0 |
| Consumer Discretionary | - | -1.3% | -1.3% | 7.9% | - | 7.8 |
| Utilities | - | -1.7% | -1.7% | -8.0% | - | 0.3 |

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

- Kuwait's All Share Index (Total Return) posted a monthly rise of 6.6%, driven up by broad gains in most of the sectors.
- The establishment of a new Kuwaiti cabinet, the upturn in non-oil activity, and anticipated rate cuts by the U.S. Federal Reserve in H2- 2024 have bolstered investor confidence.
- Kuwait's budget deficit in the fiscal year 2024/2025 is expected to hit KD 5.89 billion (USD 19.15 billion), down 13.5% on y/y basis based on the oil price assumption of USD 70/bbl.

# Banking stocks supported the rebound in Premier markets

| Company Name | Sector | FF Mkt. Cap. (USD Mn.) | Premier Market Stocks' Performance | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Total Returns | | |
| | | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 |
| NBK | Banking | 23,849 | 9.6% | 9.6% | -9.9% |
| KFH | Banking | 22,563 | 6.3% | 6.3% | 0.1% |
| Boubyan Bank | Banking | 2,594 | 2.3% | 2.3% | -19.6% |
| Gulf Bank | Banking | 1,844 | 3.2% | 3.2% | -2.1% |
| Warba Bank | Banking | 707 | 1.6% | 1.6% | -17.4% |
| Burgan Bank | Banking | 596 | 11.6% | 11.6% | -14.7% |
| KIB | Banking | 430 | 8.0% | 8.0% | -14.5% |
| National Industries Group | Financial Services | 1,357 | 17.2% | 17.2% | 1.2% |
| GFH Financial Group | Financial Services | 820 | 5.8% | 5.8% | 7.1% |
| Boursa Kuwait | Financial Services | 659 | 17.7% | 17.7% | -12.2% |
| Kuwait Projects Company | Financial Services | 548 | 3.8% | 3.8% | -6.2% |
| National Investments Co. | Financial Services | 372 | 13.4% | 13.4% | 14.9% |
| Arzan Financial Group | Financial Services | 263 | 7.6% | 7.6% | 93.2% |
| Aayan Leasing and Inv. | Financial Services | 263 | 9.2% | 9.2% | 38.7% |
| Alimtiaz Inv. | Financial Services | 154 | -1.2% | -1.2% | -24.6% |
| Kuwait Investment Company | Financial Services | 113 | 49.6% | 49.6% | -12.9% |
| Agility | Industrials | 2,856 | 13.9% | 13.9% | -29.3% |
| Humansoft Holding | Industrials | 1,034 | 1.0% | 1.0% | 12.9% |
| Gulf Cable and Electrical | Industrials | 508 | 9.9% | 9.9% | 13.5% |
| ALAFCO | Industrials | 390 | 12.8% | 12.8% | -11.3% |
| HEISCO | Industrials | 254 | 4.9% | 4.9% | 43.4% |
| Integrated Holding | Industrials | 251 | 3.4% | 3.4% | 38.0% |
| Zain | Telecommunications | 3,822 | 3.7% | 3.7% | -3.9% |
| Mabanee | Real Estate | 1,582 | -8.7% | -8.7% | 7.3% |
| Al Tijaria | Real Estate | 483 | 3.9% | 3.9% | 9.4% |
| Kuwait RE Company | Real Estate | 479 | 17.1% | 17.1% | 100.8% |
| Boubyan Petro. | Basic Materials | 754 | 1.7% | 1.7% | -21.1% |
| Ali Alghanim Sons | Consumer Discretionary | 454 | 11.0% | 11.0% | 40.2% |
| Jazeera Airways | Consumer Discretionary | 254 | -18.0% | -18.0% | -23.6% |
| Shamal Az-Zour Al-Oula | Utilities | 299 | -1.7% | -1.7% | -3.4% |
| Mezzan Holding | Consumer Staples | 166 | 7.0% | 7.0% | 50.4% |

*Source: Refinitiv*

- NBK and KFH, the two leading banks in terms of market capitalization, posted monthly total returns of 9.6% and 6.3% respectively, driven by expectations of favorable earnings announcements.
- Among Premier Market stocks, Kuwait Investment Company and Boursa Kuwait Securities Company gained the most, recording total returns of 49.6% and 17.7% respectively.
- Kuwait Investment Company's stock price moved owing to some large block trades during the month without any material disclosures from the company.

# GCC index weighed down by Saudi and Qatar markets

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | FF-Adj. Mkt. Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM (x) | ADVT – 1M (USD Mn.) |
| | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 | 5 Yr. CAGR | | |
| **GCC (S&P GCC)** | 713 | -0.6% | -0.6% | 6.2% | 5.1% | 14.8 | - |
| Saudi (TASI) | 502 | -1.4% | -1.4% | 14.2% | 6.6% | 19.8 | 1,449 |
| Abu Dhabi (ADI) | 207 | -0.7% | -0.7% | -6.2% | 13.5% | 17.9 | 370 |
| Kuwait (All Share TR) | 90 | 6.6% | 6.6% | -3.1% | 10.5% | 15.3 | 138 |
| Qatar(QE Index) | 70 | -6.8% | -6.8% | 1.4% | -1.2% | 11.7 | 157 |
| Dubai (DFMGI) | 56 | 2.7% | 2.7% | 21.7% | 10.2% | 9.1 | 69 |

| Performance of S&P GCC Total Return Index | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
| Jan | 5.2% | 6.9% | -0.8% | 2.0% | 7.0% | 1.7% | -0.6% |
| 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% | 5.9% | |
| **Yearly Returns** | **12.7%** | **12.5%** | **2.1%** | **35.2%** | **-4.8%** | **10.0%** | **-0.6%** |
| **$1 invested in 2018** | **1.13** | **1.27** | **1.29** | **1.75** | **1.67** | **1.83** | **1.82** |

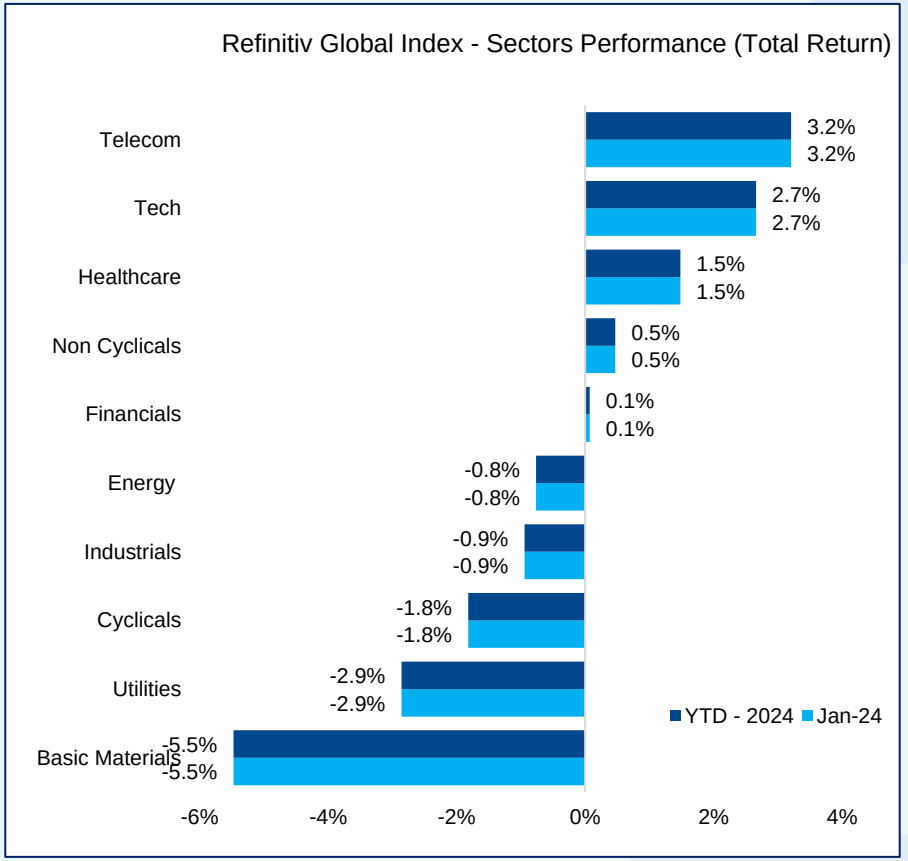
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- The S&P GCC composite index experienced a slight decrease of 0.6% over the month, primarily influenced by the negative performance of the Saudi and Qatar equity indices, which declined by 1.4% and 6.8% respectively.
- Alinma Bank recorded a monthly total return of 7.2% following its announcement of doubling its stake in Arabian Shield (insurance company in KSA).
- The Dubai equity index saw a 2.7% increase, buoyed by robust earnings from blue-chip stocks. Emirates NBD achieved a total return of 2.3% following its announcement of a surge in net profit of 65% for the full year 2023.

# Emerging Markets underperform relative to global markets

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Market Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM |
| | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 | 5 Yr. CAGR | |
| MSCI World | 57,656 | 1.1% | 1.1% | 21.8% | 9.6% | 20.7 |
| S&P 500 (U.S.A.) | 42,302 | 1.6% | 1.6% | 24.2% | 12.4% | 24.1 |
| TOPIX (Japan) | 6,037 | 7.8% | 7.8% | 25.1% | 10.2% | 14.0 |
| France 40 Index (France) | 2,716 | 1.5% | 1.5% | 16.5% | 8.9% | 13.8 |
| FTSE 100 (U.K.) | 2,617 | -1.3% | -1.3% | 3.8% | 1.8% | 10.3 |
| S&P TSX Index (Canada) | 2,525 | 0.3% | 0.3% | 8.1% | 6.2% | 15.8 |
| DAX Index (Germany) | 1,723 | 0.9% | 0.9% | 20.3% | 8.6% | 12.7 |

| Market Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Market Cap. (USD Bn.) | Returns | | | | P/E TTM |
| | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 | 5 Yr. CAGR | |
| MSCI Emerging Market Index | 6,761 | -4.7% | -4.7% | 7.0% | -1.5% | 14.5 |
| Shanghai SE Index (China) | 6,475 | -6.3% | -6.3% | -3.7% | 1.6% | 13.8 |
| Nifty 50 (India) | 1,677 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 20.0% | 14.9% | 26.3 |
| TSEC weighted index (Taiwan) | 1,814 | -0.2% | -0.2% | 26.8% | 12.5% | 18.9 |
| Bovespa (Brazil) | 748 | -4.8% | -4.8% | 22.3% | 5.6% | 8.9 |



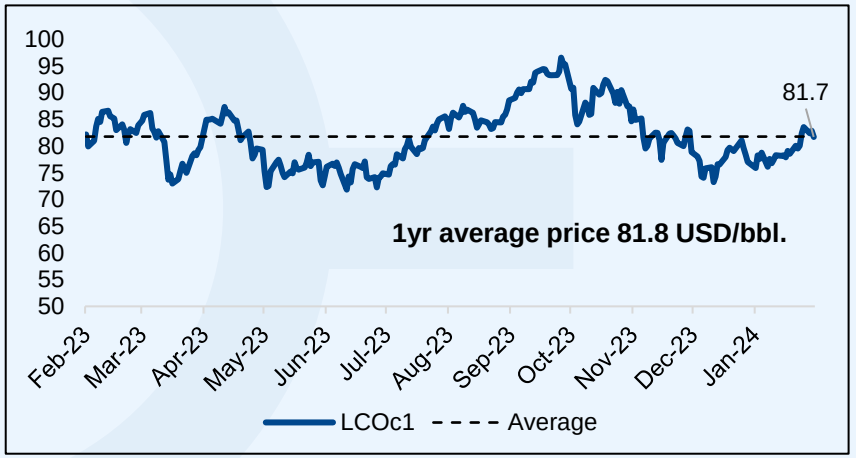

- Chinese stocks recorded a negative performance due to huge sell-offs from international investors. A record downturn in real estate, deflation, huge debt, a falling birthrate and shrinking work force are major factors that affected the investor sentiments.
- U.S. Technology stocks rallied during the month driven by the continued momentum for generative AI.

*Source: Refinitiv*

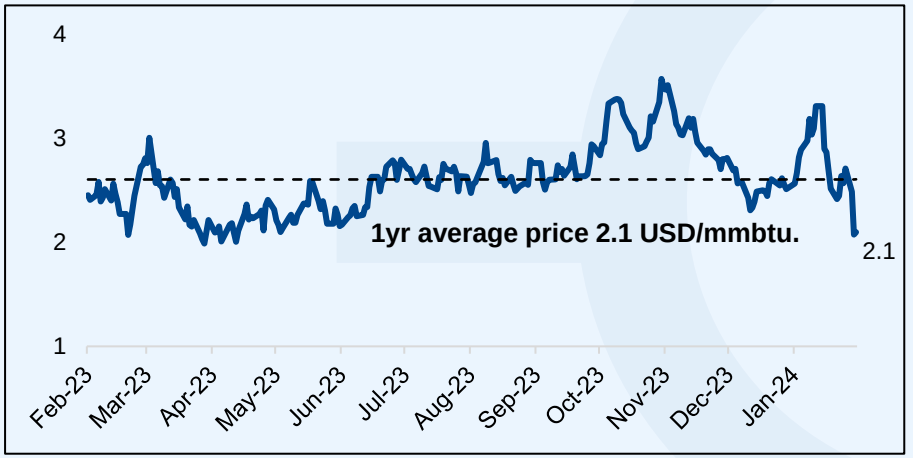
# Oil prices increased for the month due to supply disruptions

| | Price Close | Returns | | | 52 Wk. High | 52 Wk. Low |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 | | |
| Brent Crude | 81.7 | 6.1% | 6.1% | -10.3% | 96.6 | 71.8 |
| Natural Gas (NYMEX) | 2.1 | -16.5% | -16.5% | -43.8% | 3.6 | 2.0 |

## Oil Price Chart (USD/bbl)




## Natural Gas Price Chart (USD/mmbtu)




- The disruption of oil supply from two major oil fields in Libya and attack in the Red Sea drove up oil prices. IEA expects oil demand to grow by 1.24 million barrels per day (bpd) in 2024, up 180,000 bpd from previous estimates.
- Natural gas prices witnessed a steep decline of 16.5% during the month amidst warmer temperatures expected in late January leading to reduced demand for heating.

*Source: Refinitiv*

# Treasury yields rebound after Fed Chair's hawkish comments

| Performance of Key 10-Year Sovereign Bonds | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Issuer, Maturity Year | YTM (%) | Jan-24 Price Returns (in %) | YTD - 2024 Price Returns (in %) | Current spread to US 10Y (in bps) |
| Kuwait Sov, 2027 | 4.3 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 37 |
| KSA Sov, 2029 | 4.7 | -1.1% | -1.1% | 77 |
| Qatar Sov, 2029 | 4.3 | -0.3% | -0.3% | 30 |
| Abu Dhabi Sov, 2029 | 4.4 | -0.8% | -0.8% | 41 |

| 10Y Sovereign Yields | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Current (%) | Spread over 10Y UST (in bps) | | |
| | | Current | 1M ago | 1Y ago |
| U.S.A | 3.95 | - | - | - |
| UK | 3.80 | -15 | -16 | -9 |
| Germany | 2.16 | -179 | -127 | -111 |
| Japan | 0.74 | -321 | -341 | -291 |
| Canada | 3.32 | -63 | -54 | -54 |
| France | 2.66 | -129 | -72 | -64 |

| 5Y CDS Spreads | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Market | Current | 2022 | 52 - Week | |
| | | | High | Low |
| Saudi Arabia | 57.8 | 47.7 | 77.1 | 46.2 |
| Abu-Dhabi | 42.8 | 32.8 | 60.2 | 32.8 |
| Dubai | 66.6 | 65.0 | 90.1 | 60.2 |
| Kuwait | 44.9 | 30.1 | 49.6 | 29.8 |
| Qatar | 47.7 | 32.8 | 72.1 | 32.7 |

| Performance of Key 10-Year Corporate Bonds | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Issuer, Maturity Year | YTM (%) | Jan-24 Price Returns (in %) | YTD - 2024 Price Returns (in %) | Current spread to US 10Y (in bps) |
| Aramco, 2030 | 5.0 | -1.9% | -1.9% | 108.3 |
| Ooredoo, 2031 | 4.8 | -0.4% | -0.4% | 81.8 |
| QNB, 2031 | 4.8 | -0.2% | -0.2% | 89.4 |
| ETISALAT, 2024 | 6.9 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 291.7 |
| ENBD, 2030 | 5.5 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 153.6 |

| 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 | Aa2 | Stable | AA- | Positive |
| Oman | BB+ | Stable | Ba1 | Stable | BB+ | Stable |
| Bahrain | B+ | Stable | B2 | Stable | B+ | Stable |

- The yield on the 10-year U.S. Treasury note crossed the 4% threshold in mid-January and closed at 3.95% during the month. The investor concerns over geopolitical risks coupled with comments from Fed Chair that the rate cuts priced in by the markets for 2024 are unlikely, underpinned the rebound in yields.

*Source: Refinitiv*

# Bitcoin remained positive, supported by U.S. approval of Bitcoin ETF

| Performance & Key Metrics | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cryptocurrency | Current Price (in USD) | Market Cap (USD Bn) | Returns | | |
| | | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 |
| Bitcoin | 42,558.0 | 828 | 0.7% | 0.7% | 155.7% |
| Ethereum | 2,281.8 | 272 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 90.9% |
| Ripple | 0.5 | 27 | -18.3% | -18.3% | 81.5% |
| Cardano | 0.5 | 17 | -15.8% | -15.8% | 138.8% |
| Dogecoin | 0.1 | 11 | -11.2% | -11.2% | 26.8% |
| Bitcoin Cash | 234.0 | 5 | -9.8% | -9.8% | 167.5% |

| Blockchain ETF Performance | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| ETF Name | AuM (USD Mn.) | Returns | | |
| | | Jan - 24 | YTD - 2024 | 2023 |
| Amplify Transformational Data Sharing ETF | 1,085 | -9.5% | -9.5% | 97.4% |
| Invesco CoinShares Global Blockchain UCITS ETF Acc | 644 | -15.0% | -15.0% | 58.3% |
| Siren Nasdaq NexGen Economy ETF | 76 | -5.9% | -5.9% | 20.3% |
| First Trust Indxx Innovative Transactn & Proc ETF | 104 | -1.0% | -1.0% | 19.4% |
| Bitwise Crypto Industry Innovators ETF | 117 | -23.0% | -23.0% | 241.9% |

- Crypto markets were mixed during the month. Bitcoin performance remained positive due to the approval of the Bitcoin ETF by the U.S Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC announced its approval of 11 applications, which include those from BlackRock, Ark Investments, Fidelity, Invesco, and VanEck. This decision was made despite caution from some officials and investor advocates regarding the potential risks associated with these products.

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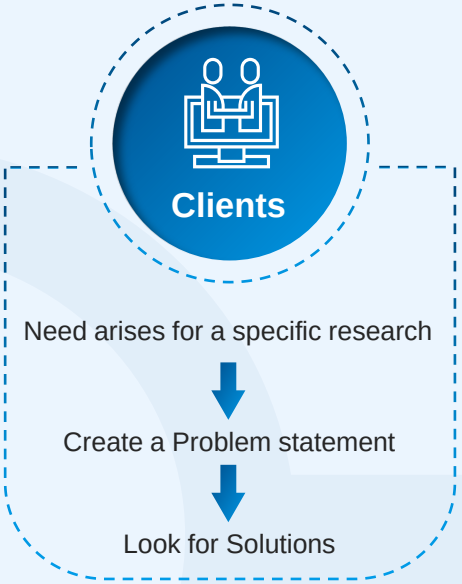
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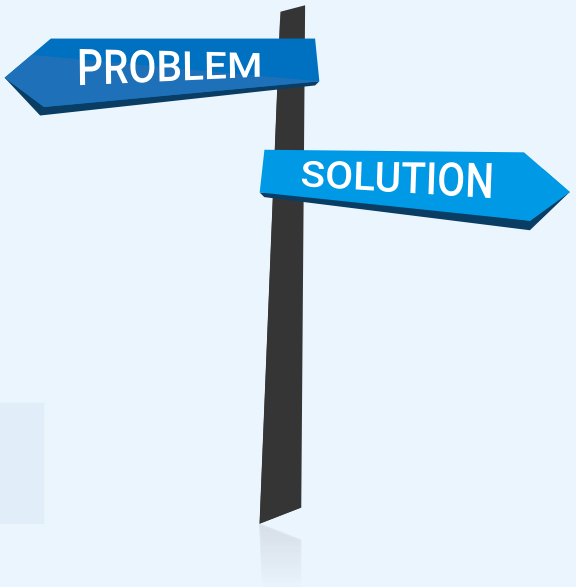
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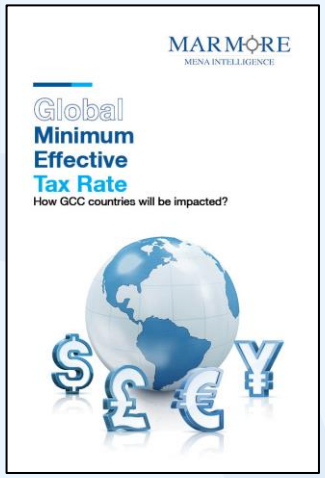
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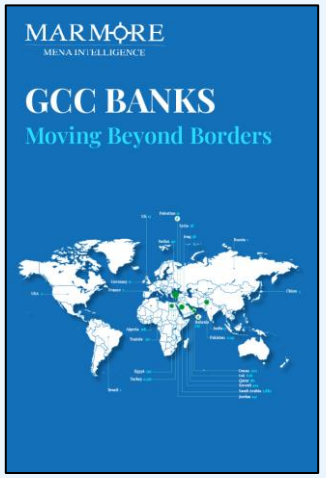
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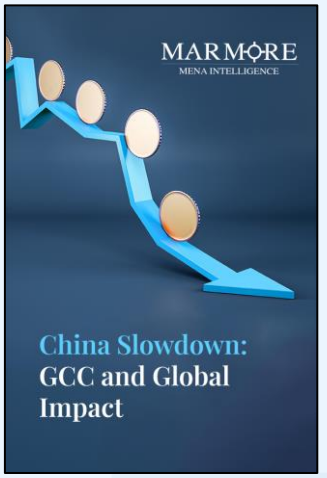
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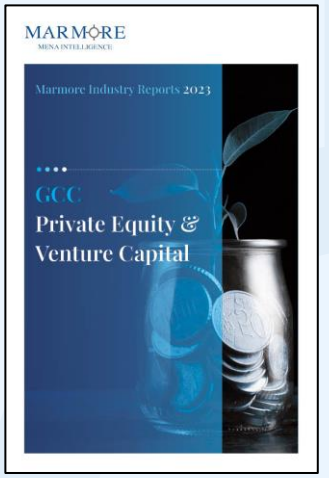






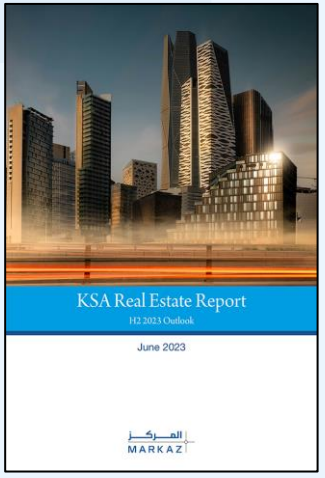


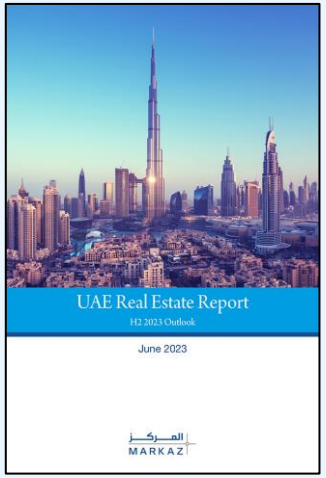















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