

# Weekly Market Brief

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- GCC Markets were mixed Kuwait KSE indicied bounced into positive territory week-on-week, Saudi's Tadawul extended gains while Dubai and Abu Dhabi saw deep losses and Oman remained a major outperformer.
- Global equities stayed under pressure, with US, European and most Asian indices down on the week and month, alongside elevated volatility.
- Commodities were a key standout, with oil surging further while gold eased on the week but remained strongly positive year-to-date.

## Kuwait & GCC Markets

Market	Index	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
Kuwait	Premier Market	0.56	0.32	-3.29
	Main Market	1.41	0.99	-3.66
	All Share	0.69	0.43	-3.35
Saudi Arabia	Tadawul	1.09	1.72	3.84
Abu Dhabi	ADX	-4.27	-9.31	-5.13
Dubai	DFMGI	-8.30	-16.56	-10.27
Qatar	QE index	-1.99	-5.15	-2.57
Bahrain	Bahrain All share	-1.77	-5.45	-5.72
Oman	Muscat SM	4.89	4.68	31.92

•Saudi Arabia's Tadawul rose 1.09% wtd and 1.72% mtd, pushing YTD performance up to 3.84%

•Oman's Muscat SM jumped 4.89% wtd and 4.68% mtd, extending its strong 31.92% YTD rally.

•The rest of the GCC was weak: ADX fell 4.27% wtd and 9.31% mtd, DFMGI dropped 8.30% wtd and 16.56% mtd, and Qatar, Bahrain also declined, leaving their YTD returns in negative territory.

## Global Markets, Currencies & Commodities

Market	Index	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
World	FTSE World	-1.86	-5.52	-1.43
Emerging Market	FTSE EM	-1.77	-6.97	0.68
US	S&P 500	-1.60	-3.59	-3.12
	Dow Jones	-1.99	-4.94	-3.13
	Nasdaq	-1.26	-2.48	-4.89
	VIX	14.48	36.91	81.87
EU & UK	Euro Stoxx 600	-0.47	-6.00	0.62
	FTSE 100	-0.23	-5.95	3.32
Asia	Nikkei (JP)	-3.24	-8.55	6.91
	Shanghai (CN)	-0.70	-1.62	3.19
	Nifty (IN)	-5.31	-8.05	-11.40
MENA	Turkey BIST 100	2.35	-4.56	16.26
	Egypt EGX 30	-1.53	-4.92	11.86
FX	Exchange Rate	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
USD/KWD	0.3077	-0.10	0.20	-0.03
EUR/USD	1.1444	-1.16	-3.07	-2.56
GBP/USD	1.3239	-0.91	-1.53	-1.58
Commodities	Price	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
Oil (Brent USD/bbl)	100.460	11.27	42.30	69.50
Gold	5,044.60	-1.62	-3.40	15.50

• In the US, the S&P 500, Dow Jones and Nasdaq fell 1.60%, 1.99% and 1.26% wtd respectively, with YTD returns now between about -3.1% and -4.9%, while the VIX remains elevated with an 81.87% YTD rise.

• Europe was comparatively resilient, as the Euro Stoxx 600 slipped just 0.47% wtd (still up 0.62% YTD) and the FTSE 100 edged down 0.23% wtd but holds a 3.32% YTD gain.

• In Asia and broader EM, Japan's Nikkei dropped 3.24% wtd and India's Nifty fell 5.31% wtd (now -11.40% YTD), while Turkey's BIST 100 rose 2.35% wtd (16.26% YTD) and Egypt's EGX 30 is up 11.86% YTD; oil climbed to 100.46 with 11.27% wtd and 69.50% YTD gains, whereas gold slipped 1.62% wtd but remains up 15.50% YTD.

