

# Weekly Market Brief

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- Kuwaiti indices showed strong short-term momentum, with the Premier Market rising 5.60% this month to help the All Share index approach a breakeven year-to-date performance.
- Brent crude oil plunged 23.63% month-to-date to \$99.39 despite broad annual gains, while gold continued its steady ascent by rising 5.69% over the same period.
- Oman's Muscat SM index decoupled entirely from regional peers, surging an exceptional 42.10% year-to-date as the exchange reached its highest trading levels in a decade.

## Kuwait & GCC Markets

Market	Index	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
Kuwait	Premier Market	3.25	5.60	0.16
	Main Market	2.92	6.77	-1.18
	All Share	3.20	5.78	-0.06
Saudi Arabia	Tadawul	1.86	2.71	10.14
Abu Dhabi	ADX	0.84	4.20	-0.72
Dubai	DFMGI	4.76	10.18	-0.99
Qatar	QE index	0.69	5.16	-0.44
Bahrain	Bahrain All share	2.37	2.09	-6.18
Oman	Muscat SM	2.13	2.06	42.10

- Saudi Arabia's Tadawul maintained its steady momentum, adding 2.71% this month to secure a solid 10.14% return for the year so far.
- The UAE markets experienced a strong monthly rebound, led by Dubai's DFMGI which jumped 10.18%, though both Dubai and Abu Dhabi remain slightly negative year-to-date.
- Bahrain underperformed the broader GCC with a 6.18% year-to-date decline, while Qatar's QE index erased most of its annual losses following a 5.16% monthly gain.

## Global Markets, Currencies & Commodities

Market	Index	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
World	FTSE World	3.79	9.77	5.91
Emerging Market	FTSE EM	2.62	11.20	7.74
	S&P 500	4.54	9.15	4.10
US	Dow Jones	3.19	6.70	2.88
	Nasdaq	6.84	13.33	5.28
	VIX	-10.31	-30.77	16.92
EU & UK	Euro Stoxx 600	1.91	7.45	5.81
	FTSE 100	0.63	4.83	7.41
Asia	Nikkei (JP)	2.73	14.52	16.16
	Shanghai (CN)	1.64	4.10	2.08
	Nifty (IN)	1.26	9.06	-6.80
MENA	Turkey BIST 100	3.65	14.05	29.54
	Egypt EGX 30	4.81	13.50	22.97
FX	Exchange Rate	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
USD/KWD	0.3081	0.52	-0.48	0.20
EUR/USD	1.1814	0.73	2.53	0.59
GBP/USD	1.3571	0.80	2.91	0.89
Commodities	Price	WTD%	MTD%	YTD%
Oil (Brent USD/bbl)	99.390	-5.06	-23.63	48.53
Gold	4,870.50	2.03	5.69	11.51

- US equities rallied sharply as the Nasdaq jumped 13.33% month-to-date, which was mirrored by a massive 30.77% monthly plunge in the VIX volatility index.
- European markets followed the positive Western tone, with the Euro Stoxx 600 advancing 7.45% this month and the UK's FTSE 100 holding a 7.41% year-to-date gain.
- In the East, Japan's Nikkei surged 14.52% this month to outpace broader Asia, while regional emerging markets like Turkey and Egypt posted massive year-to-date gains of 29.54% and 22.97% respectively.