

Market Performance

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As per the second estimate released by the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the US's real GDP grew at an annualized rate of 2.1% YoY in Q3 2021. The increase was driven by a rise in private inventory investment, personal consumption expenditure (PCE), state and local government spending, and nonresidential fixed investment. GDP growth was partly offset by a decline in residential fixed investment, federal government spending, and exports. Real PCE rose 0.7% MoM in October 2021, after a 0.3% MoM (revised) rise in September 2021. Personal income increased 0.5% MoM in October 2021 vis-à-vis the **1.0%** MoM fall in September 2021; it was primarily led by an increase in compensation of employees and personal income receipts on assets, and partly offset by a decrease in government social benefits. Current account deficit rose to USD80.9bn in September 2021 from USD73.3bn in August 2021. Total exports decreased **3.0%** MoM to USD207.6bn in September 2021, while total imports rose 0.6% MoM to USD288.5bn.

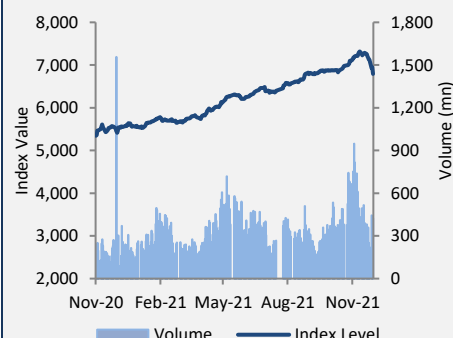
According to flash estimates released by Eurostat, seasonally adjusted GDP growth in the Euro area rose 2.2% QoQ in Q3 2021, after rising 2.1% in Q2 2021. As per the estimates, annual inflation in the region is likely to increase to 4.9% YoY in November 2021 from 4.1% in October 2021. The area's trade surplus decreased to EUR7.3bn in September 2021 from EUR24.1bn in September 2020. Exports of goods increased 10.0% YoY, while imports rose 21.6% YoY. As per the latest data released by the Office for National Statistics, the annual inflation rate in the UK increased by 3.8% YoY in October 2021, up from 2.9% YoY in September 2021. Housing and household services contributed the highest to the inflation rate in October 2021, at 1.23%.

In Asia, according to the latest data released by the National Bureau of Statistics, China's consumer price index (CPI) rose sharply to 1.5% in October 2021, after rising 0.7% YoY in September 2021. Meanwhile, China's manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) increased to 50.1 in November 2021 from 49.2 in October 2021. According to the Statistics Bureau of Japan, the country's CPI rose 0.1% YoY in October 2021, slowing from the 0.2% YoY rise in September 2021.

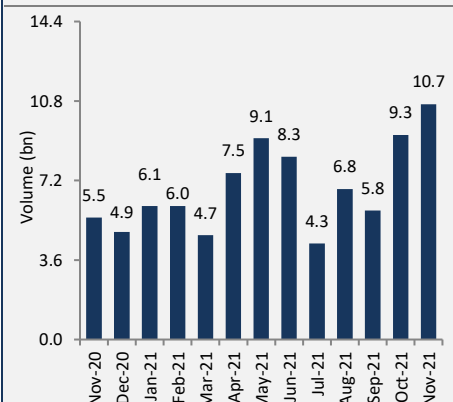
Kuwait Market Summary	November, 2021	October, 2021	Change (%)
Open	7,114.93	6,871.96	3.5
High	7,357.17	7,133.24	3.1
Low	6,788.83	6,808.84	(0.3)
Close	6,789.96	7,107.72	(4.5)
Volume traded (mn)	10,657.87	9,263.28	15.1
Value Traded (KWD mn)	1,708.71	1,241.31	37.7
No. of deals	376,542	310,848	21.1
No. of advances	23	125	(81.6)
No. of declines	130	23	465.2
No. of unchanged	12	17	(29.4)

Kuwait Index Performance

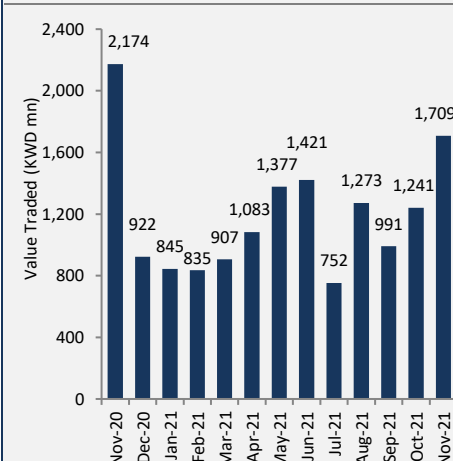
Benchmark Index and Volume Traded



Monthly Volume Traded (bn)



Monthly Value Traded (KWD mn)



Top Gainers and Losers

The market breadth was mostly negative; 23 stocks firmed up and 130 declined, while 12 remained unchanged.

Top Five Gainers									
	Close (KWD Fils)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	Market Capitalization (KWD MM)	Volume (MM)	EPS (KWD Fils)	BVPS (KWD Fils)	P/E (x)	P/B (x)
Credit Rating & Collection	55.00	96.43	150.00	9.08	0.07	(0.00)	34.99	NM	1.92
Umm Al Qaiwain General Investments Company P.S.C	99.00	28.57	32.00	35.94	NA	0.08	6.82	8.29	0.67
Jiyad Holding Company	83.30	28.35	88.04	15.31	0.05	(0.01)	9.57	NM	0.80
Gulf Insurance Group	1115.00	21.99	38.17	316.38	0.03	0.00	1.34	4.73	1.49
Wethaq Takaful Insurance Company	49.30	19.95	141.67	5.44	1.11	0.49	9.04	24.37	0.45

Top Five Losers									
	Close (KWD Fils)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	Market Capitalization (KWD MM)	Volume (MM)	EPS (KWD Fils)	BVPS (KWD Fils)	P/E (x)	P/B (x)
Mena Real Estate Company	48.10	(46.97)	73.02	6.55	11.69	NA	8.71	NA	0.42
National Consumer Holding Co.	101.00	(38.41)	106.54	9.09	1.85	(0.01)	12.73	NM	1.29
Salbookh Trading Co.	42.80	(27.46)	13.53	4.34	0.30	(0.01)	19.14	NM	0.82
Specialities Group Holding Co.	114.00	(25.97)	45.59	17.89	4.44	0.82	5.20	93.52	0.59
Educational Holding Group	600.00	(25.93)	82.93	90.00	0.03	0.02	4.86	13.97	2.91

Top Five by Volume									
	Close (KWD Fils)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	Market Capitalization (KWD MM)	Volume (MM)	EPS (KWD Fils)	BVPS (KWD Fils)	P/E (x)	P/B (x)
Gfh Financial Group (B.S.C)	83.00	5.46	72.56	313.41	66.13	0.12	12.91	9.77	1.07
Kuwait Finance House	792.00	(5.26)	16.99	6629.62	29.47	0.04	4.38	31.46	3.47
Ahli United Bank (B.S.C)	264.00	(9.59)	16.30	2675.50	28.12	0.08	8.37	21.31	2.21
The National Real Estate Company	214.00	0.00	183.82	332.57	24.68	0.01	3.17	1.42	0.68
Mobile Telecommunications Company	569.00	(5.01)	(6.11)	2462.10	21.84	0.02	3.64	13.01	2.07

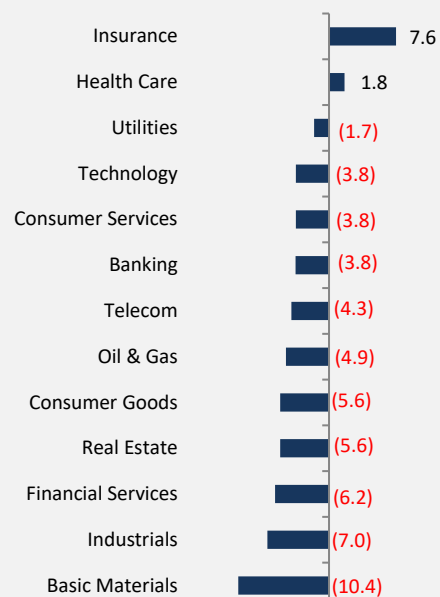
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Performance by Sector

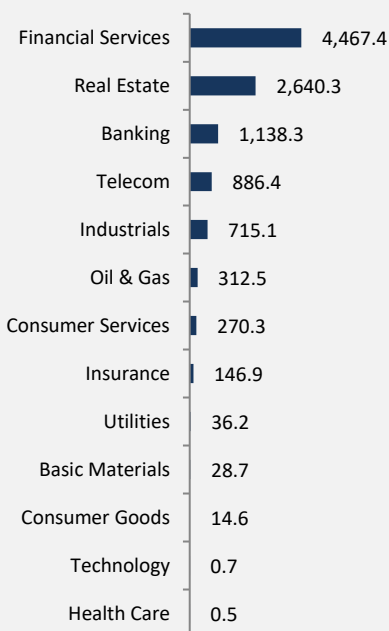
- **Banks:** The sector closed **3.8%** lower at 1,557.8 points during the month. Burgan Bank (down **9.6%**) declined the most, followed by Ahli United Bank (B.S.C) (down **9.6%**), while Kuwait Commercial Bank Of Kuwait ended flat. Total turnover stood at 501.7mn. The volume traded and number of deals stood at 1.14tn shares and 53,591, respectively.
- **Basic Materials:** The sector closed **10.4%** lower at 985.7 points during the month. Qurain Petrochemical Industries Co. (down **12.1%**) was the top loser, while Alkout Industrial Projects Co. (up 0.4%) was the top gainer. The number of shares traded, and total turnover stood at 28.7mn and KWD16.5mn, respectively, while total transactions stood at 4,588.
- **Consumer Goods:** The sector ended **5.6%** lower at 732.8 points during the month. Mezzan Holding Co (down **6.1%**) decreased the most. Total volume, turnover, and deals made stood at 14.6mn shares, KWD7.4mn, and 1,424, respectively.
- **Consumer Services:** The sector closed **3.8%** lower at 1,216.3 points during the month. Among stocks, Palms Agro Production Co. (down **12.2%**) led the decliners, followed by Kuwait Hotels Company (down **11.5%**), while Jiyad Holding Company (up 28.4%) was the top gainer. Total volume, turnover, and transactions stood at 270.3mn shares, KWD55.4mn, and 17,796, respectively.
- **Financial Services:** The sector closed **6.2%** lower at 1,349.7 points during the month. National Consumer Holding Co. (down **38.4%**) was the top loser, followed by Kuwait Syrian Holding Co (down **23.5%**), while Credit Rating & Collection (up 96.4%) was the top gainer. Total volume, turnover, and deals made stood at 4.5bn shares, KWD469.5mn and 127,587, respectively.
- **Healthcare:** The sector ended 1.8% higher at 809.0 points. Advanced Technology Company (up 2.5%) was the top gainer. There were 199 deals; Quantity and value traded stood at 465,479 and KWD300,020, respectively.
- **Utilities:** The sector closed **1.7%** lower at 610.5 points during the month. Shamal Az-Zour Al-Oula Power and Water Company K.S.C.P (down **1.7%**) only listed stock ended in red. The sector recorded 2,280 transactions. Total volume and value traded stood at 36.2mn and KWD8.7mn, respectively.

Market Composition

Monthly Sector Index Returns (%)



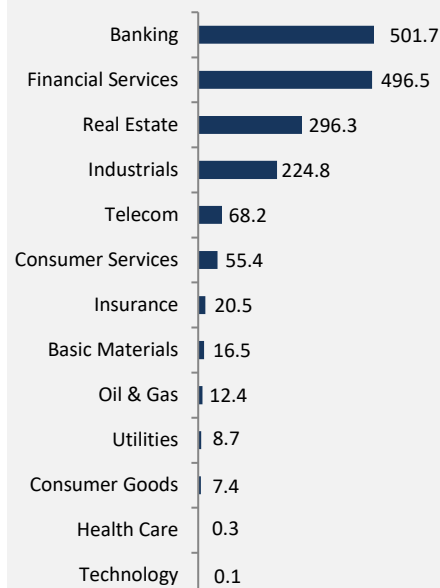
Monthly Volume Traded (million)



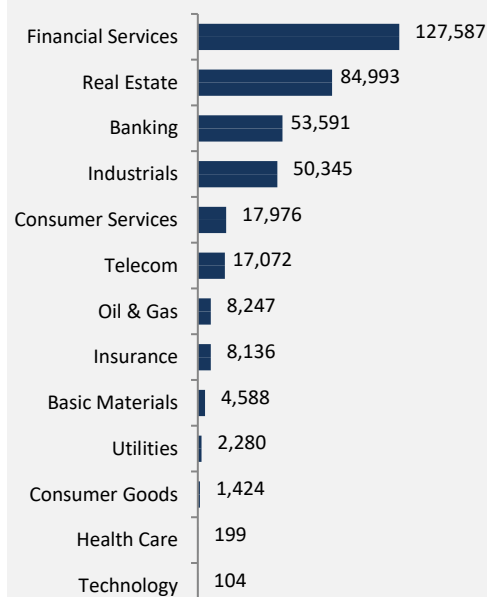
- Industrials:** The sector closed **7.0%** lower at 1,118.6 points during the month. Salbookh Trading Co. (down **27.5%**) was the top loser, followed by Specialities Group Holding Co. (down **26.0%**), while Kuwait & Gulf Link Transport Co. (up 9.0%) was the top gainer. Total volume, turnover, and deals made stood at 715.1mn shares, KWD224.8mn and 50,345, respectively.
- Insurance:** The sector closed 7.6% higher at 1,590.3 points during the month. Gulf Insurance Group (up 22.0%) was the top gainer, followed by Wethaq Takaful Insurance Company (up 20.0%), while First Takaful Insurance Company (K.S.C.P) (down **8.8%**) was the top loser. Total volume, turnover, and deals made stood at 146.9mn shares, KWD20.5mn and 8,136, respectively.
- Oil & Gas:** The sector closed **4.9%** lower at 1,387.3 points. Burgan Co. For Well Drilling Trading & Maint (down **17.4%**) was the top loser, followed Senergy Holding Company (K.S.C.P) (down **17.1%**), while The Energy House Co (up 2.0%) was the top gainer. Total volume, turnover, and number of transactions stood at 312.5mn shares, KWD12.4mn, and 8,247, respectively.
- Real Estate:** The sector ended **5.6%** lower at 1,292.8 points during the month. Mena Real Estate Company (down **47.0%**) was the top loser, followed by Real Real Estate Trade Centers Co. (down **25.7%**), while Sanam Real Estate Co. (up 7.4%) was the top gainer. Total volume, turnover, and deals made stood at 2.6bn shares, KWD296.3mn and 84,993, respectively.
- Technology:** The sector closed at 742.1 points, down **3.8%** from the previous month. Automated Systems Company (down **3.8%**) was the only loser. The sector recorded 104 transactions during the month. Total volume and value traded stood at 718,612 and KWD77,041 respectively.
- Telecom:** The sector closed **4.3%** lower at 1,055.9 points. Mobile Telecommunications Company (down **5.0%**) was the top loser, followed by National Mobile Telecommunications Co. (down **2.9%**). Total turnover of KWD45.5mn was generated by 886.4mn shares traded through 17,072 transactions.

Market Composition

Monthly Value Traded (KWD mn)



Number of Deals

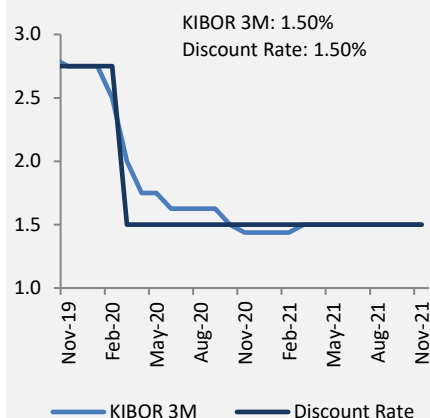


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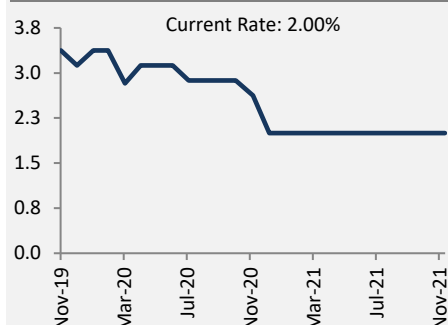
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- Total consumer spending in Kuwait grew 24.4% YoY to KWD2.55bn in October 2021, supported by economic recovery.
- Kuwait's domestic credit increased 4.0% YoY in 3Q 2021, on continued expansion in household credit (+11.2% YoY). This strong growth in household credit was driven by housing loans as well as personal consumption loans. The credit provided to the business sector witnessed a modest growth of 0.3% YoY in 3Q 2021.
- According to the latest data released by the Ministry of Justice, real estate sales in Kuwait grew 63% YoY to KWD 1.1 bn in 3Q 2021, surpassing pre-pandemic levels, primarily due to improvement in overall economic conditions and strong activity in the residential sector.
- Kuwait's trade surplus with Japan surged 189.1% YoY to USD583mn in October 2021, aided by strong growth in exports.
- Kuwait's overall exports to Japan soared by 105.4% YoY to USD661mn for the seventh straight month of expansion. Imports from Japan declined **35.0%** to USD78mn, down for the second month.
- Data provided by the Central Bank of Kuwait (CBK) showed that official reserves decreased by **4.3%** YoY to KWD14.0bn in September 2021 from KWD14.7bn in September 2020.
- Kuwait's monetary gold position remained unchanged at KWD31.7mn in September 2021.
- The IMF's reserve position rose by 8.9% YoY to KWD233.9mn in September 2021 from KWD214.8mn in September 2020, while special drawing rights rose by 142.1% YoY to KWD1.4bn.
- CBK's total assets decreased by **10.4%** YoY to KWD12.4bn in September 2021 from KWD13.5bn in September 2020.

Monetary Indicators

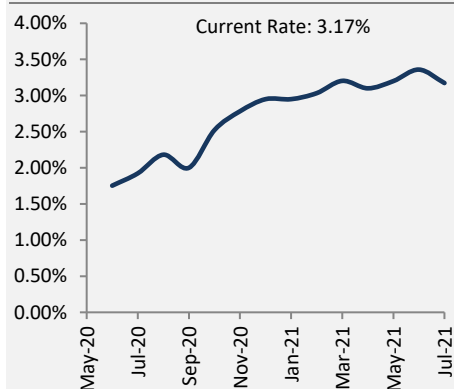
Interest Rate (%)



Deposit Rate (%)



Inflation Rate



Source: Bloomberg

Note: Kuwait Inflation data available till July 2021.

GCC Markets Performance

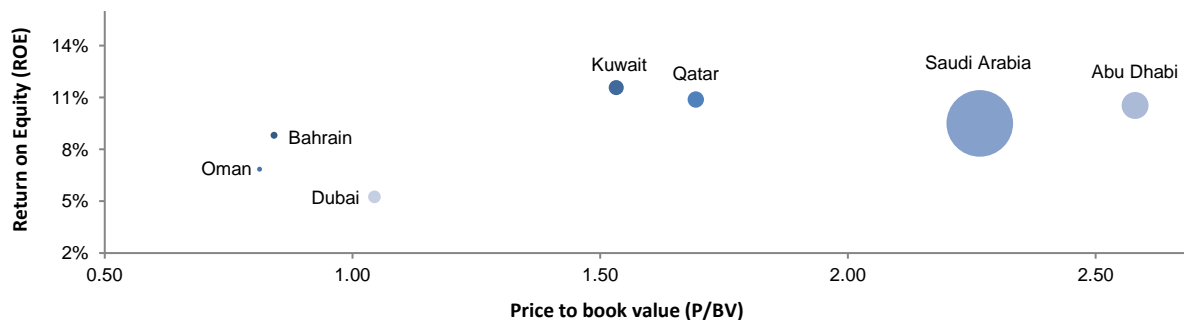
Index	Close	Change MTD (%)	Change YTD (%)	P/E	Dividend Yield (%)
Bahrain (BAX)	1,729.60	(0.77)	16.10	9.65	3.61
Kuwait (KSE)	6,789.96	(4.47)	22.43	20.22	2.00
Oman (MSM)	4,000.35	(1.83)	9.34	11.41	3.88
Qatar (DSM)	11,386.31	(3.22)	9.11	15.87	2.59
Saudi Arabia (TASI)	10,761.80	(8.05)	23.85	23.73	2.40
UAE (ADX)	8,546.52	8.66	69.40	23.20	2.66
UAE (DFM)	3,072.91	7.29	23.31	20.18	2.53

Of the seven GCC indices, two ended in positive territory and five of them closed lower, during the month of November. Abu Dhabi's ADX index (up 8.7%) was the top gainers, followed by Dubai's DFM (up 7.3%).

- Bahrain's BAX closed **0.8%** lower at 1,729.6 points. Among sectors, Communications Services (down **5.0%**) and Real Estate (down **3.6%**) were the top losers. Among stocks, Bahrain Cinema Co (down **9.7%**) decreased the most, followed by Ahli Bank United (down **6.3%**), while Ithmaar Holding B.S.C. (up 24.6%) was the top gainer.
- Kuwait's All Share Index closed **4.5%** lower at 6,790.0 points. Among sectors, Basic Materials (down **10.4%**) led the losers. On the contrary, Insurance (up 7.6%) increased the most. Among stocks Mena Real Estate Company (down **47.0%**) was the top decliner, followed by National Consumer Holding Co. (down **38.4%**), while Credit Rating & Collection (up 96.4%) was the top gainer.
- Oman's MSM was down **1.8%** to close at 4,000.4 points. Among sectors, Services (down **3.6%**) was the top decliner. Among stocks, Oman Fisheries (down **24.0%**) decreased the most, followed by SMN Power Holding (down **16.4%**), while MCT Desalinate (up 17.5%) was the top gainer.
- Qatar's DSM decreased **3.2%** to close at 11,386.3 points. Among sectors, Industrials (down **7.2%**) decreased the most, while Insurance (up 0.3%) rose the most. Among stocks, Industries Qatar (down **10.4%**) was the top loser, followed by Widam Food Company (down **8.2%**), while Qatar Cinema & Film Distributing (up 5.8%) increased the most.
- Saudi Arabia's TASI fell **8.1%** to close at 10,761.8 points. Among sectors, Consumer Durables & Apparel (down **21.6%**) was the top decliner, followed by Utilities (down **14.7%**). Among stocks, National Metal Manufacturing and Casting Co. (down **27.6%**) led the decliners, followed by Saudi Arabian Amiantit Co. (down **26.1%**), while SABIC AGRI-NUTRIENTS (up 6.5%) rose the most.
- The ADX ended 8.7% higher at 8,546.5 points. Among sectors, Telecommunication (up 24.1%) lifted the index, followed by Banks (up 6.7%). Among stocks, Abu Dhabi National Takaful Co. (up 27.6%) was the top gainer, followed by Etisalat Group (up 24.8%), while Easy Lease Motorcycle Rental PJSC (down **32.0%**) declined the most. The DFM ended 7.3% higher at 3,072.9 points. Among sectors, Investment & Financial Services (up 33.2%) was the top gainer, followed by Real Estate & Construction (up 17.6%). Among stocks, Amlak Finance P.J.S.C (up 154.7%) led the gainers, followed by Dubai Financial Market PJSC (up 135.3%), while Emirates Refreshments Company (down **15.3%**) decreased the most.

Valuation

Size of the bubble represents Market Capitalization



Source: Bloomberg

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Saudi Arabia

- Saudi Arabia's oil exports jumped 98% YoY to around SAR69.4bn in September 2021, according to the latest data released by the General Authority for Statistics (GASTAT).
- According to the GASTAT data, the country's non-oil exports climbed 28.4% YoY in Q3 2021, due to higher shipments of plastics and chemicals.
- Saudi Central Bank (SAMA) predicts that the annual inflation rate in the Kingdom will rise slightly in Q4 2021, as mentioned in its latest inflation report.
- Saudi Arabia's inflation increased to 0.8% in October 2021, according to the latest data released by GASTAT.
- Saudi Arabia's Industrial Production Index climbed at an annual rate of 6.5% in September 2021 due to higher activity in the mining and quarrying sector, as per the latest data released by GASTAT.
- Moody's changed the outlook on the Saudi government to stable from negative.
- Saudi Arabia's Ministry of Finance published the Q3 2021 budget performance report. Total revenue was SAR696.24bn, while total expenditure stood at SAR701.6bn, representing budget deficit of SAR5.4bn in the first nine months of the year.

UAE

- Dubai registered 5,352 real estate sales transactions, valued at AED13.12bn, in October 2021; this is the highest record for the month of October in eight years, as per the Dubai Media Office report.
- Dubai's consumer price index declined **0.56%** to 102.46 points in October 2021 compared to that in October 2020.
- UAE banks' investments rose 25.9% YoY to AED554.8bn in September 2021 from AED440.8bn, according to the recent data released by the Central Bank of the UAE (CBUAE).
- The aggregate value of loans granted by UAE banks dropped **1.6%** to AED1.776tn in September 2021 from AED1.800tn in September 2020.
- The aggregate assets of CBUAE climbed to AED485.87bn in September 2021 from AED454.54bn in September 2020.

Qatar

- Qatar's annual inflation went up 4.28% in October 2021 from 2.71% in the previous month, mainly due to a faster rise in prices of transport (9.56% vs 9.36% in September), food and beverages (4.17% vs 4.14%), and recreation and culture (25.31% vs 13.55%).
- Qatar registered a foreign merchandise trade balance surplus of QAR21.2bn in October 2021, as exports totaled QAR30.1bn (up 96.4% YoY) and imports stood at QAR8.9bn (up 7.6% YoY).

Bahrain

- According to the Information & e-Government Authority, the inflation rate in Bahrain contracted to **0.9%** in September after a 0.1% rise in August 2021.

Oman

- Oman's inflation rate increased 3.35% YoY in October 2021 and 0.75% compared to that in September 2021, according to data from the National Centre for Statistics and Information (NCSI).

GCC Corporate Developments

Saudi Arabia

- **Saudi Tadawul Group Holding** announced that it issued the prospectus for its planned IPO on the Saudi Exchange. The group intends to sell 36 million shares or 30% of its SAR1.2bn capital.
- **Al Hammadi Company for Development and Investment** acquired 35% stake in **Sudair Pharmaceuticals** for a total value of SAR118.13mn.
- Saudi food delivery app **HungerStation** partnered with **SaaS company Deliverect** to facilitate its online order management service for over 16,000 establishments in 30 markets.
- **Jabal Omar Development Company (JODC)** received the approval of the Ministry of Finance (MoF) to restructure a SAR3.0bn loan. The MoF agreed on converting SAR1.5bn of JODC's total existing loan amount into a new Shariah-compliant subordinated perpetual instrument.
- **Arabian Pipes** signed a SAR66.0mn contract with Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Aramco) to provide it with steel pipes, according to a bourse filing.

UAE

- As per the Dubai media office report, the **Emirates Central Cooling Systems Corporation** (Empower) entered an AED1.1bn agreement to acquire the district cooling systems of **Dubai International Airport**.
- **Abu Dhabi National Oil Company** (ADNOC) signed an investment agreement worth USD6.2bn (AED22.0bn) with **Borealis AG** to build the fourth Borouge facility at the polyolefin manufacturing complex in Ruwais, the UAE.
- **Emirates SkyCargo**, the freight division of Emirates airline, and **Emirates Post Group** (EPG) signed an MoU at the Dubai Airshow to develop an e-commerce end-to-end global logistics platform.
- **ADQ** and **Alpha Dhabi Holding** entered a strategic alliance with Netherlands-based **OCI N.V.** to invest USD375.0mn in OCI Methanol Group.

Qatar

- **Ooredoo Group** announced a new three-year strategic partnership with **Snap Inc.** to unlock the capabilities of augmented reality across all its international markets.
- **Qatar Insurance Company** (QIC) will list the shares of its affiliate, **Daman Islamic Insurance Company** (Beema), on the Qatari bourse.

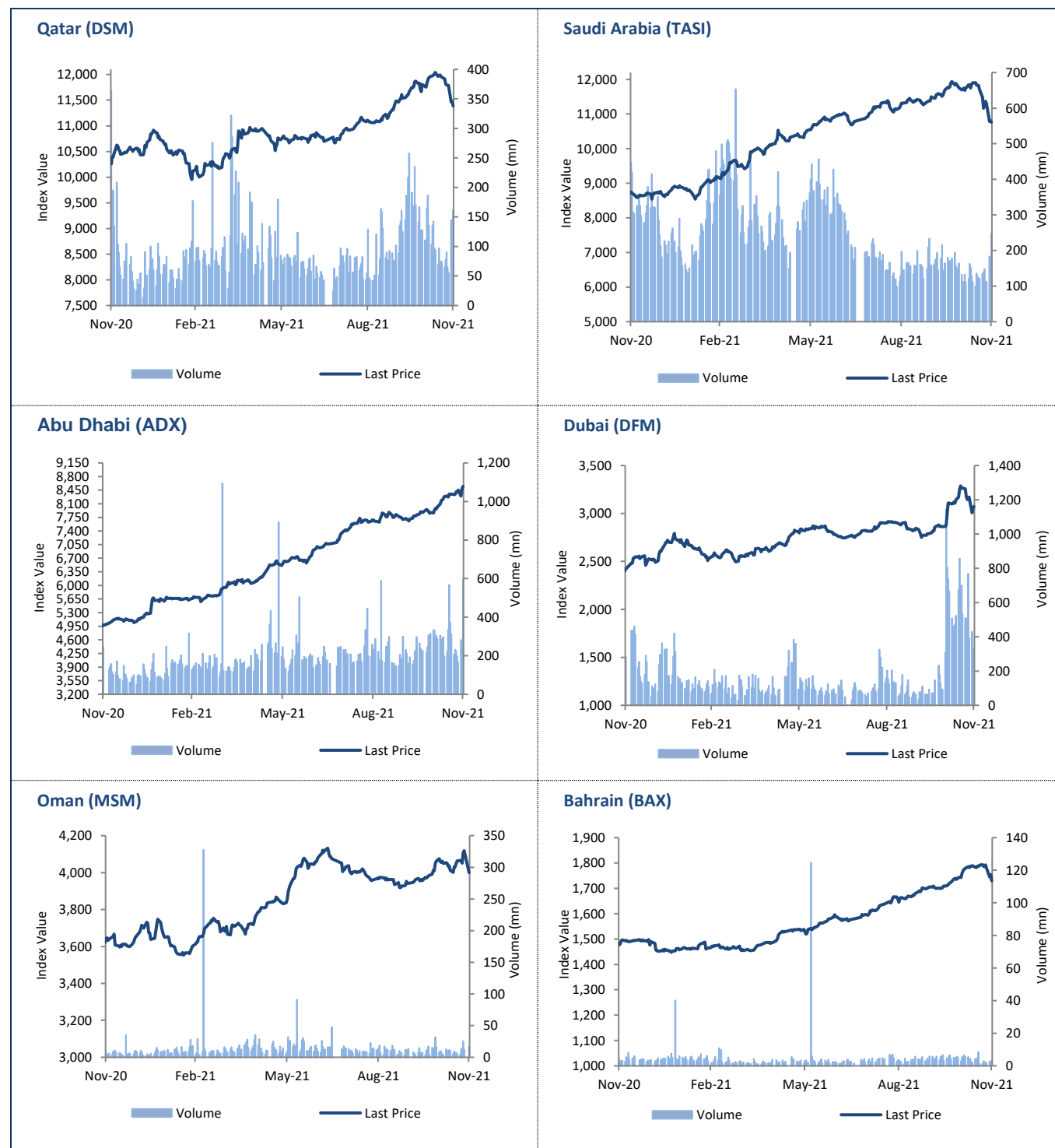
Bahrain

- **GFH Financial Group** acquired a 60% stake in UAE-based Multi-Specialty **Healthcare Partner Holding** (MSH) for over USD100.0mn.

Oman

- The Saudi Council of Ministers approved a license for **Sohar International Bank** to open a branch to conduct banking business in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

GCC Benchmark Indices– Market Movements



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