

GCC Market Performance

- **Bahrain (BAX)** – Bahrain's BAX closed **0.8%** lower in November. In December, we expect Bahrain's market to be volatile due to uncertainty in the market.
- **Kuwait (KSE)** – Kuwait's KSE decreased **4.5%** in November. We estimate Kuwaiti market to stay stable or decline slightly in December owing to lower demand for oil on account of decreasing consumption across the globe, as a result of more stringent lockdowns across the globe.
- **Oman (MSM)** – Oman's MSM declined 1.8% in November. We anticipate the Oman's bourses to be volatile in December.
- **Qatar (DSM)** – Qatar's DSM decreased **3.2%** in November. We anticipate Qatar's market to stay stable or slightly decline in November due to lower oil demand & decline in oil price.
- **Saudi Arabia (TASI)** – Saudi Arabia's TASI fell **8.1%** in November. The market is expected to remain stable in December as COVID-19 new variant could affect business conditions in the kingdom.
- **UAE (DFM and ADX)** – The UAE's ADX surged 8.7% and DFM increased 7.3% in November. We expect market in December to decline as benefits of the continued recovery in business conditions across the UAE and world would be offset by decreasing oil demand and price due to the pandemic scenario.

Index	Level	Performance		P/E	Dividend Yield
		MTD	YTD		
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

Source: Bloomberg

Macroeconomic Snapshot

- **Bahrain** – The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates Bahrain's real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to increase by 2.4% this year, and inflation is projected to rise by 1.0%. 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.
- **Kuwait** – As per IMF's projections Kuwait's economy is expected to increase by 0.9% this year, and inflation is projected to rise by 3.2%. According to the latest data released by Central Statistical Bureau (CSB), annual inflation increased by 3.17% YoY in July 2021.
- **Oman** – As per IMF estimates, Oman's economy is projected to grow 2.5% this year, and inflation is estimated to rise by 3.0%. According to National Centre for Statistics and Information, Oman's inflation rate rose 3.35% YoY in October 2021.
- **Qatar** – As per IMF estimates, Qatar's real GDP growth is expected to grow by 1.9% this year, and inflation is expected to increase by 2.5%. According to Planning and Statistics Authority, Qatar's consumer price index increased 4.28% YoY in October 2021.
- **Saudi Arabia** – The IMF in its latest projection stated that Saudi Arabia's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is expected to grow by 2.8% in 2021, compared to an estimated **4.1%** contraction last year and expects Kingdom's economy to record faster growth of 4.8% in 2022. Saudi Arabia's inflation increased to 0.8% in October 2021, according to the latest data released by GASTAT.
- **UAE** – As per estimates released by the IMF, the real GDP growth rate for UAE is expected to increase 2.2% this year, and inflation is projected to rise by 2.0%. In September, UAE's inflation increased 1.19% as compared to 0.55% rise in August 2021.

Country	Real GDP Growth*	Inflation*	Interbank Rate (3M)	REPO Rate
Bahrain	2.4	1.0	1.51	2.25
Kuwait	0.9	3.2	1.50	0.875
Oman	2.5	3.0	2.15	0.50
Qatar	1.9	2.5	1.16	1.00
Saudi Arabia	2.8	3.2	0.84	1.00
UAE	2.2	2.0	0.34	0.60**

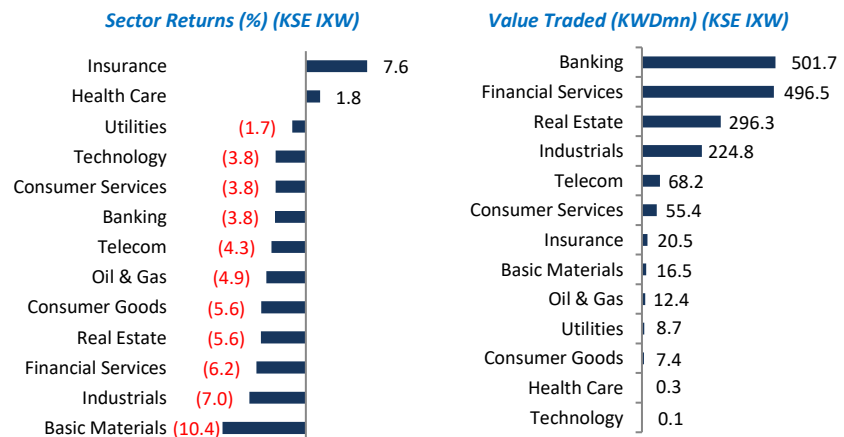
Source: IMF World Economic Outlook Update (October 2021), Central Bank, Bloomberg

* Oct. 2021 forecast. ** Central Bank of the UAE Islamic Repo O/N-3M.

Kuwait –Sector Returns and Value Traded

- **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. Total volume and turnover stood at 146.9mn shares and KWD20.5mn, 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. The number of shares traded, and total turnover stood at 28.7mn and KWD16.5mn, respectively.

Source: KSE



Commodity Tracker

- Gold ended the month at \$1,774.5/troy oz., was down 0.5% MoM in November 2021. Gold prices are anticipated to rise in December considering current pandemic scenario, investors are expected to go with safe-haven metal.
- Brent crude closed at \$70.6 per barrel in November 2021, representing a negative return of 16.4% MoM. Oil prices are projected to decline in December because of stable supply and declining demand, despite of COVID-19 new variant threat.
- Silver ended the month at \$22.8/troy oz., registering a negative return of 4.5% MoM. Silver prices are projected to rise in December due to fall in US dollar against a basket of other currencies.

Commodity	Close	MTD (%)	YTD (%)
Gold (USD/troy oz.)	1774.5	(0.5)	(6.5)
Brent Crude (USD/bbl)	70.6	(16.4)	36.2
Silver (USD/troy oz.)	22.8	(4.5)	(10.1)

Source: Bloomberg

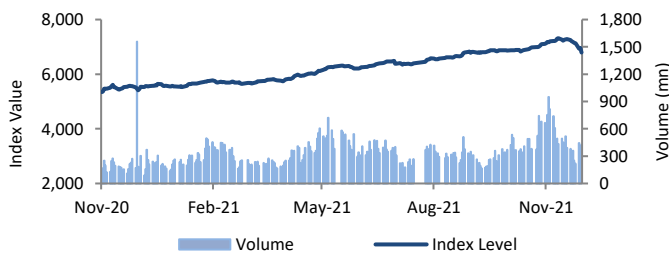
Stock Watch (Kuwait)

Credit Rating & Collection (up 96.4%) was the top gainer, while Mena Real Estate Company (down 47.0%) was the top loser in November 2021.

Name	M Cap (KWDmn)	Last (KWD)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	Shares Traded (Mn)	P/E	P/B
TOP GAINERS							
TAHSSILAT	9.08	55.00	96.43	150.00	0.07	NM	1.92
QIC	35.94	99.00	28.57	32.00	0.03	8.29	0.67
JIYAD	15.31	83.30	28.35	88.04	0.05	NM	0.80
GINS	316.38	1115.00	21.99	38.17	0.03	4.73	1.49
WETHAQ	5.44	49.30	19.95	141.67	1.11	24.37	0.45
TOP LOSERS							
MENA	6.55	48.10	(46.97)	73.02	11.69	NA	0.42
NCCI	9.09	101.00	(38.41)	106.54	1.85	NM	1.29
SALBOOKH	4.34	42.80	(27.46)	13.53	0.30	NM	0.82
SPEC	17.89	114.00	(25.97)	45.59	4.44	93.52	0.59
EDU	90.00	600.00	(25.93)	82.93	0.03	13.97	2.91

Source: Bloomberg, CapIQ. NA – Not available, NM – Not meaningful

Kuwait (KSE)



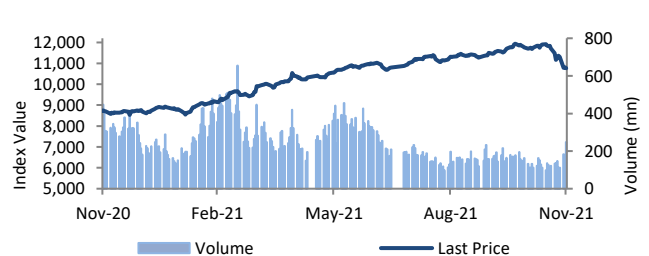
Source: Bloomberg

Stock Watch (Saudi Arabia)

SABIC Agri-Nutrients Co. (up 6.5%) led the gainers, while National Metal Manufacturing and Casting Co. (down 27.6%) declined the most.

Name	M Cap (SARmn)	Last (SAR)	MTD (%)	YTD (%)	Shares Traded (Mn)	P/E	P/B
TOP GAINERS							
SABIC AGRI-NUTRIENTS	82163.71	172.60	6.54	114.14	15.22	30.44	6.44
ALLIANZ SF	1560.00	26.00	4.17	11.49	7.02	330.83	2.20
OASIS	1174.50	78.30	3.98	(1.14)	4.87	20.28	4.17
SADR	1010.00	404.00	3.32	81.82	4.75	231.02	27.58
ETIHAD ETISALAT	24178.00	31.40	3.29	9.60	50.18	24.25	1.63
TOP LOSERS							
MAADANIYAH	851.72	24.06	(27.55)	(21.73)	5.65	NM	3.44
AMIANITIT	544.00	17.00	(26.09)	(22.02)	19.27	NM	74.15
AWPT	2,210.00	88.40	(25.21)	22.78	5.71	21.55	6.75
FITAIHI GROUP	1,036.75	37.70	(25.20)	24.55	5.80	6.27	1.97
BAAZEEM	924.41	91.30	(24.55)	1.22	4.71	37.35	4.81

Saudi Arabia (TASI)



Monthly market updates

- Kuwait's All Share Index closed 4.5% lower at 6,790.0 points in November 2021. The total traded volume gained 15.1% MoM to 10.7bn, the number of deals rose 21.1% MoM to 376,542, and the total value traded increased 37.7% MoM to KWD1,708.7mn. The drop in the market was mainly driven by the banking and telecom sector.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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