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GCC Weekly Overview (17Nov-22Nov)

Geopolitical Tensions Drive Gains in Energy and Precious Metals

The MSCI GCC Index rose 0.25% last week, in line with the broad MSCI EM (up 0.21%) and ahead of MSCI Frontier which was flat. The small positive performance was attributable to Saudi Arabia which is roughly two thirds of the regional index – the Tadawul All share rose 0.42%. Kuwait's All Share was the only other riser, up 0.28%. The ADSMI, BB All Share and MSX30 led decliners, falling 2.25%, 0.88% and 0.75% respectively. The DFMGI and Qatar Exchange Index fell 0.34% and 0.58%.

US Equity markets enjoyed a strong week and key indices are very close to the all-time highs seen immediately after the US election. The S&P500 and Nasdaq Composite rose 1.68% and 1.73% respectively and the broader Russell 2000 added 4.46%, driven by optimism around deregulation, potential for a surge in M&A activity and commentary from a regional Fed chief that the US labour market has cooled and that he sees rates “a fair bit lower” over the next year, and that the neutral rate is well below current levels. Nevertheless, 10 year US rates remain close to recent highs as the debate around inflation's stickiness is not yet over and market commentators are pointing to increased equity hedging activity ahead of year-end, given elevated stock valuations. Elsewhere, Europe's SXXP added a more muted 1.1% as slow growth worries persist, and the FTSE100 added 2.5% on continued USD strength, which is generally good for UK multinationals' earnings. China's SHCOMP continued its recent volatility, falling 1.9% and is now sitting 11% below the intraday high reached in early October's rally.

Please refer to our [GCC Weekly Data Monitor](#) for further details.

Figure 1. GCC Country Indices

Ticker	Index Name	Country	Price Performance						
			1W	1M	3M	6M	12M	YTD	
MXOM	MSCI OMAN	OMAN	-0.7%	-5.1%	-2.5%	-5.5%	-5.2%	-2.9%	
MSX30	MSX30	OMAN	-0.7%	-4.5%	-1.4%	-4.0%	-0.3%	2.8%	
MXSA	MSCI SAUDI ARABIA	S. ARABIA	0.3%	-1.1%	-2.8%	-2.5%	3.2%	-4.3%	
SASEIDX	TADAWUL ALL SHARE	S. ARABIA	0.4%	-0.4%	-2.9%	-1.3%	6.9%	-0.8%	
MXAE	MSCI UAE	UAE	-1.0%	3.0%	2.5%	15.2%	4.9%	3.2%	
DFMGI	DFM GENERAL	UAE	-0.3%	5.5%	10.0%	17.7%	18.3%	16.4%	
ADSMI	FTSE ADX GENERAL	UAE	-2.2%	0.3%	-1.5%	4.5%	-3.4%	-3.6%	
MXQA	MSCI QATAR	QATAR	-0.4%	-2.1%	4.3%	10.3%	2.1%	-4.4%	
DSM	QE	QATAR	-0.6%	-0.1%	2.7%	8.7%	1.8%	-1.8%	
MXKW	MSCI KUWAIT	KUWAIT	0.3%	4.0%	1.1%	0.9%	8.9%	6.4%	
KWSEAS	KWSE ALL SHARE	KUWAIT	0.3%	4.8%	2.2%	2.6%	9.8%	7.4%	
MXBH	MSCI BAHRAIN	BAHRAIN	-1.1%	1.8%	2.8%	3.7%	13.9%	14.5%	
BHSEASI	BB ALL SHARE	BAHRAIN	-0.9%	1.6%	4.9%	0.7%	4.2%	3.7%	
MXGCC	MSCI GCC COUNTRIES	GCC	0.3%	1.1%	-0.8%	4.0%	5.0%	-1.3%	

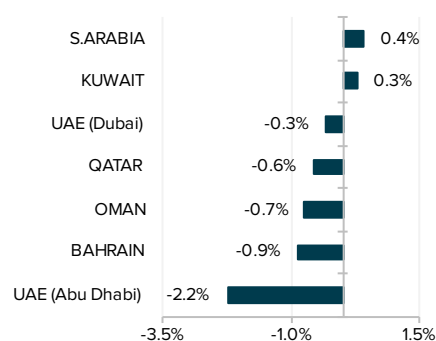
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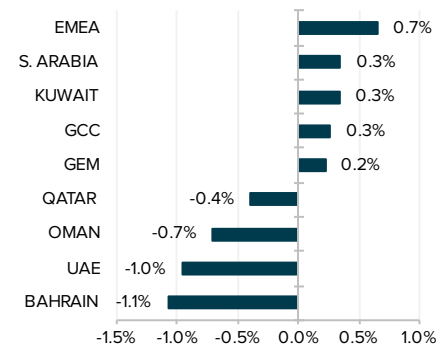
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GCC Local Index Returns (Last Week)



GCC MSCI Index Returns (Last Week)



Commodities

Commodity	Price	Weekly	YTD
Brent Oil	75.2	5.8%	-2.4%
Nat. Gas	3.1	10.8%	24.5%
Gold	2,716	6.0%	31.7%

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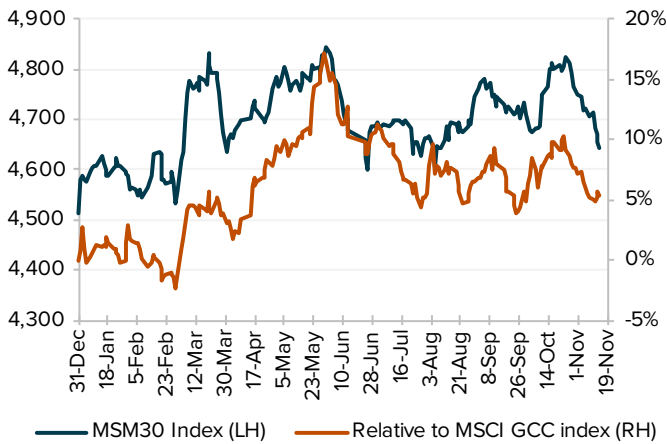
Oman Equities

In a week shortened by public holidays, the MSX30 fell by 0.75%, continuing the downtrend for the 4th consecutive week.

Among blue chips, **Sohar International Bank (BKSJ OM)** closed the week lower by 2.2%, while **OQ Gas Network (OQGN OM)** slipped 1.5% and now trades at OMR 0.133, its lowest level since listing last year. **Bank Muscat (BKMB OM)** ended the week higher by 0.4%.

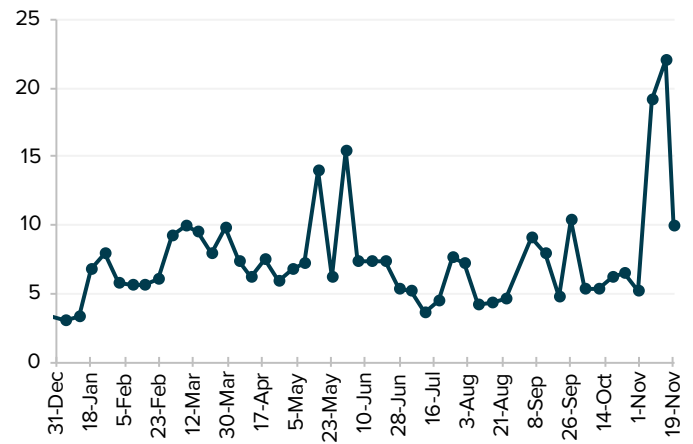
On November 18th, the FSA approved OQ Base Industries (OQBI) IPO prospectus. The company is offering 49% of its share capital at a price range between OMR 0.106 and OMR 0.111. At the top of the price range make OQBI would be it the eighth company to listed on the MSX with a market cap above \$1bn.

Figure 2. MSX30 YTD Performance



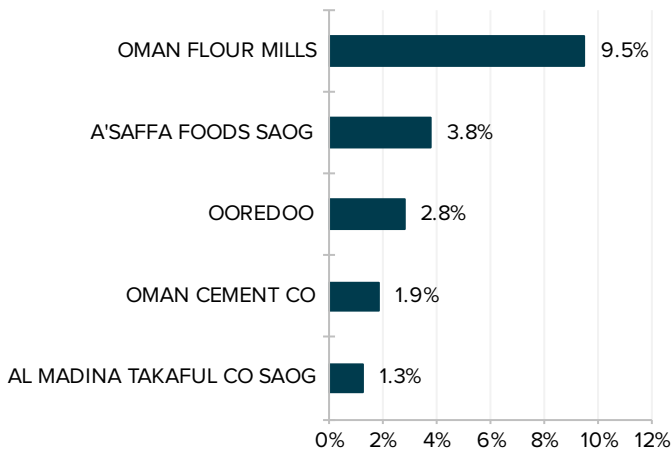
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Figure 3. Weekly Avg Daily Trade Volume (USD mn)*



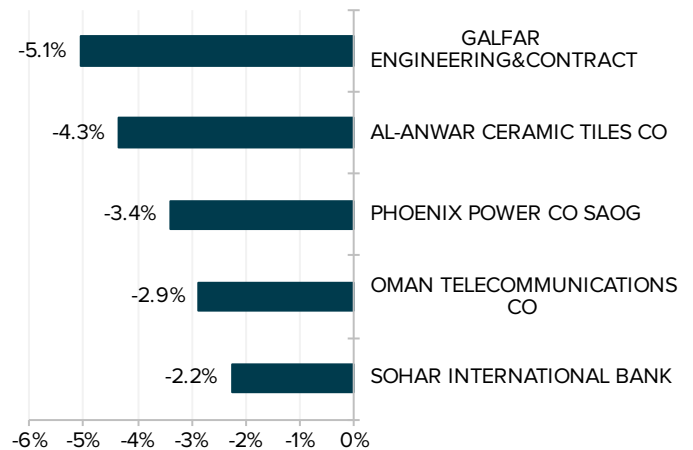
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Figure 4. MSX – Highest Performers of the Week



Source: Bloomberg, Oman Investment Bank Research.

Figure 5. MSX – Lowest Performers of the Week



Source: Bloomberg, Oman Investment Bank Research.

GCC Equity Markets

Saudi market

The Tadawul All Share Index ended the week higher by 0.4%, with **Al Rajhi Bank (RJHI AB)** up by 3.5% and **Jabal Omar Development (JOMAR AB)** 2.4% after the company on Wednesday signed an agreement to sell a plot of land in Makkah, Saudi Arabia, for SAR 1.07 billion, equivalent to \$280 million.

On the downside, **ADES Holding (ADES AB)** and **Sahara International Petrochemicals (SIPCHEM AB)** ended the week lower by 7.5% and 6.5%, respectively.

UAE markets

DFM

The DFM General Index ended the week with a slight decrease of 0.3%. **Dubai Islamic Bank (DIB DB)** saw a decline of 0.5%, while **Emaar Development (EMAARDEV DB)**, which has had a very strong run over the last month saw profit-taking early in the week, losing around 5.8% in the first two trading session. However, it recovered and ended the week lower by 0.9%.

On the positive side, **Salik (SALIK DB)** experienced a 3.8% rise, maintaining its outstanding performance and reaching an all-time high by the end of the week, trading at AED 5.49. **Emirates NBD (EMIRATES DB)** ended the week up by 1%.

ADX

The ADX General Index experienced a 2.2% decline, with the majority of market leaders concluding the week in the red. After a strong start to the week, Index heavyweight **First Abu Dhabi Bank (FAB UH)** fell 4 consecutive days and ended the week 2.9% lower.

Qatar market

Banking stocks lead the QE index to close the week lower by 0.6%, where the **Qatar National Bank (QNBK QD)**, **Qatar Islamic Bank (QIBK QD)**, and **Masraf Al Rayan (MARK QD)** ended the week in the red 0.5%, 0.7%, and 1.5%, respectively.

On the upside, **OOREDOO (ORDS QD)** and **Industries Qatar (IQD)** ended the week in the green, 1% and 0.5% higher, respectively.

Kuwait market

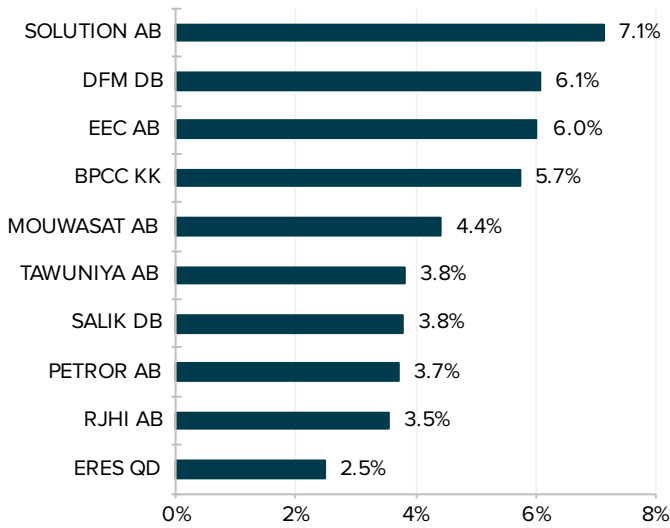
Kuwait All Share Index closed the week almost flat at +0.3%. **National Bank of Kuwait (NBK KK)**, **Agility (AGLTY KK)**, and **Mabaneer (MABANEE KK)** were up 0.9%, 1.5%, and 1.2% last week.

On the downside, **GFH Financial Group (GFH KK)** and **Kuwait Real Estate (KRE KK)** closed the week lower by 3.8% and 2.1%.

Bahrain market

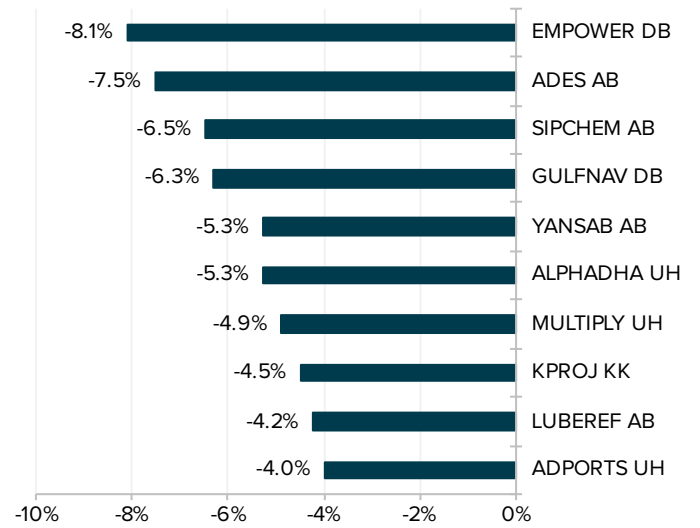
Bahrain All Share Index ended the week 0.9% lower, with Aluminium Bahrain (ALBH BI), **National Bank of Bahrain (NBB BI)** and **Al Salam Bank (SALAM BI)** closing the week down 1.8%, 0.6%, and 0.5%, respectively.

Figure 6. GCC - Highest Performers of the Week



Source: Bloomberg, Oman Investment Bank Research.

Figure 7. GCC - Lowest Performers of the Week

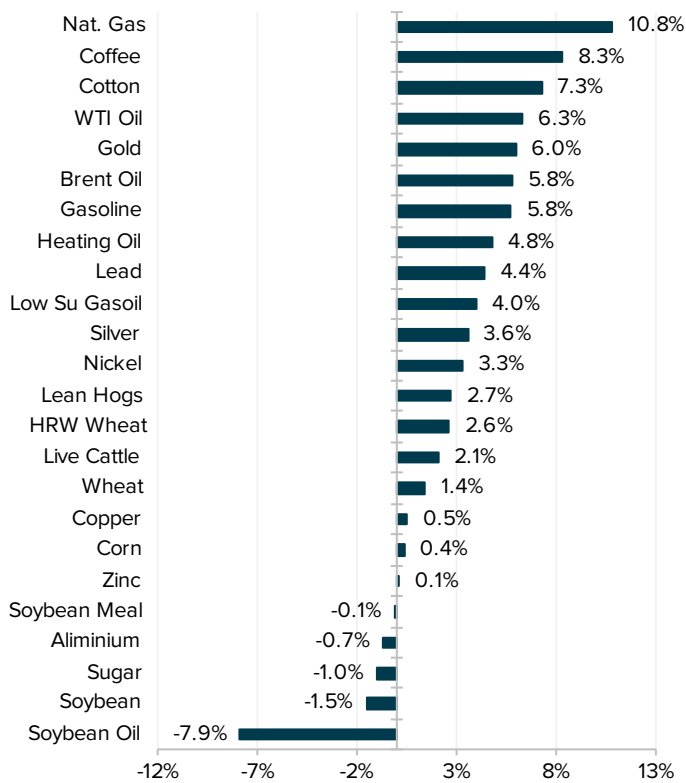


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Commodities

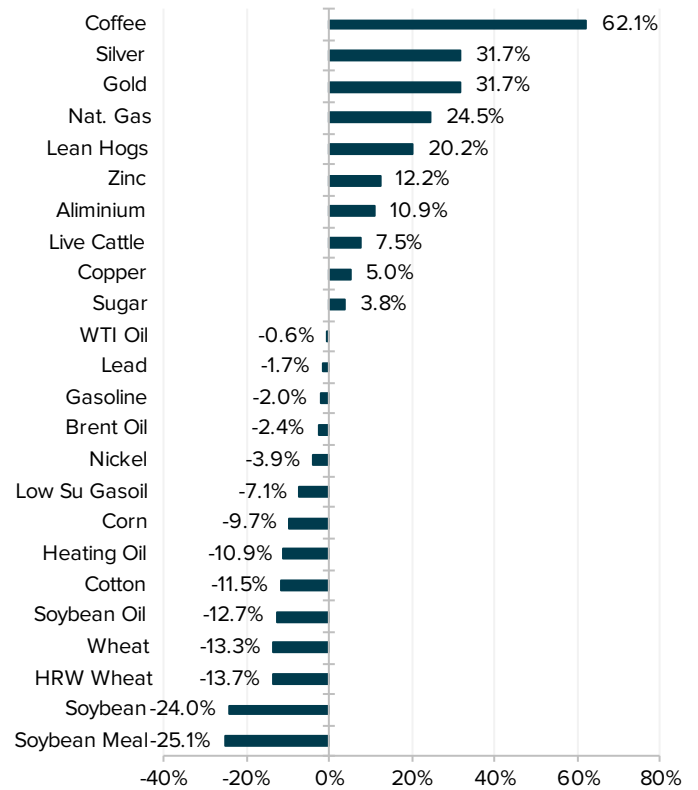
Rising geopolitical tensions lead to rises in energy markets. Brent added almost 5.8% as concerns about potential supply disruptions mounted. Disrupted supply also featured the natural gas market - added 10.8% as US sanctioned Gazprombank, the last major Russian bank to remain unsanctioned and a key conduit for the payment of Russian gas imports to Europe. Gold enjoyed a sharp rally, adding 6% as its safe haven status reasserted itself and talk of lower USD rates is supportive for gold's case. Silver followed in gold's wake adding 3.6%.

Figure 8. Commodities – Last Week's Perf.



Source: Bloomberg, Oman Investment Bank Research.

Figure 9. Commodities – YTD Perf.



Source: Bloomberg, Oman Investment Bank Research.

Key Economic Data Releases

Figure 10. Economic Calendar

Date	Zone	Event	Period	Survey	Prior
11/26/2024	United State	Conf. Board Consumer Confidence	Nov	111.8	108.7
11/26/2024	United State	New Home Sales	Oct	725,000	738,000
11/27/2024	United State	Initial Jobless Claims	23-Nov	217,000	213,000
11/27/2024	United State	GDP Annualized QoQ	3Q	2.80%	2.80%
11/27/2024	United State	Durable Goods Orders	Oct	0.50%	-0.70%
11/27/2024	United State	MBA Mortgage Applications	22-Nov	--	1.70%
11/27/2024	United State	Personal Spending	Oct	0.40%	0.50%
11/27/2024	United State	Personal Income	Oct	0.30%	0.30%
11/27/2024	United State	MNI Chicago PMI	Nov	45	41.6
11/27/2024	Qatar	CPI YoY	Oct	--	0.82%
11/27/2024	Qatar	GDP Constant Prices YoY	1Q	--	0.00%
11/27/2024	Bahrain	CPI YoY	Oct	--	0.40%
11/27/2024	Qatar	Trade Balance Month QAR bn	Oct	--	17.73
11/28/2024	Eurozone	M3 Money Supply YoY	Oct	3.40%	3.20%
11/28/2024	Eurozone	Consumer Confidence	Nov	--	-13.7
11/28/2024	Eurozone	Economic Confidence	Nov	95.1	95.6
11/28/2024	Eurozone	Industrial Confidence	Nov	-12.9	-13
11/28/2024	Eurozone	Services Confidence	Nov	6.3	7.1
11/28/2024	S.Arabia	SAMA Net Foreign Assets SAR bn	Oct	--	1,626
11/28/2024	S.Arabia	M3 Money Supply YoY	Oct	--	10.50%
11/29/2024	Eurozone	CPI MoM	Nov	-0.20%	0.30%
11/29/2024	Eurozone	CPI Estimate YoY	Nov	2.30%	2.00%
11/29/2024	Eurozone	CPI Core YoY	Nov	2.80%	2.70%

Source: Bloomberg, Capital IQ, Oman Investment Bank Research.

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