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MIDDLE EAST WEEKLY TRACKER

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Diplomacy Continues While Military Attacks Return

Conflict update:

Since last week, diplomacy has remained open while military attacks returned. On 25 August, Iran and Oman discussed a phased framework for a temporary Hormuz shipping corridor and joint mine clearance. On 30 August, the US struck two Iranian launchers on Larak Island, saying IRGC forces were preparing to deploy rockets with sea mines. Iran then retaliated against US forces in Jordan. On 31 August, the UAE intercepted an Iranian drone and Trump threatened further strikes, although both Washington and Tehran signaled that they did not seek a return to full-scale war. No final Hormuz or US-Iran agreement has been reached.

Oil:

Brent futures rose from USD84/bbl on 25 August to USD89/bbl on 1 September as renewed fighting rebuild the Hormuz risk premium.

CDS:

GCC CDS were broadly stable over the week, with only small moves across markets. Bahrain remains the most stressed.

Stock/other Markets:

GCC equities were mixed. Kuwait and Oman rose, Oman as the corridor counterparty and the main bypass route, while Abu Dhabi, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain fell on direct attack risk and thinner fiscal cover.

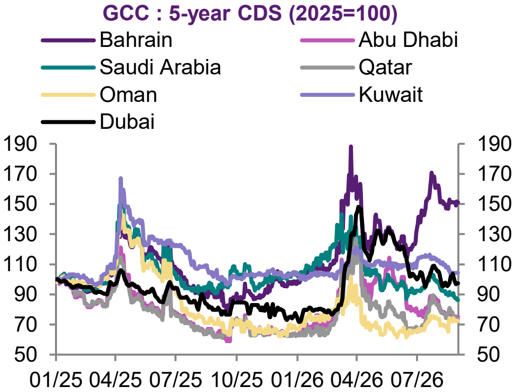
Investment flows:

Foreign outflows eased to USD64mn in the week to 30 August from USD124mn previously, with selling moderating in both Saudi and Dubai. Investor sentiment remains cautious rather than outright risk-off.

Real economy:

Hormuz traffic remains severely constrained. On 1 September, another tanker reported being hit by three projectiles while leaving the Strait. Dubai and Doha flights also remain below schedule.

GCC : 5-year CDS (2025=100)



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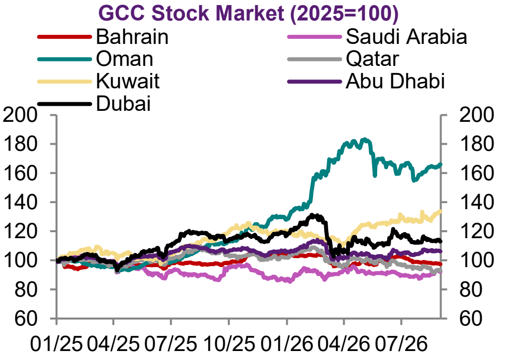
GCC Stock Market (2025=100)



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Market Movement

Policy Rate and CPI

Chart 1
GCC key policy rate (%)

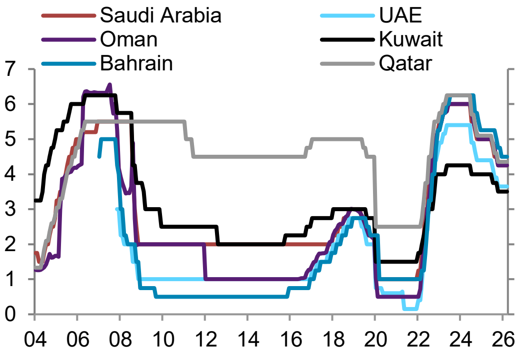

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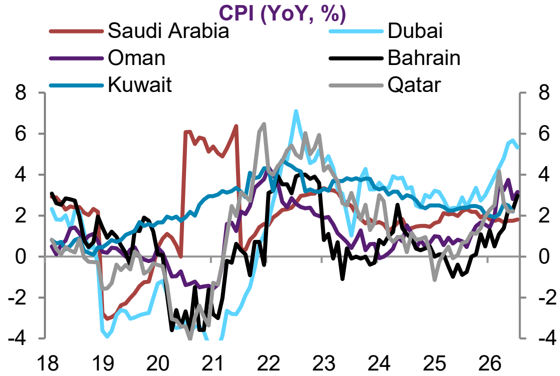
Chart 2
CPI (YoY, %)



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Stock and Bond Market

Chart 3
GCC Stock Market (2025=100)

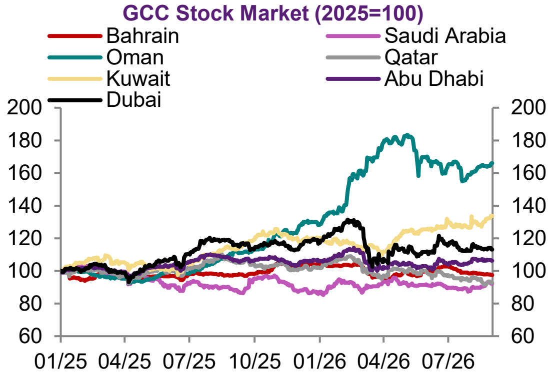

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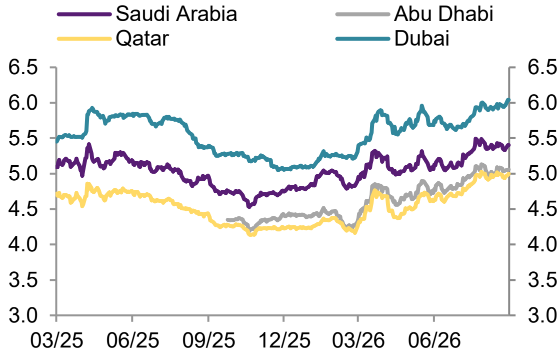
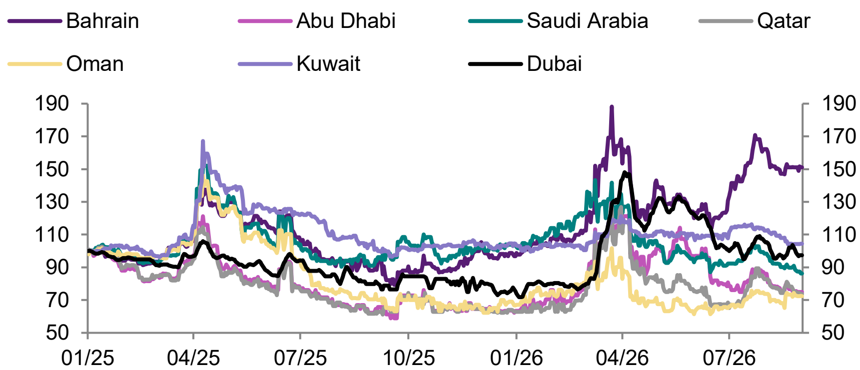
Chart 4
10 Year Government Bond Yield (%)



N.B. Data as of September 1, 2026, Dubai bond maturity at 2043
Source: Natixis, Bloomberg

T-Spread and CDS

Chart 5
GCC : 5-year CDS (2025=100)



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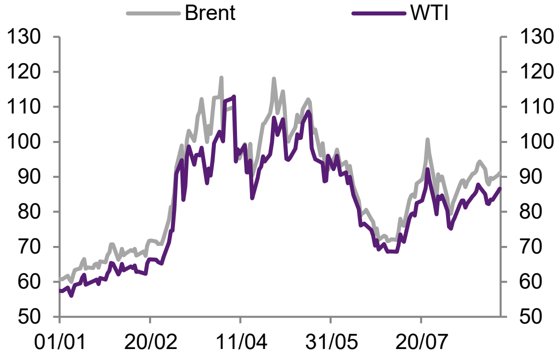
Crude Oil Spot and Futures Market Price

Chart 6
Global Oil future price (USD/bbl)



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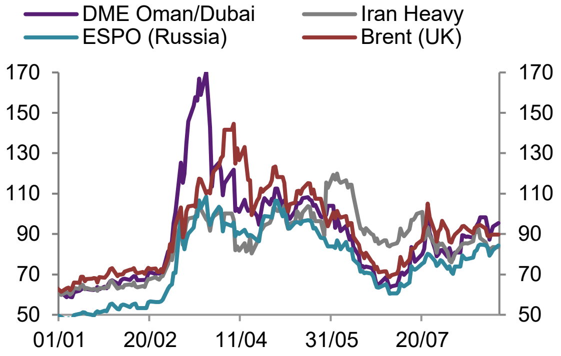
Oil spot price (USD/bbl)



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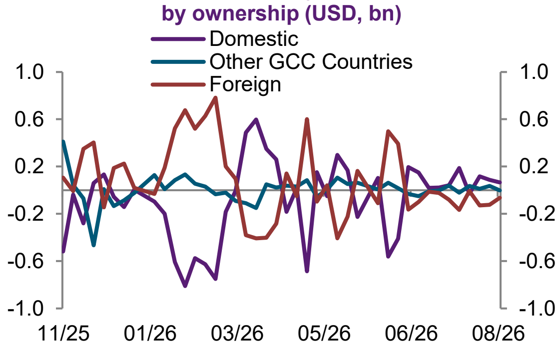
Capital Market Investment Flow

By Ownership and By Market

Chart 8
Investment in GCC major stock markets by ownership (USD, bn)



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Source: Natixis, Dubai Financial Market, Saudi Exchange

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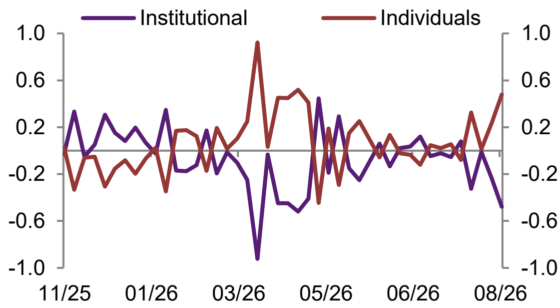

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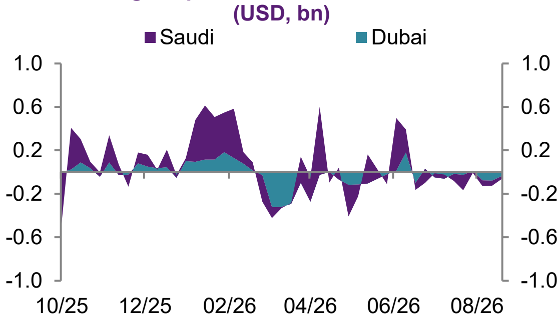
Chart 10
Foreign capital flows into stock markets (USD, bn)



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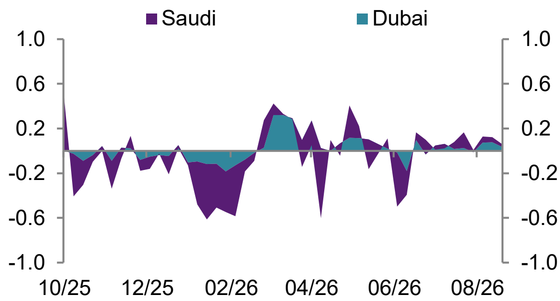
Source: Natixis, Dubai Financial Market, Saudi Exchange

Chart 11
Domestic and GCC capital flows into stock markets (USD, bn)



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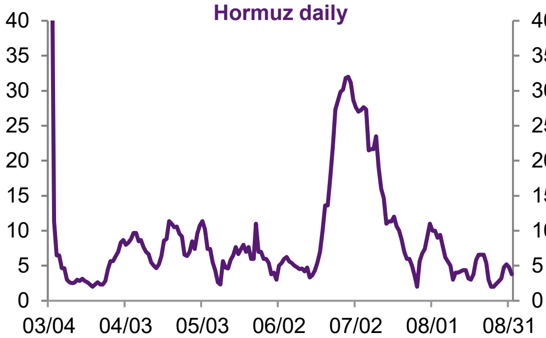
Transportation

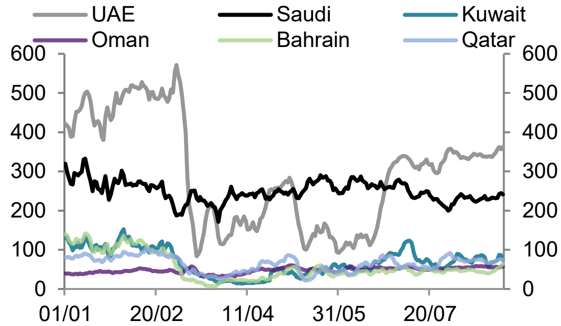
Maritime

Chart 12
Number of ships passing through strait of Hormuz daily



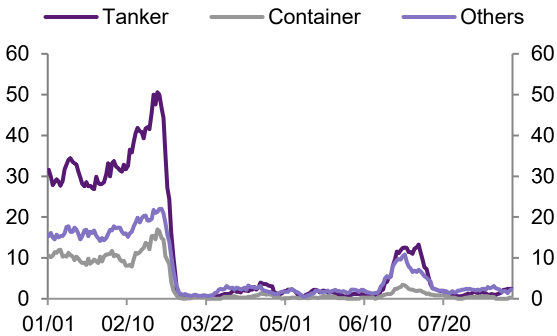
N.B. Data as of September 1, 2026, 5-day moving average
Source: Natixis, UKMTO/JMIC, Strait of Hormuz

Chart 13
Port vessel departures per day



N.B. Data as of August 29 2026, 7-day moving average
Source: Natixis, CEIC

Chart 14
Strait of hormuz arrivals of ships



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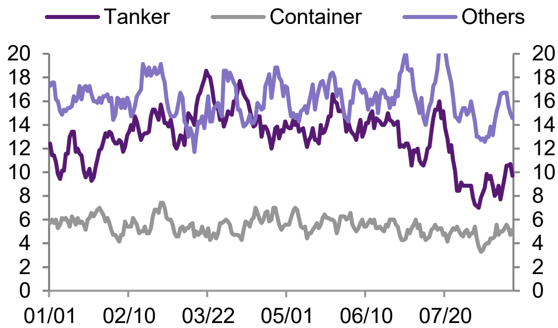
Source: Natixis, Portwatch

Chart 15
Bab el-Mandeb Strait Arrivals of Ships



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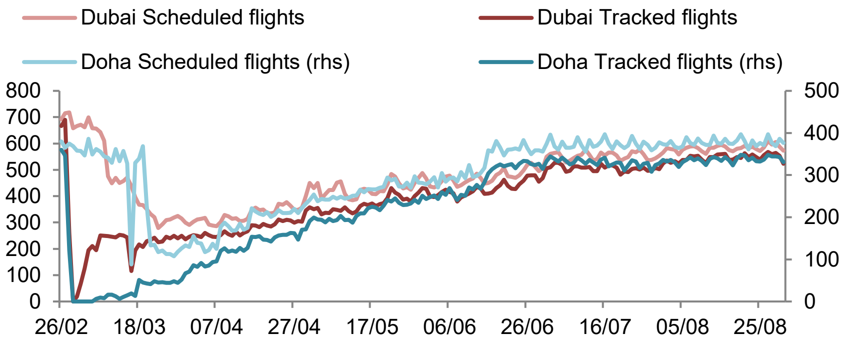
Airline

Chart 16
Number of departures flights for major middle east airport



N.B. Data as of August 31, 2026.
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