



Summary

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Consumer Spending: Total consumer spending rose in September by 8.9 percent year-on-year, despite a monthly decline of 4 percent. The yearly gains in consumer spending were reasonably broad-based.

SAMA Foreign Reserve Assets: SAMA's FX reserves declined in September by \$12.9 billion, to stand at \$457 billion, but remained higher than the end-2023 figure of \$437 billion.

Money Supply, Bank Deposits and Credit: The broad measure of money supply (M3) rose in September by 10.5 percent year-on-year and by 1.3 percent month-on-month. Total deposits increased by 10.7 percent year-on-year, with demand deposits maintaining their upward trend, gaining 8.4 percent. Meanwhile, new residential mortgages rose by 15 percent year-on-year, and by 4 percent month-on-month.

Inflation: Inflation remained low in September, with consumer prices up by 1.7 percent year-on-year and by 0.1 percent month-on-month. Within the CPI basket, 'Housing and utilities', up by 9.3 percent year-on-year, remained the key driver of overall inflation, while 'Food and beverages' prices rose by 0.8 percent year-on-year.

Real Estate Q3 2024: Real estate prices rose by 2.6 percent, year-on-year in Q3 2024, and by 0.8 percent quarter-on-quarter. The rise in Q3 was mainly driven by the increase in commercial real estate prices, up by 6.4 percent. Residential real estate prices were up by 1.6 percent. By region, real estate prices in Riyadh saw the largest rise in Q3, on a yearly basis.

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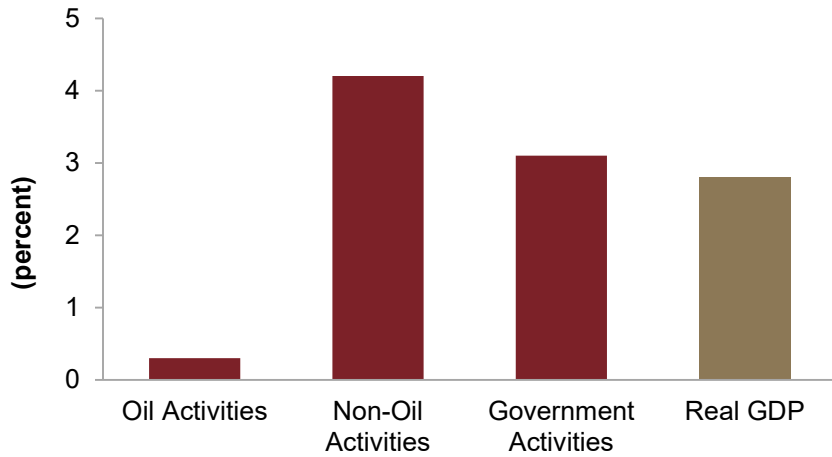


Real Economy

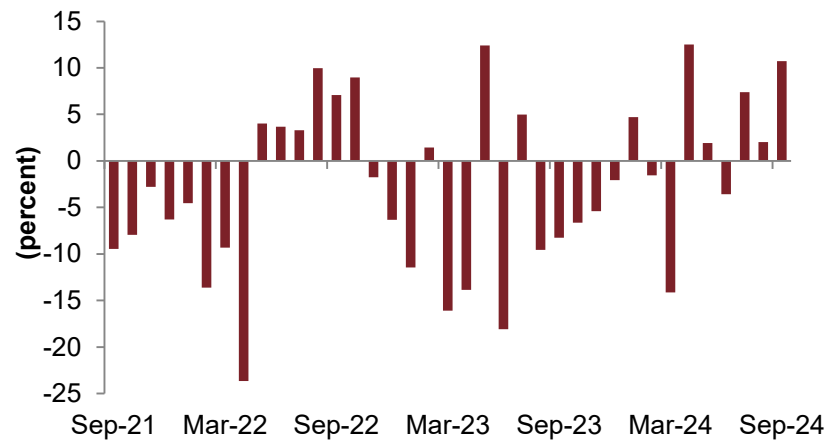
The GDP flash estimates put real GDP growth at 2.8 percent year-on-year in Q3 2024, boosted by healthy growth in non-oil GDP by 4.2 percent, while oil GDP rose marginally by 0.3 percent. Meanwhile, domestic cement sales continued the upward trend in September, rising by 10.7 percent year-on-year and 7 percent month-on-month. Latest available data show non-oil exports rising by 7.5 percent year-on-year, and by 3 percent month-on-month, in August.

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GDP Flash Estimates for Q3 2024
(year-on-year change)

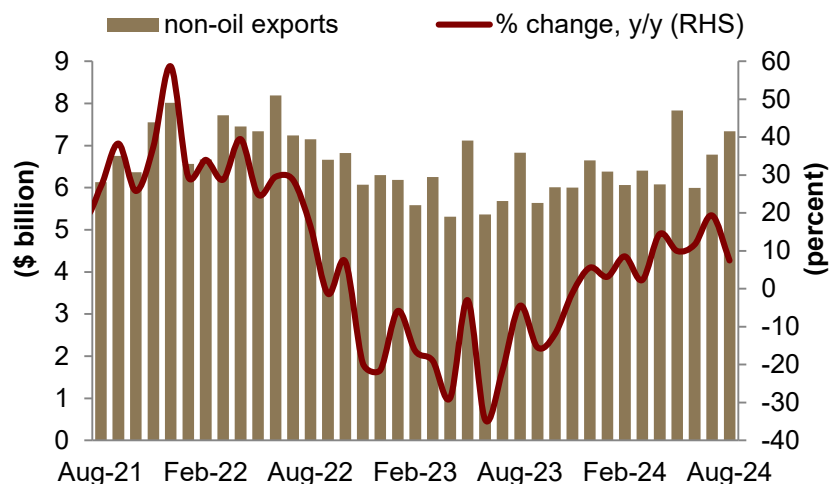


Domestic Cement Sales
(year-on-year change)



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Non-oil Exports



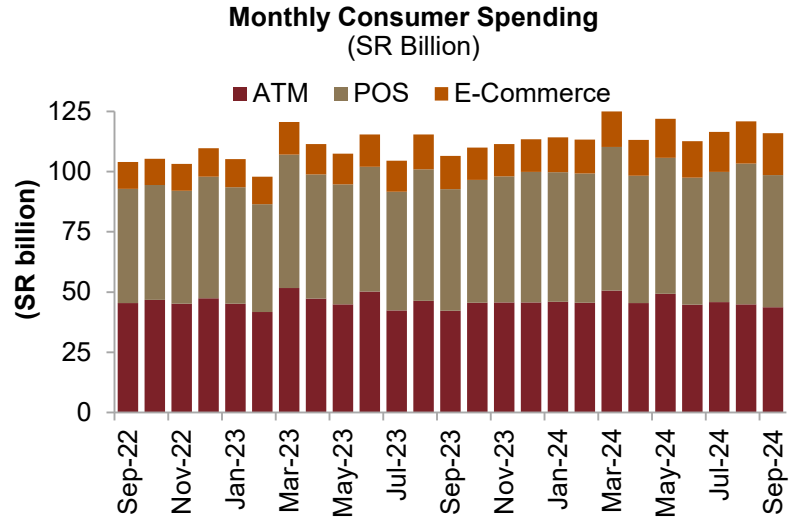
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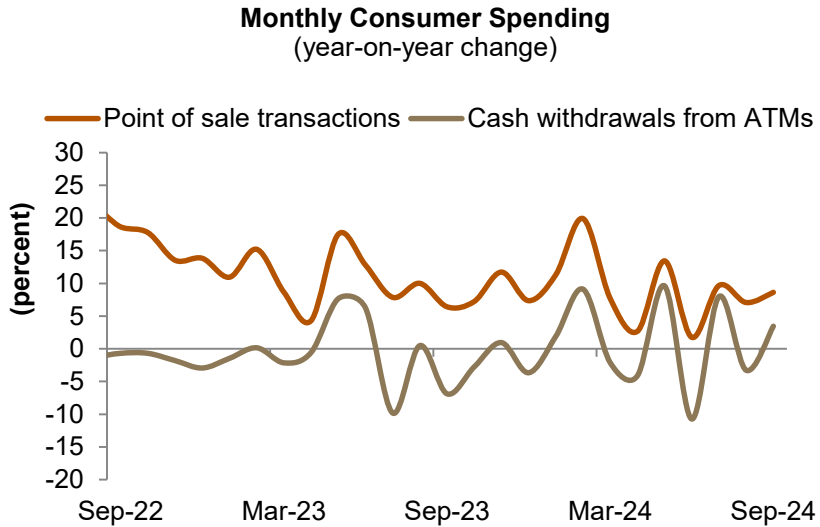
Consumer Spending

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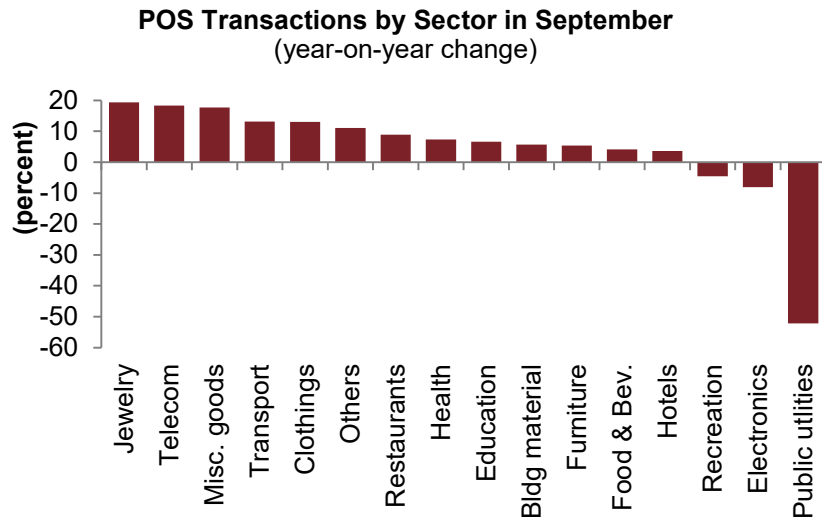
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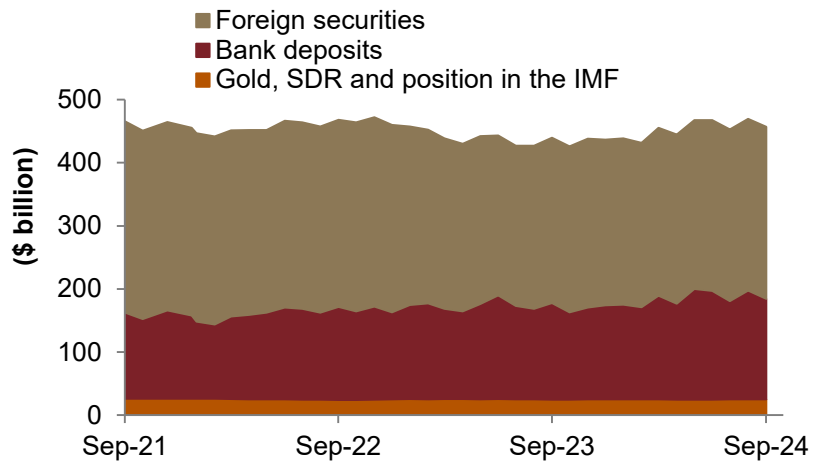


SAMA Foreign Reserve Assets

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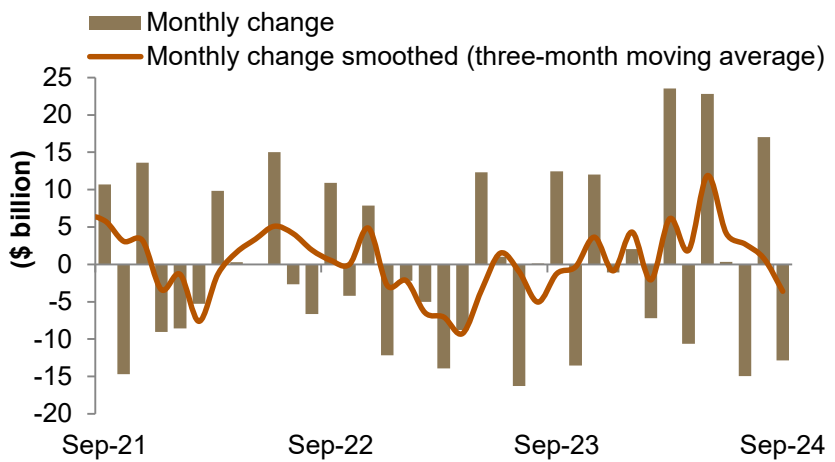
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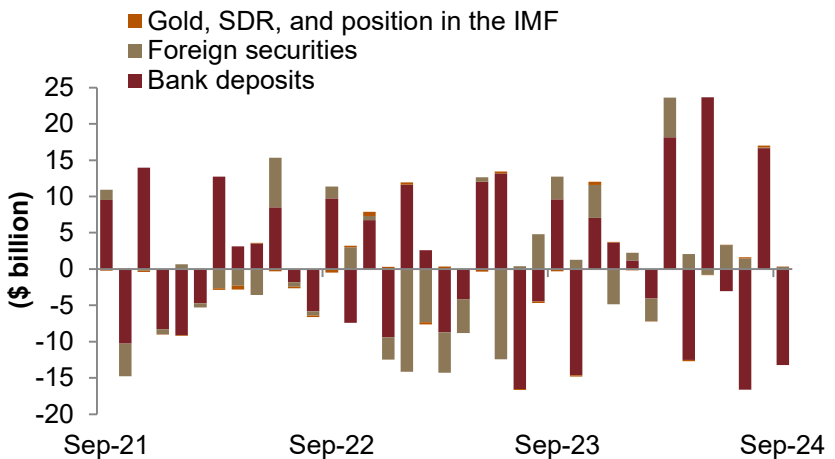
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(monthly and three-month average change)



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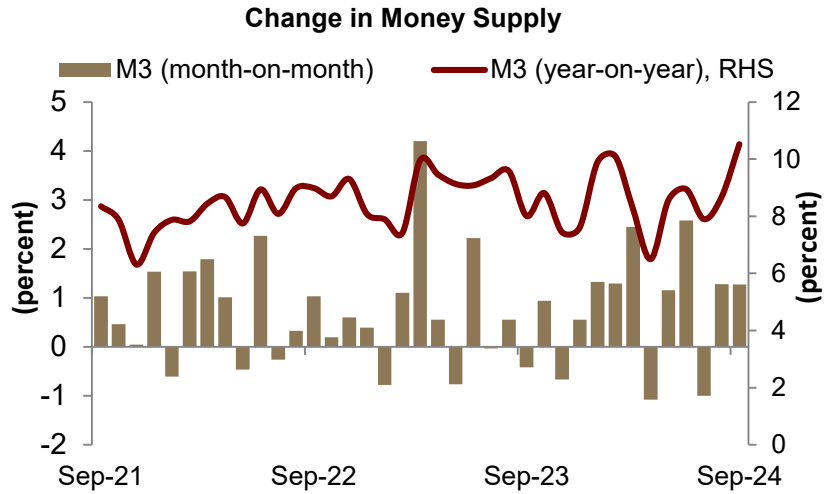




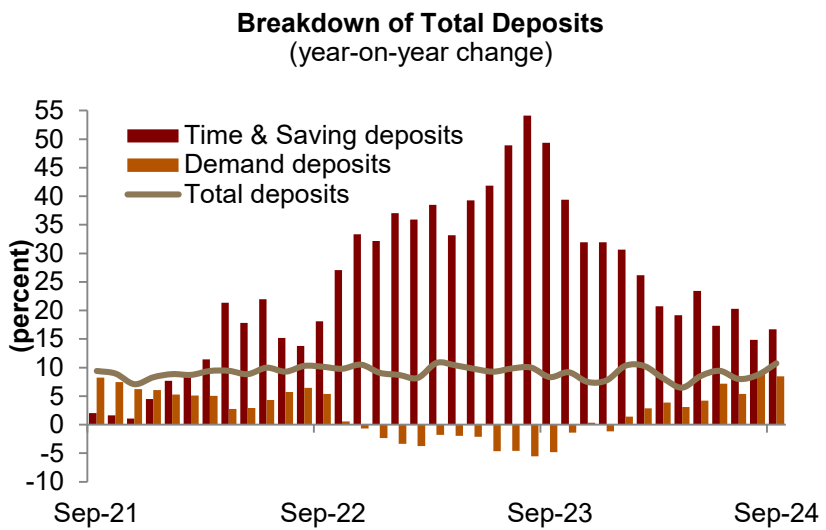
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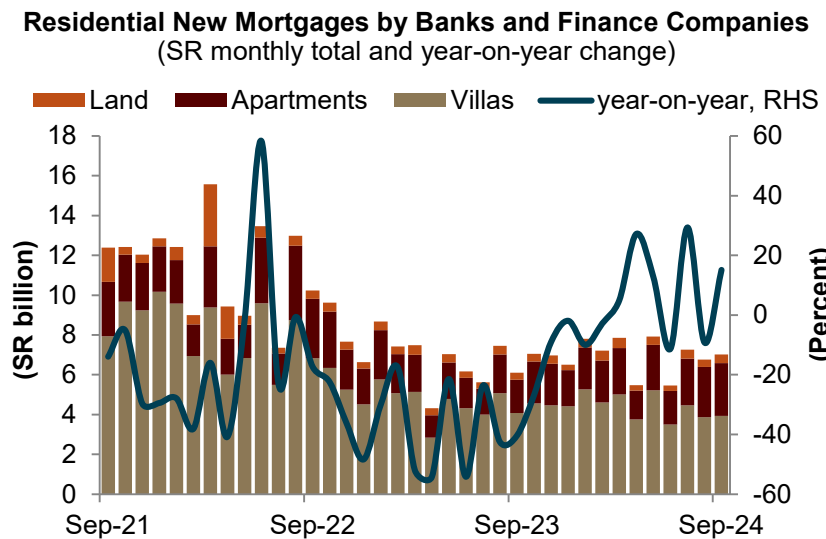
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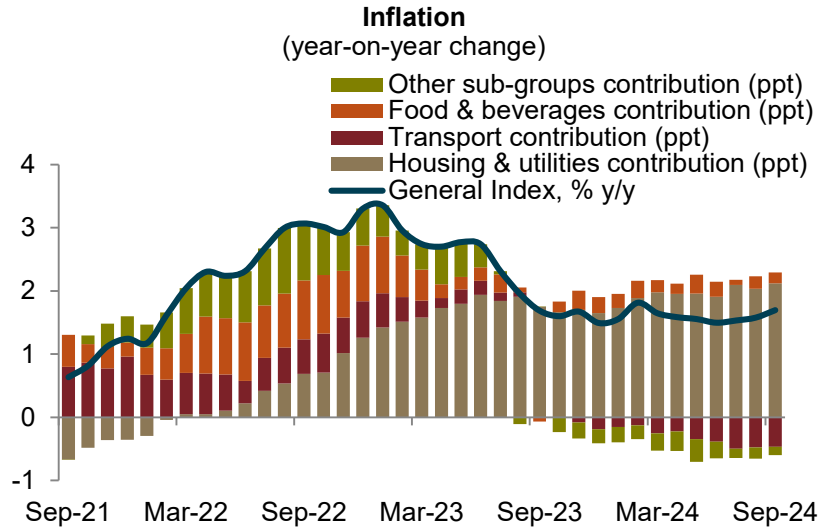




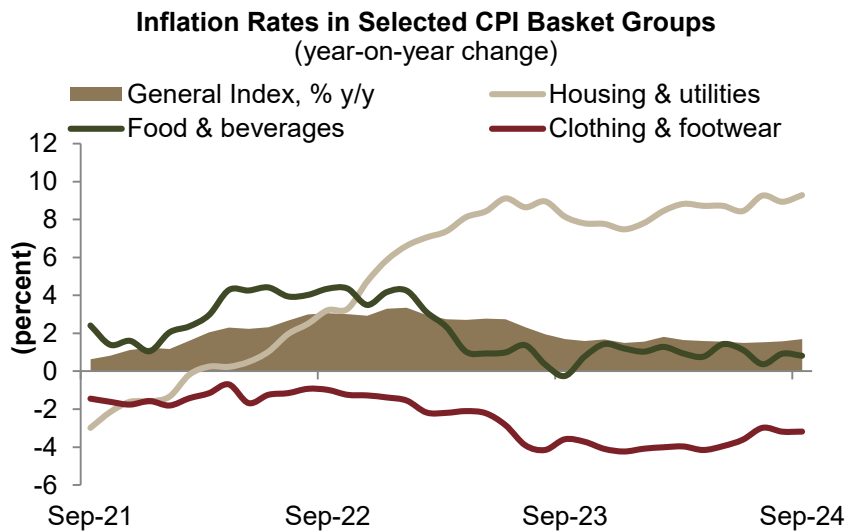
Inflation

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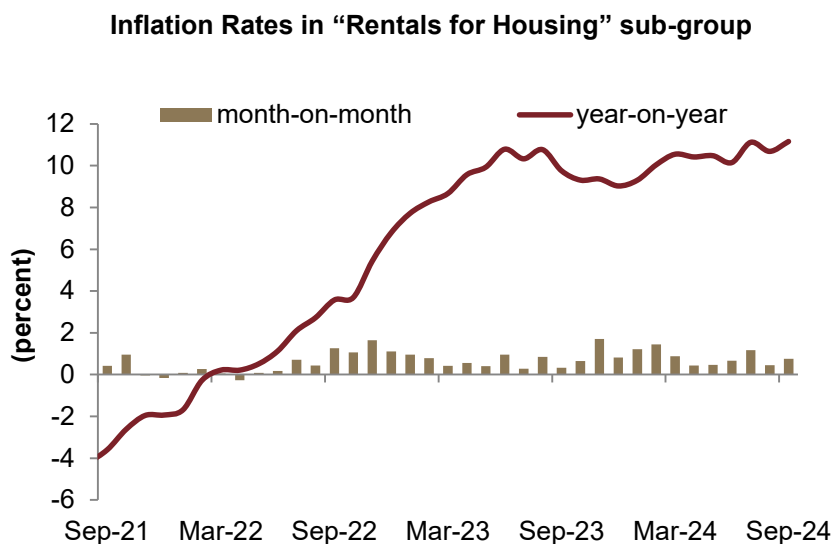
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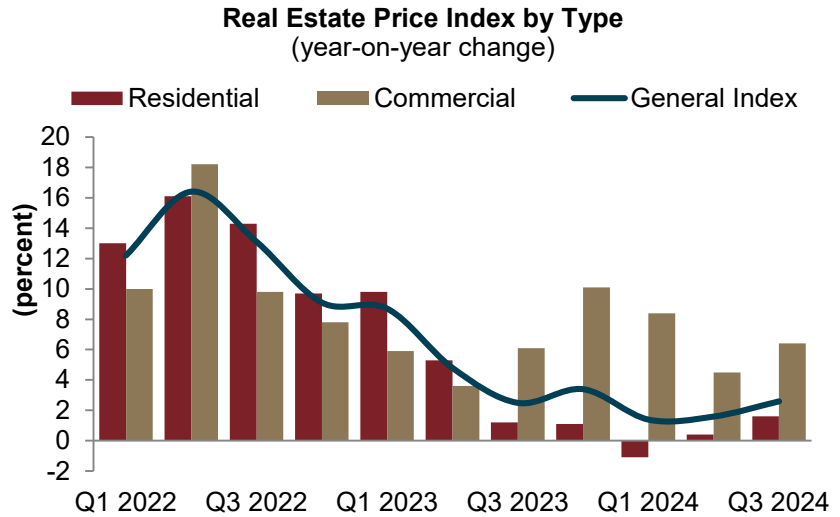




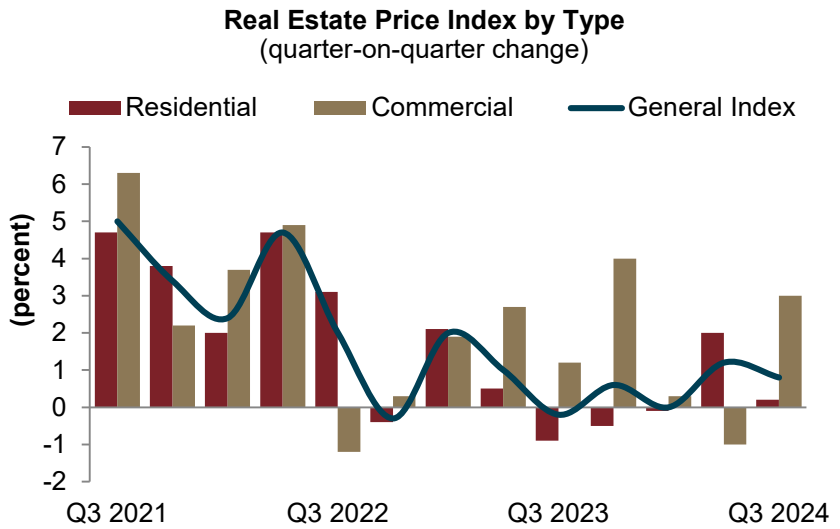
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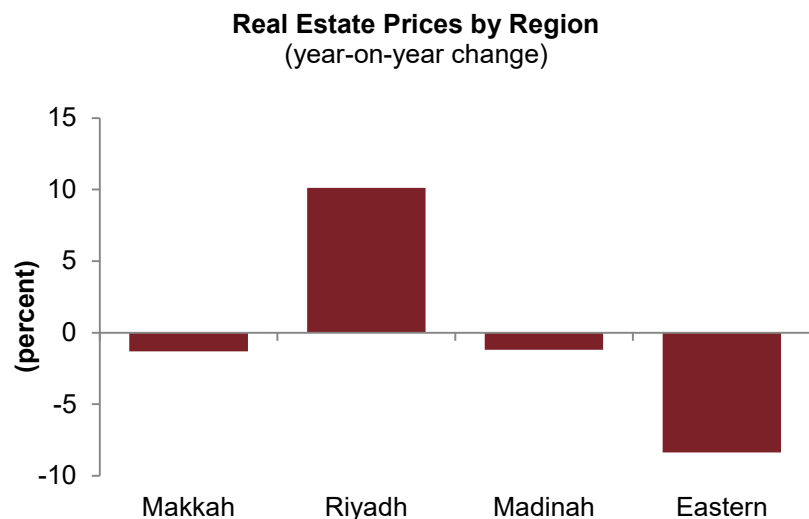
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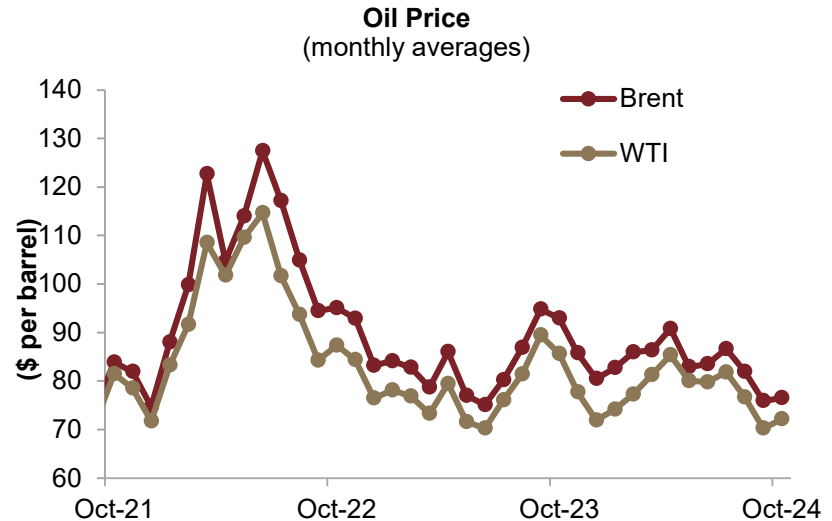




Oil - Global

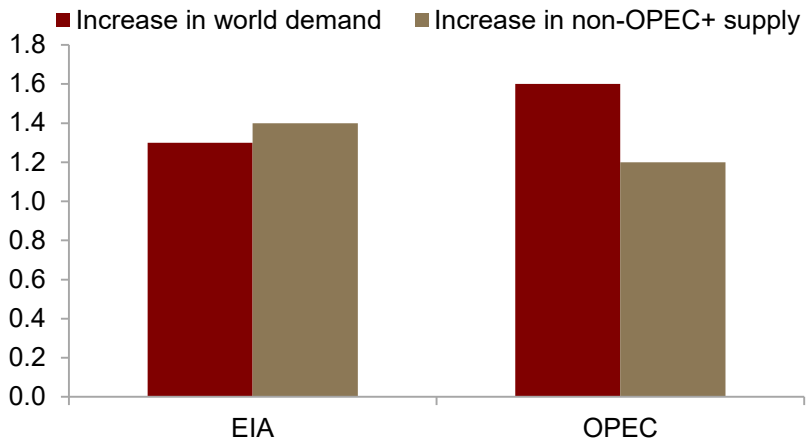
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Brent ended October in the low \$70s per barrel as the market interpreted Iran's initial response to Israel's October 26th attack as signaling lower geopolitical risks.



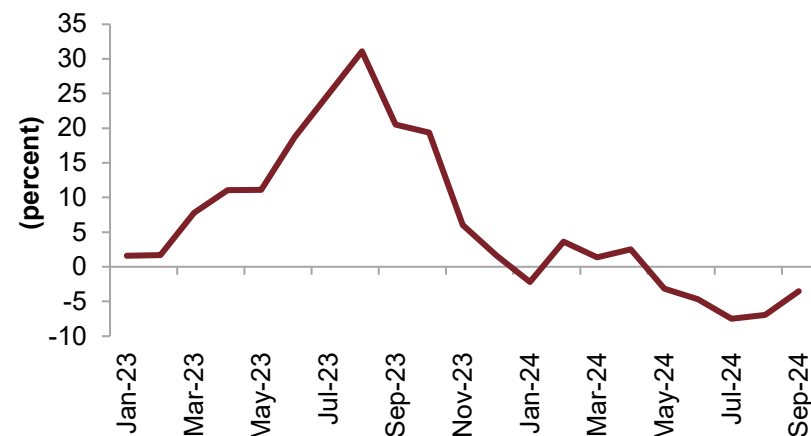
When geopolitical concerns recede, oversupply concerns come to the fore. The EIA, for example, expects non-OPEC+ supply gains alone to meet global demand growth in 2025. OPEC assumes higher demand, creating room for higher OPEC+ supply.

Projections for Global Oil Demand and Non-OPEC+ Output (mbpd)



China's imports of crude oil remained lower year-on-year in September. In January-September crude imports were 2.8 percent lower year-on-year.

China Crude Imports (percentage change, year on year three month average)



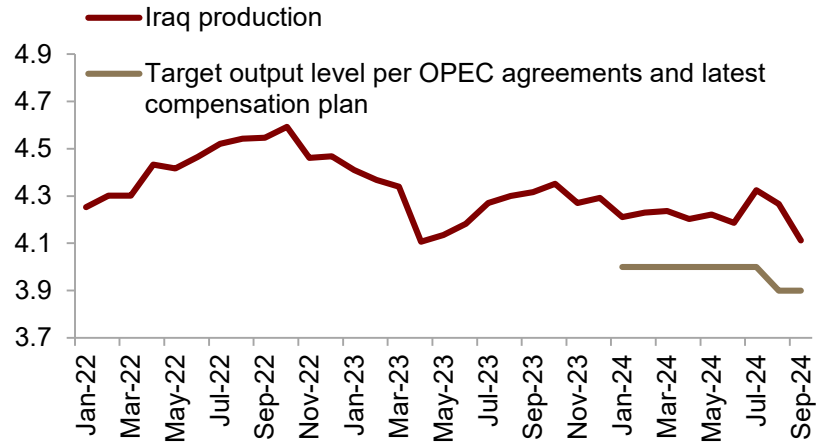


Oil - Saudi Arabia

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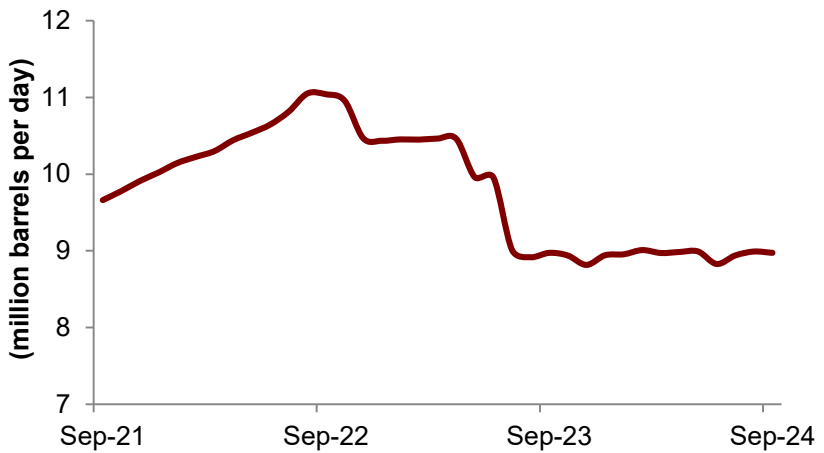
Iraq's oil production declined in August and September, falling to 4.1 mbpd. Iraq would need to reduce output further to comply with pledges to make up for previous overproduction.

Iraq Oil Production According to OPEC Secondary Sources
(mbpd)



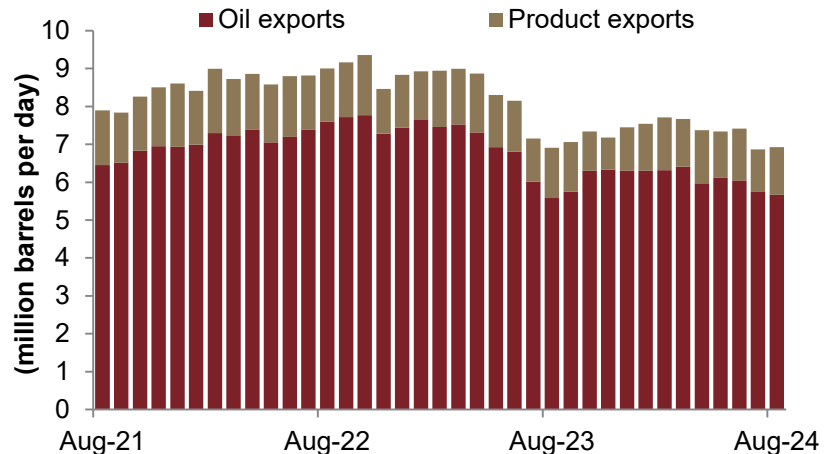
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Saudi Crude Oil Production
(monthly average)



Overall volumes of crude and refined exports remained stable, at 6.9 mbpd, with crude exports falling and refined exports rising. Direct crude burn reached seasonal highs of 0.8 mbpd.

Saudi Crude Oil and Refined Product Exports
(monthly average)





Stock Market

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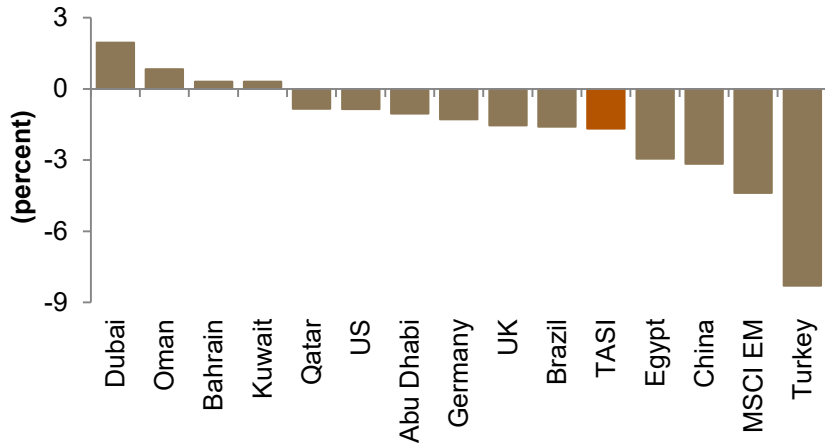
TASI was slightly down on an end month-on-month basis.

TASI Performance



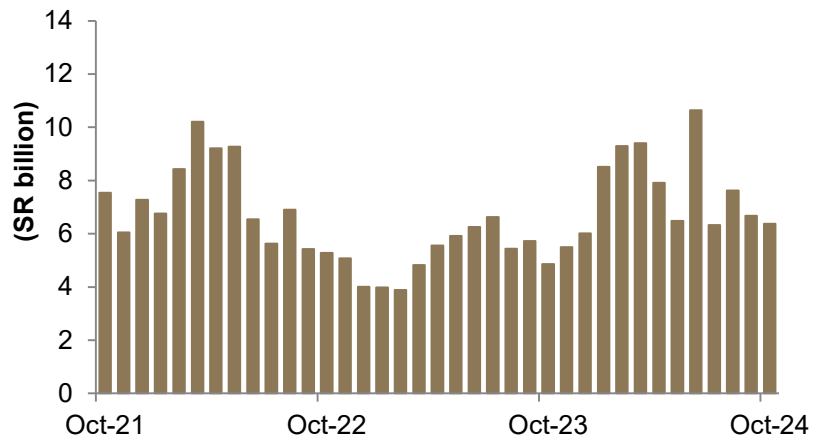
The performance of regional markets was mixed, but they outperformed the MSCI EM index.

Comparative Stock Market Performance (October)



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Average Daily Traded Turnover (October)





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