

BEARBULL PRIVATE BANKING INDICES UAE

June 2026

A retreat in June but still positive performances YTD

	June	Year-to-Date
BearBull Private Banking Benchmark « Low Risk »	-0.21%	+2.80%
BearBull Private Banking Benchmark « Moderate Risk »	-0.46%	+3.87%
BearBull Private Banking Benchmark « Dynamic Risk »	-0.71%	+4.94%

Monthly Comments (performances in AED)

The Bearbull Private Banking UAE indices ended the month on a negative note. The low-risk index posted a performance of -0.21%, the moderate-risk strategy followed a similar trajectory, losing -0.46%, and the dynamic-risk approach recorded the sharpest decline in June (-0.71%). Since the beginning of the year, however, the three strategies have recorded positive performances of +2.80%, +3.87%, and +4.94%, respectively. Bond markets diverged this month. The domestic segment advanced by +0.33%, while international bonds ended the month in negative territory (-0.71%). Since the beginning of the year, both segments remain in negative territory, with performances of -1.65% and -0.84%, respectively. Equity markets are posting largely positive performances this month. The Dubai market leads the way with a performance of +3.44%, followed by Abu Dhabi (+1.06%), while the international market recorded a slight decline of -0.72%. This positive momentum has not been confirmed since January, however, with the Dubai and Abu Dhabi markets both down (-5.22% and -3.50%, respectively) and the international market also in negative territory (-0.57%). The domestic real estate segment recorded the best performance among all asset classes this month, with a gain of +3.41%, while the international segment posted a more modest performance of +0.46%. Over the year as a whole, however, both segments remain in negative territory, with performances of -13.73% for the UAE and -0.16% for international real estate. Commodities fell into negative territory in June (-9.86%), but continued their remarkable upward trend since January (+41.37%). Private equity posted a weak performance in June (-5.37%) and remained down for the year as a whole with a cumulative performance of -21.16%.

Financial market developments (performances in AED)

The passage into the month of June confirms the entrenchment of a global stagflation dynamic that is profoundly altering investors' perception of risk. While the memorandum of understanding in the Middle East had raised hopes of an immediate positive impact on inflationary risks, economic data and central bank actions raising concerns about risks have reawakened volatility. Market sentiment, until recently immunized by a form of indifference toward geopolitical risks, has shifted into a phase of doubt. The supply shock affecting energy and agricultural commodities is finally beginning to visibly impact corporate profit margins and household purchasing power. Central banks, confronted with consumer price indices that refuse to converge toward their 2% targets, are hardening their tone, forcing a recalibration of asset allocations. The past resilience of equity indices, largely driven by the speculative waves in technology and artificial intelligence, is now being severely tested by the general and mechanical rise in risk premia demanded by investors. The current financial environment is also characterized by a marked deterioration in quantitative risk indicators. While May still showed residual complacency, June marks an inflection point where macroeconomic reality asserts itself. The performance of global equity indices is losing momentum in the face of rising interest rates and the new restrictive positioning of central banks, while international real estate shows highly divergent trajectories depending on the geo-graphic region, reflecting increased stress in the credit segment. Bond markets are now capturing the persistence of inflationary pressures much more adequately, definitively eliminating hopes of a short-term rate cut and readjusting yields upward (the performance of international bonds adjusting to -0.71% in June versus +0.34% in May). Our global risk scores for the equity segment have crossed critical thresholds, validating the need to adopt a defensive wealth management strategy with a high degree of selectivity.

PERFORMANCES BY ASSET CLASS

June

+ 3.44%	Dubai Equities
+ 3.41%	UAE Real Estate
+ 1.06%	Abu Dhabi Equities
+ 0.63%	Hedge Funds
+ 0.46%	International Real Estate
+ 0.33%	UAE Bonds
- 0.71%	International Bonds
- 0.72%	International Equities
- 5.37%	Private Equity
- 9.86%	Commodities

Year-to-Date

+ 41.37%	Commodities
+ 0.82%	Hedge Funds
- 0.16%	International Real Estate
- 0.57%	International Equities
- 0.84%	International Bonds
- 1.65%	UAE Bonds
- 3.50%	Abu Dhabi Equities
- 5.22%	Dubai Equities
- 13.73%	UAE Real Estate
- 21.16%	Private Equity

How you can use our Benchmarks to monitor the quality of your performances?

In the opaque world of global wealth management, a lack of clear performance transparency remains a major challenge for affluent investors. To bridge this clarity gap, BearBull publishes its own proprietary reference benchmarks. Designed as independent diagnostic tools, our indices empower you to measure—on a monthly basis—the returns of theoretical balanced portfolios which perfectly aligns with Industry Mandates. The architecture of the BearBull Strategy Benchmarks directly mirrors the traditional risk frameworks—Low, Medium, and Dynamic—that leading global private banks and wealth managers use to classify client mandates. Whether your current portfolio is managed under a Conservative, Balanced, or Aggressive growth mandate, our benchmarks offer a seamless, apples-to-apples comparison against standard industry parameters.

Private Banking Benchmarks exclusively designed for the UAE

Here in the UAE we have decided to pursue our commitment to greater transparency and most importantly to providing performance measurement tools accessible to all by leading the way once again and providing UAE investors with the unique family of UAE performance comparison benchmarks for multi-asset strategies in wealth/asset management. In fact, our constant quest for client satisfaction and our interactions with our clients in the Middle East have made it clear that there is an increasing and pressing need for comparison tools that would enable our clients and partners to evaluate the performance and the quality of services provided by bankers.

COMMENTS BY ASSET CLASS

Bonds

June was marked by a significant adjustment in bond yields. Unlike the wait-and-see approach in May, investors initially reacted to the reduction in tensions in the Middle East. Hopes for lower-than-expected inflation initially supported bond performance before it ultimately fell by -0.71%. Restrictive monetary policies also maintained pressure on the US curve, where yields remain at elevated levels, with investors demanding higher risk premia. In Europe, the trend in consumer price indices continues to guide bond yields, which now offer more attractive real entry points over the medium term. However, we note a significant increase in risk on Swiss bonds (score of 7.2), linked to the onset of weakness in the franc. We recommend maintaining reduced duration strategies to protect portfolios against further waves of upward interest rate revisions.

Stocks

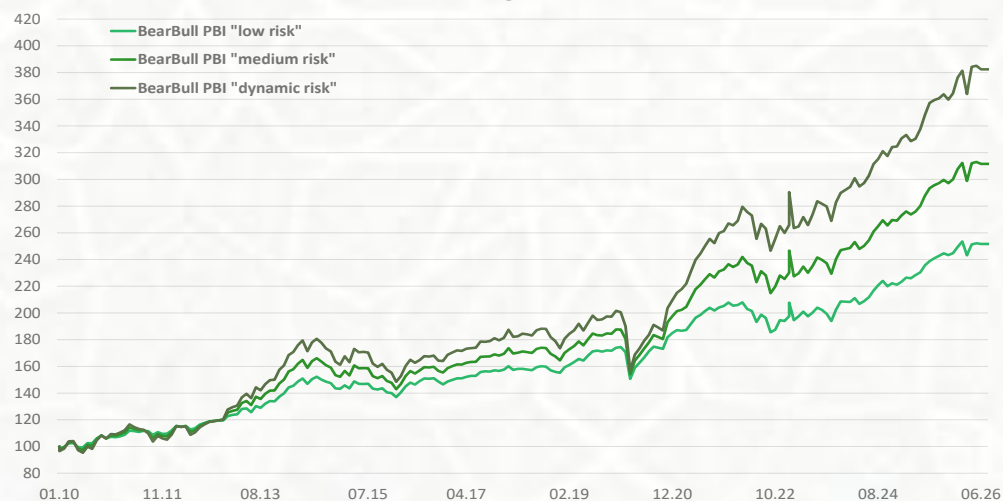
The widespread increase in risk scores (international equities at 9.2, US equities at 9.3) suggests that markets have entered a zone of vulnerability. The decoupling between historically elevated equity valuations, supported almost exclusively by the technology segment, and the deterioration in real economic indicators is becoming untenable. The Japanese market is returning to an elevated risk level, its overall score reaching 9.0 under the combined effect of the Bank of Japan's tightening and concerns over the economic outlook. Rising financing costs and the continued erosion of corporate operating margins will weigh on earnings releases as summer approaches. The yields offered by the bond segment constitute a competitive investment alternative, likely to trigger arbitrage flows. Caution still appears warranted in a highly uncertain environment.

Commodities

Gold, supported by an environment marked by acute geopolitical tension and shifting rate expectations, tested its role as a strategic asset in the first half of 2026. After reaching a record high above US\$5,500/oz in January, the yellow metal gave back its gains, posting a performance of close to -7% since the beginning of the year, as easing tensions in the Middle East reversed the earlier flight to safety. Despite a sharp spike in volatility during the conflict, prices have since eased back toward more normal levels, reflecting a relatively orderly correction and reinforcing gold's appeal as a tool for portfolio diversification and stabilization. The oil market came under pressure in June, as prices fell sharply on mounting hopes for a US-Iran peace deal. North Sea Brent crude traded at around USD 81/bbl, well below its early-April peak, despite persistently tight global inventories and a still-tense geopolitical backdrop.

BearBull Private Banking Indices UAE - Performances in USD										
	3 last months			YTD	Current year				Annualized Perf.	
	April 2026	May 2026	June 2026	current year	1st quarter	2nd quarter	3rd quarter	4th quarter	2025	2010 to this day
BearBull PBI "low risk" (65% fixed income)	3,36%	0,34%	-0,21%	2,80%	-0,67%	3,49%			8,59%	5,75%
BearBull PBI "medium risk" (45% fixed income)	4,46%	0,28%	-0,46%	3,87%	-0,39%	4,28%			8,92%	7,13%
BearBull PBI "dynamic risk" (25% fixed income)	5,56%	0,23%	-0,71%	4,94%	-0,12%	5,06%			9,24%	8,47%
<u>Sub-indices</u>										
UAE Bonds	1,56%	0,53%	0,33%	-1,65%	-2,46%	2,44%			8,43%	3,59%
International Bonds	1,25%	0,34%	-0,71%	-0,84%	-1,07%	0,87%			8,17%	1,35%
Dubai Equities	9,16%	0,46%	3,44%	-5,22%	-8,86%	13,44%			23,67%	12,43%
Abu Dhabi Equities	3,27%	-0,59%	1,06%	-3,50%	-3,45%	3,74%			8,68%	12,53%
International Equities	9,59%	4,55%	-0,72%	-0,57%	-3,57%	13,76%			21,09%	10,97%
UAE Real Estate	5,49%	0,70%	3,41%	-13,73%	-10,81%	9,85%			15,89%	15,06%
International Real Estate	8,49%	-0,75%	0,46%	-0,16%	0,60%	8,16%			9,96%	5,37%
Commodities	6,42%	-7,61%	-9,86%	41,37%	40,02%	-11,38%			7,12%	0,42%
Hedge Funds	2,98%	1,71%	0,63%	0,82%	-0,57%	5,40%			5,96%	2,23%
Private Equity	9,59%	-1,18%	-5,37%	-21,16%	-20,12%	2,48%			1,11%	10,92%

Bearbull Private Banking Indices UAE (2010-2026)



Sources: BearBull Global Investments Group Limited, Bloomberg

BearBull Private Banking Indices UAE have recorded annualized average returns of +5.75% (Low risk) to +8.47% (Dynamic Risk) since 2010.

The composition of our indices is available on request.

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